

Pak hosts 53rd World Military Shooting Championship 2021, says ISPR

LAHORE: The Opening ceremony of 53rd World Military Shooting Championship (Shotgun) 2021 was held at Lahore under the auspices of Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM), commonly known as International Military Sports Council.

Corps Commander Lahore, Lieutenant General Muhammad Abdul Aziz was the chief guest on the occasion, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) media release here received.

The CISM international shooting championship was being organised at Lahore Garrison Shooting Gallery of Pakistan Army. However, this was the second time that Pakistan was holding this international Military Championship.

Over 50 participants including 41 international shooters from Russia, France, Sri Lanka, Palestine, Kenya are participating in the event with motto Friendship Through Sports. Moreover, the officials from Guinea, Iran and Nepal were also present. Representatives of CISM. —DNA

Govt ensuring maximum facilities to tourists: CM

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan on Sunday said the government is ensuring provision of maximum facilities to the tourists to promote tourism in the province.

Addressing a ceremony of handing over of 10 modern ambulances to newly established Rescue 1122 stations at five tourist spots of the province, Chief Minister said the provision of ambulances will ensure safety and timely medical aid to the tourists in these areas.

The five tourist spots include: Gabin Jabba, Kelash valley, Kumrat, Ayubia, Thandiani and Kewal. The ambulances have been built especially under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Integrated Tourism project. —Online

Pakistan Railways CEO holds open court

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways Chief Executive Officer Nisar Ahmad Memon late Saturday heard the problems of railway employees and public by holding an open court live on facebook.

According to PR official sources here, open court was held as per the orders of the Prime Minister Imran Khan and on special instructions of the Federal Minister for Railways. Pakistan Railways CEO said that the main purpose of holding an open court was to ensure prompt resolution of the problems of the employees. Railway employees discussed the issues related to gratuity money, allotment of quarters, departmental promotion. —AFP



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar with the recipients of the Governor Awards.

There is no dearth of talent in Pakistan: Sarwar

Govt believes in rule of law and order in country

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has conferred 'Governor Award' to 30 personalities including Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Head of Jamia-e-Ashrafia, Kamran Lashari in the field of Archeology and Syed Kausar Abbas for his outstanding efforts for peace. While talking to media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that there is no dearth of talent in Pakistan.

According to details, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar addressed a function at Governor House Lahore. Religious personality Maulana Fazlur Rahim, social activist Mian Saeed Ahmed, Vice Chancellor Dr Mansoor Sarwar, Nayyar Ali Dada, Ammar Owais and Prof Dr Waheed Al-Hassan, Soomia Iqdar, Fatima Hussain, Fidia Kashif, Dr. Tariq Cheema, Dr. Rubina Farrukh, Afshan Hameed, Junaid Sobhani, Dr. Sohail Mukhtar Ahmed, Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Rana Khurram Shehzad Khan, Zeeshan Zia Raja, Tariq Tanveer, Shaan N

Khan, Syed Kawthar Abbas Ayesha Jahanzeb, Shabana Akhtar, Ustad Nayab Ali Khan, Farzana Aqib, Prof. Aima Syed, Owais Younis, Tahir Ali Sadiq, Sadia Noorin and Syed Hadia Hashmi were conferred the Governor Award.

Addressing the event and talking to the media on the occasion, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the present government believes in the rule of law and order in the country. It has been decided to launch a campaign in universities across Punjab to prevent crimes against women and raise awareness about it. All sections of the society have to play their role in preventing incidents like crimes against women. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that only those who serve humanity survive. It is the responsibility of every Pakistani to play his role for the development and stability of the country. Pakistan is currently facing many challenges which can be addressed through unity and solidarity under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan. The purpose of the Ehsas program,

Kaamyab Jawan Program and Koi Bhooka Na soye program are also serving the underprivileged sections of population adding that no political discrimination is being made in all public welfare schemes. He said that the resources are being used for the development and prosperity of the people in a 100% transparent manner. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar whilst acknowledging those who have given exceptional services in various fields congratulated them on receiving Governor Award. He said that there could be no greater service than the service of humanity. There is no such other example in the world of philanthropists as that in Pakistan. He said that even during the Corona crisis in Pakistan, philanthropists have been seen on the front line and charity of 10 billion rupees was done from Governor House. "We will continue to stand with our poor people in the future," he said. Addressing the function, Begum Perveen Sarwar, wife of Governor Punjab, said that her life's mission is solely to serve humanity.

Ahsan predicts Pandora Papers will hit PM; asks him to step down

NAROWAL: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Secretary General Ahsan Iqbal has demanded of Prime Minister Imran Khan to step down presaging that in today's Pandora Papers slated to be published later tonight, the Khan Pandora's box is about to open.

The PML-N leader said that Imran Khan who boasted to be the champion of anti-corruption campaign was hiding facts regarding his foreign gifts. He was of the view that rising inflation in the country was a result of bad policies of the government. Today a person who earns Rs25,000 to 30,000 a month cannot bear the expenses of his household honourably, he added.

