

Kashf Foundation, Coca-Cola to train deserving women

LAHORE: Kashf Foundation, with support from The Coca-Cola Foundation, launched 6 state-of-the-art training facilities in Lahore and Faisalabad under a special program titled 'recycling for women empowerment' to provide skill based training to hundreds of deserving women belonging to low-income households.

This training will equip these women with the skills to make every day use sellable products such as pen holders, envelopes, lamps and bags using recyclable materials such as used plastic PET bottles, newspapers and other plastic materials, which they can later sell at their local market and get economically empowered by earning a decent livelihood for their families. The program also places Pakistani women at the forefront of fighting the catastrophic challenges of climate change by reducing material wastage.

Climate change is costing the world economy around USD 520b each year and as a re-



sult pushing 26m people into poverty. According to projections reported by the ADB, Pakistan may face major reduction in wheat and rice crop yields, decrease in water availability, and surge in economic and social costs in the future due to climate change effects. Hence, the need of the hour is to utilize all resources to fight the menace of climate change for a sustainable future. —PR

PHC seals 69 illegal treatment centres

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) sealed 69 illegal treatment centres in six cities during the last three days.

According to the Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) sources on Thursday, the enforcement teams conducted raids on 512 treatment centres to seal entities being run by quacks. Out of the visited centres, 14 each in Okara and Muzaffargarh, 13 each in Chakwal and Rawalpindi, 10 in Gujranwala and five in Sialkot were sealed as unqualified persons were found illegally treating patients and running laboratories conducting diagnostic and radiological tests.



LAHORE: Members of National Assembly Sadaqat Ali Abbasi and Faizullah Komoka call on Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar.

Govt ensures transparency, impartial accountability at all levels: Governor

— Says PM Imran Khan is not going to be blackmailed

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Members of National Assembly Sadaqat Ali Abbasi and Faizullah Komoka called on Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar on Thursday.

On the occasion, Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that those who want midterm elections should be patient till 2023. The government is not going anywhere a single day before the expiration of the constitutional term.

Prime Minister Imran Khan is not going to be blackmailed. The government is ensuring transparency and impartial accountability at all levels.

According to details, the two members of the National Assembly met Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar at Governor's House Lahore on Thursday.

During the meeting, issues related to clean drinking water, development projects and other issues including universities were discussed. During the meeting, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the present government came to power during the most difficult economic situation but the government's economic team

has rescued Pakistan from the economic crisis through its successful strategy and today, Pakistan's industry has been completely revived, which will also provide employment opportunities in Pakistan. Governor Punjab said that all the surveys conducted in Gilgit-Baltistan show that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government will be successful and Imran Khan is the leader who will ensure the provision of all basic facilities including health and education to the people of Pakistan.

No one can stop Pakistan from moving forward now. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that those who obstruct the development of the country will be thwarted.

The government's agenda is to strengthen the common man and provide relief in every single sector.

The nation will not forgive those who criticize national institutions. The Prime Minister Imran Khan will complete his constitutional term. Governor Punjab further said that general elections will be held in 2023. Opponents will fail again. People are united with government, democracy and parliament. Pakistan is moving forward successfully with each passing day.

Augustine appeals more caution during smog

Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs Ejaz Alam Augustine in a statement has appealed to the public to be more vigilant during the smog season, saying the second wave of corona virus could be more dangerous.

He said that citizens should not leave their homes unnecessarily and ensure the use of masks, avoid all such activities which are conducive to polluting the environment. Ejaz Alam further appealed to the people to reduce the use of vehicles during the smog season and try to use two or more persons together as the smog is strengthened by the toxic fumes of the vehicles.

In the second wave, precautionary measures need to be taken.

The provincial human rights minister said that the Punjab government was using all its resources to deal with Corona, but the people needed full cooperation.

Smart Lockdown has started and in case of worsening of the situation more such steps can be taken as the first responsibility is to ensure the safety of lives and property of the people.

U19 Tournament matches shifted to Islamabad, Pindi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The remaining fixtures of the National U19 Three-Day Tournament have been shifted from Lahore to Islamabad and Rawalpindi due to the change in weather conditions here in provincial metropolises.

