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PU allows poor students to continue higher education as private candidate

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A meeting of Punjab University Academic Council chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi has approved the recommendation to allow the deserving candidates to continue their higher education as private students in associate degree and masters programs.

Previously, the candidates belonging to the middle-class and doing jobs to run their families were barred from obtaining higher education as private candidates under the new undergraduate policy, of which the vice chancellor took notice and decided to place the matter before the Academic Council. The meeting was attended by deans of faculties, heads of departments and professors of the university. The meeting decided that this year private candidates would be able to take admission in associate degree and masters' programs. The meeting decided that from the next year, the nomenclature of BS 5th semester after associate degree/fourteen years of education will also be replaced with the masters' program. In his address, PU VC Dr Asghar Zaidi said that thousands of private candidates would benefit from the decisions made in the meeting. He said that the vast majority of private candidates consisted of poor or middle class students.

Farewell ceremony in honour of retired NTDC GM Engr Anjum Aziz



LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) arranged a farewell ceremony in the honour of retired General Manager Engr. Anjum Aziz here at WAPDA House Lahore, today.

The ceremony was chaired by the Managing Director NTDC Engr. Dr. Rana Abdul Jabbar Khan. MD NTDC expressed best wishes for the retired officer and paid tributes for his services rendered for the department. The Managing Director National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited also presented a shield, gift and cheque of dues. Engr. Anjum Aziz also thanked NTDC management for arranging a great farewell ceremony.

The Deputy Managing Director Engr. Manzoor Ahmad, General Managers, Chief Law Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Security Officers, Chief Engineers and other senior officers were also present on the occasion. Engr. Anjum Aziz was also holding the portfolio of president National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited Sports Association. National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited Sports department also presented a bouquet and

Govt making sincere efforts to get country out of crises: Governor

—ANP (Punjab) Secretary General Ameer Bahadur Khan Hoti along with a delegation calls on Baligh

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: ANP (Punjab) Secretary General Ameer Bahadur Khan Hoti along with a delegation called on Governor Punjab Balighur Rahman at Governor House Lahore here today. In the meeting, various issues including the political situation of Punjab were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that making Pakistan strong and prosperous is the top priority of the government for which everyone should play positive role.

He said that the main objective of the government is the development and prosperity of the country.

Governor Punjab said that the government is making sincere efforts to get the country out of the crises. Due to the steps taken by the government economy and other sectors are improving.

General Secretary ANP (Punjab) Ameer Bahadur Khan Hoti informed the Governor Punjab about the problems faced by Pakhtuns in Punjab. He said that a large number of Pakhtuns are permanently residing in Punjab who are facing problems in issuance



of identity card, domicile and passport. Governor Punjab assured to play his role to solve the problems faced by Pakhtuns.

General Secretary Awami National Party Punjab Amir Bahadur Khan Hoti, Gulzeb Khan and Faisal Khan and others were also present in the delegation.



LAHORE: Activists of Women in Struggle for Empowerment shout slogans during protest violence against women and girls, outside the Lahore Press Club.

‘New districts to provide basic facilities to citizens at their doorsteps’

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Member Board of Revenue Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman on Thursday said that the establishment of new districts was a good initiative of the Punjab government which would provide basic facilities to the citizens at their doorsteps.

He said this while chairing a meeting regarding the functionalization of the district offices of the four newly created districts of Murree, Kot Addu, Wazirabad and Tallaghang. Secretary Revenue Mehr Shafqatullah Mushtaq, Director Development Punjab, DG PLRA, Ikramul Haque and other

officers attended the meeting.

Commissioner Gujarat Division, DC Murree, DC Kot Addu, DC Wazirabad and DC Talagang participated in the meeting through video link.

In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts informed the Senior Member Board of Revenue about the problems faced in the new districts and gave comprehensive briefing regarding the functionalization of newly formed districts.

Senior Member Board of Revenue Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman issued instructions to the Deputy Commissioners to create basic setup by immediately ap-

pointing officers in the new districts. He said that Deputy Commissioners had been appointed in the four newly formed districts and they were starting to provide government services to the citizens by giving additional charge to the officers of the nearby districts. He issued instructions to the concerned Deputy Commissioners regarding construction of new buildings, adding that the PC 1 should be sent to the Board of Revenue as soon as possible and the construction work of district complexes, district offices and residential buildings should be started in the new districts.

He said that the maps of

newly constructed government buildings should be prepared according to the modern style and the construction of old style buildings should be avoided. He said that special arrangements should be made for sitting of the citizens coming to the newly constructed government buildings. Lift should be arranged for the disabled and senior citizens, he added.

He said that the demands for the new setup should be sent as soon as possible and the purchase of furniture, machinery and other necessary equipment should be completed, so that government services could be started for citizens.

LUMS, London School of Economics partner to celebrate 75 years of Pakistan



LAHORE: LUMS recently hosted the 'Pakistan@75' Summit curated by the South Asia Centre of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

This collaborative event brought together over two hundred and fifty students, academics, industry professionals, and entrepreneurs to participate in a series of critical conversations around topics ranging from policy and philanthropy to health and the future of Pakistan's economy. "Debates about Pakistan's legal, economic and developmental challenges and issues are ones the world can learn from," said Professor Alnoor Bhimani, Honorary Dean at the Suleman Dawood School of Business, LUMS and Professor, LSE and Director, LSE South Asia Centre who formally inaugurated the Summit. Mr. Shahid Hussain, the University's Rector spoke about the critical importance of discussing Pakistan's future. —PR

Emirates, flydubai celebrate five years of partnership



KARACHI: This month marks five years since Emirates and flydubai activated their extensive partnership and joined forces to offer customers unrivalled travel options to every corner of the globe. They've certainly delivered on their promise. The carriers' joint route network has significantly expanded, enabling more than 11 million customers to connect on over 250,000 flights and benefit from seamless travel since the partnership launched in 2017.

The innovative partnership goes beyond the standard codesharing model and today includes integrated network collaboration, schedule optimisation, seamless connectivity at Dubai International airport (DXB) between Terminals 2 and 3, baggage transfers on a single itinerary. —PR

Three new low-cost housing schemes approved

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency on Thursday approved three new low-cost housing

schemes, including Green Woods Housing Scheme (Forest Town) Rawalpindi, Tariq Sharif Housing Scheme Smart City Rawalpindi and Minar Housing City Housing Scheme Sheikhpura.

The meeting decided to form monitoring committees for evolving an effective monitoring system that would send regular implementation reports every month.

Chairing the 90th meeting of governing body, Senior Provincial Minister Main

Aslam Iqbal said that it also decided to create an effective mechanism in collaboration with developers to facilitate the provision of roofs to the homeless strata. For this purpose, the laws would be amended if needed.

The senior minister asked for complete details about 172 housing schemes of the agency.

He also asked for the details of the agreement with the Akhuwat organization to provide loans to people for constructing houses in low-cost housing schemes. Aslam Iqbal directed that the agency board should ensure the implementation of timelines of low-cost housing schemes with the approval. Trees would never be

cut down to build a new housing scheme; he stressed and made it clear that developers had to plant trees in the allotted space in residential schemes with efficient water supply and drainage systems in every residential scheme. Negligence in providing facilities to developers of low-cost housing schemes would not be tolerated, he said and added that 20% of the quota in residential schemes had been reserved for the New Pakistan Housing Project.

The meeting also approved administrative and financial matters. DG Khalid Nazir Wattoo, board members, housing department officers and developers attended the meeting.



LAHORE: A vendor prepares tea for customers at his tea stall during Family Mela at the Race Course Park.