

PU awards five PhD degrees

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University has awarded five PhD degrees to the scholars in which Sara Junaid D/o Muhammad Junaid in the subject of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics after approval of her thesis entitled 'Indigenous Cyan bacteria and Microalgae as a Source of Biofuels', Amir Hamza S/o Saif Ali in the subject of Islamic Studies after approval of his thesis entitled 'The Application of Salam Contract in Islamic Finance-An Islamic Legal Analysis of Traditional and Modern Standards and Models', Muhammad Farooq Haider S/o Taj Ul Malook in the subject of Communication Studies after approval of his thesis entitled 'Exploring Gatekeepers in Live News Coverage of Pakistan Channel', Ayesha Latif D/o Mohammad Babar Latif in the subject of Molecular Biology after approval of her thesis entitled 'Transformation of Fiber Elongation and Anti-Senescence Genes' and Ms Nadia Saeed D/o Saeed Ahmad in the subject of Statistics after approval of her thesis entitled 'Robust Univariate Control Charts in Statistical Process Control'.

PU holiday: Punjab University will remain closed on Friday, 5th February, 2021 on account of Kashmir Day.

NIH awards appreciation certificate for LGH lab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad has declared the laboratory quality of Lahore General Hospital as the best and has declared the results of 10 blood samples for "External Quality Assessment" to be 100% accurate. In an appreciation letter it has been acknowledged that the results of the most sensitive tests from the laboratory of Lahore General Hospital are in accordance with international standards and completely reliable. According to the details, the blood tests include SARS, BYRT-PCR and CoV-2 were included while the institution reviewed the hospitals across the country and appreciated the results of the LGH laboratory in words of congratulations.

Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute Prof. Dr. Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar expressed happiness and satisfaction over this award and termed it as the result of teamwork of doctors and medical staff. The standard results are encouraging for all of us, Prof. Al-freed Zafar added. He also praise to the Director Research & Lab Dr. Ghazala Rubi on this successful achievement. He further said that in difficult times, doctors, nurses and paramedical staff have always been on the front line, who deserve this congratulations. He said that more than 32,000 free tests were conducted in the LGH Laboratory in this regard while the laboratory worked day and night on emergency basis during the corona epidemic.



LAHORE: A street vendor hangs used coats on the wall of Dar-ul-Hajjaj (Haji Camp) for selling purpose. —Online

PTI govt to improve quality of life of commonman: CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar inaugurated the 15-day typhoid vaccination drive at a local hotel on Wednesday.

During the first phase starting from February 1, children from 9 months to 15 years will be vaccinated in 12 districts while the second phase will begin in the month of May to vaccinate 1.93 crore children in urban areas of 24 other districts.

Addressing the ceremony, the CM thanked the stakeholders for their cooperation and hoped the typhoid conjugate vaccine will protect the children from the fatal disease. The PTI led government is working day and night to improve the quality of life of the common man and special attention was given to the health of mother & child, he added. The CM said the construction of 7 new mother & child hospitals has been started in Lahore, Layyah, Rajanpur, Sialkot, Bahawalnagar, Attock and Mianwali. New medical colleges and universities will also be established, phase-wise, while the University of Child Health was being established at Children's Hos-

pital in Lahore, he continued. It is sanguine that the scope of Sehat Sahulat Card Programme has been extended to 36 districts and free medicines were also being provided to patients through Insaf Medicine Card facility.

Similarly, the CM added that 8 billion rupees were being spent on upgradation of hospitals in Attock, Chiniot, DG Khan, Mianwali, Jhang, Kasur, Lodhran and Rajanpur through the prime minister's health initiative. Along with it, around 32 thousand recruitments have been made through PPSC to overcome staff shortage in hospitals, the CM affirmed.

While giving details about the health sector reforms, the chief minister said 20 new biosafety level-3 labs have increased the daily corona testing capacity from 400 to 25 thousand as the government spent 14 billion rupees on the treatment of coronavirus patients. Four such labs will be established soon, he added. Meanwhile, 10 billion rupees were earmarked for the procurement of the latest medical equipment for government hospitals.

The provincial cabinet has also approved the start of a universal healthcare

programme to provide free treatment facilities to 12 crore people. The first phase of this programme will kick-start from Sahiwal and DG Khan, he added. The CM announced to add typhoid conjugate vaccination in the schedule of immunization programme adding that Pakistan will be the first country to take this initiative. This drive is a noble cause to be performed with due diligence by the concerned staff, he added and vowed to free Punjab from all diseases.

Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid appreciated that every healthcare initiative has been fully supported by the CM adding that centres will be established in hospitals, health centres and schools to vaccinate the children. The whole world has appreciated the timely steps taken by the provincial government to deal with coronavirus, she added. Provincial Minister Murad Raas termed the children as the future of the country and the government is fully committed to improving education and healthcare facilities. The health secretary Capt (r) Muhammad Usman disclosed that typhoid vaccine will be administered to children from March 2021.

DC asks officials to resolve public issues on priority basis

From Our Staff Correspondent

KASUR: Deputy Commissioner Kasur Asia Gul met Punjab Civil Accounts Association Kasur Officials here on Wednesday.

According to the details, President Punjab Civil Accounts Association Muhammad Nadeem, General Secretary Mushtaq Ahmed, President Punjab Treasury and Accounts Association Muhammad Ishaq, General Secretary Abdul Rauf, Aurangzeb and Haider Shah met Deputy Commissioner in his office and assured him of his full cooperation.

Deputy Commissioner talking to the delegation, said that the services of officers as well as other officials are also welcome to improve the performance of government offices and solve public issues on priority basis, so they will try to solve public issues on priority basis in all the offices of the district. She instructed that people be treated with good manners and try to get their words and solve their problems on priority. The delegation congratulated the



Deputy Commissioner on the occasion of Kasur deployment and also presented a bouquet of flowers.

On the other hand, the meeting of the officers of the Municipal Corporation and Tehsil Council Kasur was held in the DC committee room in connection with the cleanliness drive.

Deputy Director Development Saad Bin Shabir, Chief Officer Chaudhry Zubair Ahmed, Chief Officer Tehsil Council Syed Jarar Ahmed, other officers including Chief Officer Tehsil Council, attended.

DC orders cleanliness at minority areas, graveyards

KHANEWAL: Deputy commissioner Agha Zaheer Abbas Sherazi on Wednesday took notice of the poor cleanliness of minority community areas and their graveyards and ordered tahsil governments to make proper arrangements to keep these areas clean.

In compliance with the orders, assistant commissioner Khanewal Bakhtiyar Ismael visited Christian colony and graveyard at Makhdumpur Pahoraan. He met with Christian community representatives and issued instructions to town committee officials to make special arrangements for cleanliness of colony. —APP



LAHORE: Youngsters of Gilgit-Baltistan hold placards and shout slogans during a protest in favour of their demands outside the Lahore Press Club. —Online

2nd Int'l Snowboarding Championship at Malam Jabba Ski Resort ends



LAHORE: Malam Jabba Ski Resort successfully hosted 2nd International Snowboarding Championship here recently.

Organized in collaboration with PC Hotel Malam Jabba & Malam Jabba Ski Resort, the championship held 4 games of Parallel Giant Slalom and Giant Slalom for male and female participants.

With participation from over 80 foreign & local athletes, the event saw great anticipation from a large audience gathered to witness expert level skills on Pakistani mountains.

Apart from competing in the Championship, foreign athletes imparted training to all the local snowboarders.

For the Female Giant Slalom and Parallel Giant Slalom, 9 athletes from Pakistan & Afghanistan showed their exceptional skills

while Men Giant Slalom and Parallel Giant Slalom games were held in the 2nd half of the day.

In addition to the sports activities, the Malam Jabba Ski Resort also organized a food festival with franchises from Lahore, Islamabad, and Swat offering scrumptious food to the tourists.

Furthermore, Yoga classes were held at Pearl Continental Hotel Malam Jabba as Ms. Mahgul Kabir from soulmat.pk gave two sessions to the participants to help them relax and rejuvenate. Finally, drum circles were arranged at the hotel to help athletes mingle up, and entertain themselves through music.

The closing ceremony of the mega event was attended by Senator Faisal Javaid (PTI) and the renowned TV anchor Waseem Badami as chief guests in front of a large audience. —PR

Farid elected chief of Shahdara Press Club polls

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: M A Farid, the presidential candidate, claimed a massive victory in the Ferozwala-Shahdara Union of Journalists and Press Club elections 2022-2021, on Wednesday.

The voting started in the private hall of Ferozwala-Shahdara Union of Journalists and Press Club and completed under the supervision of senior journalist and Chairman Supreme Council Rana Abdul Ghaffar and under the patronage of Coordinator Governor Punjab Mian Waheed Ahmed. He announced names of the successful candidates in which presidential candidate M.A. Farid was elected President by getting 100 per-



cent votes while Amanullah Kharkhar, Chairman, Senior Vice President, Atiq Mughal and Secretary General Akhtar Mahmood.

