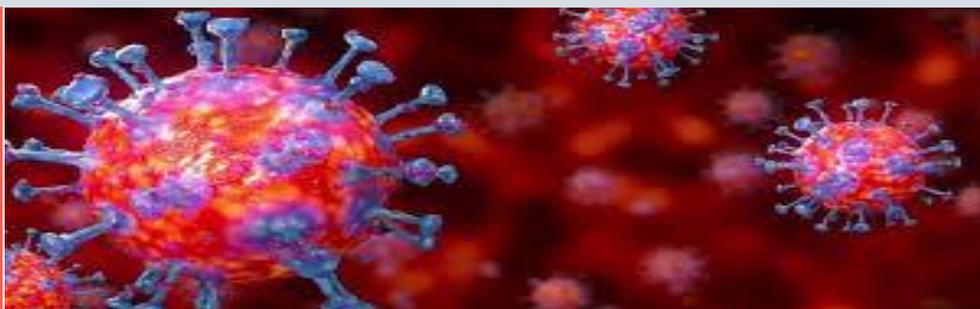


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## Op-Eds/Articles/Editorials

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#### Schools Opening In Punjab Share:

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

The provincial governments, in consultation with the centre, are no longer accepting further disruptions in academic activities. Almost after a break of six months, the Punjab government has decided to open educational institutions from 15th September. While the government will open schools in phases, it would have been better if it had opened selected schools in every district on a trial basis. O.....

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#### The new normal

Source: [Dr Salman Faridi, The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

The great thing about normality is that it's constantly metamorphosing. It's perception changes steadily with passing time as it is redefined from generation to generation and from age to age. This is how evolution works. Occasionally this slow and gradual transit is shocked into a sudden alteration of course by an event that forces us into a more urgent and more radical re-ori.....

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#### Pollution and pandemic

Source: [Henry Mintzberg, The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

There could be a way out of this pandemic if we can see past what we believe, about the transmission and management of the disease. Asymptomatic and aerosol transmission have been revealed as blind spots; transmission through polluted air may prove to be a third one, no less consequential. From the outset, the messaging of those in authority has been consistent: keep our distance, wash our .....

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#### Serpent hunters and the curse of Covid-19

Source: [Asif Mehmood, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

LAHORE: The coronavirus-induced lockdown, which although only lasted a few months in its full effect, has had a crippling impact on the country's informal economies. Even as a move towards resuming some form of normalcy is mulled over, the lasting impacts of the crisis still linger for many unregulated businesses. One such sector, extant on the fringes of society for centuries, is the snake.....

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#### Current economic trends

Source: [Dr Hafiz A Pasha, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

Six months have elapsed since COVID-19 first hit Pakistan. This is an opportune time to get, more or less, a precise assessment of the negative impact of the pandemic. Since the end of July, the incidence of COVID-19 curve has flattened out. Therefore, an initial assessment can perhaps be made if the economy is beginning to recover and if so at what rate. Unfortunately, the latest trends in t.....[more >>](#)

#### The reopening dilemma

Source: [Sabbah Uddin, Daily Times](#), 2020-09-08

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, schools and kinder cares were mushrooming throughout the lengths and breadths of our cities determinedly working like factories where children are put on a production line and rolled out at the other end in groups and batches. However, with the corona virus affecting all other sectors in the country, these schools and educational institutions had to resort to .....

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**Post-Corona pedagogical challenges!**

Source: [Zia Ahmed, Daily Times](#), 2020-09-08

Being an academic at the lower field-formation of Education Punjab, one can feel the impact of Corona on Education significantly, especially the way it has changed the modes of teaching in class rooms. With just one stroke of New-Normal, the student and teacher both disappeared from the class room and instead virtual media became the tool for transmission of information and knowledge. It did pose .....

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**Reopening of schools amid Covid-19**

Source: [Nousheen Akber Pradhan/Kashmira Nanji, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

With significant drop in the Covid-19 transmission rate in Pakistan, the decision to reopen schools has been finally taken at the national level. Till date, the country has recorded 299,233 Covid-19 cases with children and adolescents less than 20 years of age constituting 10.6% (as of July 8, 2020) of the total. Unfortunately, the country was unable to enforce Covid-19 SOPs in their proper s.....

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**Covid impact: still uncertain**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

Coronavirus cases have thankfully plateaued to a manageable level. Markets are buzzing. Restaurants are full. Ratings are stable. Headline economic indicators also show some rebound. No wonder the ruling party is having an easy time selling a feel-good factor. And yet, there has been no serious government attempt to objectively assess socioeconomic damage that the pandemic has caused so far. There.....

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**Broiler: time for a rebound?**

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

The lockdown is as good as dead, yet national average poultry prices continue their downward slide. Prices are now even lower than the last week of March-2020 when the lockdown had begun; in fact, touching an 18-month low in August-2020. Should the narrative that blamed Covid-19 and ensuing lockdown for crashing poultry demand be thrown out of the window? Let's examine the evidence. The.....

