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## Dr Zaidi assumes charge of PU Vice-Chancellor

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Government College University Lahore's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi has been assigned additional charge of Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab for three months or till the appointment of regular incumbent.

In this regard, a notification has been issued by the Higher Education Department. After issuance of notification, Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi has assumed the charge of PU VC.

In his message, Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi said that PU was an excellent educational institution with a glorious past and traditions and it is an honor for him to be appointed as the Vice Chancellor of one of the oldest universities of the Subcontinent. He said that the Government of Punjab had given him the responsibility of the administrative affairs of Punjab University for which I thanked the government for this trust and he would try to fulfill this responsibility as well in a good way. He said that his first priority was to



solve all the problems related to the teachers, employees and students of Punjab University, which they are facing due to the absence of the Vice-Chancellor in the last few days. He said that he would play his due role for further development of Punjab University. He said that he would make strong efforts and to further improve the quality of education and lay the foundation of such initiatives which would improve the global ranking of the university further.

He said that all affairs of Punjab University would be run in accordance with the rules and regulations. He said that collective efforts would be made in making Punjab University one of the top educational institutions in the world.

Professor Zaidi, who holds a PhD in economics from University of Oxford, is a social policy analyst and renowned researcher. He holds vast experiences of working and teaching at the world's top universities around the world and would wish to bring this experience towards improvements in higher education in Pakistan.

Asghar Zaidi's reward was attributed to his international research works on population ageing, on older people and people with disabilities. Last year, the Government of Shanghai also awarded him the 1,000 Foreign Experts Scholarship in 2019. He was awarded Tamgha-i-Imtiaz in 2019 for his meritorious contributions in the field of research and education especially attributing

to his innovative research on population ageing. Working along the lines of the Human Development Index of Dr Mahbub ul Haq, Prof. Zaidi developed two global indexes, namely Global Age Watch Index and Active Ageing Index.

**PU Radio FM 104.6 organises event**  
Punjab University School of Communication Studies Radio Centre FM 104.6 organized an event in the honour of Sikh pilgrims from Australia at Hameed Nizami Memorial Hall.

On this occasion, Spokesperson of the Sikh pilgrims from Australia Sardar Sarbjit Singh, Dean Faculty of Information and Media Studies Professor Dr Khalid Mahmood, Chairperson Department of Digital Media Prof Dr Savera Shami, Radio Coordinator Dr Akram Soomro, Director General Population and Welfare Punjab Saman Roy, Resource Person Wajihah Arif, Audio Editor Masood Mallhi, faculty members and students were present. In his address, Sardar Sarbjit Singh said that I have visited Pakistan many times.



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ZOHAR.....11:46 PM  
ASR.....3:33 PM  
MAGRIB.....05:10 PM  
ISHA.....06:33 PM

### Quick Read

#### UO inks MoUs with UoE and UVAS

By Our Staff Reporter



**LAHORE:** The University of Okara (UO) has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with two top-notch varieties on Friday, including University of Education (UoE) and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS).

The UO's Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Muhammad Wajid, signed the agreements with the UoE, VC, Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, and the UVAS' VC, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad (SI).

In the MoU signing ceremony with the UoE, the two VCs vowed to jointly hold international conferences and seminars and co-supervise dissertations of the students. They also agreed on sharing of resources and research and academic facilities. They also announced to work together for building academia-industry linkages for the professional training and job placement of students. Prof Pasha affirmed his full support to the UO in all matters.

The MoU between UVAS and UO allows the initiation of short courses for the capacity building of the students in order to achieve the goal of poverty alleviation. Moreover, the UVAS professionals will impart data analysis techniques to the UO students. Co-supervision of the students' dissertations and provision of maximum research facilities to the faculty and students of all disciplines are also part of this pact. The sharing of laboratories and other research facilities was also mutually agreed.

The UVAS' VC also agreed to provide technical support and training for the automation of the UO's human resource management. Prof Wajid regarded these two MoUs as a landmark step in the academic development of the UO and covenanted to make practical use of these pacts for the betterment of the member institutions.