The entire panel including Finance Secretary Hafiz Abbas Ali Raza, Broadcasting Secretary Faiz Chughtai, Rana Owais, Chaudhry Faisal Qadir Gujjar, Mohsin Ali and Vice-Chairman Wasim Jilani were

Tenacious Pricemeter.pk Polo Cup 2021

LAHORE: FG Polo/Diamond Paints and Platinum Homes recorded victories in the Tenacious Pricemeter.pk Polo Cup 2021 matches played here at Pakistan Park Cavalry Ground Lahore ground on Wednesday.

Then the first match of the day was contested between FG Polo/Diamond Paints and Pricemeter.pk Black and after a very tough fight, the former emerged as winners with a close margin of 5-4. Saqib Khan Khakwani was the hero of the day from FG Polo/Diamond Paints with a classic contribution of three goals while Ramiro Zaveletta and Mir Huzaifa Ahmed scored one goal apiece. From the losing side, Mariano Raigal hammered a hat-trick and Ahmed Ali Tiwana struck one goal.

FG Polo/Diamond Paints started the match with a field goal to take 1-0 lead in the first chukker. Pricemeter.pk Black dominated the second chukker by hammering a hat-trick to gain 3-1 lead but FG Polo reduce the margin to 3-2 by striking a field goal. FG struck the only goal of the third chukker to

Carrefour promotes local produce with countrywide citrus festival

LAHORE: Carrefour, owned and operated by Majid Al Futtaim in Pakistan is celebrating its 2021 'Citrus Festival'. Carrefour stores across the country are offering unbeatable value for citrus lovers who can now get their hands on the best locally produced citrus until February 07, 2021.

Encouraging customers to buy local, the Citrus Festival provides a wide variety of superior quality oranges, grapefruits and lemons, sourced directly from reliable, food safety-compliant farms in Sargodha, Punjab.

The event reiterates Carrefour's strong commitment to investing in the growth and prosperity of its industry, communities, and the local economy.

By highlighting locally sourced produce, Carrefour Pakistan is encouraging customers to buy fresh high-quality products at the best possible



value.

Beyond the fresh fruit, Carrefour is also offering citrus-infused scrumptious bakery items and fresh citrus juices, such as kinnow juices — a high-yield mandarin hybrid cultivated extensively in the wider Punjab region of Pakistan. Brimming with natural goodness of vital minerals and immunity boosting nutrients like vitamin-C, the kinnow juices are much needed

remedy for seasonal flu especially in the times of Covid-19.

Customers can now shop for products from the Citrus Festival along with other products online and in-store where they can enjoy cash-back vouchers on their purchases. Various delivery options are offered through Carrefour's Click&Collect service to add convenience and flexibility to the consumer shopping experience. —PR

Constabulary real face of Police Department: IGP

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police Punjab, Inam Ghani said on Wednesday that constabulary was the real face of police department which represents the department by its words, deeds and conduct while performing its duties at offices, police stations, roads or other points across the province.

He expressed these views while talking to officers here at Central Police Office while reviewing the overall annual performance of the Welfare Branch for the year 2020. The IGP said that owner and dignity of the police department was due to the great and brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the protection of people.

During the meeting, the IGP was given a detailed briefing on the steps taken for the welfare of police personnel in the last one year. Additional IG Welfare and Fi-

nance Azhar Hameed Khokhar told the IGP that in the year 2020, the Police Welfare Branch distributed a total of Rs 929.6 million to 25214 police personnel under different categories.

He said that Rs 177.6 million were given as dowry fund for the marriage of daughters of 4135 police officers and officials and Rs 144.7 million were distributed among the children of 5204 officers and officials in the form of scholarships. As many as 479 officers and officials were provided Rs 57.8 million under medical aid.

He further said that Rs 44.8 million were given to 1795 officers and officials for falling victim to corona.

He further said that Rs 53.2 million were given to the children of 461 martyred officers and personnel in the form of educational scholarships while 764 officers and officials were given coffin burial

having an amount of Rs 38.2 million. He further said that Rs 98 million were given to 3044 retired officers and personnel as an additional salary along with last salary on retirement while widows of 8748 employees who passed away during the service were given Rs 39.8 million under Guzara allowance.

The IGP instructed the officers that Police personnel should get rid of unnecessary rounds of offices and their problems should be resolved on top priority and modern integrated system should be put in place to ensure speedy resolution of the problems faced by the police personnel.

He further said that matters regarding GP fund and other cases regarding financial assistance should be resolved on priority basis and also take actions against the elements who create unnecessary obstruction.