

NYT enlists Lahore in 52 hotspot tourist sites to love in 2021

The Business Report

ISLAMABAD: The historic walled city of Lahore was enlisted in 52 dream destinations for tourism lovers to visit in 2021 by the *New York Times* (*NYT*).

The *NYT*, an American Daily with worldwide readership, compiled its list—52 places to love in 2021—after stifting more than 2,000 suggestions, received by it from the readers who were asked about the spots that had delighted, inspired and comforted them in a dark year.

It is not the first time that the world acknowledges Pakistan's tourism potential. The country has already been recommended to the tourists as must-visit place by the global magazines such as *Forbes* and *Condé Nast Traveler* due to its breath-taking tourists destinations scattered across the country.

"Especially in winter, this city nourishes you. It opens its arms to you, then feeds you and wraps you in a hug," remarked Haneen Iqbal, one of the American daily's reader, about the walled city. The *New York Times* posted her view on its site, which described Lahore as one of the best city due to its culture, history and hospitality. Other coun-

tries' cities that included in the list were Siwa Oasis of Egypt, The Llanos of Colombia, Kaliya Dhrw of India, Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Isfahan, Iran and others.

Meanwhile, National Tourism Coordination Board Chairman Sayed Zulfikar Abbas Bukhari also took twitter the nation about the development "Lahore is among the *New York Times* top picks to visit in 2021. Lahore's rich culture, warmth, hospitality & the most amazing food in the world awaits travelers. A must-have on everyone's list!" Zulfikar Bukhari, who is also Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Overseas Pakistanis, tweeted.

AIOU, Civil Services Academy sign MoU: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and Civil Services Academy, Lahore signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the main campus of the university here on Monday to cooperate in education, training and research fields.

Vice Chancellor, AIOU Prof Dr Zia Ul-Qayyum and Dr Sajid Yousufani, Director General, Civil Services Academy, Lahore signed the agreement on the behalf of their respective organizations.

Senior academic and administrative officers of the university were

present at the MoU signing ceremony.

According to the MoU, both the organizations will cooperate with each other in education, training and research in addition to organizing seminars and lectures jointly.

While addressing the participants, Dr Sajid Yousufani said that his organization wants to get itself benefited from the vast experience of AIOU in the field of distance education.

He further said that he would like officers who were getting extensive training at Civil Services Academy could receive a Post Graduate Diploma or degree after completing their training on the pattern of Pakistan Army at Pakistan Military Academy and Staff College.

Prof Dr Zia Ul-Qayyum thanked the director general and expressed his hope that Civil Services Academy would cooperate with AIOU by providing training to the AIOU administrative officers to enhance their administrative capabilities.

Dr Yousufani assured him that Civil Services Academy will not only train AIOU administrative staff but would also offer its services to the university students in various capacities.



ISLAMABAD: A street vendor installs his sweet bread set-up on the railway track at Sector I-10, which may cause any incident.—Online

Report on impact of COVID-19 on transgenders launched

From Our Staff Correspondent

sions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

PESHAWAR: To highlight the emerging and growing socio-economic consequences and impacts of COVID-19 on transgender community, first provincial level research report was launched by Blue Veins, Peshawar based Non-Governmental Organization in collaboration with TransAction (Provincial Alliance of Transgender Community).

According to a press release issued here on Monday, publishing organizations and the researcher hopes that the findings will help government and non-government stakeholders and service providers to take into consideration the vulnerabilities of transgender community while devising the humanitarian responses and service.

Transgender persons continue to experience discrimination from service providers and staff across the social protection and health care settings and social security safety nets – this leaves them more impoverished and more vulnerable in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Farzana Jan, President TransAction Alliance said Existing socio-economic marginalization and health conditions mean more trans-persons living in a state of invisible multi-dimensional vulnerability and compromised health.

"The stigma and structural discrimination make transgender people more vulnerable and reluctant to disclose their socio-economic status and get help. It is vitally important that we gather evidence on the consequences to develop responsive strategies to combat the challenges".

To ascertain the impact of COVID-19 on the socio and economic status of the transgender community, a sample of 271 trans people were reached out across all divi-

sions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The survey results highlight an immense need for socio-economic support to the vulnerable community members – transgenders. They are primarily dependent on informal livelihood options that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Shaheen Quresh from Blue Veins says that "as the world comes together, the transgender community in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa fights COVID-19 alone.

