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### Quick Read

## Women's Day celebrations kick off at UO

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The two-day celebrations in connection with the International Women's Day started at the University of Okara with an Open Mic session that would be followed by a seminar. The events are being organized by the female faculty members of the university. The female students from various departments and local welfare organizations placed stalls displaying the posters and paintings about women rights awareness. The Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Zakar, in his special message regarding Women's Day, said that women were playing a pivotal role in the socio-economic development and they needed to be acknowledged and strengthened. He further told, "The UO administration is keen at reducing gender gap in the region through the provision of balanced oppor-



tunities and facilities of higher education to both male and female students." Speaking at the inaugural session of the event, Dr Nasrin Akhtar, Associate Professor of Education, told, "The theme of this year's celebrations is Women in Leadership and through a series of talks and presentations, we will try to establish the fact that women have all the potential to be in the mainstream of the society." The other speakers at the event argued that the purpose of the Women's Day celebrations was to inculcate the sense of empowerment, confidence and civil rights among the female students.

## Two labourers killed during rock blasting

**LAHORE:** Two persons were killed during rock blasting process in the precincts of Sillanwali police station. Police said on Monday that Imtiaz and Abdul Rehman hailing from Azad Kashmir were working at a stone-crushing site in Chak 126/SB when they received injuries after they fell on the ground during blasting and died on-the-spot.



**LAHORE:** Activists of Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Risalat (Women Wing) hold placards during a march entitled (Paigham Sharm-u-Hayya) from Press Club to Punjab Assembly, on the eve of International Day of Women.

# Govt will complete its constitutional term: Governor

Says Opposition's plans inside and outside parliament are a conspiracy to undermine democracy

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the PDM will continue to make plans and the government will complete its constitutional term. Opposition's plans inside and outside parliament are a conspiracy to undermine democracy, which will be thwarted by the government and its allies. We are pursuing the policy of strengthening the country and its institutions.

He was addressing the launching ceremony of Muhammad Asif Rafiqi's book "Sihala Yatra" at Governor's House Lahore and talking to the media. Political Secretary to Governor, Mian Kashif Iqbal, Vice-Chairman of Punjab overseas commission-Muhammad Wasim Ramey, Head of Anti-Narcotics Punjab, Haji Muhammad Ramzan Pervez and

others were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the event and talking to the media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that ever since PTI came to power, the opposition parties have been making new plans, but 220 million Pakistanis are witnessing that the politics of the opposition parties is only for their vested interests, adding that they want to create instability in the country which is not in the interest of the nation.

Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the PTI has come to power with the votes of the people and the opposition should play its democratic role in the parliament instead of resorting to long marches and protests.

If the opposition thinks that it will succeed in toppling the government through divisive politics, then they are living in a fool's

paradise. Replying to a question, Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Imran Khan has emerged as a stronger Prime Minister than earlier and programs such as "No one should go to bed hungry" are being launched to alleviate the problems of poverty and inflation. In the coming days, there will be a significant drop in inflation, he added.

Regarding the promotion of tourism, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the Federal government is working in all provinces, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to promote tourism in Pakistan. The New York Times has listed Lahore in the top 52 cities of the world which is great success of the incumbent government.

Governor Punjab strongly condemned the terrorist attacks on Police officers in Rawalpindi and said that the terrorists are unable

to tolerate peace in Pakistan due to which they are carrying out acts of terrorism but the morale of our security agencies and the nation is high. We will not allow terrorists to succeed, he said.

Speaking to the media on the occasion of International Women's Day, Governor Punjab said that women who are fighting for the independence of Kashmir cannot be forgotten today. In Kashmir, 22,000 women have been widowed so far in their struggle for independence. We pay tributes to the Kashmiri women for their unwavering courage and bravery.

The rights given by Islam to women 1400 years ago are still unimaginable in the west. Empowering women is the mission of the PTI government and no country can develop without bringing women into the political mainstream.

## Women-related two bills introduced, says Basharat

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Law and Cooperatives Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja Monday said the Punjab government was taking solid steps for welfare and protection of women, and two important bills in this regard had been introduced in the provincial assembly.

In a message on the International Women's Day, he said the bills include Woman Hostels Authority and the enforcement of women's share in inherited property bill 2021, which would become laws after approval.

The minister said that the Constitution of Pakistan "protects all rights of women and emphasises giving them respect and legitimate place in society".

Basharat Raja said, "The Punjab Women Protection Authority has been activated to help woman victims of violence, and after Multan, women protection centres are also being set up in Rawalpindi and Lahore." The minister said further legislation would be carried out to empower women in society. He said that industrial homes were active in all districts of Punjab to make women skilled while shelter houses for helpless women including Darul Aman and Kashana centres were working across the province for helpless women and orphan girls. Women were being given effective representation in every sector of life in Punjab, he added.