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**Restarting the coronavirus economy**

Source: [Sadia Husain, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

With the global economy under immense pressure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, aggregate demand and supply have collapsed across various industries. This has led to a great deal of uncertainty among all types of businesses to continue operating, while the challenges posed by this pandemic are casting a long shadow over the economy. Until a vaccine is developed, this uncertainty is likely to persist.....

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**Universities evolution**

Source: [Muhammad Asim Siddique, Daily Times](#), 2020-09-10

More than 1.5 billion students and youth across the planet are affected by school and university closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak. While each level of education faces its unique challenges, it is the higher education segment that may end up, by necessity, triggering a learning revolution. Universities are distinctive in that their students are both old enough to handle the rigours of online w.....

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### **The pandemic as a learning opportunity**

Source: [Anjum Altaf](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

The Covid-19 pandemic has hit education hard. Schools and colleges have been closed since March which has resulted in a lot of handwringing, with both educationists and students deploring the time wasted. Now the government has announced September 15 as the date of a phased resumption of schools. This decision is based partly on the determination that the pandemic has been controlled in Pa.....

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### **Junk bonds boom as coronavirus lures investors to risk**

Source: [Ali Bekhtaoui / fp](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

When the economic seas become stormy, investors usually tend to seek out “safe haven” assets - low-risk, low-yielding financial vessels - in which to place their money. But, as in other areas of society, the coronavirus pandemic has skewed long-held ways of thinking. Yield-hungry investors are venturing into ever riskier assets in their search for rapidly diminishing returns,.....

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### **Wall Street Journal: Decoupling amid the pandemic?**

Source: [Azhar Azam](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

Once an outbreak of the suspected pneumonia plagued parts of China and the government stalled all economic activities to control its spread —Trump’s aides wielded maximum force to aggrandise that Beijing won’t outlive the trade war and epidemic. It was a good omen for American economy, dismissing the idea of suspending tariffs on Chinese goods if Beijing’s economy was overwhelmed.....

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### **Education, post-pandemic**

Source: [Yaqoob Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

Earlier this week, the government announced reopening educational institutions cautiously in different phases, starting with resumption of high schools and above on September 15. The resumption of middle schools and primary sections, the announcement said, will be phased-in by the end of September after reviewing the situation. SOPs for schools, both private and public, include splitting the students.....

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### **Domestic violence**

Source: [H Patricia Hynes](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

On March 23, 2020, as Covid 19 was overtaking the world, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres pleaded for peace: “To warring parties: Pull back from hostilities. Silence the guns; stop the artillery; end the airstrikes...End the sickness of war and fight the disease that is ravaging our world. It starts by stopping the fighting everywhere. Now. That is what our human family needs, now more .....

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### **Covid-19: letter from Rome**

Source: [Daud Khan/Leila Yasmine Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

From around mid-March, Italy went into a complete lockdown. Schools and colleges were closed, as were all shops and businesses except those for essential items such as food and medicines. Most factories and construction sites also shut down and public transport was severely limited. People were not allowed to leave their neighbourhoods unless for pressing reasons, such as emergency medical treatment.....

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**Medical experts say Covid-19 rare in children, back reopening of schools**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

Expressing support for the government's decision to reopen schools across the country from September 15, medical experts said on Thursday that coronavirus infections in children were rare. They were speaking at a press conference organised at the Karachi Press Club by the Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Society of Pakistan (MMIDSP) on Thursday. Educational institutes in the coun.....

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## National News

### Balochistan

#### **Another child from Balochistan contracts poliovirus**

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

QUETTA: Another case of poliovirus has been detected in Balochistan as the number of polio cases continues to increase in the province due to suspension of vaccination campaign because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new victim of the crippling disease is a 15-month-old child from Pishin district. According to the health department's officials, samples of the child were collected on Aug 19 a.....

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#### **Implementing schools SOPs will be a challenge for Balochistan govt**

Source: [Mohammad Zafar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

QUETTA: Balochistan government spokesperson Liaquat Shahwani has said that implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent the spread of coronavirus in primary schools would be a challenge. "It is difficult to control the situation at the primary level. There are schools in Balochistan where there are only one to two teachers in the entire school. Teaching all the childre.....

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#### **Balochistan govt to reopen schools with SOPs on Sept 15: Shahwani**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

QUETTA - Balochistan Government's spokesperson Liaquat Shahwani on Tuesday said provincial government had decided to reopen schools in Balochistan from September 15 with implementation of standard operating procedure (SOPs) in the supervision of Federal Education Minister. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference here. Laiqaut Shahwani said the decision was made to .....

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## Islamabad

### Educational institutions to reopen in phases

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

ISLAMABAD - The federal government on Monday announced to reopen educational institutions across the country from September 15 under strict anti-COVID-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) after registering a significant decrease in the novel coronavirus cases. Minister for Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood formally announced the decision during a televised media briefing .....

