

PU newly established school to resolve economic issues

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad has said that the newly established School of Economics will prepare technical proposals to put the economy of the country on the road to progress.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony and alumni dinner of the School of Economics, on Friday.

Executive Director Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and alumnus of the department Dr Shaista Sohail, Higher Education Secretary Javed Iqbal Bukhari, GCU VC Dr Asghar Zaidi, Former PHEC Chairman Dr Niazamuddin, Former Provincial Minister Mian Imran Masood, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics & Administrative Sciences and HoD School of Economics Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Choudhary and others participated in the event.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr Niaz Ahmad said that the university had been academically restructured to serve the country as well as nation with specialized needs of the time. He said that the School of Economics would propose solutions to the economical problems being faced by the society and the country. Dr Shaista Sohail recalled the golden memories of her stay at PU and said that her father was also a faculty member and former head of the Department of Economics. She thanked Prof Mumtaz Anwar Choudhary for launching a successful campaign and played an important role in getting more funds from the government for the higher education sector in Pakistan. She said that if the government would have to give top priority to the education sector to solve the national problems. She said that major financial issues of the universities across Pakistan could be solved if another grant of Rs 20 billion was allocated to the HEC.

GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi said that the establishment of the School of Economics was an excellent initiative and it would provide the best human resource in the field. He said that we needed to focus on polishing the talent the students carried within themselves. He said that we must encourage students to explore and ask questions.

Ideas, innovations, research to help solve socio-economic problems: Niaz Ahmad said that this is one of the prime responsibilities of the university to create new knowledge and resolve socio-economic problems through ideas, inventions, innovations and research.

He was addressing a two-day 2nd International Conference on Business and Commerce (ICBC-2021). Dean Faculty of Commerce Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ahmad Bora, Prof Wallace Ford from City University, New York, researchers from various parts of the country, faculty members, students participated in the event while eminent experts from seven countries are participating in the conference online.



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Buzdar approves summary for starting air ambulance service

Korean investors will be provided special incentives in SEZs: CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: South Korean ambassador Suh Sangpyo called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office on Friday to discuss matters of mutual interest. Both agreed to enhance cooperation in IT, skills' development, tourism, healthcare and other sectors.

At the outset, the CM pointed out that both the countries enjoy friendly relations and strong economic ties adding that trade and economic relations should be further promoted. Bilateral exchange of trade and cultural delegations would boost the friendship between both countries, he continued. The provincial government is desirous of benefiting from South Korean experiences of utilizing technology for composite development as conducive investment opportunities are available in Punjab, he said and pointed out that an investment facilitation cell has been established to start one-window operations and foreign investors are provided different facilities on a priority basis. The CM added

that South Korean investors will be provided special incentives in special economic zones being established in the province as the government wants to learn from the Korean experience of providing technical and vocational training to the youth. Suh Sangpyo expressed the desire to promote trade and economic ties with Pakistan and showed readiness to provide technical assistance to the Punjab government. The Punjab government has taken commendable steps to overcome corona, he added and apprised the CM about the details of Korean investment in Pakistan.

Secretaries of industries, tourism and P&D departments and others were also present.

Another report adds: Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting at his office to approve the summary for the launch of air-ambulance service in Punjab. SACM Hasaan Khawar, ACS, Chairman P&D, DG Rescue 1122 and others attended the meeting. The CM was briefed that extended rescue services would be started from 86 tehsils while the delivery of 249 new ambulances would start from the

next month. Meanwhile, the start of the rescue cadet course for students was being deliberated upon. A 12-member community level rescue team would be constituted in every UC to provide first-aid in an emergency, the meeting was informed.

Rescue 1122 will release a tender for starting air-ambulance service. While directing to complete spadework without delay, the CM instructed to complete the hiring of pilot staff as soon as possible. This air-ambulance service will be equipped with necessary medical equipment, paramedics and rescuer to save lives.

This most modern air-ambulance facility could also land and take off from highways and motorways to transfer patients from remote areas to teaching and specialized hospitals for treatment. Similarly, the affectees of road accidents would also be airlifted to nearby hospitals without delay, the meeting noted. The CM expressed the satisfaction that Punjab is the first province in the region, as well as the country, to introduce this most modern service for executing rescue opera-

tions in far-flung areas.

Waste water samples found polio-free: Buzdar

Chief Minister chaired a meeting at his office in which he was briefed about anti-polio measures. Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid, Secretary Primary & Secondary Healthcare, representative of UNICEF polio team and others were also present.

The CM appreciated that samples of sewage water collected in Lahore and other districts have been found polio-free. This is an important achievement and the health department, as well as anti-polio teams, deserve accolades; he added and directed to continue provincial anti-polio drive for administering the vaccine to all children below the age of five years.