Iqbal said that PM Imran Khan gave false dreams to the people on laptops. "Now Imran should resign as his name has appeared in the Tocha Khan case and it will also appear in the Pandora Papers," he insisted.

The PML-N secretary general was addressing the media in Narowal on Sunday.

He predicted that Imran's name would be appearing in the Pandora Papers releasing tonight. He stated that the frequent adjournments of the parliament's sessions on quorum suggested that Imran Khan had lost confidence of the houses.

Iqbal said that the ruling party wanted to steal next elections with the help of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). —DNA

Motorways Police return valuables to passengers

LAHORE: The National Highways and Motorways Police (NHMP) on Sunday returned missing bags, purse which contained cash two lacs, two laptops, five mobiles and other items to their respective owners.

According to NHMP, a man named Imran, with his family, on his way back to Lahore from Hunza forgot a ladies purse at Kalkarah service area and left. Later, he called back on Motorway Police Helpline.

After that the motorway police reached the spot, found the bag and handed it over to the owners. NHMP also found another six bags containing two laptops, three mobile phones, an expensive watch and other valuables at Burhan M-1 during patrolling.

During the search, a phone number was found from the bag. Upon contacting, it was found out that the bag belonged to Ghulam Ishaq Khan University students who fell from the van on the way to the university. All the valuables were returned to the students.

A legal action was also taken against the van driver for negligence. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) NHMP Ashfaq Ahmed lauded the officers on duty and reiterated that the Motorway Police will continue to serve the people with same spirit. —APP



LAHORE: A herd of buffaloes freely walk at Pico Road creates hurdle in the smooth flow of traffic.

NIHCR Webinar on Medieval Muslim History

ISLAMABAD: The Ottoman Empire was founded at the end of the 13th century in north-western Anatolia by the Turkman tribal leader Osman-I, which controlled much of South-eastern Europe, Western Asia, Northern Africa and most part of the Arabian peninsula between the 14th and early 20th centuries.

This was stated by Prof Emeritus Aslam Syed during a Webinar on Medieval Muslim History and Historiography during Ottoman period here on Sunday.

The guest speaker Prof Emeritus Aslam Syed has been serving the Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr Universität, Bochum, Germany. He remained Chairman, Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and also served the NIHCR as its Director. Responding to a question, Prof Syed said that the Ottomans ended the Byzantine Empire with the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 by Mehmed. Under the reign of Suleiman, the Ottoman Empire marked the peak of its power and prosperity as well as the highest development of its government, social, and economic systems, he said.

The Webinar was arranged online by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research (NIHCR), Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, attended by over 1000 participants ranging from students, teachers and researchers to

have greater insights into the valuable views of the guest speaker.

Prof Syed said that as the Seljuk Sultanate declined in the 13th century, Anatolia was divided into a patchwork of independent Turkish principalities; one of these principalities in the region of Bithynia on the frontier of the Byzantine Empire, was led by the Turkish tribal leader Osman-I, a figure of obscure origins from whom the name Ottoman is derived.

During the discourse, the NIHCR Director Dr Sajid Mahmood Awan was of the view that Osman's early followers consisted both of Turkish tribal groups and Byzantine renegades, with many but not all converts to Islam.

Supplementing Dr Awan's observation, Prof Syed said that Osman extended the control of his principality by conquering Byzantine towns. A Byzantine defeat at the Battle of Bapheus in 1302 contributed to Osman's rise as well.

Responding to a question, Prof Syed said that the historiography of the Ottoman Empire which was composed in Persian occupy an important place in the corpus of court-oriented Ottoman historical writing of the early and classical periods. Although the predominant literary language of the Ottoman realm was Turkish, Persian, as a language of prestige and the preferred vehicle for the projection of an imperial image,

provided an alternative linguistic medium for historical composition.

Dr Awan observed that starting in the 1600s, the Ottoman Empire began to lose its economic and military dominance to Europe. Around this time, Europe had strengthened rapidly with the Renaissance and the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. Other factors, such as poor leadership and having to compete with trade from the Americas and India, led to the weakening of the empire.

Prof Syed viewed that in 1683, the Ottoman Turks were defeated at the Battle of Vienna. This loss added to their already waning status. Over the next 100 years, the empire began to lose key regions of land. After a revolt, Greece won their independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1830. In 1878, the Congress of Berlin declared the independence of Romania, Serbia and Bulgaria. During the Balkan Wars, which took place in 1912 and 1913, the Ottoman Empire lost nearly all their territories in Europe. The Ottoman Empire officially ended in 1922 when the title of Ottoman Sultan was eliminated. Turkey was declared a republic on October 29, 1923, when Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881-1938), an army officer, founded the independent Republic of Turkey. The NIHCR Director Dr Sajid Mahmood Awan conducted the Webinar by triggering a dialogue with Dr Syed for substantiating this discourse. —DNA

CS pays surprise visit to social welfare facilities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal paid a surprise visit to Social Welfare Complex Township late Saturday and inspected the cleanliness and other arrangements in its various blocks - Darul Sukoon, Darul Falah, Aafia, Chaman, and Nasheman.

