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Two-week long summer camp to conclude at all NCA

ISLAMABAD: A two-week long summer camp, happening simultaneously, at National College of Arts (NCA) in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Lahore would conclude on July 15. NCA organized annual Summer Camp under its Community Outreach Programme.

In NCA Islamabad, the participants were offered courses in drawing, oil painting, fashion illustration, water colour painting, graphic design, calligraphy, animation and digital photography. In NCA Rawalpindi, offered courses included drawing, painting and graphic design. Similarly, drawing, oil painting, water colour painting, fashion illustration, sculpture, graphic design, calligraphy, animation, write shoot and edit, (short film) and digital photography (basic level) courses were organized in NCA Lahore.

An official of NCA Khalid Raza said that COVID-19 SOP's are strictly observed at the camps. He said that the participants were taking a keen interest in the courses, adding that certificates would be issued to the participants on completion of summer camps. —APP

Lok Virsa Museums to remain closed on 1st day of Eid-ul-Azha

LAHORE: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (NIFTH)- Lok Virsa museums will remain closed on the first day of Eid-ul-Azha, an official statement said. As per previous practice, both the Museums National Heritage Museum and Pakistan Monument Museum administered by Lok Virsa will reopen with routine public timings on the second day of Eid.

Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali said that a large number of people were used to visit National Heritage Museum and Monument Museum on special occasions of Eid festivals and Independence Day celebrations. Talha Ali said that visitors should follow COVID-19 SOPs including wearing masks and social distancing. —APP

Public attaches high hopes with S Punjab Secretariat: ACS

LAHORE: The people have high hopes with South Punjab Secretariat and good governance was the only way to extend relief to them, said South Punjab Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Saqib Zaffar on Monday.

During an orientation of newly deputed Section Officers (SOs) here, he informed that he had tasked all departments for improvements in infrastructure of the region, adding that appointment of SOs would help for betterment in service delivery to the people of region.

Saqib advised the officers to work for public without surrendering to any pressure. He extended good wishes to them for their practical life. Services Secretary Nausheen Jamshaid, Health Secretary Ajmal Bhatti, Agriculture Secretary Saqib Ateel and others were present on this occasion. —APP



LAHORE: Labourers face trouble due to accumulated rainy water at the Vegetables and Fruit Market in Badami Bagh.

PTI becomes a stronger political force than ever before: Governor

Says people have lost faith in Opp; govt-led by PM Imran not pursuing any political or personal agenda

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that PTI has become a stronger political force than ever before. People have lost faith in the opposition.

The government led by Prime Minister Imran Khan is not pursuing any political or personal agenda, rather it is pursuing a policy of making the country safe and stable. 'Kammiyab Jawan', 'Ehsas Program' and all government projects including Sehat Insaf Card aim to uplift the vulnerable stratum and ensure that they have access to basic facilities such as health and education.

He stated this during his visit to Sahiwal on Monday, while addressing various events including inauguration of Special Education Center and visit to Ravi Barrage Harappa. Vice Chairman Overseas Commission Muhammad Wasim Ramey, PTI Central Member Rai Hassan Nawaz and

others were also present on the occasion.

Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, while answering media questions, said that if the opposition is serious about making the electoral process in Pakistan transparent, then why doesn't they support the government on electoral reforms, adding that unfortunately, the opposition instead of prioritizing the interest of the country and the people, is prioritizing political and personal interests.

He said that opposition's agenda is to pursue political gains. He called upon the opposition to support the government on the issue of electoral reforms so that no one can point finger at the 2023 elections. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that all the institutions including the Election Commission are fulfilling their responsibility regarding the elections in Azad Kashmir and there will be transparent elections and everyone including the opposition should accept the election results

in Azad Kashmir. He said that even in Azad Kashmir elections, the people's decision would be in favor of PTI. Governor Punjab said that due to the anti-people decisions of the previous governments, Pakistan has been facing problems in all sectors including economy and the PTI has taken practical steps to save Pakistan from economic bankruptcy after coming to power, adding that even today the opposition parties are spreading negative propaganda to obstruct the country's development and prosperity, but the fact is that Pakistan's economic growth and stability is being recognized by all international economic institutions. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the provincial government has been working on development projects to provide basic amenities to the people in all corners of Punjab, adding that serving the people is the first priority of the government on which no compromise would be made.



