

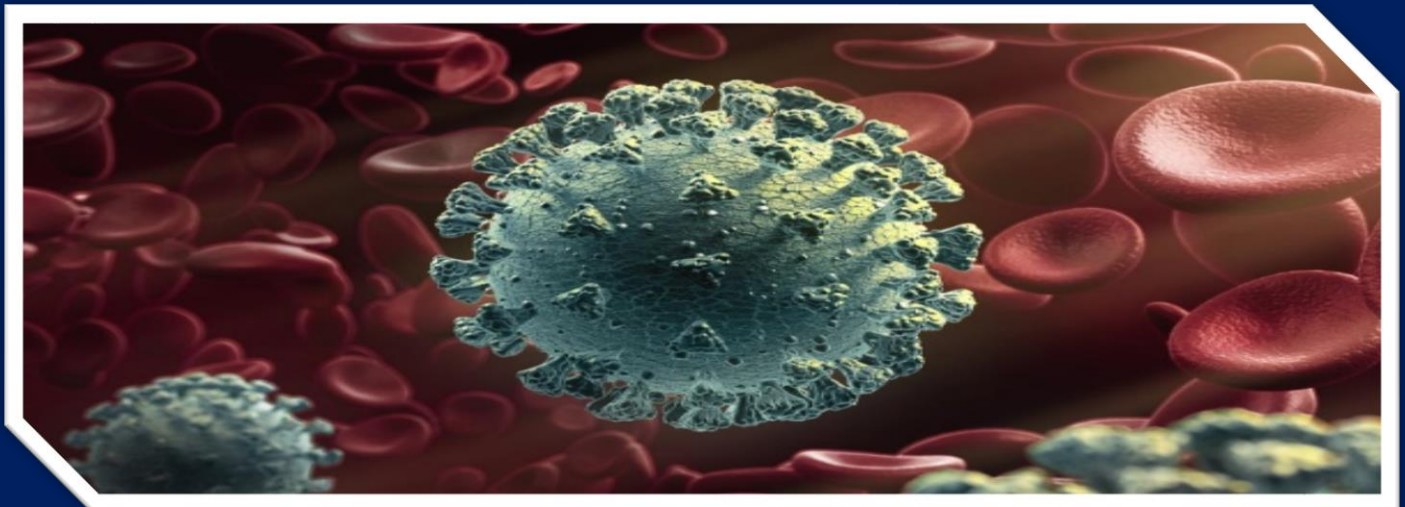
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Tackling Child Care

Source: [Zofeen T. Ebrahim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

AMONG the many lessons the world has learnt from the Covid-19 pandemic on how to build better, an important one is to address and invest in quality and affordable childcare. In today's Pakistan, with skyrocketing fuel and food prices, having safe and accessible childcare would help more women participate in paid work. A recent editorial in this newspaper put the Pakistani women's par.....[more >>](#)

Before a fifth wave

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

If anything, the deadly Covid-19 virus has taught us that prevention is always better than cure. While we all can thank our lucky stars that the situation in Pakistan has remained under control, we must give credit where it is due. The incumbent government has been proactive and has taken prudent measures to curtail the threat and ebb the intensity of the Covid-19 waves. The vaccination drive has[more >>](#)

Learning techniques

Source: [Michael Houlagte And Afnan Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

The Covid-19 pandemic fundamentally changed the way organisations work. Nearly two years into the pandemic, many organisations continue to work from home or use hybrid working models wherein some employees work remotely and some from the office. With more employees working from home or remote working, there is a need for new models of learning and development that have the flexibility of digita.....[more >>](#)

Exporting out of Covid-induced economic crisis

Source: [Aadil Nakhoda](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

KARACHI: The dynamics involved in international trading activities are becoming as complex as ever as the world recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic-induced shock and reopens borders. The Trade and Development Report 2021 of Unctad predicts that the global economy will grow 5.3% as it recovers from the adverse impact of Covid-19. This will be the fastest growth in the last five decades. The repo.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19 Controlled

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

Pakistan just achieved the remarkable milestone of administering over 100 million doses in the short time-span of nine months alone. Rapid immunisation is the reason why Covid-19 has been relatively contained in Pakistan as the NCOC is only reporting an average of 500 cases a day. In comparison to the last few months, this is a monumental achievement. At the same time, we must not forget that, at[more >>](#)

Love for wisdom

Source: [Dr Syed Kaleem Imam](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-26

In the world of wisdom, learning and intellect, philosophers are revered for their deep thinking and logical argument. Undoubtedly, Socrates was a legendary philosopher who immortalised himself when he preferred death over compromising over his teachings and beliefs. Unfortunately, this subject has been denounced in the sort of society we see in the underdeveloped world. Thinking, questioning,[more >>](#)

Misinformation mania

Source: [Stephan Lewandowsky And Philipp Schmid](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-26

Opposition to vaccination is as old as vaccination itself. Although vaccines save five lives every minute, and even though 85 percent of children worldwide are vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough, some people are resisting the life-saving shots. A range of factors contribute to vaccine opposition -- from fear of needles or side effects to conspiracy theories involving govern.....

