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In order to keep abreast of emerging issues at the National/International and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-weekly E-Newsletter on “COVID-19”.

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Op-Eds/Articles/Editorials

Can we not do anything right?
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
The government functionaries including the prime minister do not tire claiming credit for pioneering the limited lockdown strategy to contain the coronavirus pandemic and that the world, according to them, is now, emulating this strategy. However, they do not offer any explanation for Pakistanis being singled out internationally for travel to destinations outside Pakistan. If the strategy is indeed such a smart idea then why are some countries.... view more

Global wake-up call
Source: António Guterres, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
From Covid-19 to climate disruption, from racial injustice to rising inequalities, we are a world in turmoil. At the same time, we are an international community with an enduring vision — embodied in the United Nations Charter, which marks its 75th anniversary this year. That vision of a better future — based on the values of equality, mutual respect and international cooperation — has helped us to avoid a Third World War that w..... view more

Post- Corona Pakistan
Source: IKRAM SEHGAL and DR BETTINA ROBOTKA, Daily Times, 2020-07-04
While we are still in the middle of this pandemic and our bodies may be blocked, partially because of the partial lockdown, our electromagnetic beings and our brains keep working on the search for future models; and the reconfiguration of the global and national system that will come after this. Covid-19 has taught us that many things which we thought were important, proven by history and indispensable, are not so important or indispensable any m..... view more

Tear them down
Source: Asad Rahim Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
It was a hot day in June when Edward Colston took a bath in the Bristol Harbour. The rest of the world soon learned why Mr Colston, or at least his bronze likeness, went for a swim: the man was the shining star of the Royal African Company, slave-trading brutes that branded their initials into the chests of human beings. And yet today, the name ‘Colston’ adorns street signs, high-rises and concert halls, when it only ever deserv..... view more

Covid-19: Pakistan’s magic hat of numbers?
Source: Dr Rana Jawad Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
The first lesson for public health officers for risk communication in any epidemic is to “develop trust” — with the media and the community. You need to be the first to share news, be transparent and truthful. Once you lose this trust, it takes ages to recover. Community and media engagement is a cornerstone of pandemic control strategies. Pakistan’s government numbers have always been doubtful for many reasons even beyond..... view more

Rethinking celebration during a pandemic
In an environment marked by limited information, pressing timelines, and changing global guidelines, our leadership has been pushed to take incredibly tough decisions since March. We saw a surge in the number of cases following
Eidul Fitr. The government had announced an ease in lockdown restrictions and we witnessed people flooding markets. While we do not have any concrete evidence of the positive economic impact this decision had, part.....view more

An opportunity
The current National Assembly and Senate sessions on the Finance Bill 2020-21 provide a rare chance to the flimsy democratic history of Pakistan and its top political leadership to manifest acumen not only to steer the ship away from the whirlwind but with collective wisdom turn the Covid-19 crisis into an opportunity and change the very nature of Pakistan’s nation-state. The Covid-19 pandemic and similar other events marked remarkable cha.....view more

Tourism policy
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
THE government’s approach towards reviving tourism in Pakistan appears confused and riddled with contradictions. Barely a month after Prime Minister Imran Khan announced the reopening of the tourism sector — an inexplicable move given the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in the country — PTDC motels in the north have been closed and employees sacked. Incidentally, Mr Khan had also pointed to potential joblessness in the tourism .....view more

Why teach online?
Source: Neda Mulji, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
MANY schools and universities have been resisting the need to plunge into digitising education, due to various technological and organisational challenges. Many of them have been waiting for the tide to turn, hoping that we will be able to resume ‘normal’ life in the near future. Whilst we don’t know when the world will emerge from the Covid-19 crisis, what is getting clearer by the day is that there has been a paradigm shift in.....view more

Ages of anxiety
Source: Zarrar Khuhro, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
“I AM dying of a broken heart … my heart has become exceedingly troubled, heartbreak has seized me, I have become exceedingly afraid.” The feelings expressed in these words, familiar as they are to those who have suffered from or have any experience of anxiety and depression, don’t come from a contemporary account. These are the words of Nabû-tabni-uṣur, an Assyrian scholar who chiselled these in stone thousands .....view more

The first-hand account of a doctor convalescing from Covid-19
Source: Dr Rifah Zia, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
I am a doctor, working as an anesthesiologist and a frontline worker in one of the leading tertiary care hospitals in Lahore. Continuing to fulfill my oath and moral obligation towards health care and society, I too was part of the Covid ICU for two months. I say ‘was’ because I started writing this piece while still being quarantined after testing positive for the coronavirus. Working in the Covid ICU is a struggle in itself. Wearin.....view more
Eid SOPs
Source: Editorial, Daily Times, 2020-07-05
The Punjab government has done the right thing by announcing clearly defined SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for cattle markets ahead of Eid. If experience has taught us anything, it is that there is some truth in the assertion that Pakistani people just cannot be trusted with their own safety as far as the coronavirus pandemic is concerned. And it was precisely because of how people mixed so freely ahead of the first Eid of the year that th.... view more

Covid-19 — positive to negative
Source: Salman Ali, Daily Times, 2020-07-05
COVID-19 is a sheer reality; one has to accept it. However, in Pakistan few of them are implementing SOPs seriously otherwise no precautionary measures. Importantly, the pandemic, if it continues to be underplayed by the government, may pose a formidable challenge for Prime Minister Imran Khans leadership along with causing a serious health crisis in a country of 220 million people with a weak healthcare system. It has been more then 4 mo..... view more

Education for 75 million out of Schools Pakistani Children! ( Part I)
Source: Kashif Mirza, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
An important Inter-Provincial Education Ministers’ Conference (IPEMC) has been rescheduled and now it will take place on 08 July. The conference was all set to review the reopening of the educational institutions including schools, colleges and universities across the country. As the government is mulling plans to reopen the universities with strict implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) but no final decision has been made y..... view more

