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GCUL's 17 Convocation: Justice (R) Nasira Iqbal Asks Graduating Women To Participate In Pak's Economic Development

Justice (retired) Nasira Javid Iqbal, a jurist, law professor and human rights activist, Sunday asked the graduating women of Government College University Lahore to actively participate in the economic development of their country.

"Neither our religion nor the constitution allows to forcibly keep a woman inside the four walls of a house," said the former judge of Lahore High Court while addressing the university's 17th convocation for BA/BSc (Hons.) students as chief guest.

Justice (retired) Nasira Iqbal said "I am very glad to see most of the distinctions today were received by girls. Out of 24 academic distinctions in different disciplines of BA/BSc (Hons), 15 were won by girls.

The law professor highlighted that intolerance and sectarianism were the biggest threats to Pakistan. However, she said that they should not blame the government for all the evils, rather every man and woman must contribute in social and



economic uplift of the country. In his convocation address, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah said that it was important that education



enabled youth to burn down their prejudices, confusions and their passivity and they should realize the implications of their actions or inaction and decide on

their course of action in life accordingly. Talking about the GCU research achievements, Prof Hassan Shah said that GCU scientists had in recent years registered 10 patents and filed another five which would be registered soon.

"Our Department of Chemistry under has developed an indigenous water purification process for simultaneous removal of arsenic and microbial contaminants. It is based on electro-oxidation-coagulation process. This is a new but very economical technology which is available at GCU only," the vice chancellor revealed.

He also said that the effectiveness of technology had been tested and verified by PCRWR and PCSIR. "The Government can procure this technology from GCU for public consumption," he concluded. Later, at the third and concluding session of the conference, FC University Rector Prof Dr James A Tebbe was chief guest who along with Prof Hassan Shah gave away sports and co-curricular rolls of honors to the graduates. —LAHORE MIRROR

VETERINARY UNIVERSITY DISTRIBUTES IMPROVED CHICKEN BREED AMONG WOMEN

The Department of Poultry Production of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences has distributed improved local backyard type birds (UVAS-Barn Chicken) to the women of nearby villages in Pattoki town of Punjab.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha appreciated the efforts of the department and emphasized on expanding the outreach of this project.

Further it was discussed to build a policy having the concept, one hen per family member to help alleviate poverty and reduce hunger among our masses.

A scientific team working in the Department of Poultry Production developed an improved indigenous chicken cross-breed by crossing naked neck-chicken, black Australorp and Rhode Island Red.

Meanwhile, the Department of Poultry Production of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore organized Ostrich Egg Mosaic Competition at Ravi Campus, Pattoki.

The students from BS Poultry Science, BS

Zoology, BS Dairy Technology, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Botany and M Phil degree programs actively participated in the event.

in unique and astonishing manners. Sheeren (M.Sc. Botany) got 1st prize in the competition while 2nd and 3rd prizes were won by Memoona Irshad and Iqra Abul Wakeel.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha along with Chairman Department of Poultry Production Prof Dr Athar Mahmood distributed cash prizes among winners of contest.

While addressing the audience, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha emphasized on the importance of ostrich farming and nutritional significance of its meat.

He said women empowerment through backyard poultry farming is among the top priorities of the Government of Pakistan.

He also shared that not only the meat, even eggs, feathers and skin of the ostrich also have huge market and export poten-



The students calligraphed and painted the eggs. —LAHORE MIRROR

'UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY & ANIMAL SCIENCES LAHORE RANKED AMONG 201-300 WORLD

The varsity is included in the

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings-2019

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore has been ranked among 201-300 universities in the overall 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), says a press release.

Among the Pakistani universities, the UVAS has been ranked among top four universities with 53.7-64.5 points sharing second position with the University of Agriculture Faisalabad and Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology.

In individual SDGs, the UVAS has been ranked among 101-200 in each quality education, gender equality and decent work & economic growth, 65, 85 and 91 in climate action, good health & well being and reduced inequalities SDGs respectively.

This is the first ever 2019 THE University Impact Rankings, a pioneering initiative to recognize universities across the world for their social and economic impact. THE University Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the SDGs.

The uses carefully calibrated indicators to provide comprehensive and balanced comparisons across three broad areas: research, outreach and stewardship.

The University Impact Rankings shows how the global higher education sector is working towards the United Nations' SDGs.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha congratulated the UVAS faculty, staff and students, their parents and industry on achieving this honor, saying the university would continue its efforts and commitments to uplift quality of education, research and services in achieving such honors and milestones for the country. —LAHORE MIRROR

HEALTH

Medicine Stocks In Public Hospitals Are Sufficient: DG Health Punjab

Director Health Punjab Dr Haroon Jahangir has directed the chief executive officers to ensure 100 percent provision of medicines to patients in all hospitals of the province.

In a news statement issued on Saturday, he said the CEOs were provided ARV medicines in the month of March and sufficient stocks are available for the emergency provision of medicines like in floods to hospitals of all districts.