This structurally discriminated group has been rendered even more marginalized under the diseases double jolt and social distancing."

The findings of the research are helpful for government and non government service providers to reach out to these segments exclusively to develop effective medium and long-term rehabilitation programs for marginalized groups in consultation with them.

CDWP approves four health sector projects worth Rs20 billion: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) on Monday approved four projects of health sector worth of over Rs 20 billion.

The meeting of the CDWP was held, which was presided over by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan.

Senior officials from federal governments also participated in the meeting while representatives from provincial governments participated through video links.

The meeting approved a project namely "Establishment of 200-bed Mother & Child Hospital and Nursing College, Attok district, Punjab" worth Rs 5.82 billion. While it also approved another project namely "Establishment of 200-bed Mother & Child Hospital and Nursing College" worth Rs8.1 billion.

SC accepts singer Meesha Shafi's petition against LHC for hearing

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Monday accepted renowned singer Meesha Shafi's petition against the Lahore High Court (LHC) decision in harassment case against singer Ali Zafar for preliminary hearing.

A three-member Supreme Court (SC) bench comprising Justice Mushir Alam, Justice Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Sayeed Maza-har Ali Akbar Naqvi heard the case and issued notices to respondents Ali Zafar and the Advocate General Punjab.

At the outset of hearing, the court directed the counsel for Ali Zafar to submit written response before next date of hearing.

The counsel for Meesha Shafi said that LHC in its decision had stated that there was no employer-employee relationship between the petitioner and the respondent.

He said that students at educational institutions were also harassed, and they were not employed by the educational institutions. Was harassment not to be prosecuted?" he argued. He said

that under the Harassment Act, a complainant did not have to be an employee to file a complaint against someone. He said that the LHC and the provincial ombudsmen did not properly review the law. The counsel for Ali Zafar said that the court should not look at the merits of the case. Federal Ombudsman and Lahore High Court dismissed Meesha Shafi's petition, he added. Justice Mushir Alam said that the court was not deciding the case as it was just issuing notices to clarify the legal points.

Biden to receive second virus vaccine dose

WASHINGTON: United States President-elect Joe Biden will receive his second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine his office announced, three weeks after his first injection was broadcast live on TV to boost public confidence in the jab.

Biden, 78, told Americans "there's nothing to worry about" when he got his first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at the Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, on Dec 21.

His team said that his second jab would also be done in front of the media, without giving further details.

More than 374,000 people have died from COVID-19 in America, and Biden on Friday slammed the troubled distribution of vaccines by President Donald Trump's administration as a "travesty".

About 6.7 million Americans have so far received their first shot - far short of the target of 20 million by the end of 2020.

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manage the disease with minimal side effects. But 22.1 million doses have been distributed nationwide, underlining the logistical challenge of getting the injections administered to the elderly and health workers who are the priority.

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developed by Pfizer and Moderna, require recipients to receive booster shots after three and four

weeks, respectively.

Biden, who will be inaugurated on Jan 20, plans to release every available dose of the vaccines, rather than holding back half to make sure people receive their booster shots on time as is the current protocol GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd Not the end of the road Experts say current treatment options can help persons living with HIV effectively manage the disease with minimal side effects.

Our comprehensive coverage of the coronavirus outbreak and its developments. —AFP

Golf: 2022 PGA Championship pulled from Trump course

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida: The PGA of America pulled the 2022 PGA Championship from the Trump National golf course at Bedminster in New Jersey days after supporters of President Donald Trump attacked the United States Capitol.

"The PGA of America Board of Directors voted tonight to exercise the right to terminate the agreement to play the 2022 PGA Championship at Trump Bedminster," PGA of America President Jim Richardson said in a statement posted on Twitter.

The announcement on the fate of one of the four major championships in men's golf follows increased calls in the golf world for leaders of the sport to distance themselves from Trump. Golfweek, in a scathing column urging the game to sever ties



with the president, said the PGA of America had been debating for two years whether to move the organization's flagship event, but had been nervous about antagonising a "famously vindictive man".

Trump, who lost the 2020 presi-

dential election in November to Democratic rival Joe Biden, could face a historic second impeachment before Biden's Jan 20 inauguration amid continued fury over the storming of the Capitol on Wednesday by angry Trump supporters that left. —AFP

Israel rolls out COVID-19 booster shots

TEL AVIV: Israel's coronavirus vaccination campaign, the world's fastest per capita, shifted to booster shots in a bid to protect the most vulnerable citizens by next month and ease curbs on the economy.