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### Schools' Saturday, winter break cancelled

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

Islamabad: While shortening weekend, the education ministry has declared Saturday as a working day in all federal educational institutions on their reopening after six months closure due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). It, also, cancelled the annual winter vacation to make up the learning losses suffered by students during campus closure. The decision was shared with the Federal .....

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### Art exhibition 'COVID -19, Spaces Between Us' held

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

Islamabad: First ever online exhibition of Comsats University 'COVID-19, Spaces between Us' opened at Comsats Art Gallery here on Monday. The exhibition was inaugurated online by Rector Comsats University Prof. Dr. Tabassam Afzal. A total of 44 artists from across Pakistan as well as renowned International artists participated in the show. Speaking at the online inauguration of .....

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### SIH celebrates Physical Therapy Day

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

Islamabad: The focus for this year's World Physical Therapy Day on September 8 is rehabilitation after COVID-19 and the role of physiotherapists in the treatment and management of people affected by coronavirus illness. Associate General Manager Rehabilitation Department at Shifa International Hospital (SIH) Muhammad Kashif Khan stated that "World PT Day" is an international.....

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### NCOC issues SMS alert giving parental guidance for schools

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Monday started a Short Message Service (SMS) alert giving parental guidance based on safety guidelines for schools. According to the SMS alert, the instructions were being issued for parents to send children to school wearing masks, even if it was a fabric or cotton mask (reusable). It also warned the parents to never send children to.....

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### Violations of Covid-19 SOPs seen in educational institutions

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

ISLAMABAD: As admissions in colleges have started, severe violations of the Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) were observed in the educational institutions on Monday. Parents and students stood in long queues to get the challan forms and roll number slips but there was no one to tell them that they have to maintain a distance of six feet. In some institutions, people were standing in .....

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### **Comsats' webinar highlights response of South Asian countries to COVID-19**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-09-09

Islamabad : Comsats South Asian member States gathered to share governmental and institutional experiences in COVID-19 response during an international webinar on 'Digital Health in COVID-19: Sharing Experiences of Comsats' South Asian Member States'. The event was jointly organised by the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (Comsats) and.....

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### **Majority of parents still apprehensive about arrangements at schools**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-09-09

Rawalpindi : The parents have cautiously welcomed the plan to reopen schools in mid-September as most of them are apprehensive whether there would be enough arrangements in the schools to impart education to the students in a corona-free environment. Surraya Mehtab, a mother of two school-going children, said "The opening of schools is a positive development but safety of our childre.....

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### **Reopening schools**

Source: [Editoril](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-09

AFTER a six-month gap in in-person schooling, colleges and schools across the country are set to open their gates to students on Sept 15 — albeit in phases. The green light was given by Federal Education Minister Shafqat Mehmood after a meeting with the provincial education ministers; the phased reopening plan which would see all students in class by the end of the month was discussed. Indee.....

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### **330 new coronavirus cases reported across country; tally nears 300,000**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2020-09-09

The total active Covid-19 cases in Pakistan on Tuesday were recorded 6,726 as 330 more people tested positive for the deadly virus during the last 24 hours. Five corona patients, who were under treatment in hospitals, died on Monday, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation Centre (NCOC). No Covid-19 affected person was on ventilator in Azad Jammu and Kas.....

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### **No supplementary grant issued except corona-related spending**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Ministry stated on Tuesday that the government was no longer issuing supplementary grants, other than corona-related spending, adding that only Rs20 billion supplementary grants were released in the fiscal year 2019-2020, compared to Rs24 billion in the fiscal year 2018-2019, as finance committee met to consider taxes-related agenda items. This was stated by the special.....

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### **Corporate sector asked to disclose Covid-19 impact on financial statements**

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has directed the corporate sector to disclose the impact of the Covid-19 on financial statements of the companies for assessment of the pandemic on the company's financial position and the financial performance for the year/period. In this connection, the SECP has issued circular number 26 of 2020 here on Tuesday on th.....

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### Five die as 330 new COVID-19 cases reported in country

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD - The country has reported 5 deaths and 330 new COVID-19 cases during the last 24 hours as downward trend continues in the country. The country has reported 141 coronavirus recoveries during the last 24 hours, according to the government's portal for tracking the spread of the virus in the country. With the new recoveries, the total has risen to 286,157. Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan.....

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### Patients at risk as Covid-19 SOPs in PIMS evaporate

Source: [Rahul Basharat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD - Non-implementation of coronavirus (COVID-19) prevention Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has put the public health at risk, The Nation learnt yesterday. The Nation observed dozens of patients at the filter clinic (new emergency) of PIMS waiting for their turn for medical examination without keeping social distance. Though t.....

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### Anti-corona strategy praised

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

Islamabad : Ambassador of Japan Matsuda Kuninori congratulated the Pakistani government and people on the successful handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and hailed the decision of the gradual reopening of educational institutions in the country from September 15. He paid rich tribute to all those involved in those endeavours and stressed the need for further collaboration between the governm.....