LAHORE: A vendor displays roasted sweet potatoes (Shakarqandi) to attract the customers at his roadside setup.

## 69th meeting of LAC BoG held at Alhamra

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The 69th meeting of the Board of Governors of Lahore Arts Council (LAC) was held at Alhamra Arts Centre, The Mall. Chairman Board of Governors Lahore Arts Council Razi Ahmed presided over the meeting. While Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi formally opened the meeting as the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

An introduction session was held in the meeting of the newly formed board of Lahore Arts Council, where Lahore Arts Council Chairman Razi Ahmed welcomed all the members.

During the meeting, important decisions were taken for the wide-scale development of literature and culture and the ongoing music competition Voice of Punjab in Alhamra was highly appreciated.

Chairman Alhamra Razi Ahmed told the meeting that Lahore Literary Festival will be held from 24 to 26 February 2023.

Chairman Razi Ahmed said that a solid strategy would be adopted to get substantial results from the use of social media; various committees are being formed to improve the performance of Alhamra, which different board members will head.

Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi said that no effort would be spared in implementing the policies of the Board of Governors.

Board members including Salima Hashmi, Muhammad Ali Baloch, Naela Amir, Qudsia Raheem, Imran Qureshi, Nazish Attaullah, Ayesha Jatoi Sehgal, Mian Nauman Kabir, Shahid Mahmood Nadeem, Additional Secretary Information Farhat Jabeen, Principal College of Art and Design PU, Sumaira Jawad, General Manager PTV Saifuddin, and Deputy Secretary Finance Fazal Rabi Cheema participated and informed the meeting with their valuable suggestions.

It also decided that the next meeting of the Board of Governors Lahore Arts Council will be held on December 15, 2022, at the Alhamra Cultural Complex, Gaddafi Stadium.

## Special cell will be set up in BoR to compile data of state land

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Senior Member Board of Revenue Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman said that a special cell will be established in the Board of Revenue to compile the data of state land and all the districts to complete the revenue recovery target of 24 billion within the stipulated period. Orders have also been given.

Addressing the board members, he asked them to do their part to dispose of the pending cases in the revenue courts within 90 days. Senior Member Board of Revenue Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman expressed these views while presiding over the 15th full board meeting of the year 2022. In the board meeting, Secretary Revenue Maher Shafqatullah Mushtaq, Secretary Colonies Malik Abdul Waheed, all members of the Revenue Board, Director PDMA, DG Kuchiyabadi, DG Land Records and other relevant officers participated.

Speaking on this occasion, SMBR said that consideration should be given to take back state land from the departments that are not using the state land, is being done and proposals not to give state land to housing societies are also under consideration. He said that actions against illegal occupants of state land will be speeded up and the scope for dispossessing state land from illegal occupants will be increased. He issued instructions to the administration of all districts and said that the state land should be leased according to the current rate and no lapse will be tolerated. He said that the correctness of revenue matters Our main task is to make all officers target service delivery and on behalf of the Punjab government Play your role in spreading the results of public reforms to the people.

**Western winds will enter Pakistan and remain here till 7th**  
Director General Provincial Disaster Man-

agement Authority Punjab Faisal Farid issued an alert regarding rains and snowfall on the mountains and said that according to the Meteorological Department, a series of western winds will enter the country this evening and will remain till November 7.

He said that during November 05 to 07, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Murree, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Sialkot, Narowal, Gujranwala, Gujarat, Mianwali, Khushab, Sargodha, Hafizabad Jhang and Faisalabad also experienced strong winds and thunder.

There is a possibility of rain. Heavy rain is expected in Murree, Islamabad, Gujarat, Gujranwala and Sialkot on November 05 and 06.

He said that from November 06 evening to November 07 Multan, DG Khan, Bhakkar Layyah, Sahiwal, Okara, Rajanpur and Muzaffar Garh. Moderate rain with gusty winds and thundershowers is expected and

there is a possibility of snowfall in the mountains and hail a few places.

