

**District Admin
Pursuing Zero
Tolerance Policy On
Negligence In Suthra
Punjab
Programme:DC**

Faisalabad (News Desk): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Capt (R) Nadeem Nasir on Wednesday said that the district administration was implementing a zero tolerance policy on negligence in the Suthra Punjab Programme. According to a



spokesperson, the DC inspected streets and mohallahs, checked the quality of cleanliness, attendance of sanitary workers, and also took feedback from citizens by knocking at their doors. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Waste Management Company Rauf Ahmed and Assistant Commissioner (City) Adil Umar also accompanied him. He directed the concerned officers that the cleanliness plan and duty rosters of sanitary staff should be displayed in prominent places. He warned that fake or incorrect figures on cleaning were not acceptable and that practical work in the field should be clearly visible.

**Governor, FPCCI
Delegation Discuss
"Maraka-e-Haq-
Independence Day"
Campaign**

Karachi (News Desk): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori held a meeting with a delegation from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), led by its Senior Vice President Saqib Fayyaz Maggo, to discuss the preparations for celebrating Independence Day this year in a befitting and patriotic manner. According to a spokesperson of the Governor House, Governor Tessori underscored the essential role of the business community in the "Maraka-e-Haq – Independence Day" campaign. He stated that their active involvement in this national initiative is vital for promoting unity and patriotism across all segments of society. He further emphasized that “whatever we are today is because of this country,” and added that it is a shared responsibility of every citizen, especially influential institutions like FPCCI, to ensure that Independence Day is celebrated with pride, dignity, and meaningful engagement. During the meeting, the FPCCI delegation was also briefed on the ongoing arrangements being made at the Governor House under the “Maraka-e-Haq” campaign, which aims to highlight the importance of national identity and freedom. The FPCCI leaders assured their full cooperation and enthusiastic participation in all upcoming events organized under the campaign’s banner.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the inaugural ceremony of Pak Business Express at Lahore Railway Station

**UAF Workshop Promotes Skill-Based
Training to Empower Women Entrepreneurs**

FAISALABAD (News Desk): Skill-based learnings can play a significant role in empowering women, helping them not only at workplace but also become an entrepreneur. It was said by the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) Director Institute of Home Sciences Dr Beenish Israr at two-day hands-on training workshop on baking techniques organized by Institute of Home Sciences and at Women Industrial Homes at UAF. Dr Beenish stressed upon the need to equip women with professional skills that will also help cope with economics woes. She further said that in today’s rapidly evolving era, it has become need of the hour to facilitate our women to take part in economic activities. Industrial Homes In Charge Sadaf Iqbal called for polishing business skills so that they can become job providers rather than job seekers in future. UAF encourages entrepreneurship and help female students to start their own small startups with minimal investment. This hands-on training is one of the productive step towards that. Hira Iftikhar said that Institute of home sciences especially working on empowering women to face the future challenges and excel themselves in field of art and design.