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### CanSino vaccine trial in Pakistan likely to begin this month

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Falling Covid-19 infection numbers in Pakistan will not affect a phase 3 clinical trial for a potential vaccine being developed by China's CanSino Biologics, which is expected to begin this month, according to officials running the trial. Pakistan's drug regulator last month gave the go-ahead for the country's first Phase 3 clinical trial for CanSino's candidate.....

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### Covid reversing progress made on preventable child deaths

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

ISLAMABAD: The number of global under-five deaths dropped to the lowest point on record in 2019 — down to 5.2 million from 12.5m in 1990, according to new mortality estimates released by the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) on Wednesday. Surveys by Unicef and the World Health Organisation (WHO) reveal that the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in major disruptions to hea.....

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### Phase 3 trials for Covid-19 vaccine in Pakistan from September 20

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-09-10

Falling Covid-19 infection numbers in Pakistan will not affect a Phase 3 clinical trial for a potential vaccine being developed by China's CanSino Biologics, which is expected to begin this month, according to officials running the trial. The official drug regulator last month gave the go-ahead for the country's first Phase 3 clinical trial for CanSino's candidate, Ad5-nCoV, which.....

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### **Businessmen must exploit corona-related schemes: SBP governor**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

FAISALABAD: State Bank of Pakistan Governor Reza Baqir said on Wednesday that Faisalabad was contributing 20 percent share to national economy and local businessmen must fully exploit the corona related incentive-based schemes of the SBP to further expedite the process of industrialization. He was addressing a meeting at Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) to have direct.....

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### **CanSino Phase 3 Covid-19 vaccine trial expected to begin this month**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

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### **Pemra urged to bring 24NewsHD back on air**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

KARACHI: Media workers from Pakistan's 24NewsHD are facing the possibility of job-losses after the channel was suspended by The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) and ceased operation on August 31. The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and its Pakistan affiliate the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalist (PFUJ) condemn the suspension order and urge the PEMRA to .....

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### **Pakistan reports 441 coronavirus cases in one day**

Source: [Col Riaz Jafri \(Retd\)](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

Pakistan on Thursday has reported six deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 299,855. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 6,365. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 441 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Till now 131,115 coronavirus cases have been co.....

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### **Pakistan's Covid-19 tally nears 3 lac**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Covid-19 tally has risen to 299,659 after the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) reported 426 new cases during the last 24 hours. The country also reported nine more deaths during the last 24 hours, pushing the country's death toll to 6,359. At least 286,506 people have recovered from the contagion since the virus first entered the country. ....

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### **Covid-19 boosts digitalisation**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 has provided an opportunity to expedite the adoption of e-commerce and other electronic business and trade solutions including e-payments and e-contracts. Corresponding measures to get aligned with these solutions will ensure a safe and enabling business environment in the post-pandemic scenario. These remarks were made by panellists during a virtual public-private dialogue .....

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**PM Imran top-ranked for working hard to overcome effects of Covid-19 on nation**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-11

Pakistan's efforts against the novel coronavirus received praise worldwide, including from the UN General Assembly President Volkan Bozkir. Recently, a UK-based newspaper, theAsian World News, top-ranked Prime Minister Imran among leaders who worked hard to overcome the effects of Covid-19 on their citizens. Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan "The former Pakistani crickete.....

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**12 new Covid-19 infections in Islamabad**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Another 12 coronavirus infections were reported in a single day from six different areas of Islamabad. The infections were reported in six males and females each. Islamabad District Health Office (DHO) reported that two cases surfaced from Sector I-8/3, I-8/2, and Margalla Town each. Besides this, one case each was reported from areas including DHA Phase-I, sectors I-10/1, I-10/2, G-13.....

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**Pakistan reports 548 COVID-19 cases in one day**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-11

Pakistan on Friday has reported five deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 300,371. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 6,370. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 548 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Till now 131,404 coronavirus cases have been con.....

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**Pakistan reports six deaths, 441 new infections**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Covid-19 tally rose to 299,855 after the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) reported 441 new cases on Thursday. Six people succumbed to the virus in the country during the last 24 hours, pushing the death toll to 6,365. In the same time period, 1,444 more patients recovered from the contagion, according to the officials. Another 16 people contracted Covid-19 .....

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**'Govt to ensure regular Covid-19 surveillance in schools'**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD - THE ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination has decided to ensure regular health screening and Covid-19 surveillance in schools after reopening from September 15. According to an official of the ministry, the main objective of this surveillance is to monitor the Corona situation and examine the health of teachers and children at schools after every two w.....

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## Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

### **Volunteers honoured for role in pandemic**

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

SWABI: A Jamaat-i-Islami's charity on Monday awarded shields and commendation certificates to those who have rendered sacrifices during the peak days of the coronavirus pandemic in the district. JI Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan was the chief guest at the ceremony. Brig retired Dr Liaqat Ali presided over the gathering. Officials and people belonging to different public and private sector entit.....

