

100 girls' schools to be rehabilitated in Kurram, Orakzai

PESHAWAR: Minister for Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shahram Tarakai the Government would rehabilitate 100 girls' schools by providing missing facilities and impart training to teachers in Kurram and Orakzai districts as part of plan to uplift education sector in merged districts of the province.

Talking in a meeting with a delegation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the KP education ministers said that the project was being implemented in collaboration with the Canadian government and the UNDP.

Since education played a key role in socio-economic development of society, the KP government was pursuing a multi-pronged strategy for development of the education sector in merged districts of the province.

He said that all stakeholders would be taken on board for betterment of the education sector of the province including the merged districts.

Secretary Education Nadeem

Aslam, Director Education Hafiz Muhammad Abraham, Chief Planning Officer Hishmat Khan and officials of education department was also present in the meeting.

He said the provincial education minister said that digital-based reforms were being introduced in the education sector and students were being equipped with IT education in line with market's requirements.

He directed higher education officials to pay more attention to areas with high education ratio and monitoring systems should be further strengthened.

He asked officials concerned of the education department to prepare a plan for availability of furniture for classrooms besides reviewing the design plan for construction of new schools. He said a report should be submitted in this regard.

Shahram Tarakai said seating capacity should be enhanced in schools to accommodate maximum students.

Dr Maha's body exhumed, samples obtained for fresh au-

topsy: A special medical board has exhumed the body of Dr Maha Ali Shah from her grave in the presence of civil judge and judicial magistrate here.

The medical board obtained samples for chemical review following the exhumation of grave.

Dr Muhammad Ali Qureshi head of medical board conducted post mortem of the body of Dr Maha Ali under the stringent security measures in the presence of investigation officer. The journalists were not allowed to enter into the grave yard on this occasion.

Talking to media men later Dr Muhammad Ali Qureshi said different samples were obtained from the body for chemical review and later the report will be worked out. This report will be filed with the court and police within 10 to 15 days.

Syed Asif Ali Shah father of Dr Maha said to the journalists her daughter had committed suicide under intense mental stress due to blackmailing by the accused Junaid. "I want police should ascertain real



RAWALPINDI: A vendor sells old VHS video cassettes at his road side set-up in Committee Chowk. —Online

HBHAC decides to continue Senate session for two weeks

ISLAMABAD: Senate House Business, House advisory Committee (HBHAC) met here under chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjarani.

The meeting was attended by leader of the house in Senate Shahzad Wasim, leader of the opposition, Raja Zafar ul Haq, special assistant to Prime Minister on parliamentary affairs Babar Awan, Mushahid Ullah Khan, Sherry Rehman, Siraj Ul Haq, Dr Jahanzeb Jamaludini, Sajid Tori and others. The committee decided to continue Senate session for two weeks.

Girl held for harassing, posting videos of boy on social media: Police have arrested a girl for allegedly making naked videos of a boy and posting it on social media on refusal of payment of money by the victim

demanding by the girl Sumera through blackmailing.

The victim boy told the police he was in friendship with the accused girl Sumera since the last six years. He frequented her home and also remained in contact with her through whatapp. One day Sumera asked him to strip off his body before video. She then recorded his video but he was ignorant about this act. Some days later she demanded money from him threatening she would post his video on social media if he refused to pay the money. When he refused then she started black mailing him. She posted his video on facebook. On receipt of complaint, woman police officers and personnel raided a house in New Karachi and took 3 mobile phones from Sumera into their possession.

NA Committee on Industries & Production members visit Millat Factory

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Industries & Production members on Friday visited Millat Tractors Limited (MTL) factory to know about the current status of tractor & farm machinery industry and the Issues being faced by Industry and farmers. The committee members expressed entire satisfaction over the progress of Millat Tractors Limited in terms of



AC seals 11 warehouses in Pattoki, sugar, other items seized

By Our Staff Correspondent

KASUR: Assistant Commissioner Pattoki Usama Sharon Nazi on Friday took action against hoarding and stocking and sealed 11 warehouses.