**430 UAF Female Students Benefit from
Scotland Pakistan Scholarships Worth Rs
48 Million**

FAISALABAD (News Desk) : As many as 430 female students from the University of Agriculture Faisalabad have benefited from the Scotland Pakistan Scholarship worth Rs 48 million so far, whereas 57 students were awarded scholarship certificates during a ceremony held on Wednesday. Inclusive Education Lead (International Development), at the Scottish Government, James McNulty, Education and Skills, British Council, Hamza Salim, Project Coordinator, Scotland Scholarship Scheme, British Council, Irum Amin visited the University of Agriculture Faisalabad and called on UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali and disbursed the scholarship certificates. The meeting also discussed the students' training programs, training of trainers opportunities, supply chain, food certification, and other areas of collaboration for food security and agricultural growth. James McNulty said that they had long ties in the education sector with Pakistan and provided ample opportunities for scholarships to excel in their respective field. He said that the Scotland Pakistan Scholarships for young women and girls fund graduate studies for Pakistani women in any HEC-recognized university. Funded by the Scottish Government, these grants aim to make higher education more accessible to women, supporting them in achieving their potential and ambition. He said that women's scholarship is a step towards removing obstacles to quality education and paving the way for economic development. Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali said that girls are shining in every sphere of life. He said that the scholarships were opening ample opportunities for the female students to excel in life. He said that the agriculture sector was facing numerous challenges. We need to develop the strategy and train the manpower for food security and agrarian development that will pave the way for a bright future. He pointed out that a good portion of the UAF intake UAF from the rural areas. Being the custodian of agricultural development and the oldest agricultural university in the subcontinent, all possible measures were being taken to address the agricultural issues on a scientific basis. Hamza Salim from the British Council said that they were providing opportunities through supporting young people to achieve the education, qualifications, and skills needed to reach their potential in their future careers. Director Financial Assistance and University Advancement (DFA&UA), Dr. Nazia Ehsan, said many of the students hail from low-income classes, and it is difficult for them to pay the fees. Therefore, the university, with the financial support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, International donors, and philanthropists, is taking all possible measures to provide scholarships for the deserving students so that they can quench their thirst for knowledge. Senior Tutor Dr Shoukat Ali, Director Business Incubation Center Dr Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Research Dr. Imran Arshad, Dr. Rao Zahid Abbas, Assistant Director DFA&UA Waqar Akbar Khan, Assistant Accounts Office Shehroz Riasat, and other notables attended.

**PDMA Advises Against
Unnecessary Travel To
'vulnerable Regions'
During Monsoon**

Islamabad (News Desk): Spokesman at the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Peshawar, Anwar Shahzad, on Wednesday issued a strong warning to tourists to strictly follow advisories in Chitral, Mansehra, Lower Dir, and other tourist hotspots as flash flood and cloudburst threats loom, with Section 144 enforced in this regard. In an exclusive conversation with a local news channel, the PDMA spokesperson stated that tourist guides have been advised to stop tourists from entering these high-risk areas and to fully cooperate with local administrations. Their role is critical in keeping people away from flood-prone and landslide-affected zones, and they are expected to discourage any travel or trekking in sensitive locations. Authorities have warned of possible flash flooding and cloudbursts in hilly and riverine areas. PDMA, in collaboration with district administrations, is monitoring the situation closely and has placed emergency response teams on high alert. Tourists are advised to avoid riverbanks, steep valleys, and camping in low-lying areas during this critical time. Section 144 has been imposed in vulnerable districts, restricting unnecessary movement in high-risk zones, including near water bodies and mountainous paths, to ensure public safety and prevent any untoward incidents during the predicted spell of heavy rains. PDMA has set up emergency control rooms and helplines for public assistance. Anwar Shahzad emphasized that ignoring weather alerts could lead to life-threatening situations and urged tourists to act responsibly, cooperate with local authorities, and postpone travel plans if conditions deteriorate. Talking about evacuation, he clarified that it is not necessary at this stage. “We are on high alert and have already issued early warnings. Camps and shelters have also been kept ready in case they are needed,” he said. PDMA is closely monitoring the situation in coordination with district authorities and will act promptly if conditions worsen. Emergency teams remain on standby, and control rooms have been activated for public assistance. The spokesman strongly advised tourists and locals to cooperate with authorities, avoid unnecessary movement, and take all weather warnings seriously. “It is better to postpone travel than to put lives at risk,” he emphasized.

**ICT Police Nab 12 Drug
Dealers; Over 18kg
Narcotics Seized In 24-
hour Operation**

Islamabad (News Desk): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police have launched a major crackdown against drug peddlers, arresting 12 suspects during various intelligence-based operations conducted over the past 24 hours on Wednesday. According to a public relations officer, the police teams carried out raids in different sectors of the capital including G-9, I-10, F-11, and surrounding rural areas. During the operations, the police recovered a significant quantity of narcotics, including over 12 kilograms of hashish, 4.37 kilograms of heroin .