

MD SNGPL visits Bahawalpur Regional Office



Basit Ali

LAHORE: Managing Director SNGPL Ali J. Hamdani accompanied by Senior Management visited Bahawalpur Regional Office of Thursday.

Managing Director was briefed regarding winter load management, operational activities, Complaint centers and UFG control activities.

Regional Manager briefed Managing Director and senior management about achievements of the region, which included significant reduction in UFG losses.

The Managing Director urged the officers / staff to ensure the best customer service for the customers, also issued instructions to ensure uninterrupted supply of gas to the domestic customers in winter and to improve the system.

Auqaf Minister attends Mehfil-e-Milad

LAHORE: Provincial Auqaf Minister Syed Saeed-ul-Hassan Shah attended the mehfil-e-Milad at a private educational institution in Gulberg in which a large number of teachers, students and parents were present. Various teachers and students presented Na'at before the gathering comprising of students, teachers and their parents. The minister said, in his speech, that the blessed way of life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a worth following example for all of us. —*Staff Reporter*

PU HCC second int'l conference today

LAHORE: Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce (HCC) will organize a two-day second International Conference on Business and Commerce (ICBC-2021) today (Friday). In this regard the inaugural ceremony will be held on Friday (today) at 10am at its premises. —*Staff Reporter*

Progress on anti-encroachment drive reviewed in Punjab

LAHORE: Senior Member Board of Revenue Babar Hayat Tarrar chaired a meeting at his office on Thursday to review the pace of progress on province wise anti-encroachment drive.

Member Colonies, Secretary Colonies, Director Land Record and Director PDMA attended the meeting. —*Staff Reporter*



LAHORE: Special Assistant to PM for Social Protection Dr Sania Nishtar calls on Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar on Thursday to discuss Ehsaas Ration Programme.

PTI will continue standing with institutions: Buzdar

— Buzdar strongly condemns targeting of state institutions by N-League

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has strongly condemned the targeting of state institutions by the N league to achieve certain objectives.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the CM said the opposition is bent upon making the state institutions doubtful. All those hurling abuses at institutions are not faithful to the country, asserted the CM. Such attempts are, actually, aimed at weakening the country, said Usman Buzdar. There is no future for all those involved in tendentious politics, he reiterated. He deprecated that the opposition leaders' assertions are contradictory to the national interest, as well as unjustifiable, depicting an anti-state narrative, he regretted.

There is no room for any anti-state rhetoric in the country and the people have to totally rejected the treacherous narrative, he maintained. Every conspiracy against the institutions would be effectively countered and no compromise would be made on the respect of the institutions. The PTI

will continue to firmly stand with the institutions, concluded the CM.

No room for corrupt officials in Punjab

On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, Section Officer Muhammad Shafiq of the specialised healthcare & medical education department has been removed from his post and directed to report to S&GAD.

Secretary SH&ME department has issued a departmental order along with the initiation of an enquiry. This action is taken on complaints of extortion of money for ad hoc recruitments. While laying strong emphasis on the selfless service of the people, the CM repeated that there is no room for corrupt officials in the province adding that action is taken whenever a complaint has come up.

Sania Nishtar calls on CM

Special Assistant to PM for Social Protection Sania Nishtar called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar on Thursday to discuss Ehsaas Ration Program. President and CEO NBP Arif Usmani, Senior EVP (digital banking) Muhammad Humayun Sajjad, Provincial

Social Welfare Minister Syed Yawar Abbas Bukhari, P&D chairman, secretaries of finance, industries and social welfare departments and others were also present. Talking on the occasion, the CM termed Ehsaas Ration Program a flagship drive to provide subsidies to poverty-stricken families on essential items including flour, cooking oil and pulses. Karyana shops would be registered in the province for this program and ministers, parliamentarians, as well as administrative officials, would be assigned to make this program a success, he mentioned.

The CM extended full support for the success of the Ehsaas Ration Program and announced to lead it in Punjab. This initiative would provide genuine relief to the impecunious strata; he commented and affirmed that looking after the indigent stratum was a responsibility of the state. Sania Nishtar expressed the desire to open one-window centres in every tehsil and thanked the CM for the assistance provided by the Punjab government. You have already played important role in the success of the Ehsaas Program; she commented and disclosed that

Life of Holy Prophet (PBUH) complete guidance for humanity

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Auqaf Minister Syed Saeed-ul-Hassan Shah has said that political and social aspects of the sacred life of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) provide a complete guidance to all human beings for leading a successful life.

He was addressing a Mehfil-e-Milad programme held at private Wise College on Thursday.

He said, "The great personality of the last Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) helped ended the darkness of ignorance and enlightened the humanity about the difference between wrong and right."

All-out efforts were being made under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan to make Pakistan a welfare state like the state of Madina, he added.

Saeed-ul-Hassan said Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar was taking practical steps for promoting the message of Holy Prophet PBUH in a real sense.

He said all the initiatives of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government would yield positive results for bringing improvement in society. The minister also appreciated the 'Naat Khwans' (Naat reciters) and students, who expressed their love for the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) through their Naats and Darood Pak.