COVID19: Before and after NCOC
Source: Dr Rana Jawad Asghar, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
First case of COVID19, outside China was announced on 15th January 2020. For an epidemiologist who focuses on outbreaks and pandemics this was the first red flag. That was also the same day I reached out to Dr. Zafar Mirza to request him to assemble a national group of experts in Pakistan to monitor progress of a new coronavirus which has the potential of pandemic spread. He agreed and the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coor..... view more

Mental Health Pandemic Amid COVID 19
Source: Nabila Chauhdry, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
I always felt butterflies in my stomach before entering the examination hall. The night before exam would seem never ending. Even if I did sleep for few hours my subconscious mind used to be fully alert. I was used to feel as if I was half asleep. But once the exam was over, I was as light as a feather. I think most of you can relate to feeling slightly worried before every important event, specially if it involved some sort of evaluation..... view more

Interview with Sarwar Ali Khan, CEO, TPL Trakker ‘Technology crucial to tackle Covid-19’
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
Sarwar Ali Khan is the CEO of TPL Trakker, a subsidiary of TPL Corp. TPL Trakker is a pioneer in the GPS tracker industry in Pakistan helping customers extract and turn data about vehicles and their use into intelligence and providing reliable end-to-end solutions for individuals, commercial fleets, businesses and automotive industry suppliers. Sarwar started his career with Accenture in the U.S. where he worked for over 5 years with a numbe.... view more
Technology at the forefront of Pakistan’s COVID-19 fight
Source: Mark Meng, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
As the world looks to establish a "new normal" amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, information and communication technologies (ICT) are coming to the fore in Pakistan as critical tools in protecting public health and in realising socio-economic stability. Understanding this digital shift is important to both businesses and government authorities as they seek new ways to confront the challenges posed by the pandemic. The reality.....view more

National News

Balochistan

Balochistan CM lauds frontline workers for efforts against Covid-19
Source: Saleem Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan Alyani has paid tribute to doctors, nurses, paramedics, and security forces as well as sanitary staff for their efforts in the fight against coronavirus for the last 100 days. Speaking at a ceremony held at Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital on Saturday evening, the chief Minister said that initially the provincial government had no knowledge on how to deal with the virus but later the Balochistan gove.....view more

CM Kamal pays tribute to doctors
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal has paid tribute to doctors, medical staff as well as security and cleaning personnel and all non-medical concerned personnel working on the frontline against the coronavirus pandemic. “The Balochistan government was the first to take steps to combat the epidemic and prevent its spread while doctors and healthcare staff remained active during the outbreak of the virus,” the chief minister .....view more

PPP leader Durrani passes away
Source: Saleem Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
QUETTA: A senior leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party and former federal minister, Dr Ayatullah Durrani, passed away on Sunday. Family sources said Dr Durrani fell ill last week and was taken to the Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital and remained under treatment there. “He was not suffering from coronavirus,” hospital sources said. The PPP leader will be laid to rest in his native town of Paringabad in Mastung district. Dr Durrani was t.....view more
**World powers urged to make fresh strategy to deal with pandemic**
Islamabad: The latest edition of Institute of Policy Studies’ peer-reviewed flagship journal Policy Perspectives – co-published by Pluto Journals, UK, and which disseminates research carried out by IPS, its associates, and experts on diverse current and evolving topics – is now available. This issue of policy perspectives comes at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has shaken the whole world and its established system.....[view more]

**Daily wagers still battling hardships**
Islamabad: The daily wage workers in the twin cities have been constantly battling an outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that is pushing them towards extreme levels of poverty where they would find it hard to make their both ends meet. *First we faced lockdown and there was no economic activity. Though the government has allowed some sectors to operate especially the construction industry, but routine work is yet to return to normal.....[view more]

**Education institutions, seminaries to remain closed**
Islamabad: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Friday notified continuation of its previous orders regarding closure of all educational and training institutions, religious seminaries, shrines and marriage halls. The notification was issued after some rumours that educational institutions, religious seminaries and other activities are being opened from July 4, 2020. The notification, issued by District Magistrate, has clea.....[view more]

**Dip in virus spread ‘sans Sindh’**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2020-07-04
ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Asad Umar on Friday noted that the situation was improving across the country in terms of stemming the spread of Covid-19 with the exception of Sindh, particularly its provincial capital Karachi, where compliance with coronavirus standard operating procedures (SOPs) had yet to improve. Sindh reported 2,430 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours in comparison with 1,216 in Punjab. Cases are still rising at an al.....[view more]

**‘Impossible to impose complete lockdown’**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2020-07-04
ISLAMABAD: The imposition of a complete lockdown across the country is ‘impossible’ given the current socio-economic climate of the country. However, the ‘smart lockdown’ strategy implemented in different areas of the federal capital had yielded satisfactory results. This was stated by the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza on Friday during a meeting of the National Assembly&.....[view more]

**Qureshi tests positive for Covid-19**
ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said he had been tested positive for Covid-19 after a slight fever, but was feeling “strong and energetic”. The Foreign Minister himself announced this over the Twitter in which he also stated that he had immediately quarantined himself at his home and would continue his duties from the home. “This afternoon I felt a slight fever and immediately quarantined myself at hom.....[view more]
Aftermath of Covid-19; Pakistan, China reaffirm resolve to take steps for early economic recovery
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Friday reaffirmed their resolve to take measures aimed at earliest possible economic recovery in the aftermath of Covid-19 and also expressed the resolve to deepen strategic consultation at all levels to collectively promote shared goals of peace and stability in the region. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi held a telephone conversation with Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Friday.... view more