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### **Medical colleges entry test date extended**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Medical University (KMU) Peshawar has extended the date of the entry tests for medical and dental colleges to October 18. Previously, the test was scheduled for September 20. The date has been extended after the approval of the chief minister in light of the orders of the government to conduct all examinations and tests in open spaces instead of indoor halls as per the prescr.....

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### **Hazara polio drive to focus on UCs**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

ABBOTABAD: The Hazara division Commissioner Riaz Khan Mahsood has directed the district administrations and health officials to expedite efforts for resuming polio eradication drives in the division which had been suspended due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. He said this while addressing a meeting of the Divisional Polio Eradication Committee on Tuesday. He assured t.....

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### **Masks must for students, teachers**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

PESHAWAR: Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Akbar Ayub Khan said Thursday students will have to wear masks as soon as educational activities resume in schools. He said the teaching, non-teaching staff and administrative officials of the schools would ensure the use of masks. Akbar Ayub Khan directed officials of the Education Department to ensure water supply and availability of soap at.....

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## Punjab

### COVID-19 claims another life, 27 more test positive

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

Rawalpindi: The coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak that had started losing intensity in this region of the country in the beginning of August has not faded away as yet instead the number of patients being tested positive for the illness per day seems consistent, showing little upward trend. In the first week of September, as many as 167 new patients have been tested positive for COVID-19.....

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### Two pharmacies sealed over violation of corona SOPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

FAISALABAD - Assistant Commissioner (AC) City Syed Ayub Bukhari sealed two pharmacies over violating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) regarding coronavirus. A spokesperson for the district administration said the AC visited various areas and sealed Care Pharmacy and Family Pharmacy over violating coronavirus SOPs. ....

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### Private schools reject reopening in phases

Source: [Imran Gabol](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

LAHORE: Six months after Covid-19-related lockdown, the Punjab government on Monday announced reopening of all public and private educational institutions in the province from Sept 15 with certain standard operating procedures (SOPs). Punjab Minister for School Education Murad Raas announced the opening of the institutions in three phases. In the first phase, universities, colleges and classes 9-.....

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### No corona death reported in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

LAHORE: Sixty new Covid-19 infections were confirmed in Punjab, while no death occurred due to the disease during the last 24 hours, according to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department on Monday. The toll of fatalities stayed at 2,210 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of novel Coronavirus reached 97,226 in the province. Out of a total of 97,226 infections i.....

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### Coronavirus: 394 new cases reported, 3 dead

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

LAHORE: Pakistan has reported 3 deaths in last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 298,903. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 6,345. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 394 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit province by the pandemic i.....

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### One more dies of COVID-19

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-09

Rawalpindi : The disease caused by 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19 continues to claim lives in this region of the country as another confirmed patient of the disease died here in Islamabad Capital Territory in last 24 hours while as many as 16 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness from ICT and Rawalpindi district. Another death due to COVID-19 has taken the death .....

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### One dies, 80 new corona cases in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-09

LAHORE: Around 80 new COVID-19 positive cases were confirmed in Punjab and one patient died during the last 24 hours, according to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department on Tuesday. The fatalities toll stayed at 2,211 in Punjab, while confirmed cases reached 97,306 in the province. Out of a total of 97,306 infections in Punjab, around 94,526 citizens contracted the vir.....

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### Covid-19 SOPs for schools issued in Pakistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

RAWALPINDI: The Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has issued guidelines for the school staff and parents before reopening of the federal government (FG) educational institutions next week. In this regard, the FDE Spokesperson said that a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be followed had been issued for the school staff and parents. He added that the principals have been directe.....

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### Punjab sets aside Rs30b to restore Covid-19-hit businesses

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

LAHORE: The provincial government is all set to launch the Punjab Employment Scheme (PES) with a budget of Rs30 billion for development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and restoration of coronavirus-hit businesses in the province. Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, on Tuesday, gave formal approval for the launch this soft loan scheme. In a meeting, Punjab Small Industries Corporat.....

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### Coronavirus situation under control: Governor

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said on Tuesday that the coronavirus situation is under control due to successful policies of the PTI government being pursued under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan. He said this during meetings with provincial ministers Sardar Mohsin Khan Laghari, Syed Saeed ul Hassan Shah and others and addressing a ceremony of ration distribution.....

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### Coronavirus situation now under control, claims Governor

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

LAHORE - Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar distributed ration among thousands of deserving families with Chairman Halal-e-Ahmar Ibrar-ul-Haq here on Tuesday. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar met with Provincial Ministers Sardar Mohsin Khan Laghari, Syed Saeed ul Hassan Shah and other delegates of PTI. National and political matters came under discussion during these meetings. ....

