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Punjab uplifts major sectors by approving various development schemes

LAHORE: The Punjab Provincial Development Working Party approved six development schemes of various sectors with an estimated cost of Rs. 21,802.152 million. These schemes were approved in the 82nd meeting of Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) of current fiscal year 2021-22 presided over by Chairman Planning & Development Board Ali Sarfraz Hussain. The approved development schemes included Establishment of Mother & Child Block in Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore (Revised) at the cost of Rs. 9,472.262 million, Construction of Front Approach Road of QAAP, length 3.90 Km in District Sheikhupura (Revised) at the cost of Rs. 683.932 million, Rehabilitation / Widening & Improvement of Shahpur - Bhera - Malikwal Road Length 76.50 Km in District Sargodha (Section Km 27.00 to 76.50 Km=49.50 Km) at the cost of Rs. 1,872.516 million, Rehabilitation / Widening of Road from Buchal Kalan to Lila (Phase-II), Length=25.00 Km, District Chakwal (Revised) at the cost of Rs. 534.455 million, Punjab Agriculture Food and Drug Authority (Revised) at the cost of Rs. 8,508.760 million and Widening / Improvement / Construction of road from Piplan to Kallur Kot Road Tehsil Piplan Including Southern Bye Pass length 18.20 Km in District Mianwali (Revised) at the cost of Rs. 730.227 million. Provincial Secretary P&D Board Dr. Muhammad Sohail Anwar Chaudhary, all Members of the Planning & Development Board, Provincial Secretaries of concerned departments, and other senior representatives of the relevant Provincial Departments also attended the meeting. —APP

Al Battar Group Int'l to bring \$1b investment per year in Pakistan

Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Al Battar Group International will play a main role to bring investment of \$1 billion per year from UAE, KSA, Turkey & Malaysia through their business relations, says CEO Malik Ibrar Hussain on Tuesday. Investment will use for the empowerment of Pakistan economy by investing in Power & Agriculture sector with the collaboration of Govt of Pakistan. Muhammad Yousaf Bhatti Director Al Battar Group said that we are looking forward to Govt of Pakistan to initiate on this global project for the development and strengthen of Pakistan economical position with Al Battar Group International.

NHMP to launch a demerit point system

KHANEWAL: Under Inspector General Khalid Mahmood's direction, NHMP will launch a demerit point system. The system will rely on a national driving license repository (NLDR) of over 8 million driving licenses. Demerit points for various violations are defined in the National Highways Safety Ordinance 2000 (Section 86). Driving licenses shall be suspended, as per the law, when demerit points exceed twenty within two years. NHMP officers can now retrieve prior violations and challans through the violator's CNIC, telephone number, and license number. This initiative is a part of the '#NoMore' campaign, whereby a zero-tolerance enforcement regime has been introduced with the help of technological innovations like well-equipped spotters, next-generation speed cameras, drones, body-worn cameras and intelligent management systems for public service vehicles (PSVs). —APP



LAHORE: A health worker administers an injection of meningitis to a girl at the Haji Camp.

E-employment programme an important step for strong economic future of youth: Governor

-Attends MoU ceremony of transfer of E-Employment Centres

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Tuesday attended the MoU ceremony of transfer of E-Employment Centers at Governor House Lahore as a special guest. Chairman Planning and Development Board Ali Sarfraz and Secretary Sports Asadullah Faiz were also present on the occasion while Vice Chancellors of various universities of Punjab also attended the function.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellors of various universities of Punjab, Secretary Sports and DGPITB signed a memorandum of understanding.

Addressing the function, Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that e-employment program is an important step for the strong economic future of the youth. He said that good policies should be continued. Governor Punjab said that policies have been maintained year after year in developed countries, adding that good policies should not only be continued for the development of the country and nation but also they should be further improved. He said that it was very important to equip the youth with IT and digital technology in this modern age. He said that PML-N had given laptops to millions of students on merit in the previous government and this year also the government has re-launched the program of laptops for students. Vice Chancellors of Islamia University Bahawalpur, Lahore College for Women University and University of Edu-



cation also addressed the function. He said in a briefing before the ceremony that the e-employment program would be transferred to universities and colleges in three phases. In the first phase, 21 e-employment centers are being shifted to universities, while the remaining centers across Punjab will be shifted to university and college sector by June next year.

Member Provincial Assembly call on Punjab Governor: Member Provincial Assembly Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman, Senator Irfan Siddiqui, Senator, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Hafiz Abdul

Karim, former Federal Minister Saira Afzal Tarar and Special Assistant to Prime Minister Junaid Anwar Chaudhry called on Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman on Tuesday at Governor House Lahore. Governmental affairs and issues of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting. Talking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that the present government was pursuing a policy of strengthening the country's economy.