The Chief Secretary directed the departments concerned to start the reconstruction and repair works of the building as early as possible as it is in dire need of repair. He also praised the staff for performing their duties diligently at night. The Chief Secretary was briefed that 19 homeless elderly people are presently living in the old age home Aafia. These old age homes were established in six cities including Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi, Narowal, Sahiwal, and Toba Tek Singh. In Darul Falah, seven widows are residing along with their children. These are based in Lahore, Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Multan, and Bahawalpur. In Chaman, 17 mentally challenged children are being provided treatment facilities and training for their rehabilitation. For rehabilitation of special persons, vocational training is being imparted to them in Nasheman.

PTA Punjab takes effective steps to implement SOPs

LAHORE: Provincial Transport Authority (PTA) was taking effective steps to ensure implementation on Covid-19 related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by National Command and Operation Centre (NOC) in public transport including bus stations.

Talking to this agency here on Sunday, Provincial Transport Authority (PTA) Secretary Naeem Bukhari said, "We are focused on strict enforcement of transport related anti-corona SOPs of the NOC." The department had also issued a specific transport regime being implemented in letter and spirit in public transport to contain corona pandemic. Bukhari also urged the passengers and transporters to cooperate with transport authorities and the local administration in their efforts to control corona spread. In case of non-compliance to NOC SOPs, he added, the drivers and transport owners were being charged with fines, while passengers not adhering to precautionary

measures were also being issued warnings accordingly. He mentioned that teams of transport department's officials were also paying surprise visits to lorry adda/bus stands to check the SOPs there and compliance report was being forwarded to authorities concerned on daily basis. "The surveillance teams are regularly visiting the bus terminals and van stands to inspect the SOPs as the provincial transport department is all committed to implement the NOC decisions and advisories issued time to time to contain coronavirus," Bukhari maintained. Meanwhile, a survey conducted by this scribe, corona SOPs were still being violated in the public transport as most of the passengers and transport crews were not wearing face-masks and there were no facility of hand-sanitizing and temperature-guns etc. in the inter-city and intra-city public transport vehicles. Moreover, transporters and commuters were found exhibit-

ing irresponsible behavior in observing anti-corona SOPs while using public transport.

Anwar Ali, an employee of a private security company, who uses public transport to reach his office, told this scribe, "You see, no one is observing social distancing in the local transport and transporters are just focused on money-making by boarding passengers beyond the vehicles' seating capacity. Similarly, sanitizer is not available in any local transport," he said, adding that there was a dire need to create awareness among transporters, bus crew as well as the general public about the fatal consequences of Covid-19.

However, contrary to this, the major inter-city and inter-provincial transport companies such as Daewoo, Faisal Movers, Bilal Travels etc, had made adequate arrangements for implementation of anti-corona SOPs at their terminals and buses, the survey revealed. —APP

Provincial PAC revises meeting schedule

KARACHI: The Public Accounts Committee of Provincial Assembly of Sindh has amended schedule of its meetings to consider Audit Reports of various Departments and other Government entities.

According to details on Wednesday 6th October 2021 audit reports of District Shikarpur (2004-05 and 2008-09), District Tando Muhammad Khan (2008-09), District Thatta (2004-05) and University of Sindh (2009-10 and 2016-17) would be discussed.

On Thursday 7th October 2021 audit reports of Agriculture (public Sector Enterprises) (2006-07 and 2007-08), Industries (public Sector Enterprises) (2006-07 and 2007-08), Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University Larkana (2011-12, 2013-14 and 2014-15) and University of Karachi (2016-17) would

be evaluated.

On Wednesday 13th October 2021 audit reports of District Kashmore Kandhkot (2004-05), District Dadu (2004-05), B.I.S.E Mirpurkhas (2009-10) and B.I.S.E Larkana (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) would be examined.

On Thursday 14th October 2021 audit reports on Car Parking Structure Lines Area Karachi (2015-16), I.B.A, Sukkur (2016-17 and 2018-19) and Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering Sciences and Technology (2016-17 and 2017-18) would be deliberated upon.

On Wednesday 20th October 2021 audit reports of District Naushero Feroze (2008-09 and 2010-11), District Tharparkar (2008-09 and 2010-11), District Larkana (2004-05) and District Ghotki (2004-05) would be considered.

On Thursday 21st October 2021 audit reports of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Lyari University Karachi (2016-17), Peoples University of Medical and Health Sciences for Women, Shaheed Benazirabad (2016-17 and 2018-19) and B.I.S.E Hyderabad (2010-11 and 2011-12) would be discussed.

On Wednesday 27th October 2021 audit reports of District Shaheed Benazirabad (2008-09 and 2010-11), District Jacobabad (2004-05, 2008-09 and 2010-11) and District Kamber Shahdaddkot (2004-05 and 2010-11) would be evaluated. On Thursday 28th October 2021 audit reports of N.E.D University (2009-10), Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad (2014-15) and Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam (2012-13 and 2013-14) would be examined. All the meetings