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NBF publishes 476 titles with 8,333,400 copies during last three years

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Maintaining its tradition of promoting book reading culture in the country, National Book Foundation (NBF) has published 476 titles with 8,333,400 copies during last three years. "NBF has published a total of 252 general books with 1,498,000 copies, 42 children books with 1,740,430 copies and 182 textbooks with 5,094,970 copies during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21", an official source told APP.

A number of books in different categories were in the process of publication, the official informed.

The NBF receives numerous manuscripts and books of different categories, which fall under the domain of fiction, nonfiction, applied and pure sciences are received from time to time for publication in accordance with NBF's Act of 1972. The manuscripts or books are placed before "Publication Committee", consisting of writers, experts, representative from Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and heads of NBF's concerned sections in order to make decisions for publications. The manuscripts or books recommended by the Publication Committee are sent to proof readers and editors before printing in order to make them error free.

Housing Ministry plans to vacate illegally occupied govt's quarters

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Ministry of Housing and Works is planning to vacate government quarters in the Federal capital from retired and relatives of late employees, who continue to occupy residences.

The ministry in that regard had also sought help from the Capital Development Authority and the Estate Office which falling under the administrative control of the Housing Ministry, sources in the Estate Office told APP.

They said that the Ministry was considering taking action against the encroachments and illegally constructed structures in government residences in the federal capital.

Strict action would be taken against the construction of extra rooms by the employees and their kith and kin, who lived in government allotted houses, they added.

At present, the sources said over 17,000 government houses in Islamabad were under the management of the Estate Office and additional rooms had illegally been constructed by the allottees in over 2,400 residences.

The basic purpose of the operation was to clear the government residences of encroachments.

They further informed that over 25,000 government employees were currently on the general waiting list to get accommodation, but they could not be provided with the same as retired employees, their relatives and relatives of even late government employees continued to live in government quarters.

PTI govt ensures protection of life and property of all minorities

Sarwar says if the world abandons Afghanistan, problems like terrorism and food security will get out of control

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that if the world abandons Afghanistan, problems like terrorism and food security will get out of control. The Muslim Ummah must come to same page to eradicate phenomenon of Islamophobia.

The efforts to promote religious harmony in Pakistan are unprecedented in the world. We are ensuring the protection of life and property of all minorities living in Pakistan in accordance with the vision of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. According to the details issued from Governor House Lahore, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar during his visit to United Kingdom was talking to the speaker of Scottish Parliament Alison Johnstone and delegation of Overseas Pakistanis. Scottish Parliament Speaker Alison Johnstone also appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan to bring peace in the entire region and Afghanistan. Governor Punjab while talking during the meeting said that the situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating with each passing day. Today, the Afghan government



does not even have the money to pay salaries to their employees and to provide medicine in hospitals. Under such circumstances, life is becoming more and more difficult for the common man.

Such conditions are by no means are in the interest of the world because when the situation in Afghanistan dete-

riorates, other terrorist organizations including ISIS will become more active. The effects of terrorism in Afghanistan will be felt not only in Afghanistan or Pakistan but also in the entire region and the world. Therefore, the world should take immediate notice of the whole situation. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan has been playing its role in good faith for the solution of Afghanistan's problems since day one.

Even today Pakistan has more than 4 millions Afghan refugees. The time has come for the world to fulfill its responsibility to save human lives in Afghanistan because later on, the world will have nothing but regret. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar while meeting overseas Pakistanis said that Overseas Pakistanis have a major role in Pakistan's economic development and stability. The PTI government has not only given the right to vote to overseas Pakistanis as promised but has also been working to provide more facilities to them. Pakistanis living across the world should participate in the politics of the respective countries they live in as much as possible so that they can also help to solve the problems of overseas Pakistanis living there.



LAHORE: A large numbers of people visit at Lahore Zoo during Sunday holiday.