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### 21 more test positive for COVID-19

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

Rawalpindi : No death has been reported due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 here in Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours, however, still a significant number of patients are being tested positive for the disease per day from the region as another 21 patients have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 from ICT and Rawalpindi on Wednesday. Many health expe.....

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**Two Covid-19 patients die**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

LAHORE: Eighty-three new Covid-19 positive cases were confirmed in Punjab and two patients died from the disease during the last 24 hours, according to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department here on Wednesday. The toll of fatalities stayed at 2,213 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus reached 97,389 in the province. Out of a total of 97,38.....

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**COVID-19 claims two more lives in Punjab**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

LAHORE - The COVID-19 took away two more lives in the province while the number of cases reached 97,389 after the registration of 83 new cases. According to the spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Wednesday, a total number of deaths in the province had been recorded 2,213 so far. The P&SHD confirmed that 41 new cases of COVID-19 were re.....

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**46 positive tests in a day hint another spike**

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

Rawalpindi : As many as 46 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in a day hinting towards a possible spike in number of cases as over 45 patients have been confirmed positive in a day from the region after August 7. It is also worth mentioning that of 46 patients reported in last 24 hours, 24 are fr.....

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**Traders helpless before customers not following SOPs**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

Rawalpindi : The traders and shopkeepers now literally feel helpless before the customers who now in no way ready to follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) introduced by the government to combat coronavirus outbreak. Most of the customers are not observing SOPs even in prominent business centres and well-reputed pharmacies where in the recent past no one was even allowed without weari.....

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**PU to open in three phases**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

LAHORE: The Punjab University has issued a comprehensive plan to open the university in three phases in the light of government SOPs regarding Covid-19 pandemic, Higher Education Commission (HEC) guidelines and deliberations in academic council. PU spokesman Khuram Shahzad said that the university would continue both online and face-to-face mode of teachings. However, he said, the students .....

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**GCU to hold on-campus, online classes at same time**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

LAHORE: Government College University Lahore will adopt hybrid style of teaching for the Fall Semester 2020 which involves both face-to face and online teaching. "We're resuming classes from September 15; about fifty per cent students in each class will attend lectures on-campus while the remaining students will be online at the same time," said GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar .....

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### No COVID-19 death, 72 new cases reported

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

LAHORE:As many as 72 new COVID19 positive cases were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department on Thursday. As no death occurred due to COVID19, the toll of fatalities stayed at 2,213 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus reached 97,461 in the province. Out of a total of 97,461 infect.....

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## Sindh

### WB, Sindh govt working together for finalising SWEEP project

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD - World Bank (WB) on Monday said that it is working with the government of Sindh in finalising a project, SWEEP aimed to mitigate the impacts of flooding and COVID-19 emergencies, and to improve solid waste management services in Karachi. In view of emergency situation and ongoing floods in Karachi, Sindh government will finance and implement activities through its funds. Sindh gove.....

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### 95 per cent of COVID-19 patients report no symptoms, finds AKU study

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

More than nine out of 10 people infected with the coronavirus experience no symptoms of the disease, according to a new study by Aga Khan University (AKU) researchers. Karachi has the most COVID-19 cases in Pakistan, and the study saw AKU faculty investigate COVID-19's prevalence in parts of the city with high and low rates of transmission in the community in April and June. They fo.....

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### Woman commits 'suicide'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-08

Two more people lost their lives to COVID-19 in Sindh in the last 24 hours, bringing the death toll to 2,025, the chief minister said on Monday. Around 136 new cases emerged in the province when 9,384 samples were tested, raising the tally to 130,807, said Syed Murad Ali Shah in his daily coronavirus situation report. The detection rate was one per cent. So far, 1,055,050 samples have bee.....

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### '95% of Karachi's Covid-19 patients asymptomatic'

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

The Aga Khan University's (AKU) researchers have discovered in a study that 95 per cent of those who had tested positive for Covid-19 through blood tests, which register the presence of antibodies to fight the disease, were asymptomatic. The study saw AKU faculty investigate virus prevalence in parts of the city - which has reported the most cases in Pakistan to date - with high and low rates.....

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### 95pc people testing positive for Covid-19 report no symptoms, study finds

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

KARACHI: More than nine out of 10 people infected with coronavirus experience no symptoms of the disease, according to a new study conducted by Aga Khan University (AKU) researchers. Karachi has the largest number of Covid-19 cases in Pakistan and the study saw AKU faculty investigate Covid-19's prevalence in parts of the city with high and low rates of transmission in people in April and J.....

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### Implementation of Covid-19 SOPs in schools not an easy task: Saeed Ghani

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-09-09

A day after the government decided to reopen schools, Sindh Education Minister Saeed Ghani on Tuesday said that initially there might be difficulties in implementing the COVID-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) at the educational institutions. Speaking on Geo Pakistan, the provincial minister noted that all decisions were taken in consultation with the Education Steering Committee and stressed.....