Jahangir said his top priority is to provide best medical treatments to patients in public sector hospitals, adding the staff would leave stone unturned to provide maximum medical relief to the patients. —LAHORE MIRROR

Doctor Blamed For Spreading HIV In Larkana Arrested, Produced Before A Court

THE NUMBER OF AFFECTED VICTIMS ROSE TO 39

A doctor who was suspected of spreading human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Larkana's Ratodero district has been arrested by local police, authorities confirmed on Tuesday.

Police said Dr Muzaffar Ghanghar, who is employed at a public hospital, is an HIV patient himself.

A case was registered against the accused and produced before a local court.

The number of HIV-positive cases rose to 39 as panic gripped the district and authorities tried to ascertain the causes behind the spread of the virus among the residents.

Twenty-two children are among the patients diagnosed with HIV, the virus that causes the deadly AIDS disease which claimed a million lives worldwide in 2016.

Protesting the allegations against him, Dr Muzaffar Ghanghar termed the case a "conspiracy" against him and said he was not aware of his condition.

"The Sindh Healthcare Commission is conspiring against me. If I had known about [HIV/AIDS] then I would have sought treatment. I did not experience any pain," he said.

Dr Sikander Memon, in-charge of the Aids Control Programme in Sindh, said a team will arrive in Ratodero next week to determine the causes behind the transmission of the HIV among the residents.

According to an estimate by Dr Memon, there are over 100,000 HIV-positive people in Sindh, however, the Aids Control Programme has only 10,350 registered patients who are provided treatment. Larkana continues to top the list of districts most affected by HIV in Sindh, with the total number of AIDS patients in Larkana at more than 2,400. In total, 76.1 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV, since the epidemic started in the 1980s. Some 35 million have died. —LAHORE MIRROR

PUNJAB GOVT HAS NO INTENTION TO PRIVATIZE MEDICAL TEACHING INSTITUTIONS: YASMIN

—The Health Minister alleges some elements are blackmailing the government by aggravating difficulties for poor patients to achieve their personal goals

Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid has said neither the provincial government has any intention to privatize any medical institution nor it is going to privatize any medical teaching institution.

"Some elements are trying to blackmail the government by increasing the difficulties for poor patients in government hospitals for achieving nefarious political designs," the minister said while speaking at a news conference at the Directorate General of Public Relations Tuesday.

Secretary Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Mian Shakeel, Director General Public Relations Dr Muhammad Aslam Dogar and a large number of media representatives were present on this occasion.

Dr Yasmin Rashid said medical teaching institution act will help to improve the standard of education for the students in medical institutions.

She said more than three hundred thousand employees are being performed duties in Punjab Health department till now, this act will greatly help to solve their problems at their doorstep and they will not have to wonder here and there in Secretariat and other offices redressal of grievance.

She said that health department has more than sixteen thousand complaints and inquiries and there is only one secretariat to



cope with all these problems. Under this circumstances it is very necessary to give administrative and financial

powers to these educational intuitions through this act so that problems of employees and patients could be solved at

the earliest.

She said that this act will be implemented on first five teaching hospital and third-party evaluation will be carried out after one year.

This act will not create any problem for any professor or doctor. Young Doctors deviate from their demand regarding their representation in the committee soon after the issuance of notification.

Islam teaches us to create ease for others in the Holy Month of Ramadan. Young Doctors should call out their strike keeping in view the sanctity of holy month of Ramadan.

Replying to a question, Dr Yasmeen Rashid said that basic person of introducing MTI Act is to facilitate the patients by enhancing the standard of government teaching hospitals.

She said only administrative and financial autonomy is being given to the major teaching hospitals under this act. Administrative affairs will be looked after by the Board of Governors.

"Senior professors and doctors will remain available for providing treatment facilities to the patients round the clock."

Consultation is being underway for the last six months and this act was amended five items on the basis of suggestions and recommendations of all stakeholder, the minister added. —LAHORE MIRROR

PFA Unearths Unit Producing Fake Carbonated Drinks, Discards 22,500 Litres

The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Thursday foiled an attempt to supply thousands of litres substandard and counterfeit carbonated drinks while taking timely action against adulterators in Ferzowala area.

The authority has discarded 15,000 one and a half-litre prepared fizzy drinks during the raid. The raiding team also confiscated 18,000 empty bottles, 11 gas cylinders, three filling machines, mixing machines, caps of different brands bottles and a huge quantity of fake labels.

A special raid was conducted against the illegal beverage factory on the tip-off by vigilance cell.

PFA Director General Captain (R) Muhammad Usman said that a consignment of harmful drinks was being prepared to supply on the eve of Eid and during Ramadan.

He told that the factory was producing

fake soft drinks of the different popular brands of carbonated drinks by using artificial flavours, chemicals and impure tap water. He said that expired bottles were also supplied in the market after changing expiry dates.

He said that PFA is vigorously checking food points which purpose to ensure the provision of pure food for consumers in the holy month of Ramadan.

He said PFA has registered a FIR against the owner of the illicit beverages factory on charges of forgery and adulteration.

He said that the use of such carbonated drinks causes of stomach ulcer and cancer.

PFA is not only confiscating the adulterated and substandard food rather rooting out factories.

Furthermore, DG PFA appealed the general public to consume homemade eatables for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. —LAHORE MIRROR

