

CM orders 24/7 CT-Scan, MRI reports facility

Independent Report
LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has directed the health secretary that all hospitals must adhere to a 24/7 facility for providing CT scans and MRI reports to patients.

He made a surprise visit to Children's Hospital on Friday where parents raised concerns regarding delayed issuance of CT scans and MRI reports. The CM was informed that CT scans and MRI reports

were issued three days after the tests. The CM warned that hospitals found to be causing delay in delivering CT scans and MRI reports would face administrative action.

During his visit, the CM inspected various wards, interacted with parents of children and inspected the medical facilities. The CM also inspected up-gradation work, engaged with the labourers and assessed progress.



LARKANA: President PPP Sindh, Senator Nisar Ahmad Khuhro submits his nomination form from PS 11 to returning officer for upcoming General Election 2024.

IPMG meeting urges Fortifying gender data collection to promote gender equality

LAHORE (APP): The participants in the Inter-Provincial Ministerial Group (IPMG) discussed the use of data more effectively in efforts to promote gender equality in Pakistan.

The two-day 21st IPMG meeting, held under the auspices of the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), and with support from UN Women and the United States, concluded here on Friday during which speakers shared vision of a more inclusive society, where every woman can thrive and contribute to the nation's progress. The IPMG was established in 2009 to enhance coordination on gender equality and women's empowerment in Pakistan.

chairperson NCSW, said: "This assembly serves as a crucial platform, fostering collaboration and initiating positive change on the path to gender equality and empowerment of women in Pakistan. Together, let's unite to construct a society where every woman's voice echoes, and her rights and contributions are valued."

Sharmeela Rassool, country representative of UN Women, said, "The IPMG functions as an inventive platform for devising tailored solutions that cater to unique needs of Pakistan. An exemplary illustration of this is the National Gender Data Portal. Acknowledging the crucial role of data, we recognise its importance in identifying policy gaps and empowering officials to make informed decisions."

Firdous says: Every political step of IPP will lead to the country's construction, development

SIALKOT (APP): Central Information Secretary Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) and former Federal Minister Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan has said that every political step of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) will lead to the country's construction and development and to divert the resources of a strong and powerful Pakistan towards the development and prosperity of the people of NA-70, there must be sincere and honest leadership from the constituency.

former Federal Minister said that the President of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) Abdul Aleem Khan issued instructions to his candidates participating in the elections to receive nomination papers and submit them in time.

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan said that the People's friendly manifesto of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) and the implementation of ongoing struggle in the interest of the country was possible with the support of the people and the power of the vote.

In a statement issued here to the media on Friday, Central Information Secretary Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) and



LAHORE: Group photo of Sikh Yatris during the International Punjabi Conference.

Household pollution posing serious threats to public health, environment

PESHAWAR (APP): The increasing level of household pollution both in the shape of biomass and solid waste generation is posing serious threats to public health and the environment of the city.

The air quality index in Peshawar in the current winter season has belled the alarm by recording a dangerous stage of more than 236 pollution levels; raising the status of the city to the most polluted in the country.

According to environmental experts, the major source of air pollution is vehicular emission followed by household pollution in shape of the burning of fossil fuel, wood and waste for cooking at home.

A recent study by Peshawar Clean Air Alliance (PCAA), a volunteer association of civil society individuals, found that transport is contributing 58.46 percent in air pollution and is followed by household pollution making a contribution of 11.66 percent while waste burning 4.1 percent and dust 17.67 burning.

It showed that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has one of the highest proportions of wood fuel usage, particularly in rural households and about half of Peshawar population lives in rural area.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with during function organized in connection with the Quaid Day at the Governor House.

Education minister for reforming examination, assessment system

KARACHI (APP): The Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi, Friday, stressed the need for a paradigm shift in educational examinations and assessment systems to align them with the requirements of the era of modern technology.

Examinations and assessment were pillars of the educational system and we have to adopt those measures which encourage critical thinking, creative abilities and practical implementation of knowledge, he said while addressing the inaugural session of the 2-day IBCC 1st Annual Conference

to bring necessary changes in its examination and assessment systems accordingly.

The conference, organized by the Inter Board Coordination Commission (IBCC) here at a private university, was attended by vice-chancellors of universities, chairmen of different boards of education from across the country, academicians, teaching faculty and students.