Capital records lowest number of positive cases
ISLAMABAD: The federal capital on Friday recorded the lowest number of new coronavirus cases, 113, in the last two months. According to official data, the city reported 113 new coronavirus cases, the lowest number since May 1st, and the total tally now stands at 13,195. At least, 8,264 Covid-19 patients have recovered so far in the city, taking the recovery rate in the city to 62.62 percent, the data says. Out of total 13,195 cases..... view more

Virus cases slow across country except Sindh
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar on Friday said that the overall coronavirus situation was getting better in the country but Sindh province, especially Karachi, was yet to see improvement. While addressing media at the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) here, Asad Umar expressed his satisfaction over better compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that, he said, resul..... view more

Qureshi tested positive for COVID-19; quarantines at home
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
ISLAMABAD - Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi Friday tested positive for COVID-19 and quarantined at home though he was feeling “strong” and “energetic”. “This afternoon I felt a slight fever and immediately quarantined myself at home. I have now tested positive for COVID-19. By the grace of Allah, I feel strong and energetic,” the foreign minister announced on his Twitter handle. He said he..... view more

PIMS nurses body demands COVID-19 allowance
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) committee for nurses on Friday held talks with the hospital administration and demanded novel coronavirus (COVID-19) allowance. A statement released said that PIMS nurses and nursing students committee conducted a meeting with PIMS ED about the COVID-19 allowance. It informed that the committee said that COVID-19 allowance should be given to nurses and nursing students. It also said..... view more
Mosques witness improvement, markets yet to fully adopt SOPs
ISLAMABAD - A majority of big mosques in Islamabad have witnessed improvement in following the SOPs during the month of June. However, markets are yet to fully adopt SOPs. According to a survey conducted by The Nation in 10 mosques, initially the worshipers were not paying heed towards SOPs. However, the citizens become more sensitive towards COVID-19 after the cases surged in Islamabad. While talking to The Nation, Maulana Saeed ur Rehman.....view more

PM asks NCOC to prevent virus resurgence on Eid
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan visited the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on the 100th day of its establishment, lauded its role in containing the spread of the novel coronavirus and directed it to take steps to prevent resurgence of the disease during Eidul Azha. Besides federal ministers and Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa, high-ranking officers were present during the visit on Saturday, while repre.....view more

US donates 100 ventilators to Pakistan
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: The US government has donated 100 ventilators to support Pakistan in its fight against Covid-19. The ventilators arrived in Karachi on Thursday and they will be provided to hospitals across the country. The donation delivers on President Donald Trump’s offer of critically needed supplies and supports Pakistan’s urgent response to the pandemic, a press release of the US Embassy said on Friday. Made in America, the ventila.....view more

Capital reports fewer than 100 Covid-19 cases for first time since May 30
Source: Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Less than 100 cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the capital on Saturday, while four more patients died. Officials in the administration said fewer than 100 people tested positive for the disease in Islamabad after a month. The last time was on May 30 when 92 people were diagnosed with the virus. There were 2,327 tests carried out in the capital in the last 24 hours, of which 97 were positive, they said. The death toll in Islamabad.....view more

Pindi admin undecided about extending lockdown in eight sealed areas
Source: Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
RAWALPINDI: The district administration has yet to decide whether to extend the lockdown in Nankari Bazaar, Bara Market and six residential areas sealed on July 1. Gulzar-i-Quaid, Khayaban-i-Sir Syed, Dhoke Ali Akbar, Kotha Kalan, Morgah, Takhtpari and Narankari Bazaar and Bara Market were sealed for three days from July 1 to July 3 to limit the spread of the coronavirus. “The lockdown has not ended yet because business activities are clo.....view more

MCI offers private schools open spaces for educational activities
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Private educational institutions may not be able to maintain social distancing due to small classrooms and congested buildings if the government decides to open the schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. In view of the issue, the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) on Saturday offered to the private schools that it can provide them grounds and open areas for holding educational activities. The offer was made by Deputy Mayor Zeesh.....view more
250-bed hospital dedicated to Covid-19 treatment complete: minister
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: A 250-bed hospital dedicated to treating patients of Covid-19 in the capital was completed on Saturday, Minister for Planning Asad Umar announced. He said the hospital took almost 40 days to complete, and with it finished it has become possible to accommodate more patients in Islamabad. Prime Minister Imran Khan will inaugurate the hospital in a week, he said. In addition to the new hospital in Chak Shahzad, Mr Umar said the capacit.....view more

Social scientists, parliamentarians to collaborate on awareness-raising, coronavirus prevention
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Social scientists and parliamentarians in an online seminar on Saturday resolved to undertake collaborative efforts to raise awareness and adopt measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus as well as develop a research agenda and promote values of peace, tolerance and harmony to turn the pandemic into an opportunity. They were speaking during a webinar titled ‘Role of Social Scientists during the Pandemic’, which was o.....view more

ICCI seeks opening of restaurants, wedding halls
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: The business community of Islamabad has asked the government to open restaurants, marquees and wedding halls under the Covid-19 SOPs. Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Mohammad Ahmed Waheed has written a letter to Deputy Commissioner Hamza Shafqaat to take up the issue of opening these businesses with higher authorities. He said restaurants, marquees and wedding halls were closed in the second week of March a.....view more

Smart lockdown curtails corona
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan lauded the efforts of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) for putting up a robust response to the pandemic and ensuring coordinated actions throughout the country. He said this during his visit to the NCOC on completion of 100 days of its establishment on Saturday. Federal ministers, Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa, and high-ranking officials were present. The provinces also attende.....view more

Social scientists vow to play effective role during pandemic
Source: Afshan S. Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
Islamabad : Leading social scientists, parliamentarians and experts resolved to undertake collaborative efforts aimed at creating awareness and adopting preventive measures about COVID-19, developing research agenda, promoting values of peace, tolerance, harmony, converting the pandemic into opportunity, working on out of box solutions, addressing mental health & other related issues during the webinar held on Saturday on the topic ‘Rol.....view more

Political, governance risks high on account of Covid-19
Source: Mustaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: The World Bank (WB), which has recently extended financial support to the incumbent government to fight the Covid-19 situation, has observed that risks are high in Pakistan as governance system is partially subject to
influence by elites, undermining transparency and accountability. The World Bank report ‘Resilient Institutions for Sustainable Economy July 1, June 30, 2020,’ asserted that political and governance risks.....view more

**PM for ensuring strict implementation of SOPs**  
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05  
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan has directed ensuring strict implementation of SOPs, undertaking all required administrative actions to implement the strategy of smart lockdowns to control coronavirus spread during Eidul Azha. The prime minister made these remarks during his visit to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on the occasion of completion of 100 days of its establishment, where he was briefed in detail about the c.....view more

**Govt constantly increasing medical capabilities to cope with Covid-19: Umar**  
Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05  
ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar has said that the government is constantly increasing medical capabilities to meet the challenge of coronavirus pandemic. The minister expressed these views, while talking to media, during his visit to the newly-constructed Isolation Centre and Infectious Diseases Hospital along with Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Lt General Muham.....view more

**Sharp decline in new cases; Residents of Islamabad started ‘living with coronavirus’**  
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05  
ISLAMABAD: With 13,292 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 130 deaths so far, the residents of the federal capital Islamabad have started ‘living with coronavirus’, as families including children and women can be seen even in crowds in parks and hiking spots in Margalla Hills. Although the administration has not formally announced the opening of various major public parks, including Fatima Jinnah Park, F-9 Sector, Marghazar Zoo and L.....view more

**NCOC led from front in fight against pandemic: PM**  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05  
ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan Saturday appreciated the resilience and adaptability of the nation to adjust to the new normal by following standard operating procedures (SOPs) and face the challenge of COVID-19 as one nation. While noting slowing down of disease progression, the prime minister directed to ensure strict implementation of SOPs, undertaking all required administrative actions to implement the strategy of smart lockdown, .....view more

**PM’s smart lockdown strategy a success: Faraz**  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05  
ISLAMABAD - Minister for Information and Broadcasting Senator Shibli Faraz Saturday said the smart lockdown strategy of Prime Minister Imran Khan against coronavirus succeeded as it created a balance and saved people from hunger as well as the virus. Speaking at an event at Polyclinic Hospital here to acknowledge the frontline role of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in the fight against coronavirus in the last 100 days, he said the wor.....view more
COVID-19 cases in Islamabad drop below 100
Source: Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD - After 44 days of intense spike of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, the federal capital on Saturday recorded below one hundred positive cases in 24 hours, officials said. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), only 97 positive COVID-19 cases were recorded in previous 24 hours with a single death. The city health authorities earlier recorded 113 cases with minimum death rate of one in previous five days.....view more

Pakistan’s struggle to promote face masks in ‘new normal’
Source: Fatima Shaheen Niazi, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
When news of the novel coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China emerged in December 2019, no one could have imagined how quick it would spread its wings and cast a shadow over the world. Today, the pandemic has caused over 9.63 million deaths worldwide. Since there is no vaccine yet, the only solutions available are precautions like social distancing, washing and sanitising hands, and wearing masks. While other safety measures are easy to follow.....view more

PIMS receives PPEs
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) on Saturday received Personal Protection Equipment for healthcare professionals. A chemical manufacturing industry provided PPEs to PIMS which were received by the Deputy Director Dr. Minhaj Siraj. The PPEs included suit, gloves, masks and face shields. Dr. Siraj said that 1500 suits, 4500 gloves, 3000 face shields and 3000 masks have been donated to PIMS.....view more

Mirza appreciates doctors’ role in fight against COVID-19
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD - Special Assistant to Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza on Saturday appreciated the efforts of frontline health workers and medical practitioners in fight against Covid-19. During visit to Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Dr Mirza said that the government was pursuing a holistic strategy to combat the coronavirus with the support of doctors. He said “Conscious of the disease spread and .....view more

PM Imran directs step to prevent Covid resurgence during Eidul Azha
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday directed for ensuring strict implementation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the strategy of smart lockdown to curtail the spread of coronavirus pandemic and prevent any resurgence of the disease during Eidul Azha, later this month. The prime minister, accompanied by federal ministers, Chief of Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and other high-ranking officials visited the National C.....view more

'Govt pursuing a holistic strategy to combat Covid-19'
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza said on Sundaythatthe government was pursuing a holistic strategy to combat Covid-19, with the support of citizens and paramedics. During a visit to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad, Dr Mirza lauded the efforts of healthcare workers and medical staff fighting on the frontline against the pandemic. The special assistant unders.....view more
ICT admin, private sector join hands to boost disinfection drive
Islamabad: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration and private sector have joined hands to stem spread of the coronavirus by carrying out extensive disinfection drive in the federal capital. Under the campaign, the teams of local administration in collaboration with the volunteers of a private shopping mall would sanitize the affected areas in the city to effectively curb spread of the disease. Talking to this agency, Deputy Commission.....view more

Recovery rate improving in capital, say health experts
Islamabad: Leading health experts in Islamabad Sunday expressed their pride and gratitude for the cooperation of Public for following measures of safety amid COVID-19. They said that the daily number of cases has significantly declined in the capital as compared to previous weeks due to smart lockdown strategy. Talking to media, Executive director (ED) of Polyclinic Islamabad called on people to continue cooperate with the health authorities .....view more