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### Cancellations due to Covid-19; Emirates refunds over \$1.4bn to customers

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

KARACHI: Emirates Airlines has refunded over AED 5 billion (\$1.4 billion) so far to its customers on account of flights cancellation related to Covid-19. Over 1.4 million refunds requests have been completed since March, representing 90 percent of the airline's backlog including all requests received from customers around the world up until the end of June except a few cases which requi.....

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### Vast majority of virus cases in Karachi asymptomatic: AKU study

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

KARACHI: Up to 95 percent of the coronavirus cases in Karachi have been asymptomatic, researchers said Tuesday, shedding possible light on why Pakistan has been able to weather the pandemic. Research by the Aga Khan University in Karachi found that more than nine out of 10 people who contracted the coronavirus showed no sign of the disease. Public health experts tested 2,000 people from .....

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### World Literacy Day marked in context of COVID-19 pandemic

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

BADIN - To remind people of the importance of World Literacy Day, Thar Education Alliance (TEA) in collaboration with the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) and the District Education Department, Government of Sindh organised a programme on Tuesday. This year, Literacy Day assumes even more significance amid the COVID-19 crisis. The mode and focus of learning have changed as virtual class.....

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### COVID-19 claims six more lives in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

COVID-19 claimed six more lives in Sindh during the last 24 hours, raising the death toll to 2,436, said Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday. In his daily situation report, he said 146 more people tested positive for the infectious disease after around 9,292 tests were conducted in the province, taking the number of cases to 131,115. With six more deaths, the mortality rate fo.....

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### Six die, 146 test positive for Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that six more patients lost their lives, lifting the death toll to 2436, while 146 more test positive for Covid-19 when 9,292 tests were conducted increasing the tally to 131,115. This he said in a statement issued here on Wednesday from CM House. Shah said that six more patients lost their lives while struggling against Covid-19.....

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### **Sindh reports six more Covid-19 deaths 146 more cases recorded**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

KARACHI: At least six more people in Sindh succumbed to the coronavirus on Wednesday, raising the provincial death toll to 2,436. The province reported 146 more cases of Covid-19, in a statement issued by Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on the day, taking Sindh's cumulative tally to 131,115. According to the CM, 9,292 coronavirus tests were conducted in the province between Tuesday and W.....

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### **Three more fall prey to COVID-19 in Sindh**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

COVID-19 claimed three more lives over past 24 hours in Sindh, bringing the death toll to 2,438, said Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday. With three more deaths, the mortality rate from the coronavirus in the province stood at 1.9 per cent, he said in his daily situation report. He added that 101 more patients recovered, raising the tally of the recovered patients to 126,704, w.....

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### **Three more Covid-19 deaths reported**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

At least three more people died of the coronavirus on Thursday, bringing the number of fatalities in the province to 2,439. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's House on the day, 289 new Covid-19 infections were confirmed between Wednesday and Thursday after 13,049 tests were conducted in the same duration. The cumulative tally of the province now stands at 131, 404. Of th.....

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### **Covid-19 claims 3 more lives, infects 289 others: Murad**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

KARACHI: Covid-19 claimed three more lives lifting the death toll to 2439 and infected 289 when 13049 samples were tested raising the tally to 131,404. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. Shah said that coronavirus claimed three more lives lifting the death toll to 2439 that constituted 1.9 percent death rate. He added that 101 m.....

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### **COVID-19 claims 3 more lives, infects 289 in a day: CM**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

KARACHI - As many as COVID-19 claimed three more lives reaching the death toll to 2438 and infected 289 when 13049 samples were tested raising the tally to 131,404. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. Syed Murad Ali Shah said that coronavirus claimed three more lives lifting the death toll to 2439 that constituted 1.9 percent death ra.....

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## International News

### Countries News

#### China displays Covid-19 vaccines for first time

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

BEIJING: China has put its homegrown coronavirus vaccines on display for the first time, as the country where the contagion was discovered looks to shape the narrative surrounding the pandemic. High hopes hang on the small vials of liquid on show at a Beijing trade fair this week — vaccine candidates produced by Chinese companies Sinovac Biotech and Sinopharm. Neither has hit the market yet....

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#### India overtakes Brazil in coronavirus infections

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

MUMBAI: India overtook Brazil in coronavirus infection numbers on Monday, making it second only to the United States after a record jump, but the government resumed underground train services and announced plans to re-open the Taj Mahal this month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, faced with a pandemic that is showing no sign of abating, has chosen to end most curbs in a bid to re....

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#### China's Sinovac coronavirus vaccine candidate appears safe, slightly weaker in elderly

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-08

BEIJING: Chinese firm Sinovac Biotech Ltd (SVA.O) said on Monday its coronavirus vaccine candidate appeared to be safe for older people, according to preliminary results from an early to mid-stage trial, while the immune responses triggered by the vaccine were slightly weaker than younger adults. Health officials have been concerned about whether experimental vaccines could safely protect the el....

