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PINS organises refresher courses for nurses

LAHORE: The Punjab Institute of Neurosciences (PINS) has organised refresher courses for nurses to enhance their professional capabilities.

PINS Executive Director Professor Dr Khalid Mahmood told the media on Sunday that for the first time any institution had conducted refresher courses for the nursing community, which was a welcome step.

He said that the role of doctors as well as nurses was important in treatment of patients and it was vital to update the medical knowledge of those in the field of nursing.

He said that in an institution like the PINS, the importance of nurses was doubled as they had to take care of patients suffering from neuro illnesses.

He congratulated PINS Nursing Superintendent Razia Shamim on conducting the refresher courses and expressed hope that the initiative would continue in future as well.

The nursing superintendent said that in these courses, nurses were taught about good manners towards patients, good atmosphere and patient-friendly environment at the PINS and special training sessions had been held in that regard.

She said that nurses had been given hands-on training on various aspects of record keeping, charting of drugs, service delivery to patients and patient care, which would enhance their skills and nursing capabilities. —APP

'PDM taking its last breaths'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Deputy Secretary Information Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Central Punjab Rana Akhtar Hussain has said that PDM is taking its last breaths, PTI has defeated them politically.

Meeting of Bilawal Zardari son of Mr 10 Percent with Hamza Shehbaz for in-house change will go in vein.

They will face defeat in Punjab just like they faced in National Assembly.

Punjab province has already rejected those faces which are ruling in Sindh for last consecutive 13 years and they did nothing for deprived people of Sindh.

The meetings of these political actors are nothing but a series of photo sessions.

While speaking to PTI workers on Sunday Rana Akhtar Hussain said that there is no value of convicted daughter of Nawaz Sharif who is also convicted from courts.

He said that both convicted and criminal father and daughter duo has no future in politics.

They are just trying to make people fool but they have badly failed.

PDM and London plan flopped now and they looking for places to hide their faces after failure in their commitments and non fulfillment of fake promises with public.

Opposition should wait for 2023 elections: Governor

Terms opposition's demand for mid-term elections as unconstitutional

By Our staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has termed the opposition's demand for mid-term elections as unconstitutional and said that the opposition should wait for the 2023 elections instead of making unconstitutional and undemocratic demands as the National Assembly has given the vote of confidence to Prime Minister Imran Khan and the people also stand with the PTI government. Opposition parties have no choice but to wait for the general election, so they must wait patiently.

During a meeting with the delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Chief Minister Complaints Cell, Nasir Salman and Haji Muhammad Ramzan Pervez, at Governor's House on Sunday, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the political opponents have failed earlier and no matter how many plans they make, they will not get anything except failure. The opposition's narrative based on anarchy has been rejected on every forum including the parliament.

The opposition should stop resorting to the politics of protest marches and sit-ins, he added.

Governor Punjab said that if the opposition wants to hold a long march from



March 26, it has a constitutional and democratic right to do so, but they will not be able to topple the government in this way. He said that the government is ready to face the opposition, adding that there will be no midterm or short term elections in the country but the general elections will be held in 2023 as per the constitution and the people will decide by the power of their vote who they want to see in power.

Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar lauded the Pakistan Army for its successful operation

against terrorists in North Waziristan and said that terrorists are enemies of Pakistan's development, peace and stability and 220 million Pakistanis, including the government and security forces, stand united against them. He said that not only terrorists but also their facilitators would be completely eliminated from Pakistan and the country would become a cradle of peace.

Govt committed to

empowering women: Dr Firdous
Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan has said that the government is committed to empowering women and give equal rights to them, adding that no society can progress and develop without giving women their due rights.

Talking to the media in Sialkot, Dr Firdous said that March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day every year and under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the government is determined to empower women legally, economically, financially and socially at the grass-root level and historic steps are being taken for the elimination of gender discrimination, safeguarding the rights of women and giving them socio-economic empowerment.

The Special Assistant said that Chief Minister Usman Buzdar is introducing

women empowerment projects under the Women Empowerment Act, adding that the government is taking steps to enforce women-friendly laws.

She said the gas supply is a top priority in rural areas as it facilitates women in their domestic life.

Dr Firdous said the disinformation cell of the opposition is spreading chaos on social media. PTI members have expressed confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan in the parliament and the opposition is upset and worried about the success of Imran Khan, she said.

The SACM said the political orphans are making hues and cry and challenging the government on the media screen and are not ready to come to parliament whereas the government is ready to face the opposition in the parliament. She said that rumours about the removal of CM Usman Buzdar have no basis as Prime Minister has full confidence in the abilities of Usman Buzdar and the opposition is doing propaganda against the CM just for its nefarious interests. The government is in competition not with the opposition but with inflation as it is one of the major challenges being faced by the country. We will serve Pakistan on every front and Punjab is fully aware of its responsibilities as a big brother, the SACM concluded.



LAHORE: A gypsy woman sells camel milk on a road ahead of International Women's Day. —Online

PU to mark Women's Day today

LAHORE: In connection with the International Women's Day, Punjab University Department of Gender Studies will organize two days International Conference on "Contemporary Gender Issues: Challenges and Opportunities" today (Monday) at 9:30 am at Al Raazi Hall. Begum Perveen Sarwar will be chief guest while Minister Social Welfare Syed Yawar Abbas, Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi, Justice Nasira Javed Iqbal and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Niaz Ahmed Akhtar will also participate in the conference.