He said that the day temperature in the upper parts of the country will be 05 to 07 while in the southern regions it will be 02.

There is a possibility of a decrease of 04 degrees Celsius and as soon as the rains end, the upper regions of the country will be under the grip of severe cold.

He said while talking that there is a possibility that the rice harvest will be affected by the rains, while these rains it will prove beneficial in wheat sowing.

The Director General PDMA said that the administration across Punjab should keep preparations to deal with the emergency situation and issue instructions to the staff of the District Emergency Operation Centers to be on alert 24 hours.

He added that citizens should call PDMA's helpline 1129 in case of emergency.

## Effective way to control diseases in poultry population of Pakistan

Atif Masood and Prof Emeritus Dr. Masood Rabbani

**I**nfectious coryza is an infectious disease caused by Avibacterium paragalinarum. It is an emerging poultry respiratory disease in egg layers and meat-type poultry flocks of Pakistan. The upper respiratory tracts show symptoms such as nasal discharge, facial swelling, and lacrimation. Severe facial edema is probably the most notorious clinical sign which couples with a sharp decrease in egg production in laying hens. Coryza induces severe economic losses in the poultry sector causing increased culling due to loss in meat quality of broiler chickens. Poor growth performance, death of young birds, and production of severe secondary bacterial infections. The disease has no reported

public health significance.

Birds that have recovered from the disease can harbor the bacteria for a long time and remain asymptomatic carriers. For this reason, the disease can be difficult to eliminate in those facilities lacking an all-in all-out practice.

Exposure of naive birds to birds that have been infected previously is most common factor in disease transmission. It spread via inhalation from aerosols or be ingested from contaminated feed or water. Equipment moved from one house into another may also transport infective bacteria.

Rapid and sensitive detection is very important for the timely and effective control of the infectious agent in case of any disease. In the current study diagnostic methods for rapid detection of Avibacterium Paragalinarum were eval-

uated. It was demonstrated that diagnostic approach using direct swab samples is rapid and sensitive.

Vaccine failures are reported to happen due to the presence of serovars other than those present in commercial vaccines against Infectious coryza. Serotype was identified in this study and used in the local vaccine production which gave promising results.

The vaccination and strict biosecurity are the most appreciated control and preventive procedures. For vaccine development the most important and foremost step is the cultivation of microorganism in optimal growth media and favorable cultivation conditions. Six different media with different supplements concentration were evaluated on bases of bacterial growth kinetics. One gave promising results in lesser time to

achieve maximum biomass selected for vaccine production.

Efficacy and stability and safety of the prepared autogenous bacterins and two commercial vaccines in layers in Pakistan were assessed in this study. A local bacterium was used to make different vaccines in optimized media and growth conditions. Vaccine trials were conducted. The results showed that two of the autogenous vaccines; montanide oil and alum gel-based vaccines and one of the commercial vaccines gave the highest protection rate when administered at 6- and 9-week age. These vaccines remained stable after storage for 3- and 6-months at 4°C.

The writers belong to Institute of Microbiology, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore

## Newly confirmed LHC judges take oath

**LAHORE:** The newly confirmed 11 judges of the Lahore High Court (LHC) took oath of their office here on Friday.

LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti administered oath to the newly confirmed judges in a simple but impressive ceremony held at the LHC lawn.

The confirmed judges who took oath include Justice Shakil Ahmad, Justice Safdar Saleem Shahid, Justice Ahmad Nadeem Arshad, Justice Muhammad Tariq Nadeem, Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafiq, Justice Abid Hussain Chattha, Justice Anwaar Hussain, Justice Ali Zia Bajwa, Justice Sultan Tanvir

Ahmad, Justice Muhammad Raza Qureshi and Justice Raheel Kamran.

The LHC judges, including Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi, Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan and Justice Abid Aziz Sheikh, Prosecutor General Punjab Khaleequz

Zaman, Lahore High Court Bar Association President Sardar Ali Akbar Dogar and other Bar representatives, law officers and a large number of lawyers were also present. —APP