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#### China holds ceremony to celebrate beating coronavirus

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-09

BEIJING: China's leaders held a triumphant ceremony to celebrate beating the coronavirus on Tuesday, as billions of people around the world still suffer the fallout from the pandemic and the global death toll nears 900,000. The upbeat mood in Beijing comes as concerns grow about a resurgence of Covid-19 across Europe, with France tightening restrictions, cases in Britain spiking and schools....

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#### As Indonesia cases soar, medical workers bear the burden

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-09-10

While Indonesia has recorded more deaths from the coronavirus than any other Southeast Asian country, it also has seen by far the most fatalities among medical workers in the region, leading to concerns about the long-term impact on the nation's fragile healthcare system. The tribulations endured by Indonesian healthcare workers are similar to others globally: long working hours, hos....

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#### 'Health catastrophe': Argentine provinces strain as coronavirus cases top 500,000

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-09-10

Sergio Barrera Ruiz, a 52-year-old pediatrician from Jujuy in the north of Argentina, sees a local health crisis looming as the coronavirus pandemic ripples out from Buenos Aires, the capital, and grips the country's less well-equipped

provinces. Jujuy, a region of some 770,000 people, like other parts of the country has seen cases spike in recent weeks as nationwide deaths have topped 10,000.....

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### **Possible adverse reaction: Oxford University Covid-19 vaccine trial put on hold**

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-10

LONDON: The development of a promising Covid-19 vaccine has been put on hold due to a possible adverse reaction in a trial participant. A spokesman for AstraZeneca, the company working with a team from Oxford University, told the Guardian the trial has been stopped to review the "potentially unexplained illness" in one of the participants. The spokesman stressed that the adverse.....

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### **Virus cases jump five-fold in UAE**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates said on Thursday that daily coronavirus cases had jumped five-fold compared with a month ago, and warned residents and citizens to abide by measures designed to curb the disease. The daily tally of cases hit 930 on Thursday, said Farida al Hosani, spokeswoman for the health sector, compared with 179 on Aug 10. "This is the highest number recorded in four mon.....

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### **Strongmen displayed weakness in Covid response, say analysts**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

PARIS: Posturing, repression and a distaste for facts: the world's strongman regimes have dealt with the Covid pandemic in much the same way they deal with everything else, analysts say. But the sometimes blatant disregard for the well-being of populations, coupled with sheer incompetence, has undermined whatever trust citizens have in such leaders, they say. "They all have a similar.....

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## **Donors News**

### **WHO praises Pakistan's handling of Covid-19 pandemic**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organisation (WHO) said Pakistan was among countries from whom the international community should learn how to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. Former Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health Dr Zafar Mirza told Dawn it was the recognition of Pakistan's effort at the international level. WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in a media briefi.....

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## SDPI Engagements

### Webinars News

#### Analyzing Government Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic

Source: [Kaleem Naqvi](#), [Technology Times](#), 2020-09-09

A virtual public private dialogue was held today to analyze the regulatory and institutional response by the federal and provincial governments of Sindh and Balochistan during Covid-19, and to help augment emergency response to revive rural economy. Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress project (GRASP), funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Trade C.....

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#### Public private stakeholders' cooperation vital to mitigate Covid-19 impacts: Experts

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2020-09-10

Public and private stakeholders need to work together to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of Covid-19. The experts from diverse backgrounds, said this while sharing their views at virtual public private dialogue 'Analyzing Government Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic' organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), here on Wednesday. The dialogue was held in coll.....

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#### Experts term public private stakeholders' cooperation critical to mitigate COVID-19 impacts

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2020-09-09

ISLAMABAD, Sep 9 (APP): Experts has emphasized that public and private stakeholders needed to work together to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of Covid19. The experts from diverse backgrounds, said this while sharing their views at virtual public private dialogue 'Analyzing Government Response to the Covid19 Pandemic' organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).....

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#### SMEs critical for Pakistan's growth during present times

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-10

ISLAMABAD: Experts have emphasised the need for taking practical steps to support small and medium enterprises, which are critical for economic growth during the present challenging times. In a public-private dialogue held on Wednesday, the experts also urged the government to target micro and small farms in both formal and informal sectors besides the inclusion of informal agri-businesses in so.....

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#### Speakers highlights significance of removing trade barriers in after Covid19 scenario

Source: [Tariq Ullah Wardak](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-09-11

Covid19 has provided us an opportunity to expedite e-commerce and other electronic business and trade solutions including e-payments and e-contracts. The corresponding measures to get aligned with these solutions would ensure safe and enabling business environment in the post pandemic scenario. The panelists including experts on trade and economy, said this while sharing their views at virtual.....

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#### Covid-19 boosts digitalisation

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-09-11

ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 has provided an opportunity to expedite the adoption of e-commerce and other electronic business and trade solutions including e-payments and e-contracts. Corresponding measures to get aligned with

these solutions will ensure a safe and enabling business environment in the post-pandemic scenario. These remarks were made by panellists during a virtual public-private dialogue .....

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