He said that it was the responsibility of all of us to make Pakistan strong and prosperous for which all should play their role. "Unfortunately, in the last three-and-a-half years, along with the economic downturn, there has been a decline in moral values as well," he said. Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that our young generation is the future of Pakistan and they need to be imparted good education as well as moral education. "We need to put Islamic teachings into practice in order to create tolerance in the society," he said. He said that he had the opportunity to work as the Federal Minister of Education in the previous PML-N government and he had taken steps various steps including uniform curriculum to raise the standard of education. He said that in the previous era of PML-N, progress was being made in every field including education. He said that in order to bring educational institutions to the international level, we have to uplift the prestige of our educational institutions by inculcating high traditions in them.

Spotify celebrates K-Pop in Pakistan

LAHORE: Top Album Pakistan Chart" read a recent tweet on BTS Pak Official, Pakistan's official dedicated fan base for the rapidly rising Korean band. Never before has Pakistan's music scene witnessed a fan base more dedicated to the artists they love than with K-Pop. From birthday celebrations held for their favorite musicians to social media trends on the release of new albums, we've seen it all. In a country where many would imply that foreign language tracks might find it hard to gain traction, K-Pop has defied all odds.

It all started with BTS, the groundbreaking group of seven Korean youngsters who rose to fame in 2013 with their debut album '2 Cool 4 Skool' and 'O!



RUL8,2', the first extended play by the idol group released in the same year, and soon made in-roads into the Pakistani market. Their popularity has hit unprecedented levels, and it seems to show no signs of receding soon as their music continues to top the

charts. According to the data revealed by Spotify between March 2021 to March 2022, streaming of K-Pop tunes saw a 56% rise with Gen Z, the segment falling between 18 to 24 years of age, being the most avid listeners of the genre making up to more than 50% of the total streams of K-Pop in the country. The love for K-Pop and BTS in particular is evident from dedicated fan bases in the form of social media groups that go all-out for the acts that they hold close to their heart. BTS Pakistan Official is a prime example with more than 16,000 followers as of June 2021, the page is one of the biggest and most prominent communities of BTS loyalists in Pakistan. —PR

Pak players reach top spots despite lack of facilities: Naseem Shah

LAHORE: Pakistani pacer Naseem Shah believes the trait that distinguishes Pakistani players from English cricketers was that Pakistani players succeed in reaching top spots despite the lack of facilities.

"You get facilities in big cities but in my hometown, there's no cricket ground. I think these facilities can't be provided back home, but if there are a few, more cricketers will emerge," cricketpakistan.com.pk quoted him as saying.

Naseem had the opportunity to feature in 2022 County Cricket for Gloucestershire Cricket Club but his appearances in four-day matches were cut short due to stiffness in his shoulder.

However, the 19-year-old played club matches and featured for the club in T20 Blast. He returned to Pakistan due to his father's illness and may rejoin Glou soon.

Naseem highlighted what he learned while playing for the club: "Our legendary cricketers have also played county cricket and have praised the quality of environment

and cricket, my experience has also been the same. This is my first experience and I have learned many things, they are very professional in everything they do," he said. Naseem was sidelined after the first game and was replaced by retired Pakistan pacer, Mohammad Amir. Naseem revealed that he was not in-



jured and only had some stiffness problem; therefore, after consultation with management, he decided to put less load on his shoulder.

"My injury was not so problematic. After the Test against Australia, I had stiffness in my shoulder and I discussed it with the management and they said we have many games to play. I started to bowl in the same week. They dealt with me professionally and said that if you would play two to three more games, it may grow stiff again. They told me to train and recover, I played games in T20 Blast and am hopeful to play in four-day games as well." Naseem said adding that he mostly bowled above 140+ kph but according to him the pace doesn't matter if a bowler is not bowling in the right areas. "In my short career, I have learned that if you even bowl at 160 kph, you will get hit if you won't bowl at good areas. I feel I am bowling at 145 kph and have variations. My aim has been to bring perfection in my line and length and not only rely on speed," he added. —APP

Beginning of new era of eco-friendly construction starts in construction sector

Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: The beginning of a new era of eco-friendly construction in Pakistan in the construction sector, there will be a happy solution to the net zero energy and energy crisis.

SB Global RMC has entered into an agreement with DHA Lahore to introduce this magnificent project in Pakistan. The project will be under Islamic development REIT. In this regard, a function was organized at DHA Headquarters Lahore in which DHA Administrator Brigadier Waheed Gul Satti, Director Colonel (retd) Irfan Hanif, Director Legal Colonel (retd) Zafar Iqbal, Director Planning Col (retd)

Iqbal, Saqib Burjis of SB Global, Aslam Malik, Mian Ali Ashfaq, Imran Bashir, Ali Bukhari, Wasim Arshad and others joined. The project will save 80% on mixed energy. The project will bring in international

award winning architectural real estate consultants, world class and modern architecture as well as foreign direct investment in Pakistan and help solve real construction problems in Pakistan. Defense Housing

Authority Representatives of Lahore and SB Global assured full cooperation in the completion of this unique project and expressed their best wishes and reiterated their commitment to complete this

