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## Quick Read

### Railways earn Rs200.33b in four years

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways (PR) has earned around Rs 200.33 billion during the last four years and also significantly decreased its working expenses to transform the organization into a profitable entity.

"Pakistan Railways has earned Rs49.576 bln in 2017-18, Rs54.514 bln in 2018-19, Rs47.588 billion in 2019-20 and Rs48.652 bln in 2020-21," an official in the Ministry of Railway told APP. To question about facilitating the people of Gujranwala, he said that Khyber Mail, Tezgam Express, Awam Express, Jaffar Express, Subak Raftar and Subauk Kharam were observing stoppages at main Gujranwala station. The official said that the punctuality ratio of Pakistan Railways passenger trains have improved by around 90 percent in year 2021-2022 due to untiring efforts of the management.

"With the punctuality of trains and concrete measures taken by the previous government, over 20 million passengers have been added in the system, which is an ample proof of department's achievement," he added.

"The quality of food served in the passenger trains had been improved considerably as it had been officially supervised by the authorities that passengers should get pure and quality food on the trains," he added. To another question, he said Pakistan Railways had so far upgraded around 630 coaches from its own resources to increase revenue of the department and facilitate its passengers for comfortable travel. He said that 168 coaches were upgraded in 2016-17, 192 in 2017-18 and 260 coaches in 2018-19, while taking several steps to improve financial position of the organization included starting of new trains with the same rolling stock and human resources. The official said Pakistan Railways was also planning to repair another 472 coaches which were either out of service or non-functional since long and required heavy or light maintenance. Giving details about the repair, the official said that 39 coaches of Pakistan Railways were under survey of condemnations being over-aged and beyond economical repair. The official said that 205 coaches were available in the workshops under periodical overhauling and repair while around 228 coaches available in Lahore division and in Carriage Factory and C&W Shops held up since long for repairs.

### 2,200 Sikh yatrees arrive for Vaisakhi

LAHORE: Over 2,200 Sikh pilgrims (yatrees) arrived here on Tuesday via Wagah Border in order to celebrate Vaisakhi festival which would be held on April 14. Additional Secretary Shrines Rana Shahid, Deputy Secretary Shrines Imran Gondal, Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Pardhan Sardar Ameer Singh, and other Sikh leaders and ETPB board officials received the yatrees. Additional Secretary Shrines Rana Shahid said that under the directions of Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) Chairman Dr Amir Ahmad, all arrangements including security and accommodation were in place to facilitate the yatrees. Facilities such as filtered cold water, clean washrooms, comfortable seating arrangements etc were made for the Sikh yatrees. He said that the main ceremony would be held at Gurdwara Punja Sahib at Hassan Abdal on April 14 and the yatrees would return to India on April 21. Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Pardhan, Sardar Ameer Singh said that special trains would operate from April 12, adding that special arrangements were made for the guests at the Nankana Sahib and Hassan Abdal railway stations. Sikh leader Ravinder Singh expressed his gratitude to the government of Pakistan and people for their love and hospitality for the Sikh pilgrims. —APP



LAHORE: People break their fast on the roof top of a restaurant at the Food Street.

## Imran Khan promoted politics of principles: Punjab CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has termed Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan a political lodestar who guided the nation and taught it the value of national character.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the CM said that Imran Khan recharged political awakening and patriotism while truthfully expressing the sentiments of the nation. Imran Khan promoted the politics of principles and guided the nation to follow the philosophy of Iqbal and the golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam,



Buzdar says Imran guided nation to follow philosophy of Iqbal and golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam

he added. He also raised the prestige of the country at the international level as Imran Khan is an honest and sincere leader and no one can compete with him, he concluded.

Buzdar condemns attacks on police vans in DI Khan and Karak Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has condemned the attacks on police mobile vans in Dera Ismail Khan and Karak and paid homage to the martyrs. He extended sympathies to the heirs of the martyred officials and prayed for the early recovery of the injured. The provincial government shares the grief of the bereaved families, he added.

## Governor discusses political, administrative situation of Punjab with ex-governors

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Omer Sarfraz Cheema met former Governor Punjab Mian Azhar and former Governor Punjab Lieutenant General (retired), Khalid Maqbool on Tuesday.