Madad Ali Sindhi, addressing the occasion, said that with extensive research and advent of modern technologies educational scenarios around the globe were transforming rapidly and it was essential for Pakistan

to bring necessary changes in its examination and assessment systems accordingly. Underscoring the significance of utilizing advanced technologies in assessment the minister stated that the use of digital technology in the examination could help improve the educational system. He also urged the need to take pivotal steps for maintaining standards of fairness, honesty and transparency in the system.

Madad Ali Sindhi reiterated that there was no other option for the development and progress of Pakistan except quality education and focusing on

three core factors- better curriculum, trained teaching faculty and a conducive and encouraging environment.

He expressed dismay that in the past the most important sector of education could not get proper attention in policies of previous governments and electoral manifestos of political parties.

"Now when the nation is heading towards general elections, all the political parties must prioritize education, economy, clean drinking water and health in their manifestos as resolving the issues of masses was their responsibility."

ECP Sindh fixes date for scrutiny

KARACHI (APP): The Provincial Election Commission of Sindh has set December 25 as the new date for scrutiny here on Friday.



KARACHI: Caretaker Federal Education Minister, Madad Ali Sindhi is being presented with memento during the 1st Annual Conference 2023 'Examination and Assessment Practices in Pakistan.'

According to a spokesman for ECP Sindh, the candidates, who were, earlier, invited for scrutiny on December 24 were then advised to visit ECP Sindh on December 25.

The decision was made given an announcement by the Election Commission of Pakistan to extend the date for nomination papers till 24 December.

Kristin Hawkins sees women become agents of change through sports

LAHORE (APP): US Consul General in Lahore Kristin Hawkins has said women become a source of positive change in societies through the life transforming skills and confidence gained from sports.

Speaking at a four-day US funded sports workshop for women at University of Education (UoE) Township here on Friday, she said sports contribute to character-building and help women become positive agents of change and reminded the workshop participants of their unique role as educators, coaches, and mentors in helping young women develop their leadership skills.

With the sole purpose of empowering young women, the workshop was conducted by coaches, trainers, and educators from Baylor University and University of North Carolina, Wilmington, in partnership with the UoE, Township. Female sports educators, trainers, and coaches from 10 schools and four universities across Punjab attended the workshop.

"Not everyone, who participates in sports, will go on to play professionally, but the confidence, teamwork, and skills that we learn from sports can help us become a force for positive change, no matter what we do in life," Hawkins said.

Nomination papers of several political bigwigs submitted for NA-44,45

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The process of filing nomination papers for the Feb 8, 2024, general elections continued for the third day for two constituencies of the National Assembly in Dera Ismail Khan. The process to submit nomination papers, which began Wednesday gained momentum on Friday after many candidates rushed to the offices of their respective returning

officers appointed by the Election Commission of Pakistan. Several candidates, including seasoned politicians, on Friday filed nomination papers for two National Assembly constituencies (NA-44 and NA-45) of district Dera Ismail Khan. The process will continue till Dec 24, as the Election Commission of Pakistan extended the deadline for submission of nomination papers by two days.

CM grieved at labourers killing

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has condoled the death of five labourers, who were shot dead at an under-construction police station in South Waziristan.



MULTAN: Senior Vice Chairman PPP, Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani submitting his nomination papers with his supporters at the Commissioner's office.

RPO orders foolproof security on Christmas

FAISALABAD (APP): Regional Police Officer (RPO) Dr. Muhammad Abid Khan has issued instructions for ensuring foolproof security arrangements on Christmas.

Kundi submits nomination papers, optimistic to victorious

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Faisal karim kundi, a former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Central Information Secretary on Friday submitted his nomination papers for the general elections set to take place on February 8, 2024.

Kundi said he was going to contest the election from NA-44 while Fateh Ullah Miankhel submitted his nomination papers as a candidate for NA-45 on PPP tickets. He revealed that Makhdoom Aftab Haider representing the Makhdoom family contesting for PK-111 (Paharpur) constituency on a PPP ticket, while Former MPA Ahmed Karim Kundi contesting from PK-112 (City-II) and Quairz Khan Miankhel from PK-114 (Parawa) for provincial assembly seats. The candidates for constituencies PK 113 (City-I) and PK-115 (Kulachi).