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Reach Every Door

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

In an attempt to inoculate 81 million people by the end of December 2021, the Punjab government announced the launch of the Reach Every Door (RED) vaccination campaign. This will direct medical officials towards far-flung districts in the province where many residents still remain vulnerable to the transmission of Covid-19. A few things to remain cognisant of is vaccine hesitancy, lack of awareness.....

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Broken Britannia

Source: [Kenneth Surin](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-28

Since mid-August, as many people in the UK have been dying from Covid every 2 weeks as usually die from flu in a year: that's approximately 1,400 fatalities. The UK now has one of the highest per capita infection rates in the world: 4 times higher than Germany, 9 times higher than France, and 25 times higher than Spain. Last Thursday the UK recorded more than 50,000 infections in a single.....

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Covid's impact on students

Source: [Faisal Bari](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

A NUMBER of papers in academic journals show that Covid-19 has had a very significant impact on students' mental health. Some papers say that the reports of high levels of anxiety, depression and distress have increased by 200-300 per cent over the last two years. Some studies also show a differentially greater impact on women compared to men. I am part of a global forum of Education School.....

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National News

Islamabad

Provinces told to expedite vaccination drive

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

ISLAMABAD: In order to further contain the spread of Covid-19, which has been affecting fewer people for the last one week, the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) has called upon the provinces to step up their vaccination drive. As per the NCOC data, 16 people lost their lives to the deadly virus in the country during the last 24 hours, while test results of 567 people out of 39,200 citiz.....[more >>](#)

Pakistan achieves milestone of administering 100m Covid jabs

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and Chairman National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Asad Umar on Saturday expressed his gratitude on achieving the milestone of 100 million inoculations of Covid-19 vaccines to eligible population in the country. In a video message, the NCOC chair said, "Thanks to Allah Almighty, the number of vaccinations[more >>](#)

Islamabad Capital Territory; 85pc of 'eligible' population fully vaccinated against Covid-19

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has crossed set target for the Covid-19 vaccination as over 85 percent of the eligible population in the federal capital has been fully vaccinated, District Health Officer (DHO) Islamabad Dr Zaeem Zia said. Islamabad's eligible population for the Covid-19 vaccination is about 1.46 million and "we have crossed the set[more >>](#)

Pakistan passes milestone of administering 100m vaccine doses

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday announced that over 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered in less than nine months. Besides, 68m people have got at least one dose of vaccine out of whom 38m have been fully vaccinated. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said in a video statement that with the passage of time the pace of vaccination had increa.....[more >>](#)

Similar symptoms of dengue, corona create confusion

Source: [correspondent, The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

Islamabad: The similar symptoms of dengue fever and Covid-19 at the initial stage have not only become a problem for the patients but also for the medical physicians who are carefully adopting health protocols to treat them. The information shared by the local people revealed that many people got confused whether they were suffering from dengue fever or got infected by the coronavirus because t.....[more >>](#)

'Youth's mental health directly impacts economic growth'

Source: [Myra Imran, The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

Islamabad : Speakers of a two-day international virtual conference stressed in-depth research on youth's mental health saying that the mental health of the young population has a direct impact on the productivity and economic growth of a country. Organised by the National Institute of Psychology (NIP), Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, the 8th International Conference titled[more >>](#)

Research on study losses during pandemic launched

Source: [Myra Imran](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

Islamabad : Enrolment for age group 6-16 has dropped by 2 per cent in 2021 compared to enrolment for the same age group in 2019, says a report titled 'Measuring Learning Losses due to Covid-19' launched on Wednesday. The report was launched at a virtual event organized by Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA), with the support of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) virtually. Fe.....

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Covid vaccine administered to 100m people: Dr Faisal

Source: [Rahul Basharat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

ISLAMABAD - Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) on Saturday announced that 100 million people in the country have been administered the Covid-19 vaccine. In a statement issued here, referring to the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on NHS Dr Faisal Sultan, said that government has done its best to protect the people from the Covid-19. The ministry statement, quoting Dr Faisal

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Pakistan hits milestone of administering 100m covid vaccine doses

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

ISLAMABAD - Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination Dr. Faisal Sultan on Saturday said that Pakistan has successfully achieved the milestone of administering 100 million doses of COVID vaccine across the country. In a video message, Dr. Faisal said the target was achieved with the support of citizens of Pakistan and many organizations.....

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US, Pakistan agree on bilateral collaboration in health sector

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

ISLAMABAD - United States and Pakistan on Saturday agreed to remain engaged for further bilateral collaboration in the health sector to achieve the sustainable development. Federal Minister for Planning, Development, Reform and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar held a virtual meeting with the U.S. Department of State's Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security, Ms.....