As such, the last three round matches, which were previously to be staged at the Gaddafi Stadium and LCCA Ground, will now be staged at Islamabad's Shalimar Ground and Rawalpindi's Ayub Park Ground and KRL Stadium, said a spokesman of the PCB on Thursday. Sindh are the defending champions and the tournament will resume on Friday when they take on Southern Punjab at the Country Club Ground Mirdike. From Saturday, November 14, Balochistan will take on Northern at Ayub Park Ground with KP playing Central Punjab at the Shalimar Ground.

'Shaan-e-Rehmat-ul-alameen' week from today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, 'Shaan-e-Rehmat-ul-alameen week' would be celebrated from today (Friday) across the division.

In this regard Commissioner Dr. Farah Masood while taking to media-men on Thursday said that essay writing competitions among the students of schools and colleges would be held on November 13 in all the four districts of the division and reciting of Quran competition among the students would be held on November 14. Giving more details, she said that Serat quiz competitions would be held at schools and colleges levels on November 16 and Naat competitions would be held on Nov 17. Similarly, calligraphy competitions will be held on November 18.

Mehfil-e-Milad held at Jamia Masjid

LAHORE: A Mehfil-e-Milad was held in Jamia Masjid at District Police Lines Qilla Gujjar Singh on Thursday, following the directions of DIG Operations Ashfaq Khan.

The Milad was organized by SP Headquarters Jamil Zafar. A large number of police officers and personnel including DSP Lines, Line Officer participated in the Milad. The program featured recitation from the Holy Quran while Naat Khawani was also held. Khateeb Jamia Masjid Qari Dr. Fazal Khan and Advocate Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal highlighted title teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH). —APP

Technical edu institutions being brought under PSDA's umbrella: Aslam

— Chairs TVET sector heads meeting

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries & Trade Mian Aslam Iqbal chaired a meeting at civil secretariat on Thursday to review matters pertaining to Punjab Skills Development Authority (PSDA).

COO TEVTA Akhtar Abbas Bhawana, CEO PSDF Jawad Khan, Chairman PVTC Maj. (R) Shah Nawaz, Additional PD Haroon Naseer and others attended the meeting. Haroon Naseer briefed the participants about matters pertaining to PSDA.

The participants decided to include heads of TEVTA, PVTC and PSDF to the board of Punjab Skills Development Authority to streamline matters of technical education.

Addressing the meeting, the minister said technical education institutions are being brought under the umbrella of Punjab Skills Development Authority (PSDA) to organize and streamline the agenda of developing technical education on modern lines. He added that the promotion of skills education is imperative to overcome the issues of joblessness and poverty.

This would help to develop skilled youth according to the mar-



ket needs, he added. The minister appreciated that the youth are being imparted modern knowledge in technical and vocational institutions and reiterated that the promotion of technical education is a priority agenda to overcome unemployment.

The technical education institutions should promote technical and vocational education and skills in the light of governmental priorities and they should move forward in unison by identifying overall targets, he added. The availability of skilled youth could be ensured according to the needs of the industry by identifying targets of technical education in the province, the minister concluded.

Aleem appeals to take precautionary steps against virus
Senior Punjab Minister Abdul Aleem Khan has appealed to the citizens to take precautionary measures against corona and fol-

low the SOPs in the second wave of the corona pandemic. He asked to the masses to play positive role for protection from the danger and avoid any carelessness.

In his exclusive talk, Abdul Aleem Khan said that with a responsible attitude like in the past, corona can be avoided this time as well as now we have to live with this challenge. Abdul Aleem Khan said that the participation of the business community is essential for effective control of corona. He assured that normal activities will be restored as soon situation is normalized.

He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's vision has helped in overcoming corona and Pakistan has adopted a much better strategy than many developed countries which has been recognized globally also.

Abdul Aleem Khan said that all the steps taken by the Government are for the protection of the citizens and it is necessary that every person should play his responsible role and cooperate fully in this regard.

Senior Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that In Sha Allah this time too we will be able to tackle this challenge and get rid of this wave of corona as soon as possible.

Art TV Pak first online video portal

LAHORE: Art TV Pakistan is the country's first online video portal exclusively for the creative, visual and fine arts community.

