

13th UVAS Convocation on 23rd

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 13th convocation of the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore has been scheduled to be held on November 23, 2022, at the City Campus Lahore.

Convener of 13th Convocation/Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman chaired meeting of conveners and secretaries of subcommittees here in City Campus Lahore and reviewed preparation/arrangements for the convocation.

The conveners of sub-committees briefed the meeting on the working of their respective committees. Full dress rehearsal for the convocation will be arranged at City Campus on November 22.

Chancellor/Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman will preside over the convocation. In which graduates of DVM, BS (Hons), Pharm-D, Doctors of Nutrition and Dietetics (DND), MBF, BBA (Hons), MBA, MSc, MPhil and PhD will receive their degrees. Position winning graduates will also be awarded with medals.

PFA discards expired bakery products

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LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Friday discarded a huge quantity of expired bakery products and loose colours during a raid at a famous confectionary unit in Gulberg.

An enforcement team of PFA took action against the bakery shop due to non-compliance with authority instructions, poor cleanliness arrangements and preserved expired food at the surface of the floor in the processing area.

This was informed by PFA Director General Mudassar Riaz Malik. He said that dairy and frozen meat products were stored together against the rules of the Punjab Pure Food Regulations. Apart from that, workers of the shop did not have medical and training certificates.

He further said that the PFA will not compromise on the quality of food and take strict action against the violators as per law. He said PFA is strictly monitoring the process of edibles from preparation to sale without any discrimination.

The utmost priority of the Punjab Food Authority is to ensure adulteration-free food supply in Punjab, he added.



LAHORE: Artists present traditional dance at the inaugural ceremony of Winter Family Festival at the Jilani Park.

LCCI demands fresh measures on war-footing to save poultry sector

Soybean shortage may cause closure of 32,000 poultry farms, creating a shortage of beef, milk, poultry meat, and eggs, suspension of \$1200 million in investment in this industry

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LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has urged the government to take immediate measures to save the poultry sector and to avoid a looming food crisis.

The government is not clearing 130,000 tonnes of soybean seeds that are now stockpiled at the Karachi Port and are worth more than 22 billion rupees. Soybean oil is derived from soybean seed, which is then processed and used as a critical component of animal and poultry feed. The same seeds are also used to

make soya milk for babies and is a critical component for the fattening of big animals. It is crucial to note that without soybean seeds, the chicken feed cannot be produced. As a result, the country now faces the possibility of a food security crisis.

According to the President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashif Anwar, Senior Vice President Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry, and Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt, if soybean seed is not released, meat production in the country will suffer, along with an impossible-to-manage shortage of milk and

eggs. They said, due to the severe possibility of a feed shortage, many poultry farmers have decided not to place chickens in their farms this season. They urged the government to release the soybean seed soon, warning that if it is not, not only would the country run out of chickens and eggs in the next two weeks, but also of milk and meat, adding that this has led to the concerns about the closure of 32,000 poultry farms, as well as the direct impact on more than 300 feed mills and the suspension of \$1200 million in investment in this sector, including significant participation from international investors.

Additionally, the poultry industry contributes 50% of the nation's meat needs, and it also employs more than 15 lakh people.

They added that the lack of access to soybean seeds across the country is beginning to have an impact; chicken is becoming more expensive, and is becoming increasingly out of reach of the average person. In order to ensure that there is no food security crisis in the country and no lack of chicken meat, they said, it should be treated as an SOS and that the authorities should swiftly release the soybean seed at the port after realizing the serious-



LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Raja Bisharat chairs a meeting on legislation committee meeting of the Cabinet

Registration of federal institutions in Punjab soon: Bisharat

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Raja Bisharat on Friday said procedures for registration of federal institutions in Punjab would be decided soon. Chairing a meeting of the cabinet committee on legislative business, he said welfare activities should be encouraged as much as possible. Law Minister Khuram Shehzad Virk, Secretary Law Akhtar Javed, Secretary Regulation also participated. —APP

DC holds open court to redress public grievances

LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali held an open court and listened to public complaints against various departments here on Friday.

He issued directives to resolve complaints and directed the departments to improve their quality of service for providing the maximum relief to people.

Constitution only way to reduce political polarisation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University School of Communication Studies Maulana Zafar Ali Khan Chair, PU Web TV and Department of Communication & Media Research (DCMR) jointly organised a seminar on 'Political Polarization in Pakistan: Balancing voices Vs Journalists' Biases'. On this occasion, SCS Director Prof Dr Noshina Saleem, Prof Dr Mian Hanan Ahmad, renowned journalists Rizwan Razi, Gohar Butt, Assistant Prof Dr Tanveer Hussain, Assistant Prof Dr Nasim Ishaq and students were present.

In his address, Rizwan Razi highlighted the role of media in political polarization in Pakistan in the history and its present practices in modern era. He said that after the emergence of new media, Pakistan's democracy has become polarized and 5th

generation hybrid media war had been launched.

Gohar Butt shed light on the Constitution of Pakistan and said that the Constitution of a country was the most essential part for its development and implementation of Constitution was the only way to reduce political polarization.

Later, the director gave the vote of thanks to the respected guests.

CEMB symposium on Health Sciences held Punjab University Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB) and Centre for Applied Molecular Biology (CAMP) jointly organized one-day "International Symposium on Health Sciences" at Rizuddin Auditorium, CEMB. On this occasion, PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi, VC University of Education Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, former VC University of Health Sciences Prof Dr Javed Akram, Director

CEMB Prof Dr Kausar Malik, Director CAMP Prof Dr Rehan Sadiq Shaikh, faculty members and researchers from various institutes were present. Addressing the conference, the Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the organisers for organising symposium on modern trends in the relevant fields.