KamyabJawan Programme

Rs 1m loan awarded to foodpandaHomechef by BoP



LAHORE: Foodpanda, the leading e-commerce platform of the country, signed an agreement with Bank of Punjab (BoP) to provide financing to registered foodpandaHomechefs under Prime Minister's KamyabJawan Youth Entrepreneurship Programme. Furthering this objective, the first loan of PKR 1 million was disbursed to Mr. Khalid Javed Akhtar from Sahiwal, who is a certified chef from COTHM and is running his home based food business under the name of The Abaan's Kitchen and has been a foodpanda home chef since 2020.

Under this partnership, loans up to Rs. 25 million are to be given to enterprising homechefs who are desirous of commencing or expanding their home-based food business, but need financial support. —*PR*



LAHORE: People are on their way towards school and offices during foggy weather. —*Online*

CM KP calls on Chairman STZA

PESHAWAR: The Chief Minister of KPK province, Mahmood Khan, was called on by Amer Hashmi, the Chairman of the Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) in Peshawar. During the meeting, the Minister for S&T, IT, and Food, Atif Khan was also present.

The meeting took place as a follow-up to the Digital Youth Summit which was recently held in Peshawar. A comprehensive strategy for the development of four Special Technology Zones (STZs) in KPK province was discussed, namely in Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, and Haripur.

These STZs are envisioned to create opportunities for the technology industry, to create jobs for the youth, human capital development, and to create and support the technology and knowledge ecosystems in the province. To implement this strategic plan, the Government of KPK will form a Joint Working Group (JWG) with the Special Technology Zones Authority - STZA. Under the JWG, regular meetings will be conducted, for ongoing cooperation on the development of the STZs in KPK and to explore other areas of cooperation. The Chief Minister of KPK greatly appreciated this initiative and pledged his government's resolute support for the development of the technology industry in the province through the STZs. —*PR*

Zero tolerance on incidents of abuse, harassment and violence against women: IGP

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that there is a zero tolerance policy on incidents of violence, harassment and abuse against women and action is being taken against the accused involved in such crimes on priority basis.

He directed RPOs, DPOs to ensure all possible measures under their personal supervision to prevent sexual abuse crime and provide relief to the affected women. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that in collaboration with safety city authorities, "Women Safety App" has been launched which has been downloaded by more than 125,000 women so far. IG Punjab further said that Cyber Crime, Rescue, Na-

tional Highway, Motorway and other helpline numbers have also been provided in the Women Safety App and women can easily get help from Punjab Police in any difficult situation through this App. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that anti-women harassment cells are also working in all districts of the province for protection of women. Lady police official has been appointed as victim support officer in these harassment cells for guiding and providing every possible help to the women. He said that Anti-Women Harassment Cell has registered 2672 cases in the last one month and arrested 2141 accused. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that apart from Women Safety App, women can also get help from Punjab Police Emer-

gence No.15. IG Punjab gave these instructions in his message on the occasion of International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.

IG Punjab further said that strict action is being taken against torture of accused under custody especially women, departmental and legal action is being taken against the responsible in this regard. He further added that, Women Safety App and Anti-Women Harassment Cell awareness campaign will be launched in women schools, colleges and universities whereas female students, working ladies and housewives are requested to download Women Safety App in their mobiles so that they can easily get help and assistance from Punjab Police in difficult time.

World Fisheries Day observed at UVAS Ravi Campus

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore in collaboration with Alltech Pakistan observed World Fisheries Day with the theme of "Fish is a future of protein" here on Thursday.

Various activities including awalk, seminar, fish netting, visit of fish processing & value edition unit, fish cooking & modal making competition organised to mark the day in befitting manner at Ravi Campus Pattoki. Vice-Chancellor University of Education Lahore (UE) Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha was the chief guest and presided over the seminar while UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Fisheries and Wildlife Prof Dr Noor Khan, Dean Faculty of Animal Production and Technology Prof Dr Anjum Khaliq, Managing Director Alltech Pakistan Dr Shahzad Naveed Jadoon, Chairman Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Dr Muhammad Hafeez-ur-Rehman, Dr Ansar Caltha, fisheries professionals from public & private organizations, fish feed representatives from industries, fish farmers, stakeholders and a large number of students and faculty



members attended. While addressing the audience in the seminars, Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha said that it is direly needed that all the fisheries stakeholders must sit together and prepared a policy paper to address all those issues related to feed cost, unnecessary taxes and contamination of water facing fisheries sector in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed highlighted the collaboration of academia and fish industry that is ultimate key to promote fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country. He lauded the effort and team work of Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture leadership especially for the establishment of Fish Processing Unit and the products are being processed. He said a large number of students getting maximum benefits, practical knowledge and skills from these facilities.

EPD Minister recommends proposals to overcome pollution

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Muhammad Rizwan has submitted proposals to the chief minister, minister of school education & chief secretary for the elimination of environmental pollution.

In his letter to CM, the minister offered to play his role to take up the matter with the Federal Government for waiver of duties for import of equipment for controlling environmental pollution and consumable spare parts to promote the provision of environment-friendly technology in the industry.

The minister also wrote a letter to Minister of Education Murad Raas for the inclusion of the environment as a subject in the syllabus for the upcoming academic year.

He also wrote a separate letter to the chief secretary to direct attached departments to get their vehicles inspected from the VICS and only certified vehicles be allowed to ply on the roads.

Further, necessary instructions may also be issued for the installation of catalytic converters and diesel particular filters in government vehicles to mitigate the pollution. —*Staff Reporter*



LAHORE: Youngsters perform during theater play at the Religious Harmony Convention organised by Christen Study Centre.