Brick kilns urged to adopted Zig Zag technology

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Muhammad Rizwan has said that in view of the smog situation, the representatives of the EPD department, especially in the field, have to perform their duties with utmost honesty and diligence. He said only those brick kilns to be allowed, adopted Zig Zag or friendly technology and strict action be taken, wherever seems any illegal activities or environmental violation. These views were expressed by the Provincial Minister for Environmental Protection Muhammad Rizwan while presiding over a departmental meeting in the committee room of EPD. Secretary Syed Mubashir Hussain, DG Umbreen Sajid and other concerned persons were present on the occasion. The provincial minister said that at present all the concerned departments are working under a comprehensive strategy to control environmental pollution, especially smog, while there were complaints from some quarters that brick kilns being found in violation in various areas of the province. He directed the Secretary Environment to scrutinize the process of inspection of brick kilns and issue a letter to all his field officers that no negligence would be tolerated in this regard as clear instructions of Punjab Chief Minister that no brick kiln will operate having old technology. The provincial minister further directed that strict legal action should be taken against the violating kiln owners. He directed the secretary to write a letter to the district administration emphasized on spraying of water on the roads and stop the burning of solid waste etc and prohibition of the use of substandard fuels.

'Sports play important role in life'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-Freed Zafar has said that sports have the potential to bring change in the world along with health while it is also important in creating an atmosphere of brotherhood among society.

He added that it is very important for the doctors who take care of the health of the people and provide them medical treatment to keep themselves healthy and energetic. Prof. Al-Freed Zafar further said that healthy sports competitions also enrich the abilities of students so sports competitions should continue in medical institutions.

These views were expressed by Prof. Al-Freed Zafar while speaking on the occasion of the award distribution ceremony at the end of the Sports Gala of Ameeruddin Medical College where Vice-Chancellor University of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Javed Akram was Chief Guest while faculty members, Chairman of Sports Society Prof. Dr. Farooq Afzal, Final Year student Sports



President Fabiha Qayyum and other students also present. Chief Guest Prof. Javed Akram while appreciating the ability and intelligence of the students of Ameer-ud-Din Medical College said that they are not lagging behind in sports activities besides performing well in examinations which is a very welcome thing.

Expressing his views, Prof. Al-Fareed Zafar said that sports activities are very important for

physical and mental health as the spirit of success is nurtured in the field of education of the students through sportsman spirit. Principal PGMI said that medical education is a very aspect challenge for which students spend a lot of time in studying and therefore extra-curricular activities play a significant role in refreshing their minds. He said that it is a good thing that female students are also participating in sports activities with enthusiasm and this time AMC student Fabiha Qayyum has been awarded the title of Sports President who has won 3 medals, 7 shields and 1 trophy. Her name implies that female students are ahead of boys in the field of education as well as in sports which students have to work hard to compete. During Sports Week, various sports competitions were held in which the students of Ameeruddin Medical College took full part and displayed their talent. VC UHS and Principal AMC/PGMI also distributed prizes among position holders/players. Sports Chairman Prof. Dr. Farooq Afzal thanked all the organizers and staff for the successful organization of the games.

Youth are our valuable asset: Augustine

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister HR&MA Ejaz Alam Augustine has said that youth are a valuable asset of any country while fortunately Pakistan has 64% youth and PTI is the only party which came to power due to majority of youth.

He said that the role of Youth Development Foundation was commendable as it was providing ample opportunities to the youth in every field and supporting the Ministry of Human Rights in promoting of Interfaith Harmony. These views were expressed by the Provincial Minister while attending the concluding session of Ally fellowship training program organised by YDF in a local

hotel on Sunday. Founder Parindey Sonal Dhanani, US Consulate Deputy Public Affairs Officer Reid Howell, experts from various fields and representatives of civil society were also present in the session.

CEO YDF Shahid Rehmat briefed the participants that the heads of various youth organizations from all over Pakistan came to Lahore to attend the Ally fellowship training program and learned a lot.

He hoped that youth will move forward in a better way to serve the ailing humanity under the guidance of the Ministry of Human Rights. Red Howell, Deputy Public Affairs Officer at the US Consulate emphasized that gathering of the youth on a platform a good omen for everyone

as the youth performing a key role in the development of any country while the youth of Pakistan will highlight the positive aspects of Pakistan. During his address by Provincial Minister Ejaz Alam appreciated the role of YDF to organise training programme and said that the youth can play an important role in promoting patience and tolerance in the society while the Youth Development Foundation also providing their services to draft of interfaith harmony which is in final stage to forward in cabinet. He further said that Imran Khan is a role model for all the youth who is spreading the message of peace all over the world and ensuring the elimination of extremist attitudes.



LAHORE: People select used books from a roadside setup at The Mall.