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Int'l Human Fraternity Day to be marked today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Like other parts of the globe, International Human Fraternity Day will be marked today (Thursday Feb 4) to underline and highlight the importance of cultural diversity, religions and beliefs.

To mark the the Fraternity day in a befitting manner, various organizations especially the educational institutions have organized various events to highlight the importance of the day. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed February 4 as the International day of human Fraternity. Educational institutions specially the, schools could contribute in a meaningful way to promote tolerance and the elimination of discrimination based on religion or belief, experts said.

They added that to recognize the valuable contribution of people of all religions, or beliefs, to humanity and the contribution that dialogue among all religious groups can make towards an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind. Furthermore, everyone must acknowledge that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity. Thus, it is imperative that "we encourage activities aimed at promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue in order to enhance peace and social stability, respect for diversity and mutual respect and to create, at the global level, and also at the regional, national and local levels, an environment conducive to peace and mutual understanding", they said. In a message on the eve of the day UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said "As we commemorate the International day of Human Fraternity, let us commit to do more to promote cultural and religious tolerance, understanding and dialogue".

Two warders of Camp Jail suspended

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Superintendent Camp Jail Noor Hassan Baghella on Wednesday suspended two warders on corruption charges and ordered an inquiry against the officials.

According to Jail sources, warders-Abdur Rehman and Iftikhar Gulzar posted at the main entrance gate accepted illegal gratification from a visitor. After came to know, the senior superintendent Jail Deputed Deputy Superintendent (Executive) Sabtain Raza Virk as inquiry officer who recovered the amount from the possession of Abdul Rehman.

PU declares results

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: PU Examinations Department has declared the results of MSc Mathematics Part-II annual examination 2020 and M.Com Part-2 & Part-4 (3 1/2 Programme) annual 2020. Details are available at PU website www.pu.edu.pk.

Punjab launches coronavirus vaccines campaign: Governor

Says Punjab govt completes all arrangements to inoculation of vaccine; Governor, Buzdar witness vaccination process

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Following in the footsteps of the federal government, the Punjab government on Wednesday began vaccinating the frontline health warriors against coronavirus disease (Covid-19) in the presence of Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar and Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar at Punjab House, Islamabad.

With the launching of the province wide campaign, the healthcare workers (HCWs) Dr Faraz of Rawalpindi Institute of Urology and Dr Samavia Akbar became the first from Punjab to be vaccinated against coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in the province, the

virus has claimed 4,806 lives and infected 158,783 people while overall 11,772 deaths occurred in the country besides over half a million infections.

In the second phase of the coronavirus vaccine senior citizens will be given the jab during the two month long campaign.

On the occasion, the chief minister Punjab said free of cost coronavirus vaccine would be inoculated to the citizens in Punjab, adding that Punjab had received 70,000 vaccine doses and 189 centers had been established in the province. Usman Buzdar said over 600 officials had been provided technical training in this regard while master trainers would equip more staff with the training to administer jabs of the vaccine.



He said 2500 Ice-line refrigerators had been arranged in 36 districts to keep the vaccines safe as per the guidelines, adding that China had stood by Pakistan in every hour of need and the gift of 0.5 million

vaccine was a proof of this friendship. The CM Punjab said Pakistani would always remembered this good-will gesture of the people of China, adding that Pakistan was thankful to China. Urging the

need to adopt precautionary measures against the virus, he said Punjab was far ahead of the other provinces in contact tracing, adding that the world had acknowledged Pakistan's efforts to contain coronavirus pandemic.

He said Punjab had allocated a sum of one billion rupees for the purchase of coronavirus vaccine, adding the province will get more vaccine doses in the next three weeks. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar hailed HCWs for their heroic role to ward off coronavirus threat to human lives, adding that health workers were our heroes.

Sarwar said the Punjab government had commendably completed all arrangements to inoculation of vaccine.

13 deaths, 573 new cases of coronavirus reported in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The pandemic of Novel Coronavirus claimed 13 precious lives during last 24 hours, whereas 573 new cases of coronavirus were reported on Wednesday across the province which pushed the death toll to 4,806.

According to data shared by spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 158,793.

P&SHD confirmed that 330 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 4 in Sheikhupura, 16 in Rawalpindi, 24 in Jehlum, 1 in Gujranwala, 13 in

Sialkot, 26 in Gujrat, 1 in Hafizabad, 41 in Faisalabad, 1 in Jhang, 3 in Toba Tek Singh, 2 in Chaneot, 18 in Sargodha, 3 in Mianwali, 1 in Khoshab, 11 in Bhakkar, 5 in Multan, 1 in Vehari, 5 in Lodharan, 1 in Muzaffargarh, 9 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 14 in Rajanpur, 4 in Bahawalpur, 1 in Bahawalnagar, 15 in Rahimyar Khan, 19 in Okara, 2 in Pakpattan and 2 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours till filing of this news.