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Pakistan's Covid-19 trajectory continues to come down

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

ISLAMABAD: The country has been recording a positivity ratio of less than 2 per cent for the last nine days as a downward Covid-19 trajectory continues. The infection rate in the last 24 hours remained 1.35pc. However, 18 patients also lost their battle against the virus during this period. According to data shared by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 43,522 tests for coronavirus.....

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Int'l traders eyeing Pakistani market in post-pandemic era

Source: [Inp](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-23

"We look forward to exploring more business opportunities in Pakistan," said international traders attending the 130th China Import and Export Fair held in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, according to China Economic Net. Scheduled this week, the 130th China Import and Export Fair, also known as Canton Fair, was held both online and offline for the first time as the COVID-19 pand.....

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Covid-19 national positivity ratio plummets below 1.4%

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-25

The national tally of Covid-19 active cases on Sunday was recorded 23,917 with 591 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 737 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Eighteen corona patients have died during last 24 hours, 15 of whom were under treatment in different hospitals and three of them perished in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the la.....

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Pakistan to observe Oct 27 as 'black day'

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-25

Pakistan will observe October 27 as "Black Day" at national and international level to express solidarity with the people of Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) facing illegal occupation and gross human rights violation for the last 74 years. Each year, October 27th is observed as Kashmir Black Day to mark protest and resentment by Kashmiris around the world in commemor.....

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Classrooms and Covid

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-25

Per a study conducted by the Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi, school closures during the Covid-19 pandemic have led to a learning crisis for primary schoolchildren in Pakistan. There is no doubt that the pandemic has had an enormous impact on education, and the learning of children, especially those who are comparatively young. The study has shown that about two percent of children are no longer enrolled

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Covid-19 national positivity ratio declines to 1.35pc

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 active cases on Sunday was recorded 23,917 with 591 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 737 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Eighteen corona patients have died during last 24 hours, 15 of whom were under treatment in different hospitals and three of them perished in their respective quarantines or homes, acc.....

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Pakistan reports lowest daily COVID-19 death count of 2021

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

Pakistan recorded the lowest daily COVID-19 death count of 2021 after less than 10 people lost their lives to the virus over the last 24 hours, official data from Monday morning showed. The virus claimed the lives of at least nine people, while 698 fresh infections were reported after 42,095 tests were taken, data from the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) confirmed. The country ha.....

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COVID-19 positivity ratio plummets below 1.4pc

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-25

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 active cases on Sunday was recorded at 23,917 with 591 more people testing positive for the deadly virus and 737 people recovering from the disease during the last 24 hours. Eighteen corona patients have died during the last 24 hours, 15 of whom were under treatment in different hospitals and three of them perished in their respective quarantines or hom.....

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No death due to COVID-19 from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-10-25

Islamabad : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed no life from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours while 36 new patients have been reported positive for the illness from the twin cities recording positivity rate of the infection as 1.15 per cent at average in the region. According to District Health Officer ICT Dr. Muhammad Zaeem Zia, 24 patients were di.....

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Pakistan records lowest deaths since Covid spike

Source: [APP, Daily Times](#), 2021-10-26

The national tally of Covid-19 active cases was recorded 23,940 as 698 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 666 people recovered from the disease on Monday. Nine patients died on Monday. The deceased were under treatment in different hospitals, according to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Most of the deaths occurred in Khyber Pakhtunkh.....

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Covid-19 cases drop by 75pc in two months

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD: The number of active cases of Covid-19 has reduced by 75 per cent and admissions to hospitals have dropped four times in the country over the past two months. However, as many as 698 persons were infected with Covid-19 and nine succumbed to the virus over the past 24 hours. The national positivity now stands at 1.65pc. Data released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC)

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Govt asks IMF to relax Covid spending ceiling by \$2b

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has borrowed \$3.1 billion in the past three months, including money for vaccine procurements, amid its requests to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to relax the spending ceiling by around \$2 billion for expenditures on mitigation of coronavirus disease. The request for upward adjustment of the budget limit ceiling by around Rs352 billion or \$2 billion is part of the fisca.....

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Nine more Covid-19 deaths reported countrywide: NCOC

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday reported nine more Covid-19 deaths, which is the lowest daily count of 2021, official data released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) revealed. According to the NCOC data, over the past 24 hours countrywide a total 698 people were tested positive for Covid-19 virus after 42,095 tests were conducted. For almost a week Pakistan had been recor.....

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1m people to be vaccinated daily against corona under 'Reach Every Door' campaign: Buzdar

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

Lahore - On the direction of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, a province-wise campaign has been launched to vaccinate around one million people daily. The drive will continue till November 12. The chief minister was briefed about the 'Reach Every Door (RED)' campaign at a meeting which was attended by Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid, primary and secondary health secreta.....