## Cake cutting ceremony held to celebrate In'l Women's Day



By Our Special Correspondent

**LAHORE:** A cake cutting ceremony is held to celebrate International Women's Day at P&D Complex. Chairman P&D Board Abdullah Khan Sumbal and Additional Secretary P&DB Nabila Irfan graced the event.

Women Day is celebrated all over the world on March 8 to acknowledge and encourage the achievements of women in society. "Women are the equal rather better contributors in the development and progress of society and nation," says Chairman P&DB. This day is symbolic of the historic journey women around the world have taken to better their lives. It comes as a reminder that while a lot has been achieved, the journey is long and a lot more needs to be done.

Officers at event recited poems and gave positive comments regarding day. All female officers and officials joined the event.



**LAHORE:** A women vendor sells bangles along the road side at the Sagian area.

# Coca-Cola for empowering women

**LAHORE:** The Coca-Cola Company recently marked the monumental success of its 5by20 program, which empowered 1.2 million additional women beneficiaries from its original decade long target of economically empowering 5 million women by 2020. The 5by20 program was implemented in more than 150 countries around the world. In Pakistan, more than 10,000 women beneficiaries were economically empowered as part of this program in a strategic partnership between Coca-Cola Pakistan and Kashf Foundation. This achievement resonated more strongly when it was formally announced at the International Women's Day on Monday, March 08, 2021 during a special panel discussion hosted at The Coca-Cola Export Corporation's head office in Lahore following the topic of 'women in leadership'. Accomplished women from various fields of life participated in this panel discussion in person and through virtual attendance including Afia Salam, Chairperson at Indus Earth Trust, Lubna Bhayat, Former President at Women Chamber of Commerce, and Bushra Khanum, Senior Manager at Kashf Foundation. Top management officials from The



Coca-Cola Export Corporation also participated in this event including Fahad Ashraf, VP and General Manager for Pakistan and Afghanistan region and Asmara Noman, Human Resource Director for Pakistan and Afghanistan region. The idea of sustainability served at the heart of this strategic partnership between Coca-Cola and Kashf Foundation. —PR

# Protection to citizens top priority: IGP

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Inam Ghani has said that under Citizen Centric Policing, besides improving the image of the Police and serving and protecting the citizens, ensuring free registration of crimes and immediate steps for their prevention are among the top priorities of Punjab Police.

Therefore, a new app should be developed for digital monitoring of all stages from application receipt to FIR registration at the front desk in which the time of application receipt and registration of case at the front desk can be seen with just one click

so that the perpetrators of delay in processing could held liable and Departmental and legal proceedings against them could be expedited. He further said that the new Citizen Centric Policing and Monitoring System should be launched as soon as possible as a pilot project from Kasur District and this system equipped with new features would be developed by Additional IG Investigation, DIG IT and DPO Kasur together. He further said that after receiving the application for robbery, burglary and theft, those responsible for delay in registration of cases should be held accountable while Additional IG Investigation

should brief about the progress made in software for provision to Regional monitoring units by 1st April. He further said that sincere and sincere efforts should be made to solve the problems of the citizens calling 15 Emergency Number while treating them with good manners while paying special attention to the monitoring system to get the feedback of the citizens regarding the first responder. To be given He issued these instructions to the officers while presiding over a meeting on Citizen Centric Policing, Crime Free Registration and Monitoring System at the Central Police Office here on Monday. During the meeting, DPO

Kasur Imran Kishwar while briefing about the pilot project launched for the improvement of new Citizen Centric Policing and monitoring system said that there is increasing reliance on efficient use of information technology to make police working more efficient and transparent. The focus is on ensuring effective monitoring of each case as well as close monitoring so that crime can be eradicated in accordance with modern policing and the performance of officers and staff can be monitored. A feature has been created in the monitoring system to get feedback from the citizens about the first responder, under which the calling cit-

izens are satisfied with the behavior and cooperation of the first responder, they can send their feedback by answering yes or no on SMS. He further said that a checklist would also be part of the system to provide all possible legal guidance to the citizens during the prosecution while monitoring feature was also being added in the system to ensure timely attendance of witnesses in the courts. He said that under the new system, public feedback on police services has been made compulsory, so that the police should continue to take steps to improve it by comparing their performance in the light of public opinion. The IG

Punjab emphasized that close monitoring should be ensured for the success of this project initiated with regard to Citizen Centric Policing so that the process of delivery of justice to the citizens could be further improved by improving the service delivery.

Azhar Hameed Khokhar, Additional IG Safe Cities Rao Sardar, Additional IG Training, Kanwar Shah Rukh, Additional IG Elite Police Force, Farooq Mazhar, Additional IG Investigation, Fayyaz Ahmed Dev and Additional IG Operations Sahibzada Shehzad Sultan and others senior officers were also present.