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PSF to educate students on plastic waste management through competition

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) has announced 'Essay, Poster and Trash to Model Competition' for schools students of Islamabad to create awareness on plastic waste management in youth.

The school students from Islamabad can participate in the competition and exhibit their innovative ideas regarding reusing and recycling plastic waste which is the main source of environmental pollution, said Principal Scientific Officer, PSF, Syeda Rehana Batool.

The main objective of the competition is to create plastic waste management awareness in youth and educate them how plastic waste materials are leading to environmental degradation, she said while talking to APP on Wednesday.

The theme for the Poster Competition is "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Plastic Waste" while the Essay Competition is being arranged on the theme "Innovative Ideas to beat Plastic Waste".

The theme of the Trash to Model Competition is "Recycled Plastic Waste Model", she informed.

The competition is being arranged in collaboration with the partner organizations including UNESCO, UNDP, Global Water Challenge (GWC) and the Coca Cola Foundation, she said.

The winners of the competition will be awarded with prize on November 25 in a ceremony at Islamabad Model College for Boys I-8/3. The trophies will be given to top three along with the certificate in each category.

The Essay, Poster and Models can be submitted on the address; Syed Rehana Batool, Principal Scientific Officer, Pakistan Science Foundation, I-Constitution Avenue, G-5/2, Islamabad till November 15, she added.

LAC organises "Funkar Hamaray" with Inam Ali Khan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Arts Council (LAC) organised its weekly music series 'Funkar Hamaray' at Alhamra here on Wednesday.

Famous singer Inam Ali Khan presented his performance in music series. The programme was broadcast live on Alhamra's social media pages which was watched and liked by many people. During the programme, Inam Ali Khan sang "Menu Tere Jiya Sohna Hoor Labda Na,"

"Huntou Pe Kabhi Un K Mera Naam," and other classical songs. On the occasion, LAC Executive Director Ejaz Ahmad Minhas said, "Our mission is to provide quality entertainment to the people which is a tradition and mandate of Alhamra".

He further said the purpose of this programme was to pay tribute to artists who had rendered their services to the country and nation, adding that Alhamra always promoted classical music which would be continued.

Director Arts and Culture Zulfiqar Ali Zulfy said that personalities belonging to the fine arts were invited to this programme "Funkar Hamaray."

Vast scope to further expand Pakistan and Nigeria trade relations, says Buzdar

— Nigerian High Commissioner calls on CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: High Commissioner of Nigeria Abioye Mohammed Bello called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office on Wednesday.

Chairman P&D and others were also present. Both discussed matters of mutual interest and agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in different sectors including agriculture, IT, tourism, textile, sports goods and pharmaceutical industry.

The CM pointed out that a number of opportunities were available to further expand trade relations between Pakistan and Nigeria. The exchange of trade delegations will further promote economic ties and the investors of both countries will be mutually benefited due to the expansion in the volume of bilateral trade, he noted.

A facilitation centre has been established at the office of CM Punjab to ensure ease for local and foreign investors and it is noteworthy that a conducive atmosphere was provided for investment, added Usman Buzdar.

Direct access was provided to investors to concerned high government officials through the facilitation centre and a zero NOC policy



was being introduced to enter the province into a new arena of investment, he added. The CM invited the Nigerian investors to invest in Punjab adding that work has been started on 12 special economic zones in three years while the industrialization process has been started in eight new special economic zones.

Meanwhile, the Punjab government was going to showcase the vibrant cultural and trade potentials at Dubai Expo this month to highlight Pakistan's soft image before the world, concluded the CM.

The Nigerian High Commissioner appreciated the steps taken by CM led Punjab government to facilitate the investors adding that the efforts of the CM are praiseworthy. We want to promote cooperation with Punjab in different sectors, he added.

CM felicitates Hindus over the festival of Diwali

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has felicitated Pakistan's Hindu community on *Diwali*, adding that the government fully shares their joys on this happy occasion which symbolises the victory of good over evil. In a statement, the chief minister said the state was responsible for protecting the rights of her minorities.

Sharing others' happiness promotes the passions of brotherhood and tolerance in society, he stated. Respect for minority communities and ensuring better treatment was a message of the religion of Islam; he maintained and repeated that religious minorities enjoy equal rights in Pakistan. The govern-

ment has also ensured the provision of equal educational opportunities for them, he added.

CM felicitates cricket team

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has congratulated the cricket team for making it to the T20 World Cup semi-final and hoped that the team would also clinch victory in the semi-final. It is satisfying that the players have performed well to defeat the opponent teams, he added.

Condoles loss of lives

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the loss of lives in a road accident near the Palandri area of Azad Kashmir.

In a statement, the CM extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs and prayed for the early recovery of the injured. The Punjab government fully shares the grief of the affected families, he added.

CM chairs cabinet meeting today

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar will chair the 49th meeting of the provincial cabinet to deliberate on 45 point agenda today (Thursday).