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Pay difference of PIMS, Polyclinic staffers delays Covid allowance's release

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD - The difference of basic pay between Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Polyclinic doctors has resulted in delay in release of Covid-19 risk allowance, The Nation learnt on Monday. The finance department, in its letter has sought clarification from the ministry of National Health Services (NHS) on differences of claim submitted by both major public sector hospitals o.....

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National positivity rate of Covid-19 falls to 1.35pc

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

ISLAMABAD: While national positivity rate of Covid-19 cases dropped to 1.35 per cent, the country reported 572 more infections and six patients died in the last 24 hours. The Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), an international body responsible for assessing the state of the world's preparedness for pandemics and other health emergencies, has warned that the world does not have the.....

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CM announces to fill 70,000 education, health vacancies

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2021-10-27

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has advised the opposition not to make hue and cry as the government was stable and would complete its five-year term. The government would soon announce a package to combat the price-hike problem as it was fully aware of the difficulties of the common man and Prime Minister would also soon announce a package to give relief to the people. Chief Minister P.....

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Slight increase in Covid-19 cases seen in Pindi, Islamabad

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

ISLAMABAD: A total of 51 new Covid-19 cases surfaced in Islamabad and Rawalpindi districts on Tuesday with the positivity ratio recorded at 1.2pc in the former and 1.1pc in the latter. Officials of the capital administration said 3,095 tests were conducted in the capital during the last 24 hours, out of which 39 turned out positive. Four cases were reported from Lohi Bher followed by three from F.....

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Pakistan's Covid positivity ratio at its lowest ever: Asad Umar

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

ISLAMABAD: National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar said on Wednesday said that Pakistannow has the lowest Covid-19 positivity ratio ever since the government started measuring the infection in the country. The minister took to his official Twitter account to make the announcement, adding that the country currently had the lowest number of patients in critical care as well as.....

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Pakistan records below 10 daily Covid deaths for second day

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

ISLAMABAD - The country on Tuesday reported less than 10 fatalities from corona virus in a single day for the second consecutive day. According to the latest data released by National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the country reported as many 572 fresh cases of Covid-19 and six people lost their lives due to the virus in the last 24 hours. The overall positivity rate remained at 1.35 perc.....

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Covid-19 national positivity ratio drops below 1.35%

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-28

The national tally of Covid-19 pandemic on Wednesday reported one of the lowest positivity ratio recorded on Wednesday amid decline in per day positive cases, disease trend and death rate. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in a tweet on it's official handle shared the latest disease statistics. The nerve centre of the country in its fight against the pandemic wrote that some.....

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Employment impact from pandemic worse than expected: ILO

Source: [correspondent](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-28

The loss of working hours in 2021 because of the pandemic will be significantly higher than previously estimated, as a two-speed recovery between developed and developing nations threatens the global economy as a whole, says the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The ILO is now projecting that global hours worked in 2021 will be 4.3 per cent below pre-pandemic levels (the fourth quarter of

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Covid claims one life in Pindi

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-28

SLAMABAD: While Islamabad and Rawalpindi district saw a decline in the Covid-19 positivity ratio, one person died of the disease whereas 35 people contracted it on Wednesday. Positivity ratio was 0.6pc in both areas. Officials of the capital administration said during the last 24 hours 4,076 tests were conducted in the capital and out of the total 28 tested positive. The deceased was identified

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Covid-19 positivity ratio declines to lowest level

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-28

ISLAMABAD: The coronavirus positivity ratio in Pakistan has reached the lowest level since the country started measuring Covid-19 cases, Chairman National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said. Taking to Twitter, Asad Umar, who also holds the portfolio of Federal Planning and Development said that the country on Wednesday recorded a positivity rate of 1.34 percent. He further said tha.....

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Pakistan has lowest Covid positivity ratio now: Asad

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-28

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning and National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar on Wednesday said that Pakistan now has lowest positivity ratio since the authorities started measuring corona virus. In a twitter post, he further said that the country has now recorded lowest Covid-19 patients on critical care and lowest daily mortality in a year. "Positive impact of

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Covid-19: national positivity ratio hovers around 1.42%

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-29

The national tally of Covid-19 pandemic on Thursday was persistently recorded one of the lowest positivity ratio during past 24 hours amid decline in per day positive cases, disease trend and death rate. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in a tweet on it's official handle shared the latest disease statistics. The nerve centre of the country in its fight against the pandemic wr.....

