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2,033 new cases of coronavirus reported in Punjab

LAHORE: Another 2,033 cases of coronavirus were reported with 25 deaths in Punjab during the last 24 hours.

According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 195,087 while death toll 5,942 and recoveries 175,265.

The P&SHD confirmed that 1262 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 8 in Kasur, 14 in Sheikhupura, 4 in Nankana Sahib, 13 in Rawalpindi, 8 in Jehlum, 79 in Gujranwala, 21 in Mandi Bahauddin, 7 in Narowal, 14 in Hafizabad, 89 in Sialkot, 40 in Gujrat, 110 in Faisalabad, 9 in Toba Tek Singh, 17 in Chiniot, 2 in Jhang, 29 in Sargodha, 32 in Khoshab, 6 in Bhakkar, 19 in Multan, 3 in Vehari, 12 in Khanewal, 3 in Muzaffargarh, 7 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 180 in Rajanpur, 8 in Bahawalpur, 2 in Bahawalnagar, 13 in Okara, 3 in Pakpattan and 19 in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours. The Punjab health department has so far conducted 3,614,105 tests for COVID-19.

The 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 symptoms of coronavirus, the health care department urged the citizens. —APP

Kids suffering from Down Syndrome deserve attention: CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar in his message on the World Down Syndrome Awareness Day has said that children suffering from Down Syndrome deserve special attention from society. There is a dire need to run an awareness campaign about this syndrome.

In order to make the children, who are suffering from Down Syndrome, a useful member of society consistent efforts are required. He said that they are our children and it is our joint responsibility to secure the future of these children.

It is very important to have an integrated system of their look after and effective treatment. They can be made useful citizens of society by providing them with proper education and training.

Railways extends stops of two trains

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways has extended the stoppage of 35-Up/36-Dn Sir Syed Express train runs between Rawalpindi and Karachi via Faisalabad at Hafizabad railway station to facilitate citizens of the area.

According to the notification issued here on Saturday, the stop of 47-Up/48-Dn Rehman Baba Express train runs between Peshawar and Karachi at Alipur Chatha railway station has also been extended till April 14. It is pertinent to mention here that these stopovers were given on temporary basis. —APP

Governor urges public to strictly follow corona SOPs

— Says 220m Pakistanis praying for recovery of PM from coronavirus; approves appointments in various universities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar as the Chancellor approves appointments in various universities. Dr Rauf-i-Azam has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Punjab University of Technology, Rasool District, Mandi Bahauddin.

According to details, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar in his capacity as the Chancellor also approved the service statutes 2021 of Fatima Jinnah Women's University, whereas, the schedule of posts proposed by the University Syndicate was also approved.

Governor Punjab has given the charge of the post of Registrar to Additional Registrar, Government College University-Dr Shaukat Ali and directed to ensure that the process of appointment of a permanent registrar should be completed before the termination of the additional charge period. Governor Punjab also approved to give the charge of Controller Examination to Additional Controller Examination Government College University Shehzad Ahmed for a period of three months and issued instructions to complete the process of appointing Controller Examination before the termination of additional charge period.

Governor Punjab in his capacity as the



Chancellor has withdrawn the additional charge of the post of Registrar from Dr Fayyaz-ul-Hassan of Fatima Jinnah Women's University Rawalpindi and Dr Shoaib Akhtar has been given the additional charge of the post of Treasurer whereas the additional charge of the post of Controller Examinations has been given to Deputy Controller Examinations Saima Mushtaq. Governor Punjab has directed the Vice-Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women's University to complete the process for the appointment of Permanent Treasurer and Controller of Examinations within 60 days. Later, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar expressed concern that Prime Minister Imran Khan has been tested positive for Coronavirus, adding that 220 million Pakistanis are praying for his recovery.

Pakistan Resolution infused new passion into struggling Muslims for independence

LAHORE: The Muslims of Sub Continent and their leadership had an unclear image of a separate homeland in their minds whereas passage of The Pakistan Resolution on March 23, 1940 turned into a broad day light vision.

Former VC Women University, Dr Asmat Naz talking to APP on Saturday said that The Resolution infused a new spirit into struggling Muslim which paved way for creating a new country on map of the world within short span of seven years.

The Hindus, she informed, were shocked and perplexed at the passage of the Lahore Resolution and they and Indian press sarcastically called it "Pakistan Resolution" thinking it a dream which will never be materialized.

The Hindustan Times wrote in its editorial that history had made The Hindus and the Muslims one nation and now making a separate country of latter was tantamount to shattering unity of sub continent, she stated adding that another Indian paper Amrit Bazar Patrika wrote that if The Muslims could not live under Hindu rule the question arises how they will lead their lives under Muslim government.

British newspaper including Manchester Guardian, Daily Herald and even daily Telegraph did not give importance to the Pakistan Resolution terming it an ordinary resolution, the academician said and added that Telegraph did not publish story on it.

The London Times also rejected the proposal saying that it will end unity of India, Dr Naz disclosed.

The Muslims were jubilant on the passage of the Resolution while the Hindus vented their anger by different ways, former VC said adding that Pakistan Day reminds us that we are duty bound to work for progress and stability of our country.