He directed the capital police officer (CPO) Faisalabad, district police officers (DPOs) of three districts including Jhang, Toba Tek Singh and Chiniot to make foolproof security arrangements in churches, Christian settlements, special markets and celebration points on Christmas.

A police spokesperson said here on Friday all district police heads had strictly been directed to personally visit the special Christmas

Makhdoom at Dera Ismail Khan to secure stunning victory against opponents. Kundi said he was going to contest the election from NA-44 while Fateh Ullah Miankhel submitted his nomination papers as a candidate for NA-45 on PPP tickets. He revealed that Makhdoom Aftab Haider representing the Makhdoom family contesting for PK-111 (Paharpur) constituency on a PPP ticket, while Former MPA Ahmed Karim Kundi contesting from PK-112 (City-II) and Quairz Khan Miankhel from PK-114 (Parawa) for provincial assembly seats. The candidates for constituencies PK 113 (City-I) and PK-115 (Kulachi).



KARACHI: Youngsters from Balochistan Province are shouting slogans during protest in the favor of their demands outside Press Club.



Message

Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani Chairman Senate



The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) have consistently championed the economic growth and advancement of our beloved nation through its determination and hard work. Its commitment to nurturing businesses, promoting commerce, and upholding the highest standards of industry excellence is unparalleled. The year 2022 stands as a testament to the resilience and prowess of our business community. Through challenges and changing landscapes, our industrious professionals have not only adapted but thrived, marking significant milestones in the socio-economic development of Pakistan. Their efforts are not just of national significance,

but have resounded in international markets, making us all immensely proud. It is with great respect and admiration that we acknowledge the high achievers of this year. The FPCCI Achievement Awards are not mere accolades but a recognition of the remarkable journeys, relentless determination, and innovative ventures that have set these individuals and organisations apart. Earning this prestigious award underscores their exemplary contributions and places them among the elite in both Pakistan and abroad. Such recognitions are pivotal. They not only celebrate success but also motivate the broader business community to aspire, innovate, and contribute more profoundly to the socio-economic fabric of Pakistan. It is through these accomplishments and the continuous encouragement from platforms like FPCCI that we pave the way for a more prosperous and progressive future for our nation. May the laurels of today inspire many more success stories tomorrow, and may the FPCCI continue its commendable work in spearheading Pakistan's economic journey.

Dr. Umar Saif Federal Minister for IT & Telecom, Science & Technology



I am delighted that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry is organizing its 11th Achievement Awards ceremony this year in recognition of the services of talented people and reputed organizations and, as usual, is bringing out an Informative Achievement Award Souvenir on the occasion.

I am very happy to note that the aims of this award is to give recognition to individuals and organizations whose achievement has contributed significantly in the growth and development of Pakistan. The Awards promote healthy competition among people and encourage them to strive harder to push the boundaries of excellence. The Award recipient would have demonstrated past accomplishments and forward thinking to advance the notions of sustainability in every possible way.

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh President FPCCI



The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry being the apex representative body of the business community of Pakistan taking pride of initiative to acknowledge the outstanding performances of business entities and individuals in their respective fields through Achievement Awards.

After successful organization of the previous events, FPCCI is holding the 11th Edition of "Achievement Awards", as a flagship event which is regularly organized to honor the achievements of enterprises in their respective fields, acclaiming as symbol of prestige and recognition at national and international level. The FPCCI Achievement Awards helps Award Winners, in the elevation of

their profile and reputation among all circles.

The performances of award winners and their achievements despite the challenges faced by the business community in Pakistan are highly commendable. This speaks of their dedication, devotion and commitment to their business interests and valuable contribution towards Pakistan's economy.

I thank my team, Convener and Members of the Awards Committee, the Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Coordinators, the Secretary General of FPCCI and his team for their dedication and hard work put in organizing this event. I am confident the Achievement Award will motivate and encourage others to put in more efforts into their respective areas of interest and come out with outstanding achievements which will not only reward them but will also serve trade and economic interests of the Pakistan. I congratulate all the Award Winners and wish them a continued success in their endeavors, with laurels.

Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqar Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh



The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) is organizing the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards to recognize the outstanding performance of individuals and firms for enhancing the insignia of Pakistan. As we know that, in knowledge drive global culture and human development, progressive nations atheistically search for new ideas, people, talents creative plans innovative methods to renovate the old and obsolete systems and infrastructure with new passion and ambitions for a better future. In the era of globalization and economic integration the issues of socio-economic development is one of the category of FPCCI's achievements awards.

Despite all challenges like infrastructure, lack of knowledge creating activities and educational and health backwardness, our people are still competitive in marketing their talent in

Mr. Ahmed Irfan Aslam Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental coordination



I am pleased to know that following its past tradition, the FPCCI is organizing the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards to confer awards to the leading entrepreneurs of Pakistan in recognition of their exceptional performance this year.

The organization of Achievement Awards is a commendable step because they recognize the achievements of exporters and service sector who dare to venture in new areas and succeed. By learning from the example of successful achievers, new entrepreneurs will also encourage to take bold initiatives and win a seal of approval from the apex body. On this occasion, I would also like to appreciate the contribution of the private entrepreneurs for promoting the image of the country through quality products.

Mr. Rizwan Ahmed Bhatti CEO, Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation



I am glad to know that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) is organizing its 11th Achievement Awards in order to honor the business houses who have made an outstanding contribution towards Pakistan's business performance.

Pakistan's strategic location offers our manufacturers a great opportunity to serve the markets in the region, provided they have exportable surplus of manufactures. We should, therefore, adopt innovative methods and the public private partnership model for

reaching international markets and I commend them on this achievement. On this occasion, I also applaud the role of FPCCI in promoting technology, export, economic growth, and prosperity and assisting traders and industrialist in addressing the new challenges being faced in the sphere of international market.

I believe that this event will play a role to boost the confidence of people in marketing their activities. Every successful nation always wants the quick convergence of the country, which is possible only in that condition when countries adopt export led growth and investment-led growth policies for competitiveness, diversification and value addition. I am confident that this event will open up a new vista of fresh opportunities and truly help in promoting true image of Pakistan, which need bareness at significant level.

I congratulate to all valiant winners for their dedicated efforts which are highly admirable and it is my conviction that our people will perform better in future too to accelerate the progress of Pakistan's economy which is the need of the time. I congratulate all the awardees, and convey my best wishes to the organizers for the success of the ceremony.

Haji Ghulam Ali Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



It is heartening to know that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) is organizing the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards, to strengthen the confidence of Pakistani individuals and organizations who performed exceptionally in their respective fields and sectors.

I am pleased to learn that FPCCI's Achievement Award has generated fair competition amongst individuals and organizations and boosts their dynamism, which will lead Pakistan to the road of self-reliance. Economic development, open trade and social emancipation always take place in those countries where creativity, freedom of thoughts and actions are

welcomed and due recognition is given to the individuals who participate actively in attaining the objectives.

The industrial sector plays vital role in the economy by creating jobs, providing goods services, and stimulating economic growth. It is also an important source of tax revenue for governments. Indeed the individuals and organizations of industrial sector not only collaborate with governments to gain access to resources and develop new products but also enable government to invest in infrastructure and other important projects. Congratulate all award winners for their dedicated efforts. It is my firm belief that our individuals and organizations will perform even better future to accelerate the pace of Pakistan's economy.

I would like to convey my best wishes to the President of FPCCI, Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh and his entire team for organizing the Award successfully with this hope that FPCCI will continue its efforts by way of providing marketing opportunities to individuals and organizations both at home and abroad.

Mr. Aneeq Ahmed Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony



I am glad to learn that the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) is organizing the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards to pay tribute to the proficient and bright people and organization who have performed well in the field of trade, industry, economic, science, academia, research and development, commercial and socio-economic development. The institution of Achievement Awards is one of the praiseworthy contributions of FPCCI towards the promotion of merit and expertise and serves to provide recognition to the unfaltering members and organization of the Pakistani Community.

In this era of competition, there is a dire need that we recognize the motivate the services of individuals and organization whose are performing well in their area

of interest to boost the economy by devising strategies that give us an edge over our competitors. These bright people are not only work in Pakistan also work in other nations to the prosperity and development of the nation.

I anticipate that the FPCCI's Awards will generate new fair competition amongst organization and individual and boost their dynamism, which will lead Pakistan to the road of self-reliance. I hope that the Achievement Awards will further encourage the country's people to perform outstanding to improve the status of country in industries, commercial and socio-economic activities and to enhance the progress of Pakistan in national and international market.