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COVID-19 claims 1 life with 13 new infections in 24 hours

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

RAWALPINDI - As many as 13 more COVID-19 positive cases were reported during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 38,973 in the district while one person lost battle of life against the virus. As per the data released by the District Health Authority here on Thursday, the total infected cases included 35,987 from Rawalpindi and 2986 from other districts. Among the new ca.....[more >>](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Second dose linked with Form B in K-P schools

Source: [Muhammad Haroon](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Health Department has linked inoculation of school students with second dose of Covid-19 vaccine with Form B. Those students who don't have Form B will not be given the second dose as the Health Department has started vaccination of school children aged 12 years and above on the instruction of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Talking to[more >>](#)

91 new corona cases reported in KP

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

PESHAWAR - Corona infection ratio is on decline in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as 91 new cases are reported during last 24 hours from the province. According to health authorities, as many as 109 corona cases were reported on Friday. The number of deaths reported in a single day is five and the number of recoveries during the same period is 156. The total number of tests conducted is 9975 while the[more >>](#)

79 corona, 100 dengue cases reported in KP

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

Peshawar - The positivity ratio of corona further dropped as 79 new cases were reported from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during last 24 hours, said corona updates shared by the KP Health Department here on Sunday. According to the updates, five more patients died of coronavirus during the period taking the death toll from the disease in the province to 5718. A total of 8306 tests were conducted in th.....[more >>](#)

Unvaccinated people denied entry to bazaars

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

KOHAT: The police on Monday started barring people not having the Covid-19 vaccination certificate from entering the main bazaar. The personnel returned most of the people at the Shah Faisal Gate, the main entrance to the bazaar, as they failed to produce the vaccination proof. Reacting to the development, Haji Abid Khan, president of the grand businessmen alliance, said thousands of shopkeepers.....[more >>](#)

Contractual doctors threaten to stop work in Covid wards

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

PESHAWAR: Five Covid-19 patients died and 93 more infections were detected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday amid a threat by contract doctors to stop duties in the Covid wards and vaccination centres against non-regularisation of their services. "Majority of our colleagues is engaged in management of Covid-19 patients in hospitals. Two of the contract doctors have died of the virus and over.....[more >>](#)

Punjab

Shops sealed for flouting coronavirus SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

LAHORE - The inspection teams of district administration carried out a grand operation in various areas of the provincial capital and sealed around 62 business points, garment and fabric shops, food outlets, petrol pumps etc. during the ongoing month. The teams also issued warning notices to 80 other shop owners in the same period for not following the coronavirus related standard operating p.....[more >>](#)

Unvaccinated people not to be allowed to enter offices, use transport

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-23

RAWALPINDI: The district administration on Friday asked citizens to get their second dose of Covid-19 vaccine as soon as possible otherwise they will not be allowed to enter government offices and use public transport. The decisions were taken at a meeting held at the deputy commissioner office with additional deputy commissioner Asher Iqbal in the chair. The district administration, however, fa.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19 claims two lives in Pindi

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

RAWALPINDI: Two persons died in the district on Saturday and 15 people tested positive for the virus whereas 10 patients discharged from the hospitals. Positivity rate of Covid-19 in Rawalpindi District was at 1.06pc as 1,405 tests were conducted, which found the virus in 15 people in the district. Feroza Jan, 65, resident of Chakri, was brought to Rawalpindi Institute of Urology (RIU) on Sept 2.....[more >>](#)

COVID-19: Punjab to kick off door-to-door vaccination drive from 25th

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

LAHORE: In a move to meet vaccination targets, the government of Punjab has announced it will kick off its door-to-door coronavirus vaccination drive from October 25. The campaign initiated by the Punjab government will last till November 12, as per a notification issued by the provincial government, adding that it will vaccinate people at their homes across its nine divisions and 36 districts.....[more >>](#)

Lesco resumes distribution control of 66 railway colonies after relaxation in Covid-19 restrictions

Source: [Hamid Waleed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-24

LAHORE: The Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) has resumed taking over the distribution control of 66 railway colonies of Pakistan Railways (PR) after the relaxation of the Corona restrictions. According to the data exclusively available with Business Recorder, out of the 66 distribution networks, 38 are fed by above and 28 by below 100kva generators. According to the data, the LESCO.....[more >>](#)

2 COVID-19 deaths from Pindi, 54 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-24

Rawalpindi : The number of patients being tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district has been on a continuous decline for the last two weeks though the virus is still claiming a significant number of lives from the region. In the last two weeks, 796 new patients were tested positive for COVID-19 from the twin cities at an average o.....[more >>](#)

KEMU lauds staff for war against Covid

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

LAHORE: King Edward Medical University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Masood Gondal says all departments of KEMU and their heads and staff played a pivotal role as frontline soldiers to treat patients suffering from Covid, especially through telemedicine when OPDs were closed. He was addressing a farewell organised in honor of professors and controller of KEMU examinations who retired during 2020.....

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'Reach Every Door' Covid vaccination drive in Punjab today

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

LAHORE: The Punjab government announced on Sunday launch of Reach Every Door (RED) vaccination campaign from Monday (today) in the province. In order to meet the vaccination target of 81 million by the end of December, the government is launching the largest door-to-door campaign from Oct 25 in all 36 districts of the province. To make the RED vaccination campaign a success, the health departmen.....