Ministers, special assistants, advisors, chief secretary, IG police and administrative secretaries will attend the meeting.



LAHORE: Employees of Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) shout slogans during protest in favour of their demands outside the Lahore Press Club. —Online

— Study in private and public institutions of technical education

Aslam abolishes registration and examination fees for special children

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A meeting of the members of Punjab Board of Technical Education was held under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Mian Aslam Iqbal in the committee room of Punjab Board of Investment and Trade here on Wednesday.

Chairman Punjab Board of Technical Education Dr Muhammad Nazir Khan and board members attended the meeting. The meeting gave approval to the administrative and financial matters of the board. Provincial Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal announced the

abolition of registration and examination fees for special children studying in private and government institutes of technical education and said that the provincial government would bear the cost of admission and examination fees for these special children.

The board also approved an increase in the attendance charges for members from Rs 5,000 to 10,000. The board also Approved 10% ad hoc relief in salaries and pensions announced in the budget for the current financial year for board employees. At the same time, the board also approved students to adopt Urdu or English language for examinations. Addressing the

meeting, Provincial Minister Punjab Aslam Iqbal said that the affairs of the board should be taken forward in accordance with the rules and regulations, the government has made the examination system transparent and the youth are being trained according to the needs of the market.

Punjab govt taking steps to improve air quality: Minister

The government's electric vehicle policy, tree plantation drive, and cooperation of every individual of society is essential to improve Air quality as no government can overcome all such problems alone, Provincial Minister for Environmental Protection Muhammad

Rizwan said on Wednesday. Punjab government was taking a number of initiatives to improve the air quality and all relevant departments in Punjab were strictly implementing the instructions on smog control, he said while speaking to a private news channel.

He said that the current government of PTI has already taken some concrete steps, including planting trees, banning brick kiln operations, and shifting the brick kiln industry towards zig-zag technology to improve air quality.

However, in order to mitigate the factors behind smog, there is a need to adopt preventive measures and increase awareness among the

Nida Dar eager for dream National Stadium debut

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: Pakistan star female cricketer Nida Dar is eager to make the most of the three One-Day Internationals against the West Indies Women that the national women's team will play at the iconic National Stadium from 8-14 November.

These three matches serve an opportunity for both teams to get the desired competitive match practice ahead of the ICC World Cup Qualifier.

When Pakistan toured West Indies in June-earlier this year, Nida made 135 runs – including half-century in the first match – at 33.75 in five ODIs. This year has proved to be a successful one for her with the bat as the right-hander has scored 259 at an average of over 43.

Pakistan, today Wednesday, held scenario-based training at the National Stadium. Speaking about the preparations, Nida said: "We are getting some great practice ahead of the three ODIs against the West Indies. The pitches here are great for cricket and the weather is also great for the game.

This series is very important for us to prepare for the World Cup Qualifier. "While West Indies toured Pakistan in 2018 for three T20Is, which were played at Karachi's Southend Club, the last time these two teams met at the National Stadium was in 2006.

That is the only instance the two sides have ever faced off at this venue. So when the series begins on 8 November, Nida will play her first international fixture at the National Stadium— something she had been eagerly looking forward to.

Babar Azam gains top slot in ICC T20i batting ranking

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan cricket captain Babar Azam has returned to the top of the batting table in the latest ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings, which were released by the game's governing body, ICC on Wednesday.

The champion batter is already ranked No.1 in ODIs and seventh in Tests, which is a testament to his talent, skill and consistent performance across all formats. In the rankings that were announced last week, England's Dawid Malan (831 points) led Babar (820 points) by 11 points. Since the last announcement, Babar has notched up half-centuries against Afghanistan (51) and Namibia (70), whereas Dawid Malan had scores of eight against Australia and six against Sri Lanka in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Contrasting performances in the past week has meant Babar has turned



the 11-point deficit into a 36-point lead over Malan. As such, Babar is now the only batter to sit inside the 800-point mark on 834 points, while Malan has slipped to 798 points. This is the sixth time Babar has surged to the top of the T20I batting charts, while Malan has slipped to second for the first time since November 2020. Babar's return to the No.1 T20I ranking has come in the same week

when Pakistan leapfrogged India to second position following their five wickets victory over Afghanistan in Dubai. Pakistan are now on 265 points, while India has slipped to 262 points after back to back defeats against Pakistan and

New Zealand. England led the field with 279 points. Reacting to the news, Babar Azam said: "It is a good little motivation to be back on top of the T20I rankings. But the bigger picture is these performances have helped Pakistan to rise to No.2 and become the first side to qualify for the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021. "In a team game, each and every player has contributed, but we are well aware that the job is half done. Our focus firmly remains to maintain the standards we have set in this competition and finish the tournament like we have started so that we can properly celebrate team and individual achievements."



LAHORE: A vendor sells kids toys on a roadside set-up at the Shahi Qila. —Online