According to details, Assistant Commissioner raided warehouses at various locations in Pattoki and sealed almost 11 warehouses. In the sealed warehouses about 208500 kg of sugar, 720100 kg rice, 129200 kg of ghee and 32500 kg of pulses were stored. The AC said that in the next days, more action will be taken against such stores. He appealed to the public to point out the deposits so that action can be taken against the artificial shortage of sugar, rice, pulses

and dealt with an iron hand.

Driving school will be inaugurated in Kasur soon: On the directive of the Punjab government, the driving school will be inaugurated in Kasur very soon. Additional Inspector General Traffic Police Punjab ordered this on Friday. DPO Kasur Imran Kishawer, under the supervision of DSP traffic Kashif Masood, will inaugurate the driving school in District Police line, Kasur. The drivers will be well trained at a reasonable fee in the driving school, graduates will be given the opportunity so that they can earn their living in the society. Trained drivers will reduce road accidents while they will also be given technical and mechanical infor-

mation about traffic sign road.

Doctors, other staff asked to be polite with patients: District Headquarters Hospital gynecologist Dr. Fauzia has said that service to the poor masses is not less than any worship because the doctor's good conduct and soft words make the patient half healthy. Another most important duty is to make the other staff focus on their duty because they are paid salaries from the general public. Dr. Fauzia claimed to be hundred percent happy with all the women coming to her ward. After giving full attention to women's diseases, they are given a trial and I also request the people of Kasur to cooperate with the hospital staff and show good conduct to them.

Australia, Holland slam Russia's withdrawal from MH17 talks

SYDNEY: Australia joined the Netherlands in slamming Russia's decision to withdraw from consultations over its involvement in the 2014 downing of flight MH17 over Ukraine, which killed 298 people, mostly Dutch and Australian citizens.

Since 2018, the three countries have held discussions aimed at uncovering the cause of the disaster, in which a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 was hit by a Soviet-designed missile, killing all on board.

Thirty-eight Australians and 196 Dutch citizens were among the passengers on the plane when it was shot down over eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region where pro-Russian separatist rebels were battling Ukraine forces.

Both the Netherlands and Australia have previously said they hold Russia responsible for shooting down the plane. Moscow has always forcefully denied it was involved and blamed Ukraine.

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Russia said on Thursday it would withdraw from the talks, complaining of "vicious" attempts to pin blame on Moscow, including a case brought by the Netherlands against Russia at the European Court of

Human Rights over the downing.

Australia's Foreign Minister Marise Payne said on Friday she was "deeply disappointed" by the decision. "We urge Russia to return immediately to the talks," she said in a statement, adding Australia was "committed to pursuing truth, justice and accountability for the 298 victims of MH17 and their loved ones". —Reuters

Record-low snow accumulation on biggest Alpine glacier, says study

GENEVA: Swiss glaciers have continued to shrink at an alarming rate this year, while snow accumulation on the largest glacier in the Alps reached a record low, a study showed.

Although 2020 has not been a year of extremes, the glaciers in the Swiss Alps are still in steady decline, losing a full 2 per cent of their volume this year alone, according to an annual study on the state of the glaciers published by the Swiss Academies of Science.

That is in line with the average over the past 10 years, but the numbers are still "very concerning", report author Matthias Huss, in charge of the Glacier Monitoring Network (GLAMOS). "They are a bit lower than the last three years, when we had extremely high temperatures ... but still the glaciers lost a lot of mass," he said, adding that a two percent loss per year "is really a lot".

In the past 60 years, Swiss glaciers have lost enough



water to fill the massive Lake Constance, which straddles the Swiss-German-Austrian borders across 63km, the report said. The most concerning finding this year was perhaps that snow accumulation on the mighty Aletsch - the largest glacier in the Alps - hit its lowest level on record. —AFP

Aussies eye end to lockdown as virus eases

SYDNEY: Australians living under lockdown in the southeast of the country are eyeing a return of freedoms this weekend as coronavirus numbers reached a four-month low Friday.

The state of Victoria recorded just two new coronavirus infections over the previous 24 hours, signalling a major step towards reopening Melbourne, the country's second-biggest city. —AFP

Tourists return to Hawaii amid virus pandemic rules



HONOLULU: Angela Margos was among the first passengers in San Francisco to get on a plane headed for Hawaii, where travellers who test negative for the coronavirus will no longer be required to self-quarantine for two weeks.