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Rawalpindi reports 12 Covid-19 cases

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

RAWALPINDI: As many as 12 people tested positive for Covid-19 in the district of Rawalpindi and 16 patients were discharged from hospitals after their recovery in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate in the district remained 1.5pc. Total 825 samples were collected and 12 of them tested positive. There are 193 active patients in the district - 35 in hospitals and 158 home isolated. Officials sa.....

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Pak Army has history of serving humanity for peace: COAS

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2021-10-25

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan armed forces on Sunday extended best wishes to the United Nations on its 76th anniversary. Director General Inter Services Public Relations (DG ISPR) Major General Babar Iftikhar shared Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa's message on the occasion on his official Twitter handle. "Pakistan Army has distinguished history of serving humanity for.....

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Special drive against Covid-19 from today Vaccination will cover citizens aged 12 years and above

Source: [Jamil Mirza, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

RAWALPINDI: A 12-day special anti-covid vaccination campaign will be launched across the province including in Rawalpindi from October 25. Citizens aged 12 years and above will be vaccinated against the virus. The campaign will be launched under the Reach Every Door (RED) initiative. In this regard, the District Disease Surveillance and Response Unit of District Health Authority Rawalpindi condu.....

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Door-to door vaccination to start on October 25

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

Punjab Minister for Local Governments and Community Development (LG&CD) Mian Mahmoodur Rasheed said that a special door-to-door corona vaccination campaign would start from October 25 and continue till November 12. In a statement issued on Sunday, he said that success in drive against coronavirus could only be made possible if maximum number of people were vaccinated. He said 12,000 teams wo.....

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Door-to-door vaccination drive will begin in Punjab today

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

LAHORE: The Punjab government is going to launch a door-to-door vaccination campaign from today (October 25) in all the 36 districts of the province. Under the campaign, a spokesperson for the Punjab Health Department said they have worked out a strategy to achieve the highest-ever vaccination target. He said to make the vaccination campaign titled "RED" (reach every door) a success....

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Punjab reports 171 new Covid-19 cases

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

LAHORE - Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) Secretary Imran Sikandar Baloch said on Sunday that during the last 24 hours, 171 new coronavirus cases have been reported from Punjab out of which 96 cases are from Lahore. In a press statement, he explained that 17 cases have been reported in Rawalpindi, nine in Multan and Jehlum each, six in Sargodah and Faisalabad each, and three....

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Pindi sees lowest Covid-19 positivity ratio of the year

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD: As many as 36 people were diagnosed with Covid-19 in Islamabad and Rawalpindi districts on Monday. Rawalpindi district's positivity ratio dropped to 0.8pc, the lowest level noted during the year whereas the ratio in Islamabad stood at 1.05pc. Officials of the capital administration said during the last 24 hours 2,944 tests were conducted. They said four cases each were reported

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Teachers denied conveyance allowance due to Covid closure

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

LAHORE: The government has deducted conveyance allowance of thousands of teachers due to closure of educational institutions during the third wave of Covid-19. However, the Punjab Teachers Union (PTU) have protested over deduction of conveyance allowance from pay and demanded its reversal. The Punjab School Education Department (SED) deducted Rs6,500 from the salaries of STs, Rs7,500 from ESTs,

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35 test positive for COVID-19, no death in last 2 days

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-26

Rawalpindi: As many as 35 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from this region of the country in the last 24 hours including only four patients from Rawalpindi district and 31 from Islamabad Capital Territory while the virus has claimed no life from the region in the last two days. The number of patients being tested positive and the number of active cases a.....

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No COVID-19 death

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-10-27

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 that had claimed as many as 2,133 lives from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district since the advent of the disease did not cause any death in the region in the last 24 hours though 50 new patients were reported from the region taking tally to 142,717. It is important that no death has been reported due to COVID-19 from the twin cities in[more >>](#)

One death, 34 new cases of COVID-19 from twin cities

Source: [correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-10-28

Rawalpindi : As many as 34 new cases of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 have been reported in a day from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district however the virus has claimed another life from Rawalpindi in the last 24 hours after three days. Data collected by 'The News' on Wednesday reveals that the total number of patients so far reported from the region reached 142,751[more >>](#)

One more dies of corona, 49 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-10-29

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another life from Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours taking death toll from the district to 1,197 while another 49 patients have been tested positive for the illness from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district taking the tally to 142,800. It is, however, important that no death due to COVID-19 was reported from the federa.....[more >>](#)

Global pandemic; Employees experience mental health challenges

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-10-29

LAHORE: A global research study finds that 78 percent of people felt their companies were more concerned about their mental health now than before the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, 78 percent of people feel "stuck" professionally and personally (77pc) and 90pc of people say their meaning of success has changed since the pandemic started. Moreover, 89pc of people want technology to help.....[more >>](#)

Sindh

Three more Covid patients die

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-10-25

KARACHI: As many as three more patients of the coronavirus died overnight and 379 new cases emerged when 16,546 people underwent Covid test. In a statement issued here on Sunday, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said the deaths during the past 24 hours lifted the toll to 7,551, constituting 1.6 per cent death rate. Mr Shah said 16,546 samples were tested which detected 379 cases, forming 2.3pc.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19 claims 3 more lives in Sindh, infects 379 more people