Dr Yasmin urges public to get vaccinated, wear face masks

Health Minister calls for strictly observing coronavirus precautions and show compassion

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid Monday stressed for the use of wearing face masks and urged the public to get vaccinated as cases of the Delta variant continue to rise in many countries.

Talking to a private news channel, she urged the public to strictly observe coronavirus precautions and show compassion towards the poor while celebrating the upcoming Islamic festival of Eid-ul-Azha.

"Citizens should follow government strict guidelines to protect themselves and their loved ones from the 4th wave of pandemic", she added.

Wearing masks, keeping social distance and other precautions can only prevent the people suffering from 4th wave of Covid-19 virus," she highlighted. Over 1 crore



and 70 thousand people have been vaccinated in the Punjab so far and the provincial government is making efforts to vaccinate almost everyone as soon as possible, she mentioned.

Replying a Query, she said with strict guidelines of National Command and Operations Centre (NCO) to contain the spread of coronavirus on Eid Ul Azha,

Punjab was observing a week for the implementation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) till July 18.

"It is very important to take precautions even after vaccination, she said, adding, the aim of the awareness week is to stop the spread of the virus on Eid".

She said in case of non-compliance with precautions, stricter measures would have to be taken against violator citizens.

To another Query, she said Punjab government had launched a large-scale vaccination awareness campaign through electronic, print and social media, adding, doubts about efficacy and safety of the vaccines need to be addressed by leading medical experts while media should build up people's more confidence.

"The vaccination at large scale of the masses would only help us in checking the pandemic effectively," she added.

Sexual assault case Court extends judicial remand of Azizur Rehman

LAHORE: A local court on Monday extended judicial remand of Mufti Azizur Rehman, involved in a sexual assault case, for another 14-day. The jail authorities produced the accused before Judicial Magistrate Rana Arshad Ali, at Cantt Courts, on expiry of his judicial remand. During the proceedings, a prosecutor submitted a report about case challan in compliance with previous court directions. The court was apprised that the challan was being prepared and it would soon be filed. At this, the court extended judicial remand of the accused for another 14-day and directed for producing him on expiry of the remand term. The court directed police authorities for filing the case challan as soon as possible. North Cantonment police had registered a case against Mufti Rehman for sexually assaulting one of his students after a harrowing video clip of him was widely shared on social media. —APP



LAHORE: Medical students of Fatima Jinnah Medical University and young doctors shout slogans during protest in favour of their demands.

-Time to take life-changing decision

Last 6 months for Pakistanis to apply for Montenegro's CBIP

LAHORE: With the ease in travel restrictions worldwide and reopening of Montenegro's borders tourists and investors, one of the largest residential developments and super yacht marinas in Montenegro, Porto Montenegro announces last six months for Pakistanis to apply for its Citizenship by Investment Programme, scheduled to terminate by the end 2022.

In a period of just 6 months, Montenegro's citizenship can be obtained by investing 550,000 Euros (100,000 government donations and 450,000 in real estate within its super yacht Homeport and luxury lifestyle village -Porto Montenegro). Apart from being an outstanding holiday destination in the heart of Europe, other benefits



of Montenegrin citizenship include global mobility with access to 124 nations visa-free, no obligation to relinquish current nationality (unless required to do so by the country of origin); besides, the country is already a NATO member state and a candidate country for future expansion of the EU, expected by 2025.

The beginning of 2021 marked an exciting milestone for Porto Montenegro, with the first successful application approvals of Montenegro's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI) for homebuyers of hotel-managed residences at the development's newest neighborhood.

"We are excited for you to experience Porto Montenegro this summer and cannot wait for you to learn more about Boka Place. Currently under construction and set for completion in 2023, our brand-new, lively urban neighbourhood, located at the entrance to Porto Montenegro, will offer a plethora of retail outlets featuring our favourite brands, eateries serving a range of international and local fare, and year-round activities and entertain-