Arnold compares US Capitol mob to Nazis



LOS ANGELES: Former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger compared the mob that stormed the United States Capitol to the Nazis and called President Donald Trump a failed leader who "will go down in history as the worst president ever".

In a video he released on social media the Republican said: "Wednesday was the Night of Broken Glass right here in the United States."

In 1938, Nazis in Germany and Austria vandalised Jewish homes, schools and businesses during an attack that became known as Kristallnacht or "the Night of Broken Glass". "The broken glass was in the windows of the United States Capitol. But the mob did not just shatter the windows of the Capitol, they shattered the ideas we took for granted," he said. "They trampled the very principles on which our country was founded."

Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria, compared the Proud Boys - a far-right American extremist group - to the Nazis. Some Proud Boys leaders were arrested in the nation's capital, before and after Wednesday's riots.

"President Trump sought to overturn the results of the election - and of a fair election," Schwarzenegger said in the video. "He sought a coup by misleading people with lies."

This Sunday, Jan 10, 2021, image from a video released by Arnold Schwarzenegger shows the former Republican California governor delivering a public message. Schwarzenegger compared the mob that stormed the United States Capitol to the Nazis and called President Donald Trump a failed leader who "will go down in history as the worst president ever". —AFP

Micronesia records first virus case

PALIKIR, Federated States of Micronesia: The remote Pacific nation of Micronesia recorded its first case of COVID-19 ending its run as one of the few places on the planet without the coronavirus.

President David Panuelo acknowledged the development was "alarming" for the country's 100,000 inhabitants, but said the case had been contained at the border. "For this reason, citizens across the nation should remain calm." —AFP

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Muhammad Tahir Ghani Civil Judge 1st Class Gujranwala
Suit for Permanent injunction ?Title Mst shanaz Munir etc vs Muhammad Nadeem etc. Notice to, Muhammad Nadeem S/O Malik Nazir Ahmad Caste Malik R/O ,Phase 2 House number 270 Rahwali Gujranwala cant ?Whereas the service of the defendant is not going to be effected through ordinary means ,So the service of defendant be effected through Proclamation in the newspaper. You above named defendant is directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on.12. 01.2021 at 9:00am failing which ex party proceedings shall be initiated against you . Given under my hand and the seal of this court.Muhammad Tahir Ghani Civil Judge 1st class, Gujranwala.

Brisbane lifts virus lockdown after city finds zero cases



BRISBANE: Australia's third-largest city lifted stay-at-home orders after mass testing and tracing across Brisbane found no new coronavirus cases despite fears over a contagious strain entering the community.

More than 2 million people were ordered into a snap lockdown on Friday after a cleaner at a quarantine hotel contracted the UK variant of Covid-19 from a returned traveller.

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the lockdown would be

lifted at 6pm local time on Monday after tens of thousands of tests detected zero cases of transmission.

She defended the measures as "definitely not an over-reaction". "We wanted to make sure we acted quickly, we acted strongly, we acted decisively and that is exactly what we did," she said.

Experts say current treatment options can help persons living with HIV effectively manage the disease with minimal side effects. —AFP

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In the Court of Rashid Tofail Rehan Senior Civil Judge Jhelum
Application Under Section 12 (2) CPC, Case Title Shakila bibi vs Naseem Akhtar etc To, Iftikhar Ahmed son of Rukhsar Ahmed R/o Street No2 House No.214/40 Mujahida Abad Tehsil & Dist Jhelum. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned Defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, there-fore, proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said Defendant will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 09:00am on 23-01-2021, the proceeding will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and the seal of this court.

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In the Court of Abdul Sattar Langha Additional District & Session Judge / Gas Utility Court Depalpur
Year:2020 Ahmad Din Versus SNGPL through Manager Sui Gas Lahore, Regional Officer SNGPL Region Sahiwal, Distribution Officer SNGPL Sahiwal, Incharge Officer SNGPL Depalpur
The court has called you again and again, but the implementation seems difficult, therefore this ad is being issued for you to appear in this court on 14-01-2021 at 9:00 am yourself or through your lawyer. Otherwise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted.