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### Quick Read

#### Punjab Sports Minister inaugurates SBP Open Tennis

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Sports Rai Taimoor Khan Bhatti on Wednesday inaugurated the Sports Board Punjab (SBP) Open Tennis Championship 2021 during the colourful opening ceremony held here at the Punjab Tennis Academy, Bagh-e-Jinnah.

Besides the Punjab Sports Minister, other notables present on the occasion were Director General Sports Punjab Adnan, Arshad Aulakh, PLTA Secretary Rashid Malik (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), SBP officials, players and their families and tennis enthusiasts. A total of 19 matches were played on the second day of the mega event. In the men's singles pre-quarterfinals, Ahmad Kamil beat Aakif Hussain 8-1, Hasheesh Kumar beat Muhammad Yousof 8-1, Abdul Hanan Khan beat Hammad Ahmad 8-2, Hassan Riaz beat Ahtesham Arif 8-5, Mahatir Muhammad beat Zaryab Pirzada 8-1 and Shaeel Durab beat Faizan Fayyaz 9-7. In U-18 pre-quarterfinals, Faizan Fayyaz beat Asad Akram 6-1, Shaeel Durab beat Muneeb Majeed 6-1, Mahatir Muhammad beat Moavia Butt 6-0, Ahtesham Arif beat Shehryar Anees 8-6, Abdul Hanan Khan beat Zaem Ghafoor 6-1, Nalain Abbas beat Arman Kamran 8-3 and Hasheesh Kumar beat Ghazi Ahmad 8-1.

#### No country develop without giving rights to women: Fatima

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) Chairperson Fatima Chadhar on Wednesday said no country could develop without giving rights to women. She said this while addressing a bicycle distribution ceremony held by Bedari. The chairperson said that awareness was very important to prevent incidents of violence against women. She said the main objective of the distribution of bicycles was to make it easier for girls to go to school. Fatima Chadhar said the Bedari and the PWPA were working to prevent and protect women and girls from violence.

#### One held for illegal money exchange business

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Bahawalpur claimed on Wednesday to have arrested a man involved in illegal business of sale and purchase of currency and money laundering. According to official sources, a team of FIA raided Rana Sarwar Jewelers at Dharanwala Tehsil Chishtian, district Bahawalpur and recovered 1220 Saudi Riyals, 900 Omani Riyals, Rs 88,000, two mobile phones, cheque books and CNICs etc from Rana Taimoor Sarwar and arrested him. A case has been registered against the accused. Further inves-

## PM Imran taking country in right direction, claims Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the government is undaunted by PDM's moves. All the plans of the PDM have failed so far and will also fail in future.

He said this while talking to Chairman of Standing Committee Finance and PTI's MNA Faizullah Kamoka here at Governor's House. Political and administrative issues came under discussion during this meeting. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that even the political opponents admit that Prime Minister Imran Khan is a man of principles.

He said that the government and the coalition are united but there are dozens of different narratives in the PDM, adding he said that the political opponents lack ideology and principles and unity within PDM is temporary. He said that the government is not

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going to be intimidated by the opposition's threat of protests and long march.

Prime Minister Imran Khan is taking the country in the right direction which is not

being tolerated by the opposition parties, adding he said that the opposition can't pressurize the government through politics of protest. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said

that transparent and non-discriminatory accountability is imperative for economic development and stability of the country and the government will back down from its principled stance on it. He said that all the promises made by the PTI government to the masses would be fulfilled.

Talking on the occasion, Faizullah Kamkoka said that for the first time, historic steps are being taken for the development and prosperity of the common man. In a statement, Governor Punjab also strongly condemned the Modi government's violence against Indian farmers and said that it has been proved to the world that basic human rights are being violated in India. It is the responsibility of all international bodies including the United Nations to take notice of the violation of Human rights in India, he reiterated.

## Coronavirus claims 38 lives, 497 new cases reported in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The pandemic of COVID-19 claimed another 38 precious lives in 24 hours, whereas 497 new cases of coronavirus were reported on Wednesday across the province while the death toll reached 4,646.

According to data shared by spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 155,214.

The P&SHD confirmed that 277 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 1 in

Kasur, 7 in Sheikhpura, 9 in Nankana Sahib, 25 in Rawalpindi, 2 in Attock, 30 in Sialkot, 2 in Narowal, 1 in Mandi Bahauddin, 16 in Gujrat, 22 in Faisalabad, 4 in Toba Tek Singh, 3 in Chinoet, 13 in Sargodha, 10 in Mianwali, 4 in Bhakkar, 12 in Jhang, 19 in Multan, 6 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 20 in Bahawalpur, 2 in Bahawalnagar, 6 in Rahimyar Khan, 5 in Okara and 1 new case of COVID-19 was reported in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours till filing of this news. The Punjab health department conducted 2,862,710 tests for COVID-19 so far, while

139,887 confirmed patients recovered altogether in the province. Punjab health department has urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks. The people should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19.