"Vacation, peace of mind," said Margos, a nurse from San Carlos, California, of why she's flying to Hawaii. "I need time to relax, unwind."

The pre-travel testing programme began Thursday (Oct 15) and allows visitors who test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of their arrival in the islands to avoid quarantine - a measure that has been in place for all arriving passengers for most of the year. Jim Zoller gets a rapid COVID-19 test before a United Airlines flight to Hawaii at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco on Oct 15, 2020. Officials had touted the mandatory quarantine rule as an integral part of Hawaii's early success in keeping the coronavirus at bay. The new testing programme is an effort to stem the devastating downturn the pandemic has had on Hawaii's tourism-based economy.

Margos ran into hiccups with getting her test. She first did it at the hospital where she works, only to find out it was not an approved site for United Airlines and the state of Hawaii. She then paid US\$105 for a drive-through test, but was later informed there was an error with that test. Margo ultimately paid US\$250 for a fast-result test Thursday at the airport in San Francisco, which came back negative. But gaps in the pre-travel testing programme coupled with increasing cases of COVID-19 across the US have raised questions about whether Hawaii is ready to safely welcome back vacationers. And when local restrictions were eased before summertime holidays, community spread of the disease spiked to alarming levels, forcing a second round of stay-at-home orders for residents and closures for non-essential businesses. —AFP

Wind-stoked wildfire in Colorado is largest

DENVER: Stoked by high winds, a wildfire burning for two months in northern Colorado exploded in size this week to surpass 167,000 acres, making it the largest blaze in state history, officials said.

The so-called Cameron Peak Fire in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests has forced the evacuations of several mountain communities and campgrounds and has destroyed an unknown number of homes and other buildings, according to an interagency fire-tracking website.

The blaze erupted in mid-August and has raged through large stands of desiccated lodgepole pine trees killed by beetle infestation in mountainous terrain and through tinder-dry grasslands at lower elevations, fire managers said.

"High winds combined with critically dry fuels have been driving fire growth," according to the InciWeb site. No injuries or deaths have been reported, and the cause of the fire, which is 56 per cent contained. —AFP

What's up doc? Donkey therapy eases medics' stress

HINOJOS, Spain:

Walking into a dusty paddock, a young nurse is quickly surrounded by a group of donkeys gently nudging her for attention as she strokes their soft noses and feeds them carrots.

When someone places a 10-day-old colt in her arms, Monica Morales squeals with delight, visibly relaxed after a few hours unwinding at El Burrito Feliz - "The Happy Little Donkey" - an association offering free donkey therapy sessions to medics fighting the virus. The 'Doctor Donkey' project began in late June as a way of offering respite to the 'Doctor Donkey' project began in late June as a way of offering respite to stressed-out medics in Spain.

Known as animal-assisted therapy, such encounters can help with a range of physical and mental disorders, including stress, depression and anxiety. Although such therapy is more associated with horses, experts say donkeys are better suited to helping mental or emotional disorders given their gentle nature and intuitive respect



for personal space.

"The situation is quite overwhelming, what we went through before is now happening again," says Morales, 25, who spent months working in a Madrid hospital when the pandemic hit. She is now based in the south as Spain faces a second wave.

"There are more and more patients, and growing tensions among colleagues so being here with these donkeys is really helping." The idea is to help medics destress a little through spending time with the donkeys in a natural environment. Located by a sprawling forest on

the edge of Andalusia's Donana National Park in southern Spain, El Burrito Feliz is a non-profit association with 23 donkeys that have worked with Alzheimer's patients and children with problems.

The "Doctor Donkey" project began in late June as a way of offering respite to frontline workers battling a virus that has killed some 33,400 people, infected more than 900,000, and left medics traumatised and exhausted. "The huge stress created through the daily struggle with COVID-19 exhausts them, so here they can be strengthened through therapy with the donkeys," explains Luis Bejarano, 57, who runs El Burrito Feliz. —AFP

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Deputy Director Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency Sub Region

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