We introduce you to the biggest artists, galleries and shows in Pakistan and let you experience them first hand with our high quality original content. So whether you are an artist, collector, student, journalist or an avid follower of Pakistani art, we have everything you need to stay in the loop at one easy destination you can access anytime anywhere.

Mission: Art TV Pakistan has been established to highlight the depth and vibrancy of the art scene in Pakistan. We want to show the world that despite living under shadows of social, technological, religious and security upheavals, Pakistan is a hot bed of creative thought and its expression.

Art TV Pakistan showcases amazing people and their inspirational art to introduce Pakistanis and rest of the world to a side of Pakistan that is rarely featured by traditional media outlets.

Team: Our team includes artists, writers, web developers, producers and directors from with over 45 years of cumulative experience and expertise in their respective fields.

The team led by Faran Qureshi, a renowned artist and TV director / producer, is working tirelessly to highlight stories that move the Pakistani art world. We have the will and determination to accomplish our mission but we can always use your support, so please get in touch if you have story ideas. —PR

NAB office clash case Court grants bail to Kh Imran Nazir

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Thursday granted bail to PML-N MPA Khawaja Imran Nazir in Lahore NAB office clash case.

The court directed Khawaja Imran Nazir to submit surety bonds of Rs 500,000 for availing relief of the bail. ATC Judge Arshad Hussain Bhutta heard the post arrest bail application filed by Khawaja Imran Nazir.

A counsel on behalf of the petitioner argued before the court that his client was nominated in the case despite the fact that all allegations were baseless. He argued that

Imran Nazir went to NAB office to express solidarity with the PML-N leader Maryam Nawaz and he was not involved in any hooliganism. He submitted that the co-accused had already been granted benefit of the bail in the matter. He pleaded with the court to grant the benefit of bail to his client as well. However, the prosecution opposed the plea, saying that solid evidence was available against the accused.

The court, after hearing detailed arguments of the parties, granted bail to the MPA and ordered him to submit surety bonds for the purpose. The Chung police had registered a case

against PML-N leadership, including Maryam Nawaz and party workers, under section 147, 149, 290, 291, 440, 109, 353 and 186 of Criminal Procedure Code and ATA sections over clash with police on August 11 at NAB office during appearance of Maryam Nawaz before investigation team in connection with illegal transfer of 180 acres land in Raiwind.

The PML-N workers pelted stones at police officials and tried to break the barriers outside the NAB office as Maryam Nawaz reached NAB office. However, the police resorted to baton charge to disperse the crowd and arrested several protesters.

PU allows admission form conversion

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab University Admission Committee has conditionally allowed shifting of the admission forms from evening to morning and morning to evening for undergraduate and masters' level academic programmes.

The meeting was chaired by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar in which heads of various departments participated. In a statement, Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar said that the decision had been taken in the interest of the students who were facing such problems. He said that the shifting of the admission form had been allowed with the condition that the candidates must have applied for the said program till October 05, 2020 and only if they were on merit and seats were avail-

able. He said that all such applications of the candidates shall be forwarded to the Chairman of Admission Committee for approval after recommendations by the head of department concerned.

VC inaugurates the Quran Corner, Faculty Publications Corner at Library

PU Library has established two exclusive corners with the names of "Quran Corner" and "Faculty Publication Corner" at its premises. PU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar inaugurated both the corners while Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, IER Director, Prof. Dr. Rafaqat Ali Akbar, Dr. Shahzeb Khan of English Dept., Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Dr. Zia ul Haq of Space Science Dept., Dr. Akram Somaroo of Mass Com.



LAHORE: Bull cart holders on the way loaded with heavy pieces of wood.

Revolutionary steps for edu sector

ATTOCK: Provincial Minister for Edu Murad Raas Thursday said incumbent govt has taken revolutionary steps for the development of education sector including building classrooms, computer and science lab along with hundreds of libraries in schools



LAHORE: Farooq A. Khan, Group Head Corporate & Investment Banking UBL and Amer Tufail, Managing Director SNGPL along with senior executives of both organisations at the signing ceremony of an agreement to appoint UBL as the sole partner for GIDC payments collection.