PU awards five PhD degrees

Punjab University has awarded five PhD degrees to the scholars in which Muhammad Farooq S/o Ajab Khan in the subject of International Relations after approval of his thesis entitled 'Rise of Hindutva in India: Effects on Pakistan-India Relations (2014-2019)', Gulfam Shahzadi D/o Abdul Aziz in the subject of Mathematics after approval of her thesis entitled 'Hybrid Decision Making Models Based on q-Rung Orthopair Fuzzy Information', Nida Qamar D/o Shamshad Akhter Qamar in the subject of Pharmacy (Pharmaceutics) after approval of her thesis entitled 'Fused Deposition Modeling of Ciprofloxacin Oral Tablets & Hermal Implants and Their Pharmacokinetic Evaluation', Syed Nouman Ali Shah S/o Syed Rauf Ali Shah in the subject of International Relations after approval of his thesis entitled 'Deconstructing the Dynamics of Relations: An Analytical Study of Pak-US Relations (1979-2015)', and Zainab Ahmed D/o Malik Tahir Ahmed in the subject of International Relations after approval of her thesis entitled 'The Securitization of Water: Redefining Pakistan's National Security'. —APP

Crackdown against anti-social elements continues across province

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Inspector General of Police Punjab Inam Ghani, the fastest operations against criminal and anti-social elements are underway in all the districts of the province with the aim of improving the rule of law in the society and protection of life and property of the people.

In this regard, Gujarat Police under the leadership of DPO Gujarat Omar Salamat has shown remarkable success against criminal elements in the last one month which has significantly reduced the rate of serious crimes in the district and The overall law and order situation has also improved.

DPO Gujarat Omar Salamat further said that special teams headed by experienced officers have been formed in the district and various tasks have been assigned to them using hard work and modern technology, Police have arrested 28 members of 9 dangerous gangs involved in 40 robberies and dacoity, from whose possession a total of Rs. 1 crore 27 lacs 38 thousand worth of stolen goods were recovered which include 03 cars, 12 motorcycles and 09 cattle which have been handed over to their original owners.

Last month, Gujarat police cordoned off the area against criminals, three of the most wanted criminals in serious cases were sent to hell, while a young man of

the elite force was martyred while protecting the lives and property of the citizens.

A total of 178 proclaimed offenders were arrested in the operation, out of which 48 Category A and 130 Category B proclaimed offenders were wanted by the police in various cases.

Moreover, 04 accused wanted in cases of terrorism, 02 accused wanted in head money and 02 were arrested in foreign countries by the help of Interpol.

Police conducted targeted operations against drug dealers in different parts of the district in February. 31 kg of cannabis, 2 kg of heroin and 451 bottles of different brands of liquor were recovered from the possession of 95

drug dealers and the accused were handed over to judicial custody.

Gujrat Police is fully mobilized to eradicate arms culture from the district including 123 cases registered against illegal armed groups exposing arms via social media.

The police recovered 668 rounds including 05 Kalashnikovs, 06 guns, 17 rifles and 95 pistols from the accused. DPO Gujrat further said that no sacrifice will be spared in the discharge of duties for equal implementation of law and order. He further said that Gujrat Police is committed to protect the lives and property of the citizens and suppress criminals by cleansing the district from anti-social elements in a real sense and making

18 deaths, 1,044 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Punjab

LAHORE: As many as 1,044 new cases of coronavirus with 18 deaths were reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours.

A spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) said on Sunday, the death toll due to coronavirus was reached 5,552 and the total cases 177,008 with 164,989 recoveries. The P&SHD confirmed that 646 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 2 in Kasur, 14 in Sheikhupura, 31 in Rawalpindi, 9 in Jehlum, 41 in Gujranwala, 3 in Mandi Bahauddin, 1 in Narowal, 5 in Hafizabad, 36 in Sialkot, 90 in Gujrat, 57 in Faisalabad, 10 in Toba Tek Singh, 2 in Chiniot, 4 in Jhang, 20 in Sargodha, 3 in Mianwali, 23 in Multan, 2 in Vehari, 7 in Khanewal, 5 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 1 in Layyah, 3 in Bahawalpur, 4 in Bahawalnagar, 19 in Rahimyar Khan, 2 in Okara

and 4 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours.

The Punjab health department so far conducted 3,402,377 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 de-



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19 shops, marriage hall sealed for SOPs breach

The city district administration sealed 19 shops, stores and a marriage hall and imposed Rs 30,000 fine for violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Sunday.

According to a spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Shalimar Mansoor Ahmed Qazi sealed seven shops and imposed fine of Rs 10,000 on Sultan Bahu Marriage Hall.

AC Cantt Zoha Shakir sealed four shops and imposed Rs 20,000 for SOPs violation in Cantt area while AC City Fizan Ahmed sealed eight shops in his jurisdiction.

The teams inspected public and private transport vehicles and issued warnings to transporters and drivers to follow coronavirus SOPs strictly.



LAHORE: Customers purchase vegetables from vendor at Sunday Bazaar.