CM condoles loss of lives in a road accident

Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the death of three children in a road accident near Bahawalpur and extended sympathies to bereaved heirs.

CCPO opens state of the art building Factory Area PS

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: In a bid to provide improved working conditions to the police employees for better service delivery and pleasant atmosphere to the citizens, state of the art newly built four-storey building of Police station Factory Area was inaugurated by the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Fayyaz Ahmad Dev on Friday. Deputy Inspector General of Police (Operations Wing) Ahsan Younas, SSP Operations Captain (Retd) Mustansar Feroze, SSP (Admin) Mubasher Maken, SP Cantt Essa Sukhaira and other senior police officers and staff of PS accompanied the Additional IG Fayyaz Ahmad Dev while inaugurating the building.

He inspected different sections of the building and lauded the quality of construction work as well as facilities provided to the PS Factory Area. He hoped that the infrastructure would be looked after properly by the administration. Addressing the participants of the inaugural ceremony, the CCPO Lahore Fayyaz Ahmad Dev said, new building infrastructures have been provided to Lahore's filed force with estate of the art facilities with a view to improve the working conditions of police stations and benefit citizens.

Additional IG Fayyaz Dev said Factory Area Police Station is a beautiful addition in the existing modern police buildings of the city. The CCPO said police stations are the basic units of policing and foremost source of justice to the suffering community. A police station should be a symbol of peace and shelter for the citizens where they could get timely justice and response with respect and dignity.

He further said, uniformed and standardized improvements would be made gradually in all the police stations of the city. The CCPO said, the staff of police station Factory Area, now have been provided with a more favourable and conducive environment, should further improve their performance and serve humanity more diligently. Police personnel improve image of department with their good conduct, character and behavior with citizens.

Orderly Room would be conducted on regular basis and unnecessary punishments would be discouraged by him, Fayyaz Ahmad Dev pledged. Priorities have been changed with the passage of time with a focus on strengthening police stations for being basic unit of the police. It would also help change the 'thana culture' which has been the utmost priority of the police higher command, Fayyaz Ahmad Dev added.

Attacking institutions is Sharif Family habit: SACM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Special Assistant to CM on Information Hasaan Khawar has said both Maryam Nawaz and Shehbaz Sharif are blowing their own trumpets to hijack the party.

In a statement issued on Friday, the SACM said the whole nation knows that uncle and his niece are engaged in a protracted conflict to influence the party. It is an open secret that Shehbaz Sharif, a known patroniser of the corrupt mafia, has belittled the S-League. While uncle grabs the feet, the niece points fingers at the institutions, he deplored and pointed out that Maryam Nawaz has not provided any money-trail of the luxurious London flats to date. Attacking the institutions, instead of giving proves of their innocence, is a usual modus operandi of the Sharif family, stated SACM.

Meanwhile, Maryam Nawaz's politics has ended in a fiasco as she has played a key role in the political downfall of the N-League. The political future of Maryam Nawaz who used to utter now or never mantra in the past has ended, he said. Both N-League and S-League have nothing to sell to their voters, he asserted. This cabal is unnerved and it will get nothing except political humiliations; he said and concluded that this corrupt cabal will continue to cry even after 2023.

Youth urged to understand Iqbal's philosophical ideas

From Our Staff Correspondent

SARGODHA: Senator Walid Iqbal urged the youth to understand Iqbal's philosophical ideas for gaining global prominence and standing in the ranks of the world's most developed countries during the national conference titled 'Thoughts of Iqbal; Past, Present and Future' organized by the Department of Urdu & Oriental language, at Noon Auditorium on November 24-25, 2021.

A rich tribute was paid to the national poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal in the two-day national conference featuring panel discussions on various philosophies and poetry of Iqbal, and the book exhibition with several literary masterpieces on Iqbal's vision and philosophy by prominent writers.

The renowned senator Walid Iqbal, also the grandson of poet Allama Iqbal, was the chief guest at the conference, while former Principal Punjab University Oriental College Dr. Fakhar-ul-Hassan Noori presided over the conference. Several other eminent scholars and heads of various universities from all over Pakistan including Atta-ul-Haq Qasmi renowned columnist, playwright, and poet, Dr. Hussain Ahmed Piracha Pakistan's senior journalist and columnist, Dr. Nazir

Abid Principal Department of Urdu Hazara University, Mansehra; Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed Former Principal Department of Urdu and Iqbaliyat, Islamia University, Bahawalpur; Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Wirk and Dr. Ghafoor Qasim Shah Professors Urdu, FC College University, Lahore; and event convener and Head of Urdu & Oriental languages Department University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Khalid Nadeem attended the conference and shed light on the contributions of the legendary figure who propounded the two-nation theory and awakened the contemporary youth with his revolutionary poetry.