The Punjab health department has conducted 2,962,226 tests for COVID-19 so far, while 144,208 confirmed patients recovered altogether in the province. The Punjab

health department has urged masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks. People should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19 and contact 1033 immediately on feeling symptoms of coronavirus, the health care department said.

Delivery of Corona vaccine begins in Punjab under high security: The delivery of coronavirus vaccine to the identified spots has been started in Punjab under strict security arrangements.

This was informed by Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) Secretary Captain (retired) M Usman

Younis in a statement here on Wednesday. He said that cooperation of the security institutions had been hired due to high demand of the vaccine and security issues. Secretary Usman acknowledged that P&SHD got the cooperation of all concerned departments for transportation, storage and management of the vaccine. He said that issues like theft, receiving of consignment by fake officers, terrorist attacks on vaccine carriers, accidents and danger of fake vaccine exchange on the way could be faced so involvement of security forces was needed.

He assured that transportation of the vaccine was being made in

Social workers can help resolve social issues: Minister

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Social Welfare & Baitul maal Syed Yawer Abbas Bukhari has said that by using scientific methods, social workers can solve problems of individuals, groups, and communities in a better way.

He was addressing International Social Work Conference under the umbrella of Punjab University, here today. Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar, Chairperson Department of Social Work Prof Dr Syeda Mahnaz Hassan, scholars from international and local universities and other social scientists were present in the conference. "It is a great honor for me to be a part of this marvelous event of 1st International Social Work Conference which held on the theme 'Contemporary social work education and practices, challenges and prospects'", said the minister. "Let me say, he further said, social work was one of the priorities of Messengers and Prophets and angels also do the same job by the order of Almighty". Syed Yawer Abbas Bukhari while welcoming the commencement of International Conference on Social Work said that his point of view is very clear "Social workers are often referred to as givers. The life of social workers is all about taking care of others and assuring their comfort". He observed that social workers were not degree holders in the past decades but now, there are many specializations to assure better progress and output from the social network handlers.

He urged that subject like social work should be given high value and importance to improve quality among the social workers. "I'm, saying as a minister social welfare that social work should be part of curriculum", he said. Social Work, he further observed, is a profession dedicated to enhancing human capacity to solve complex social problems. Social workers and poverty alleviation are interlinked. "I personally believe that social work department in the University will develop tremendously under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Dr. Syeda Mahnaz Hassan because she is extremely committed and loyal to her profession", concluded the



LAHORE: A Lady Health Worker administers the injection to a child outside his house in Muhammad Nagar area.

NH&MP, Total Parco sign MoU

A virtual training centre will be established to spread road safety messages

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A virtual training centre will be established to spread road safety messages among masses through modern and effective mediums.

In this regard, an MoU signed between National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) and Total Parco

Pakistan in a ceremony held at NHMP Training College, Sheikhupura. The memorandum was signed by Commandant NH&MP Training College DIG Mehboob Aslam and CEO Total Parco Mehmet Celepoglo in presence of IG NH&MP Dr Syed Kaleem Imam.

As per MoU, the NH&MP in collaboration with Total Parco would make virtual awareness

videos on important road safety issues like bikers safety, dozing at wheel, distraction during driving, safe distance, driving in adverse weather conditions, blind spots and defensive driving.

These videos would be shared

at general public while special steps would be taken to use them in training of drivers working in private companies.

The video games containing road safety messages would also be made for the children so that

they could be awarded about safety rules before they actually come to road. Total Parco would also cooperate with NHMP in organizing different seminars, road safety walks, briefing sessions and other activities to create road safety awareness among people. Addressing on the occasion, NH&MP IG Dr Syed Kaleem Imam said that working on road safety was prime focus of the department, adding that it was only made possible with the cooperation of institutions like Total Parco that this department could achieve excellence. He also appreciated DIG Mehboob Aslam for his commitment in development work in NH&MP Training College. Later, souvenirs were exchanged between Total Parco and NH&MP.



'Punjab govt ensures protection of kids rights'

Inquires about children suffering from thalassemia, hemophilia

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs Ejaz Alam Augustine on Wednesday said the Punjab government had ensured the protection of children rights throughout the province.

He expressed these views during his visit to Noor Thalassemia Foundation. He inquired about the children suffering from thalassemia and hemophilia.

He also visited the state-of-the-art lab set up in the foundation. The Minister met each child and inquired about their health and also presented special gifts to children.

Ejaz Alam Augustine said that an independent Child Protection and Welfare

Bureau for children under the age of 15 had been set up, while the Punjab government was ensuring fully cooperation with humanitarian organizations to move forward together in the service of ailing humanity. Sundas Foundation and Noor Foundation were the best example of service of ailing humanity and hopefully welfare work would be continued in future, he concluded.

On the occasion, Noor Foundation Director Sajjad Cheema briefed the minister that 425 patients were being provided free facilities by the foundation while there was only one branch in the city. Sajjad Cheema further said the centre was a 24-hour humanitarian centre where qualified doctors and technical staff always remain available.