Active cases of coronavirus drop to 43pc
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
ISLAMABAD: Coordinated efforts against the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) are bearing fruit with a continuous drop in number of active cases, as the gap between the total number of patients and those fully recovered has narrowed further, Dawn has learnt. Of the 231,017 cases reported till the late hours of Sunday, only 101,187 (43.8pc) are active as the remaining 129,830 patients have fully recovered since the outbreak of virus in Pakistan. Over th.....view more

CM Usman Buzdar approves corona allowance for Rescue 1122 staff
LAHORE: Chief Minister Usman Buzdar has approved an allowance for Rescue-1122 staff and martyred package for them if any of the staff dies of coronavirus in the line of duty. A notification has also been issued in this regard. The chief minister said that Rescue-1122 staff members performing corona duties would be given special allowance from 1st of April. He said the officers and staff members of the Punjab Emergency Service would be given honor.....view more

Health directorate to involve churches for Covid-19 tests in slums
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
ISLAMABAD: After facing resistance in the slums, the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) has decided to involve churches, minority counsellors and public representatives to convince the residents to get themselves tested for Covid-19. “We were expecting to conduct over 300 tests till date but we have not been able to even carry out 100 tests because of the severe resistance from the residents of.....view more

India overtakes Russia as third worst-hit Covid nation
ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said it was discontinuing its trials of the hydroxychloroquine and combination HIV drug lopinavir/ritonavir in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 after the medicines failed to
reduce mortality. The setback came as the WHO also reported more than 200,000 new cases globally of the disease for the first time in a single day, international media reported. The United States accounted for 53,2.....view more

SAPM Dr Zafar Mirza tests positive for coronavirus  
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza has tested positive for coronavirus, he confirmed in a tweet on Monday. The PM’s aide added that he has mild symptoms and has isolated himself at home. One of the country's focal persons regarding the Covid-19 crisis, Dr Mirza appreciated his colleagues’ efforts and encouraged them to “keep up the good work”.....view more

With a grain of salt : Business suffers for local nimko traders  
Source: Zulfikar Baig, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
ISLAMABAD: Nimko, a savoury mix made from deep-fried lentils, ground dough, chickpeas, spices, chips and peanuts, is a favourite evening snack for many across the country. The quick-serve item, which can be found in almost every household, is among the most common appetisers served to guests along with tea and also makes for the perfect titbit for light snacking. Although various types of nimko are sold in bakeries around the country, the varie.....view more

Treat racism like Covid-19, assume you have it  
Source: Majid Mirza, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
There’s a photo of a white, elderly person going around social media. He’s holding a cardboard sign that says “Black Lives Matter — Treat Racism like Covid-19. Assume you have it. Listen to experts about it. Don’t spread it. Be willing to change your life to end it.” In Pakistan, the number of black or African-origin people in the mainstream is limited, but we do have the disease of anti-black racism nonethe.....view more

Preparing for Eidul Azha  
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
As Eidul Azha approaches, noted Karachi-based religious figures have suggested precautionary measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus through the purchase and sale of sacrificial animals. Addressing a news conference on Thursday, flanked by other ulema and clerics, Ruet-i-Hilal Committee Chairman Mufti Munib-ur-Rehman announced special operating procedures (SOPs) for the occasion, agreed upon, according to him, by representatives of all scho.....view more
Pakistan’s confirmed COVID-19 cases surge to 231,818
Pakistan on Monday has confirmed 50 deaths in a single day by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 231,818. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 4,762. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 3,344 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh has become the worst-hit province by the pandemic in terms of cases followed by Punjab, Khyber Pak.. view more

Active virus cases reach 93,932
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Sunday said that 129,830 patients recovered from coronavirus disease so far while 25,527 tests were conducted in last 24 hours. The forum said that 3,191 new cases reported across Pakistan and 93 people died during last 24 hours taking the total death rate to 4,712. Also, it said 467 people are on ventilators. The data released by the NCOC said that since 26 February, 228,474 CO.. view more

24 FIRs registered against profiteers amid COVID-19
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Capital Territory Administration has registered 24 First Information Reports (FIRs) and arrested around 112 persons so far for selling edible items at exorbitant rates amid COVID-19. The authorities also collected over Rs1 million fines from the shopkeepers in this regard, according to the data shared by the local administration. Assistant Commissioner (AC) (Shalimar and Potohar) registered 15 FIRs and arrested eig.. view more

65 deaths in a day: Pakistan’s COVID-19 tally tops 230,000
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
Pakistan has confirmed at least 65 deaths in a single day by novel coronavirus, as the number of positive cases has surged to 231,017. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 4,745. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 3,191 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh has become the worst-hit province by the pandemic in terms of cases, followed by Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkh.. view more
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Healthcare body told to fix Covid test rates
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
PESHAWAR: The provincial healthcare commission has been directed to consult private sector laboratories and fix a universal rate for novel coronavirus (Covid-19) and dengue virus tests to provide relief to the public. This was directed on Friday by a two-member bench of the Peshawar High Court (PHC), led by Justice Qaiser Rashid Khan, as it heard a contempt of court case filed by Muhibullah Kakakhel. The lawyer had listed the healthcare commiss.....view more

Six private clinics sealed over violation of SOPs
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
ABBOTTABAD - Officials of the district administration and Healthcare Commission (HCC) on Friday sealed six clinics in different villages of Havelian tehsil over violation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the provincial government. On the special directives of Abbottabad Deputy Commissioner (DC) Muhammad Mughis Sanaullah, the additional assistant commissioner and healthcare commission officials regularly inspect clinics i.....view more