Contact 1033 immediately on feeling symptoms of coronavirus, the health care department urged the citizens.

**35 shops, marriage halls sealed:** The city district administration sealed 35 shops, store, marriage halls and imposed a

fine of Rs 25,000 for violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Wednesday.

According to spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Cantt Sakhi Shakir sealed 12 shops, two restaurants in Cantt area and imposed Rs 15,000 fine for overcharging and Rs 10,000 for SOPs violation. AC City Faizan Ahmed sealed 23 shops over SOPs violation in his jurisdiction. The teams inspected public and private transport vehicles and issued warnings to transporters and drivers to follow

#### Basharat asks all depts to finalise arrangements for Kashmir Day

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Law and Chairman Kashmir Committee Punjab Raja Basharat has said that on February 5, the nation would show full solidarity with Kashmiri people against Indian oppression. He was addressing a review meeting of arrangements for the Kashmir Solidarity Day under his chairmanship here on Wednesday.

Provincial Parliamentary Secretary Information Nadeem Qureshi, the additional chief secretary, secretary information and officers were also present.

The meeting decided to observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day at the provincial level with full vigour. Briefing on the arrangements, Information Secretary Raja Jahangir Anwar said, in line with the federal government various events related to Kashmir issue would be held on February 5 in the provincial capital and all the districts. The Lahore gathering would be addressed by Chief Minister Sardar Usman Bazar and human hand chains would be made in every district to show solidarity with Kashmiris. Speech and essay writing competitions would be held in educational institutions to highlight the Kashmir issue. Stickers would be affixed on metro buses to highlight Indian atrocities on Kashmiris and Indian aggression would be exposed to the world through the media, he briefed. Raja Basharat directed all departments to finalize arrangements for the Kashmir Solidarity Day timely and also include people, ministers, assembly members, media representatives and civil society members of their respective areas in the proposed events.

#### Four dacoits held

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Investigation police Green Town smashed a dacoit gang and arrested its four members besides recovering cash, 11 mobile phones and weapons.

The police conducted a raid and arrested Farhan, Suleman, Sohail and Arman. During interrogation, the accused confessed incidents who were also history sheeters.



LAHORE: Children play in field in a slum area of the City as the rural atmosphere is good for human health.

#### NH&MP launches road safety campaign

## Safety of bike riders top priority: DIG

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Motorcyclists are most vulnerable among all road users and their involvement in accidents is more than eighty percent.

"It has always been top priority of Motorway Police to focus on safety of bike riders" said Commandant NHMP Training College DIG Mehboob Aslam in a special campaign conducted at Lahore in collaboration with Honda Atlas.

The aim of the campaign was to create awareness about safety helmets, back view mirrors, head and tail lights of bikes.

GM after sales Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, National Manager Safety Bashir Qamar, Regional Manager Safety Usman Afzal,



officers of motorway police, media representatives and large number of respectable were also present on the occasion.

While launching "Back View

Mirror and Safety Helmet Awareness Campaign", DIG Mehboob Aslam said that in Pakistan thousands of people die every year in road crashes and

motorcyclists are major contributors in them.

Head injury is major cause of death, serious injury and disability among bike riders and it can be avoided by use of standard safety helmets, following traffic rules and adopting road safety measures. At start of the campaign back view mirrors were installed at motorcyclists and safety helmets were distributed free of cost among road users. The motorcyclists were briefed about other safety tips necessary while riding a bike. During the campaign it was asserted that safety helmet is not only mandatory for bike rider but also for pillion rider too. Motorcyclists were also briefed to install back view mirror, drive at slow pace at extreme left of the road, avoid using mo-

## IPH to conduct training programme for doctors

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Institute of Public Health (IPH) will conduct one month training for doctors (grade-17 to 20), shortlisted by the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education (SH&ME) and Primary & Secondary Health

Department (P&SHD) for posting on administrative posts of the hospitals as well as other health centres for better management and efficient working of these institutions.

IPH sources said on Wednesday that doctors would be trained in financial matters, service roles, audit related matters, purchase, PEEDA Act 2006, PEPPA Rules etc.

An evaluation test of selected candidate doctors held at the Institute of Public Health for assessment of their knowledge and abilities in such matters.

Dean Institute of Public Health Prof Dr Zarfshan Tahir informed that Provincial



Health Development Centre (PHDC) was also on board in this training.

She said that on the direction of Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid, Secretaries of both the health departments had taken a brilliant step of training of doctors who would be assigned administrative responsibilities in the health institutions.

Dr Zarfshan reiterated that Institute of Public Health would be on front foot to fulfill the targets assigned by the government to promote public health.