The day also invites to throw away disappointment and face the circumstances gallantly to divert the situation in right direction.

We should be ready to render sacrifice for stability and prosperity of the country, she concluded. —APP



LAHORE: Teachers shout slogans during protest in favour of their demands at the Club Chowk.

Yasmin orders revised strategy on hospital waste disposal

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister has directed the officials to prepare a revised strategy for the disposal of hospital waste in meeting at the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education here on Saturday.

The Minister chaired a meeting on Hospital Waste Management which was attended by Special Secretary Silwat Saeed, Additional Secretary SHME Amir Hussain Ghazi and Chief Planning Officer Abdul Haq Bhatti. The Health Minister reviewed process of waste disposal at public sector hospitals. Special Secretary SHME Ms. Silwat Saeed presented details of safe waste disposal.

The Health Minister said, "The

safe disposal of hospital waste is extremely important. The PKLI has Microwave and Children Hospital has incinerator facility. The incinerators are being procured for Jinnah Hospital Lahore, Institute of Mental Health Lahore, Shahadra Hospital, Sheikh Zayed Hospital Tahium Yar Khan and Nishtar Hospital Multan. The incinerators are available at 26 DHQ hospitals of Punjab. Yellow rooms have been set up in all hospitals of Lahore. By safe disposal of hospital waste, a safe environment for patients and visitors can be created. Measures are being taken to review arrangements at Public sector Hospitals."

Augustine concludes two-day workshop

A two-day training workshop on

role of parliamentarians in ensuring gender equality through implementation of SDG 5 with legislators and political party leaders held in a local hotel on 19-20 March, through JAZBA program "Democracy and Empowered Women" organized by Aurat foundation, South Asia Partnership Pakistan SAP-PK, Global Affairs Canada and Affairs Mondiales Canada. Nousheen Khuram (National Program Manager) hosted the workshop; Ms. Nabeela Shaheen (Provincial Manager Aurat foundation) gave the welcome remarks and objective of the session including expectations. Provincial minister HR&MA Ijaz Alam Augustine attended concluded session and said during his address that under the leadership of Punjab

Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, Significant steps have been taken at the practical level for their economic independence and development while implementation framework of Women Development Policy 2018 has been formulated and its implementation has been initiated. He said that toolkit for raising awareness among women to end sexual harassment has been introduced while all over Punjab, working women and their children are being provided day care facilities in their workplaces. At present, 146 day care centers are operational and 221 have been approved. Minister further said that land for Women Development Complex has been purchased from LDA, various workshops for women will be organized in this

DC visits Rang Mahal, Shah Alam Market, reviews closure of shops

LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Muddasir Riaz Malik Saturday visited narrow and congested streets of Rang Mahal and Shah Alam Market to review the ongoing closure of shops.

He inspected shops, markets and said that the district administration was striving to enforce corona-related SOPs. He directed the assistant commissioner concerned that if shops and restaurants were found open, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, those should be sealed immediately. He said that action would be continued over violation of the corona SOPs and no one would be allowed to violate the government instructions. He warned the shopkeepers to follow the guidelines regarding current spread of coronavirus and shut down their shops. —APP

PHC directs hospitals to raise beds for patients

LAHORE: The Punjab Health-care Commission (PHC) Saturday directed all private hospitals in the province to increase the number of beds for COVID-19 patients, considering the current surge in the infection rate.

As per a directive issued to the administrations of all private hospitals, which are treating COVID-19 patients, the number of beds in the isolation wards, high dependency units, and intensive care units should be increased. They have been directed that the special wards and units must be fully equipped with all necessary resources in line with the guidelines and standard operating procedures, issued by the Punjab government from time-to-time. The administrators have been further directed to submit compliance reports to the Commission within 48 hours from the issuance of the directive. —APP

Problems of women must be addressed on priority basis: Begum Governor

Says those involved in violence against women do not deserve any mercy

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The wife of Governor Punjab- Begum Perveen Sarwar has said that those involved in violence against women do not deserve any mercy.

The problems of women must be addressed on a priority basis, adding that more opportunities should be given to women across various fields.

Pakistan cannot become fully developed and prosperous without empowering women. She was addressing an event of "Women Expo" at Sui Gas Society Lahore on Saturday and talking to the

media.

On this occasion, Sarwat Gohar, a female member of Tahrir-e-Insaf, Muqaddas Ayaz and others also participated. Women belonging to the business community set up various stalls at the Women Expo and Begum Perveen Sarwar appreciated the role of women during the visit to the stalls and said that there is no dearth of talented women in Pakistan and the increased women's participation is welcoming because it provides employment opportunities for women.

The wife of Governor Punjab further said that the societies in which women problems are left un-

addressed can never move forward so violence against women should be dealt with strictly and the rights of women should be safeguarded so that women feel safe to pursue their passions. Begum Perveen Sarwar said that she is proud that her welfare organization "Hunargah" is working to uplift the underprivileged women and a large number of women are receiving skills-based education in Hunargah Centers of Lahore and other cities of Punjab. It is incumbent on all of us to play our part in empowering women as the empowered women play constructive roles in building the nations, she added.



LAHORE: A vendor displays caps to attract the customers at his roadside setup.