While addressing the audience on the first day, Senator Walid Iqbal advised to learn from Iqbal's reformative poetry that demonstrates respect for humanity, self-awareness, justification for man's creation, and belief in one God (Monotheism). Additionally, he said that our educational institutions, particularly Sargodha University, can play a significant role in instilling Iqbal's philosophy in pupils to bring change in society.

Atta-ul-Haq Qasmi asserted that Iqbal believes in the greatness of man and he is seen advocating for human beings in the court of Allah Almighty. He said that in my opinion, Iqbal is the greatest poet of Urdu in the world. The conference

on Fiqer-e-Iqbal would usher in a new era of knowledge and in this regard Sargodha University especially the Vice-Chancellor deserves huge respect, he added.

Dr. Hussain Ahmad Piracha said that Iqbal used to get inspiration for his philosophy from the past and dreamt of reviving the glorious past of Islam and Muslims.

Dr. Nazir Abid remarked that Allama Iqbal was interested in spiritual democracy. According to Iqbal, in all political systems, democracy is by far the best system of government. He said that the real goal of democracy would be achieved when one gets power, not by money rather based on merit.

At the closing ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar congratulated and appreciated the whole faculty of the Department of Urdu for conducting the conference. He said that the solution to all the problems of the Muslim Ummah lies in Iqbal's teaching. Students should read Kalam-e-Iqbal to obtain insight into Iqbal's character. He said that nations who remember their charismatic leaders especially great intellectuals of the past, get success in all spheres of life. A large number of students from Urdu & Oriental languages disciplines attended the conference.

HIVE wins award for innovative campaign against extremism

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: HIVE is the only Pakistani organisation that has won the award for its innovative campaigning against extremism.

Named after human rights icon Nelson Mandela and former First Lady of South Africa and Mozambique, Graça Machel, the awards are led by global civil society alliance, CIVICUS and seek to celebrate, promote, and defend a worldwide community of informed and inspired citizens engaged in confronting the challenges facing humanity.

The 2021 Innovation Awards recognise groups that stand out for their innovative work building people power in support of human rights and social justice for everyone. Through a public open call, submissions were accepted and the winners were selected from a pool of inspiring applicants from over 70 countries. An external committee of civil society leaders and activists with thematic expertise reviewed and selected seven winners. Each winner will receive \$5000 in recognition of their work in promoting people power, human rights and social justice.

The winner in the category of "creating positive narratives for people power" was HIVE Pakistan. HIVE Pakistan is a social impact organisation based in Islamabad working to address issues of extremism



and marginalization through innovative campaigning, youth-focussed mentorship and upstream mobilization. HIVE Pakistan's campaign that won the award is called AIK - Better Together which uses life-size hologram of the founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, to advocate for an equal and inclusive Pakistan. Quaid-e-Azam's own statements on interfaith harmony, inclusive development, women empowerment and pluralism are re-created using 3D holographic technology and screened in public places for mass engagement. HIVE has carried out the campaign in six cities so far engaging more than 50,000 people on the ground and reached out to millions of youths online.

Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi, Executive Director of HIVE Pakistan upon re-

ceiving the award said, "It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to disrupt hate, divisiveness and reclaim technology as a tool for social good. This would require sustained efforts to challenge extremism, promote local solutions and invest in technologies that have the potential of driving impact.

Our project was an effort in this regard that wished to show to the world that emerging technology can be harnessed as peace-building tool to create meaningful experiences for audiences in a way that are cost-effective and more impactful than traditional methodologies. We thank our supporters who believed in us and we would like to dedicate this recognition to Pakistanis who lost their lives fighting extremism in the country.

Need for implementation of Right to Information Law

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Alhamra Arts Council Executive Director Ijaz Minhas said that "Right to Information Law" is currently not implemented in its true sense and the seminar will help create an awareness among the bureaucracy and the general public.

He was speaking at the seminar held on "RTI for Journalists" at the Alhamra Arts Council on Friday.

He was of the view that in order to attain a sustainable growth of the society information disclosure is a must. Dr Altaf, a social worker, said that 72 percent of the people do not have any knowledge of the rights. He said that if the law is implemented people will be able to get required information from the people sitting at the helm of affairs for development of the welfare of the society in a better way. He said that the people usually want information about



health and cleanliness and other areas. Chief Information Commissioner Mehboob Qadar said that information plays key role in making citizens successful and effective in life. Information is a main wheel for all advancements across the human civilization, he said adding that the Article 19-A of the Constitution is the mother provision for information. Any citizen can seek any information from the public offices and officers without giving any reason to keep the government employees in their revolution.