Efforts on to control Covid-19: KP CM
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
Peshawar - Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan has said that joint efforts of the government, civil and military administration and the general masses have been remarkable in the prevailing corona situation which clearly reflects the resilience, perseverance and commitment of the nation to stand up to the mark in crises. The Chief Minister was addressing as a chief guest an event here on Saturday to mark the 100 days of the natio.....view more

Corona affects 46 health workers in Mardan
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
MARDAN - As many as 46 health workers including doctors, nurses and other staff were affected from Covid-19 pandemic in Mardan district during last 100 days, according to the statistics issued by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Mushtaq Hussain here on Saturday. According to the statistics, test of Covid-19 of 46 health workers including one surgeon, 24 doctors including 6 female, 2 nurses, 1 LHW, 1 LHV, technician, class four and govern.....view more

Nation united in fighting Covid-19: Chief Secretary
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
Peshawar - Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Kazim Niaz paid a visit to Landi Kotal, District Khyber, on Saturday. Addressing a function in Landi Kotal, Dr Kazim Niaz has said the entire nation was united in fighting Covid-19. Frontline workers, doctors, paramedics, police, district administration, business community and the people worked with a coordinated effort which was commendable, he added. Dr Kazim Niaz said that sacrifices of .....view more
KP govt eases smart lockdown in 89 areas
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
Peshawar - The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Saturday eased smart lockdown in 89 different areas including Nowshera and Peshawar. Official figures showed 70 percent decline in cases in areas under lockdown. In district Haripur and Nowshera 100 percent decline was recorded while in district Swat there were 70 percent decline in corona cases after imposition of smart lockdown. Focal person for Health Department Iftikhar-ud-din told med.....view more

Another doctor succumbs to coronavirus in K-P
Source: Shahida Parveen, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
PESHAWAR: Another doctor died of the coronavirus in Peshawar on Sunday. This took the number of Covid-19 fatalities among healthcare workers in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) to 17, as per the Provincial Doctors Association. Dr Hidayatullah Wazir was undergoing treatment at the Hayatabad Medical Complex before he succumbed to the disease, said sources. He was laid to rest at a graveyard in his hometown of Azeem Qi, they said. According to a report re.....view more

Pandemic affecting women's earning in Pakistan
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
PESHAWAR: The Aurat Foundation, a non-governmental organisation working for women's rights in Pakistan, has said that the coronavirus has severely affected women in the country, both in labour and domestic businesses. "Incidents of violence rose unprecedentedly," said Yasmeen Mughal, the project officer of 'Jazba' programme, while addressing the closing ceremony of a two-day training workshop on women's participation i.....view more

Six test positive for Covid-19 in Mardan
MARDAN: Six more people have tested positive for coronavirus in the district, taking the total number of confirmed patients to 1,131. Also, 57 people have died so far in the district, according to the statistics issued by the additional deputy commissioner (ADC)'s office on Sunday. A total of 4,948 tests have been conducted in the district, while 708 patients have recovered and another 23 are at different isolation centres in the district.....view more

Excelling workers awarded
Secretary Labour Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Kamran Rehman was the chief guest at a function arranged on Sunday to award certificates of excellence to Workers Welfare Board, Labour and Social Security officers on the completion of 100 days of coronavirus. He gave away commendation certificates to Deputy Director Muhammad Shoaib, Assistant Director Colonies Mirwais Wazir and Secretary Board Bilal for their performance. Kamran Rehman said the go.....view more

Mental health expert suggests ways for coping with coronavirus crisis
PESHAWAR: A known mental health expert has enlisted five ways along with psychotherapy to cope with the environment of fear arising out of the coronavirus pandemic. "Constructive thinking, carrying out light exercise daily, giving time to family, turning to spirituality and rekindling a hope in oneself for self-correction along with psychotherapy can do away with the environment of fear that has gripped the people because of Covid-1.....view more
**Eight more fall prey to coronavirus**  
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
PESHAWAR: The death toll due to coronavirus in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reached 1,028 as eight more people died of the infection on Sunday. The province also reported 273 new cases, raising the overall tally of infected patients to 28,116, according to report of health department. It said that 186 patients recovered from the virus during the last 24 hours, making the number of recovered people in the province 16,428. Five deaths occurred in Peshawar. **view more**

**Risk allowance sought for health professionals**  
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
PESHAWAR: Provincial Doctors Association has appreciated services being rendered by the health professionals for the management of Covid-19 patients at hospitals and asked the government to announce risk allowance for the doctors, paramedics and nurses on the pattern of Sindh government. In a statement on Sunday, PDA secretary information Dr Salim said that 16 doctors including professors, associate, assistant and medical officers fell prey to c. **view more**

**HMC restricts immunisation to admitted Covid-19 patients**  
Source: Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
PESHAWAR: Hayatabad Medical Complex has established a plasma bank after increase in donations by recovered patients from Covid-19 but has restricted the immunisation to its own patients to avoid its misuse. "We have established a bank where all blood groups are available but we are providing plasma only to the patients, who are admitted to our hospital, to avoid legal complications," HMC medical director Prof Shehzad Akbar Khan told. **view more**

**Coronavirus situation in Malakand division discussed**  
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
PESHAWAR - President Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Malakand division Fazal Hakeem Yousufzai on Sunday called on KP Chief Minister Mahmood Khan and discussed with him matters relating to overall situation in the wake of coronavirus, the governments' efforts in that regard and projects in health and education sector and Mingora Gravity water supply scheme. He apprised the chief minister regarding steps taken by the government against coronav. **view more**