During the meeting various issues including political and administrative situation of Punjab was discussed.

Both former Governors congratulated Omer Sarfraz Cheema on assuming the office of Governor Punjab and expressed their best wishes.

Talking on the occasion, regarding the current political situation, he said that the electoral process was essential for the continuity of democracy.



## Crackdown continues across province to save youth from drugs

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan, crackdown of police teams against drug smugglers, dealers and users is underway in all districts of the province. IG Punjab emphasised upon RPOs and DPOs to expedite special operations in all the districts on sale and purchase of modern narcotic drugs like sheesha, meth, hashish, heroin and alcohol. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that the use of drugs in educational institutions and hostels should be curtailed and action should be intensified against those involved in this abominable act of smuggling. He stressed upon to round up such accused and get them strictly punished.

IG Punjab reiterated that coordination and information sharing with other law enforcement agencies including ANF should be further improved to tighten the noose around major drug smugglers so that culprits could be brought to book

### IG Police directs RPOs, DPOs to wreak massive crackdown against drug dealers

for spoiling future of nation. He further said that special awareness campaigns and lectures should be continued in educational institutions to keep students safe from drugs and assistance should also be sought from civil society, teachers and religious scholars. Spokesperson Punjab Police said that 12,825 cases were registered against drug smugglers and dealers involved in drug supply chain in across province during this year while 13028 accused were arrested. Punjab Police Spokesperson said that huge amount of drugs including 6335 kg of hashish, 176 kg of heroin, 20582 grams of ice (meth) and 184715 liters of liquor were recovered from possession of accused.

## Punjab Stadium will be upgraded for South Asian Games 2023: DG Sports

LAHORE: Director General Sports Punjab Javed Chohan said on Tuesday that Punjab Stadium would be upgraded for holding South Asian Games 2023 events in a befitting manner.

He said this while chairing an important meeting in connection with South Asian Games 2023 here at National Hockey Stadium. The meeting was convened to review the arrangements, particularly venues of the mega event scheduled to be staged in Pakistan after a long gap of 19 years. It would be the third edition of South Asian Games to be held in Pakistan after the 2004 and 1989 editions.

Secretary Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) Mohammad Khalid Mehmood, Secretary Punjab Olympic Association Idris Haider Khawaja, Chief Sports Consultant Hafeez Bhatti and other officials attended the meeting. Different features and other key details of various venues were shown through slides during the meeting. Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports Punjab said that Punjab Stadium would be the main venue for organizing South Asian Games 2023 sports events. "The seating capacity of the Punjab Stadium would be enhanced so that maximum number of sports enthusiasts could witness and enjoy the exciting sports competitions of the mega event. Besides this, top standard other facilities would also be provided at this venue," he added. —APP

### -Ortho Mini Fellowship Programme

## 100 doctors completed their training at LGH

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Post Graduate Medical Institute Principal Prof. Dr. Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar has said that the bright future of doctors is related to medical education and latest research while it depends that how much one doctor keeps himself fully up to date about innovations so that their professional abilities can be further enhanced over the time.

These views were expressed by Prof. Al-freed Zafar while addressing the ceremony of awarding certificates to the 5th batch doctors of Orthopedic Mini Fellowship Program at LGH which was organized under the Medical Education Programme of PGMI in which more than 100 doctors from different countries including Egypt participated. On this occasion Prof. Muhammad Hanif informed the participants of the event that the doctors were introduced to the modern treatment during the course so that they can better served the patients. The program

also provides doctors with practical training in spinal surgery, Arthroscopy, joint replacement, trauma management and other ailments. Prof. Dr. Tariq Sohail, Dr. Khalid Kazmi, Dr. Mudassar Siddique, Dr. Husnain Khalid, Dr. Abdul Aziz and other doctors were present in large numbers also.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Al-freed said that PGMI Lahore has a unique position in which many new aspects related to this medical sector have been introduced in this fellowship. He added that apart from other achievements, PGMI has also been honored to launch this Mini Fellowship as well which is being used by Pakistani doctors as well as medical experts from other friendly countries.

He vowed to further enhance the professionalism of Pakistani doctors and said that all available resources are being utilized in the PGMI and a policy has been formulated for the future which will raise the standard of medical education and research and physicians will be edu-