Prof Dr Muhammad Zubair Ahmad from University of Maryland USA, Prof Dr Zeliha Selamoglu from Omer Halisdemir University Nigde Turkiye, Prof Dr John Holloway from University of Southampton UK gave their talks on recent advances in research on Health Sciences.

A session was also dedicated to a workshop on "Grant Writing" by Prof Dr Tayyab Hussain. Over 200 researchers participated in the symposium. The event was sponsored by World Wide Scientific, Thermo scientific and PHILCO Pak-

Child abuse crimes on the rise in country

Fatima Najum

Child abuse crimes are on the rise in our country. Crimes committed against young boys and girls are becoming a routine at the commonplace. It is startling and saddening that child abuse is pervasive in Pakistani culture, despite the fact that it attempts to hide itself behind the garb of religion. The scandal surrounding the Kasur child abuse case and the notorious Zainab case in Kasur are just two notorious events that paint a stark picture of the disease afflicting our society?

Government officials and other influential individuals fail to address this problem, and even if they do, it is too late, and the cycle continues. From the last 10 years records show that there has been two percent rise in crime against minors. There were 106,958 incidents of crimes against minors reported in 2021.

Pakistani society is plagued with child abuse for a variety of reasons. There is a high likelihood that the abuser is a family member, and this,

combined with parents' lack of communication with their kids and their blind faith in family members, leads to the prevalence of child abuse in this community. With 65 percent of all child abuse cases nationwide, Punjab led the way. Only 11 children in the province may be saved thanks to the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau. A group operating in Attock was engaged in the internet publishing of recordings of young boys being raped. Okara has been identified as another centre where child abuse has happened on the same magnitude as in Kasur, and it is thought that the two gangs are connected. This is similar to the structure of Kasur's child abuse crisis.

The parents in this situation must use considerable caution. When kids are alone, crimes against them occur more frequently. They must not be permitted to go by themselves. Additionally, the police should be more vigilant in their pursuit of fugitive offenders. I urge the parents to exercise extreme caution.

These kids are the breadwinners

in their own families, and they are too young to speak up against the injustice done to them. The non-profit organisations are their sole source of hope.

The government and the relevant authorities should create appropriate laws against child abuse, uphold these laws, and punish those who violate these laws by punishing them severely. Moreover, it is crucial to start at the local level in order to combat this monster that has engulfed our society. Both the criminal justice system and protection services need to be strengthened.

In order to provide a safe atmosphere for children in Pakistani society, the Pakistani government should offer appropriate and sufficient training to police, physicians, NGO's, and others working on this issue. Last but not least, in order to make our children's lives safer, sex education should be made a requirement in Pakistan's educational system, and the stigma surrounding it should be lifted.

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District Voter Education Committee meeting reviews polls arrangements

Rizwan Asghar

KASUR: The District Election Commissioner, Kasur, Gulriz Abbas Rizvi presided over the District Voter Education Committee meeting in his office the other day, which was attended by election officer Ali, district officers, leaders of various political parties, civil society officials and others participated.

According to details, the committee was informed about the casting, registration and accuracy of the vote and the future course of action was reviewed to inform the public about the importance and usefulness of the vote.

On this occasion, District Election Commissioner Gulriz Abbas Rizvi said that it is the responsibility of all of us to inform the general voters about the importance and usefulness of the vote, so it is the duty of all the committee members at their own level, especially women and men, to give awareness to the general voters. Take measures so that people can fully exercise their right to vote in local and general elections. Moreover, Action Officer Ali Owais informed the students about the importance of voting in Government Degree College Kasur.

Mansab Ali Bhatti Rajpoot

KASUR: Encouraging students' educational and creative skills is very important, creating self-confidence in students is an opportunity to achieve success in the field of education and sports and is the best choice for students in Punjab College. These views were expressed by Osama Dar, Principal, Punjab College, Kasur during his speech at the welcome party for students and on this occasion, apart from students, political and social, educational figures and journalists Sheikh Muhammad Hussain, Afzal Nasir Bhatti, Muhammad Ehsan Hussain Maher Advocate, Waqas Ashraf and others. Students showed music and creativity and received appreciation from the audience.

In the theme of the play, rich people of the family and society were encouraged to support poor and intelligent children financially. Principal also gave certificates to students who got position in painting and essay writing, on this occasion, DPO Syed Karamat Bukhari, Security In-



charge and DSP Sadar circle police Kasur made fool-proof security arrangements for students, thanks to Kasur police for the best security arrangements by the management of Punjab College, Kasur.

Kite flyers using life threatening chemical thread

There is a serious use of bukta chemical and metal wire(dor) throughout the day. Despite the ban, the kite flying series, women living in public houses, have been surrounded by kite flying in kite-flyers own homes and neighbours residences which causes the sanctity of chaddar and char devari.

They fly kite throughout the whole week, but on Sunday and Fri-

day, the kite-flyers create noise. The main area in the kite flying areas: Kot Halem Khan, Kot Aligarh, Shahbaz Khan Road, Chowk Shaheedan, Basti Shahdara and other adjacent areas.

Culprits of molesting minor girl held after five months

Haji Muhammad Amin Ansari, father of the nation's daughter Zainab martyr, has said that DPO Kasur Syed Imran Karamat Bukhari and police station Sadar Pattoki SHO Malik Tariq, SHO Nasirullah Bhatti, SHO Hafiz Atif Nazir and other crime branch agencies and intelligence agencies, who was arrested for molesting a 14-year-old girl in Tehsil Pattoki five months