**DC lauds all praise for frontline workers in fight against COVID-19**  
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
TANK - Deputy Commissioner Tank Muhammad Kabir Afridi on Sunday lauded the role of doctors and paramedics in fight against COVID-19 in order to save the precious lives. He was addressing a function held here to mark the 100 days of determination and courage of the frontline workers in the face of pandemic. The event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Abdul Mateen, Additional Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Yousaf, District Health Offi. **view more**
ASVCA chief regrets non-recognition of anti-crona role
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
TIMERGARA - President All Secretaries Village Councils Association (ASVCA) Dir Lower and Vice President of the Village Councils Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Salahuddin Khan on Sunday expressed dismay for not acknowledging the services of village and neighbourhood council secretaries during coronavirus pandemic by the district administration. Though, on completion of 100 days of determination by the provincial government in f.....view more

Coronavirus claims no life in last 24 hours
Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 claimed no life here in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in last 24 hours and it is only for the second time in the last six weeks that a day passed without any death due to the illness that has already claimed at least 373 lives in the region. Also, only 136 new patients have been tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours from the region taking the total number of patients so .....view more

Supporting community through digital solutions amid pandemic
Rawalpindi : From the platform of Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan, Dr. Aneela Maqsood (Head of Behavioral Sciences Department) initiated and led a volunteer campaign in alliance with a team of volunteers national and international health professionals. FJWU extended to build an alliance with Psychology department of the University of Sargodha, Pakistan (Dr. Najma Malik- Chairperson Psy. Dept.), Chief Psychologist (Dr. Shoaib Kian.....view more

Doctors, staff serving virus patients honoured
LAHORE:Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid gave away certificates to doctors, nurses and paramedical staff serving COVOID-19 patients at Fatima Jinnah Medical University on Friday. In her address, the minister said, “Doctors, nurses and paramedical staff serving in corona wards deserve great appreciation for this great service. Despite difficulties, our doctors served their nation day and night. Doctors played the role of Messiah in th.....view more

Evacuee Punjab secretary visits RIU to inspect COVID-19 facilities
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
RAWALPINDI - Evacuee Punjab Secretary Irshad Ahmed on Friday visited the Corona Management Centre at Rawalpindi Institute of Urology (RIU) and asked about the facilities being provided to the COVID-19 patients at the institute. According to a handout issued here, the secretary said that the government believed in prevention of the disease and that it was working day and night to control spread of the infection. Irshad, on the occasion, also.....view more
Pakistan facing difficult times due to Corona: Governor
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2020-07-04
LAHORE - Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar took notice of bankruptcy of University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore. Governor Punjab instructed to not make any cut to salaries of university staff and pay their full dues. According to details, on Friday, Governor Punjab chaired an emergency meeting held in Governor House Lahore. Chairman HEC Punjab Fazal Ahmed Khalid, Minister Higher Education Raja Yasir Hamayun, Vice-Chanc....view more

Doctors playing role of Messiah in corona pandemic: Yasmin
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2020-07-04
LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid gave away certificates to doctors, nurses and paramedical staff serving COVID-19 patients at the Fatima Jinnah Medical University here on Friday. Present on the occasion were Vice-Chancellor FJMU Prof Amir Zaman Khan, Medical Superintendent Dr Ehtesham, Prof Imran Waheed and Prof Noureen and others. The Minister said in her address, “doctors, nurses and paramedical staff serving in cor....view more

136 new Covid-19 cases in twin cities
RAWALPINDI: The Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 claimed no life here in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in last 24 hours and it is only for the second time in the last six weeks that a day passed without any death due to the illness that has already claimed at least 373 lives in the region. Also, only 136 new patients have been tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours from the region taking the total number of patients so far .....view more

Shahbaz signs bail bonds after recovery from Covid
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-07-05
LAHORE: Leader of Opposition in National Assembly Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday visited the Lahore High Court to sign surety bonds against pre-arrest bail granted to him on June 3 in an investigation of assets beyond means by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB). Mr Shahbaz had tested positive for Covid-19 after the bail hearing and went into self-isolation, which delayed the signing of the surety bonds. He could not appear on subsequent hearin.....view more

25 more die of Covid in Punjab
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-07-05
LAHORE: Twenty-five more patients died of Covid-19 in Punjab during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll in the province to 1,854 so far. Of these, eight died in Lahore where the number of victims has reached 705. Punjab also reported 1,341 new cases of Covid-19 during the last 24 hours, including 464 in Lahore. According to the latest official figures, the total number of confirmed cases in Punjab is 80,297, including 41,880 in Lahore. The.....view more

Guidelines for cattle markets to avoid Covid, haemorrhagic fever
Source: Asif Chaudhry, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-07-05
LAHORE: The Punjab government has issued new guidelines for the establishment and management of cattle markets in the wake of the Covid-19 as well as prevention of the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) fearing its spread from sacrificial animals. The guidelines were issued on the recommendations of the technical working group
(TWG) of the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. According to the guidelines, the government declared that... view more

UVAS lab detects SARS-CoV-2 genome
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
LAHORE: The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Biosafety Level-3 Laboratory for Emerging Pathogens has detected SARS-CoV-2 genome from the urine and fecal samples of the Covid patients and sewage in a bid to develop a smart surveillance strategy at the community level for better execution of smart lockdowns. This pilot study was conducted with the cooperation of the provincial healthcare department, in collaboration with Institu... view more

One death, 118 new COVID-19 patients from twin cities
Rawalpindi: The disease caused by 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19 claimed one life here in the federal capital in last 24 hours though less than 100 patients were tested positive from Islamabad Capital Territory in a day at least after five weeks while no death due to the illness was reported in Rawalpindi district for second consecutive day. As many as 97 patients have been tested positive from ICT in last 24 hours and it happened after five ... view more

Ban on social gatherings hits livelihoods
Islamabad: Wedding bands, without which no grand city wedding was once considered complete, have been badly hit by the ban on social gatherings. These bands were once a key feature of celebrations and festivities in the city now stare at extinction under the final blow of Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). “Alternative livelihoods are not easy to come by in these times. No baaraat, hence no band baaja. The pandemi... view more