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-10-25

KARACHI: Three more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 7,551 in Sindh province, while 379 new cases emerged when 16,546 tests were conducted. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement here Sunday said that three more patients of COVID-19 died, raising the death toll to 7,551 that constitute 1.6 percent death rate. He said that 16,546 samples we.....[more >>](#)

55 more patients test positive for COVID-19 in Hyderabad

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-25

HYDERABAD - As many as 55 COVID-19 positive cases have been reported during the last 24 hours, taking the number of total coronavirus cases to 28207 in Hyderabad district on Sunday. Out of 28209 COVID-19 cases, 26805 have so far been recovered while 605 patients had lost their lives due to the contagion, the daily situation report stated. The number of total active cases has reached to 797, of them.....

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COVID-19 claims four lives, infects 223 others

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

KARACHI - As many as four more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 7,555 and 223 new cases emerged when 11,478 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Tuesday. He added that four patient of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll pervious day 7,555 that constituted 1.6 percent death r.....

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FIA nabs gang involved in making forged COVID-19 vaccination certificates

Source: [Muhammad Sabih](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-28

KARACHI - Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) Cyber Crime Cell Sindh Zone claimed to have arrested 11 persons including a lady health worker for their alleged involvement in issuance of fake COVID-19 vaccination certificates. Addressing a presser here, Additional Director FIA Cyber Crime Sindh Imran Riaz unearthed a 14-member gang comprises of employees of different laboratories, a tra.....

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40% people got first dose of anti-Covid jabs: official

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

KARACHI: At least 13.759 million people in the province have received the first dose of the vaccine for the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) while 8.2 million people have been fully vaccinated in the province so far, Health Secretary Kazim Jatoi said on Thursday. Referring to the vaccination campaign, Jatoi said, "So far 40 per cent of the population eligible for Covid-19 vaccination h.....

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Women's cricket team; Three players test positive for Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

KARACHI: Three squad members of the national women's team participating in the pre-camp for West Indies series at the Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre have been tested positive for Covid-19. These members tested positive in the routine Covid-19 testing on Wenesday and are under 10-day quarantine, which to be end on 6th November. The other squad members will remain in isolation til.....

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Sindh: 132,000 pupils vaccinated

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

KARACHI: Sindh Health authorities on Wednesday informed that 40 percent of people of Sindh have received one dose of Covid-19 vaccination, while 24 percent of people have been fully vaccinated. The details were shared at an important meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah at Sindh Secretariat on Thursday. During the meeting, the officials of the.....

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132,000 students vaccinated in Sindh schools, CS told

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-29

KARACHI - An important meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sindh Chief Secretary Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah at Sindh Secretariat on Thursday. Additional Chief Secretary Home Qazi Shahid Pervez, Secretary Health Kazim Jatoi, Secretary General Administration Muhammad Hanif Channa, Secretary Colleges Khalid Haider Shah, Secretary Food Abdul Haleem Sheikh And all the Commissioners and Deputy Com.....

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Covid vaccine 90% effective in younger children: Pfizer

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

WASHINGTON: Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine is more than 90 percent effective in preventing symptomatic disease among children aged 5-to-11, the company said in a document released Friday that put forward its case for authorization. The new data was published on the website of the Food and Drug Administration, which has called an advisory panel of independent experts to meet Tuesday to vote on[more >>](#)

Jumma offered at Haram Sharif without COVID restrictions

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-23

MAKKAH: After the Saudi government relaxed COVID-19 restrictions pertaining to holy sites, Muslims are flocking to the Grand Mosque in Makkah today to offer Jumma (Friday) prayers en masse. Today's will be the first Friday prayer to be offered in months at the Grand Mosque with a full strength of worshippers allowed by Saudi authorities. Sheikh Abdul Rahman al-Sudais, head of the Haramain[more >>](#)

Two million people to be invited for Covid-19 booster in UK; Fiji to reopen borders; Namibia halts use of Sputnik jabs after HIV fears

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-25

For a people that have seen their fair share of violence these past few decades, one would have thought entertainment and pop culture would be allowed to be a much-needed refuge from the realities of life. Unfortunately, it seems the recent spiral into regression has not spared TV fare either. In a new directive, Pemra has advised television channels not to depict an un-Islamic view of life by sho.....[more >>](#)

Russia probes fake vaccine certificates; Iran reopens to vaccinated tourists after 20 months; Moderna reports positive results for children

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-26

Washington: US biotech firm Moderna said on Monday its Covid vaccine was safe and produced a strong immune response in children aged 6-11, adding it would submit trial data to global regulators soon. The news comes as a panel of government advisors was preparing to meet Tuesday on the question of whether to authorise the Pfizer vaccine in kids aged 5-11, with top infectious disease expert Antho.....[more >>](#)