Mr. Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry CEO, National Productivity Organization



It gives me immense pleasure to know that FPCCI is organizing the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards in the honor of the leading entrepreneurs of Pakistan whose performance is outstanding in bringing the much-needed foreign exchange to build the reserve of the country.

Through hard work and dedication these individuals have built efficient & commercial organizations that contribute to the economic growth and development of the communities in which they serve. The instituting of FPCCI Achievement Awards is a great initiative of FPCCI to further motivate the star performers under the prevailing conditions when global economy is slow down and affecting our economic progress.

Pakistan economy, particularly industry, agricul-

ture and services are increasingly exposed to serious challenges of competitiveness. In order to improve the competitiveness, there is immediate need to work on relevant indicators as with current performance, Pakistan cannot ideally compete and fetch a good share in the international market. Competitiveness is key in today era, it is impossible to compete in global market without being productive and efficient. I hope that the export awards would serve to encourage a healthy competition in all sectors of economy improving productivity, harnessing new markets and meeting the international challenges.

I congratulate FPCCI on its devotion and sincere efforts to promote entrepreneurship in the country. I also extend my heartfelt felicitations to all Awards Winners on their outstanding performance and contribution in economic development of country. Their achievements and contributions to our business landscape have indeed set a high bar for the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

I extend my warm felicitations to the president FPCCI and his team for organizing such a prestigious event and also on bringing out an impressive souvenir on this occasion. I also extend my felicitations to the FPCCI Achievement Awards Winners on their excellent performance and hope that they will continue their efforts for the prosperity of our country.

Syed Mehdi Shah Governor Gilgit-Baltistan



I am pleased to know that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) is organizing a prestigious event of the 11th FPCCI Achievement Awards, to leading individuals and organizations in lieu of their outstanding performance. These awards have great significance in the present competitiveness environment and they provide an opportunity to the individuals and organization to identify challenges, analyze emerging trends and devise new strategies for recognizing the talent of the country.

The FPCC Achievement Awards encourage those who have done well during the previous year, and also act as a catalyst in generating fresh efforts to meet upcoming challenges to improve the image of country. I hope that the FPCCI Achievement Awards will recognize the individuals and organizations that have contributed extraordinary in the fields of trade, industry, social sector, science, research and others and reveal the highest values of their profession.

I believe that FPCCI Achievement Awards will motivate the individuals and organizations to vigorously play their crucial role in the growth and economic development of the country. I extend my warm felicitations to Irfan Iqbal Sheikh President of FPCCI, and his entire team on organizing this splendid Award ceremony in Pakistan. I also wish all award winners to continue good fortune and success for the future.

Mr. Mohamed Karmoune Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco, Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps



I am quite optimistic that FPCCI will continue to support commendable activities of recognizing and admiring high achievers, which surely motivates and encourages individuals and organizations to further explore creativity and skills that propel them to achieve even higher goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of FPCCI, its President Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members, for holding this extraordinary event. Your support allows the winners to gain the recognition they deserve.

I congratulate all the award winners on their achievements and wish them continued success in future. It is a pleasure to be in the company of so many high-achieving organisations and individuals.

Dr. Saifuddin Junejo Chairman Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA)



to boost exports and facilitate Foreign Direct Investment (FDIs) in its established Zones in the country, hence achieved export growth in the FY 2019-20 US\$ 638.022 million, FY 2020-21 US\$ 974.600 million and FY 2021-22 US\$ 934.997 through manufacturing Sector. EPZA is trying its best to enhance its share in the national exports. EPZA efforts have resulted in the cumulative exports of US\$ 11,875.00 million till the end of FY 2022-23.

There is a dire need to pursue an integrated approach wherein public and private sector work as partners to facilitate and promote an innovative and modern culture for promoting exports. FPCCI being an apex body of trade and industry is undoubtedly playing a crucial role in promoting trade and industry in Pakistan. The Achievement Awards are one of the major activities which encourage the business community and the exporters of Pakistan who are working tirelessly to promote Pakistani products in the International market and earn precious foreign exchange for the country.

Last but not least, I congratulate all the award winners for their commendable performance and wish them success in future.