Biden throws support into struggling Democrat's governor race

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-27

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden campaigns on Tuesday in Virginia for the Democrats' beleaguered governor candidate Terry McAuliffe, whose slide in the polls has put the party on red alert for a Republican comeback in next year's midterm battle for Congress. On paper, McAuliffe, 64, should have a relatively easy run in a week's time. Already a former Virginia governor and seeki.....[more >>](#)

Covid cases and deaths on the rise again in Europe

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

PARIS - Covid infections and deaths are on the rise again in Europe, with Russia, Ukraine and Romania registering the highest fatalities on the continent, an AFP tally showed Tuesday. About 1,672,000 new cases have been registered on the continent over the past week, an average of about 239,000 per day. That was an increase of 18 percent on the previous week, according to AFP's data, co.....[more >>](#)

WHO keeping close eye on Delta subvariant; US panel recommends Pfizer vaccine for children

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-28

Washington: A medical panel of US government advisors endorsed the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine in five-to-11-year-olds on Wednesday, paving the way for younger children to get their shots within weeks. The independent experts concluded the known benefits -- both directly to kids' health but also in ending school and other disruptions -- outweighed the known risks. After a day of presentations.....

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Pharma co to share its COVID pill formula with poor countries

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-28

NEW YORK: Pharmaceutical company Merck has granted a royalty-free license for its promising COVID-19 pill to a United Nations-backed nonprofit organisation in a deal that would allow the drug to be manufactured and sold cheaply in the poorest nations, where vaccines for the coronavirus are in devastatingly short supply, reports foreign media. The agreement with the Medicines Patent Pool, an org.....

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Covid plan needs \$23bn over next year: WHO

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-10-29

The World Health Organization said Thursday its plan to secure and deploy vaccines, tests and treatments to combat the Covid-19 pandemic needed \$23.4 billion over the next 12 months. Cash for the WHO's Access to Covid Tools Accelerator – aimed at developing, producing, procuring and distributing tools to tackle the pandemic – would help fight global inequity in the roll-out. Th.....

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Ukraine capital imposes new curbs as virus cases surge; Russia sees record virus cases, deaths

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-10-29

Moscow: Russia reported record numbers of daily coronavirus cases and deaths on Thursday as Moscow shut down non-essential services for 11 days to combat the surge in infections. The country hardest-hit in Europe by the pandemic, Russia has struggled with low vaccination rates despite developing several of its own jabs. Recent weeks have seen daily numbers of cases and deaths hit the highest of.....

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SDPI Engagements

Media briefing on COP-26

Pakistan's Diverse Delegations To Participate At COP-26: Dr Abid Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 26th Oct, 2021) :Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri on Tuesday said the COP-26 to be held atGlasgow, theUKwas a very significant international conference, wherePakistan's diverse delegations were going to participate in the Conference. Addressing a Pre-COP26mediabriefing, he said the 26t.....[more >>](#)

Webinar News

EXPERTS CALL FOR ENSURING HEALTH WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Source: [Tariq Ullah Wardak](#), [Daily Ausaf](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD (Tariq Ullah Wardak): The implementation of laws pertaining to health warnings on tobacco products in letter and spirit is need of the hour besides translating these messages in the local languages for the consumption of common people. The experts from health and social sector stated this while sharing their views during a webinar titled, "Graphic Health Warning – Combustible.....[more >>](#)

Workshop News

Health warnings on tobacco products should be ensured by better implementation on laws: Speakers

Source: [not available](#), [The Dayspring](#), 2021-10-26

ISLAMABAD:The better implementation of laws pertaining to health warnings on tobacco products is the critical need of the hour besides presenting these messages in the local languages. The experts from the health and social sector said this while sharing their views during the webinar"Graphic Health Warning – Combustible, Smokeless and New Novel Products,"organized by Sustainable.....[more >>](#)

Experts call for large health warning on cigarette packs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-27

ISLAMABAD: Health experts and social sector practitioners have called for the implementation of laws pertaining to health warnings on tobacco products including on cigarette packs. They also called for printing these messages in local languages for the awareness of the common man during a webinar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Tobacco-Free Jordan Co-founder an.....[more >>](#)

Experts Call For Ensuring Health Warnings On Tobacco Products

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2021-10-26

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SDPI's Related News

Prices of food items see surge in three years

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-10-26

KARACHI: From plain bread and milk to flour and cooking oil, Pakistanis are paying substantially more than they did a year ago for just about all everyday food items. For example, the per-kilo price of vegetable ghee has risen 27 per cent every year on average for the last three years. Retail prices of cooking oil, sugar and pulse Mash have gone up 23pc, 22pc and 21pc, respectively, every year si..... [more >>](#)

Food prices surge for third consecutive year in Pakistan

Source: [ANI](#), [ANI News Agency](#), 2021-10-27

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