UVAS detects SARS-CoV-2 genome from Covid-19 patients
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
LAHORE: The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS)'s pilot study has detected SARS-CoV-2 genome from urine and faecal samples of COVID-19 patients and sewage water. In a bid to develop a smart COVID-19 surveillance strategy at the community level, which may aid in better execution of smart lockdowns, UVAS' Bio safety Level-3 Laboratory for Emerging Pathogens conducted the pilot study with the cooperation of Healthca... view more

Shehbaz Sharif recovers from coronavirus
Source: Anadolu, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
Main opposition leader Shehbaz Sharif has recovered from coronavirus after a weeks-long battle, the party announced on Sunday. Sharif, the president of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), tested positive for the novel virus last month. "By the grace of Allah, and nation's prayers, President, Pakistan Muslim League (N), Shehbaz Sharif's (latest) coronavirus test result is negative," party's spokeswoman Marriyum Aurung... view more
Infections swell to 225,283 as 58 more die
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
LAHORE - Authorities on Saturday confirmed at least 3,387 new coronavirus cases in the country reported during the last 24 hours, taking the total tally to 225,283. These include 80,297 in Punjab, 90,721 in Sindh, 27,506 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 10,717 in Balochistan, 13,292 in Islamabad, 1,536 in Gilgit Baltistan and 1,214 in Azad Kashmir. The virus claimed 68 lives across the country during the last twenty four hours taking the death tally t.....view more

Dr Yasmin pays surprise visit to Expo Center Field Hospital
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid on Saturday made a surprise visit to the Expo Center Field Hospital. She reviewed the facilities at the High Dependency Unit at the hospital. Also present on the occasion were CEO Mayo Hospital Professor Asad Aslam Khan, duty doctors, nurses and the paramedical staff. Professor Asad Aslam Khan apprised the minister of the facilities at the HDU and other sections of the hospital. The minister appreci.....view more

Coronavirus claims 4 more lives in Islamabad
Rawalpindi: Another four confirmed patients of COVID-19 lost their lives due to the disease here in Islamabad Capital Territory in last 24 hours taking the death toll from the federal capital to 134, however, no death due to coronavirus illness was reported from Rawalpindi district in the last four days. The number of patients being tested positive for COVID-19 is showing a downward trend for the last one-and-a-half weeks and the number of.....view more

Beware of quacks selling fake corona medicines
Rawalpindi: With the global health organisations informing that there is no specific medicine to treat COVID-19 there are many who are cashing in on the situation by selling fake medicines that according to them can kill coronavirus from the human body. The local administration is quite active to take action against those who make false claims and misguide the public regarding treatment of the coronavirus disease. It is due to this reaso.....view more

Notification of 48 doctors’ resignations in Punjab goes viral
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
LAHORE: A Punjab Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department’s June 27 notification wherein it had accepted resignations of 48 doctors in one go went viral on social media on Sunday. Social media and later electronic media started flashing the notification, terming it a mass resignation against the policies of the health department. When contacted, Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department Secretary Nabeel Awan s.....view more

Covid claims 27 more lives as 1,020 fresh cases surface
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
LAHORE: As many as 27 more coronavirus-infected patients died in Punjab on Sunday as compared to 25 deaths from the virus on Saturday, taking the tally to 1,871 in the province so far. The primary and secondary healthcare department has reported 1,020 new coronavirus cases in Punjab, taking the total number of coronavirus-positive patients to 81,317 in the province. Of 1,020 new coronavirus cases, 442 have been reported from Lahore, 114 from Ra.....view more
10 more diagnosed with Covid
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
TOBA TEK SINGH: Four persons of Usmanpura locality of Shorkot Cantonment and Chak 327/GB tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday. A health department official said the throat and nasal swabs of the patients were sent to Faisalabad Allied Hospital lab and the reports received on Sunday confirmed that they were Covid-19 positive. After the reports, the patients, including a 90-year-old woman, have been admitted to the district headquarters (DHQ) ho..... view more

NMU VC on ventilator
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
MULTAN: Fighting coronavirus, Nishtar Medical University Vice Chancellor Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha was put on ventilator on Saturday night after his condition deteriorated. Pasha who tested positive for Covid-19 on June 14, went into isolation at his house. Later, he was admitted to an isolation room of a private hospital. "Dr Pasha was put on ventilator but now he is improving," said Dr Ahmed Ijaz Masood, the pro-vice chancellor of th..... view more

Three more hotspots in Rawalpindi identified for lockdown
Source: Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
RAWALPINDI: Three more hotspots of Covid-19 were identified in the garrison city which will go under lockdown from Monday night. The district administration has sought permission from the Punjab government to seal these areas for a week. On the other hand, eight other localities, including Narankari Bazaar and Bara Market, are going to be desealed. The new hotspots are Dhoke Khabba, Gulistan Colony and Range Road Lane No 4 and PIA Colony. As..... view more

43 health workers tested positive since outbreak
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
TAXILA: As many as 43 public sector healthcare workers tested positive for Covid-19 in Attock during the last 100 days. Data from the District Health Department showed that the virus has continued to take a toll on healthcare workers across the district; 21 out of the 43 infected were doctors and 22 paramedics. Two deputy district health officers of two different tehsils also tested positive in Attock. District Health Officer (preventive servic..... view more

68 shops sealed, 145 vehicles impounded over SOPs violation
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
LAHORE - The city district administration, during an inspection operation in the provincial capital on Sunday, sealed 68 shops, impounded 145 commercial and private vehicles and imposed Rs 45,900 fine over violation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs), announced by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A spokesperson for the city district administration said that violation of the SOPs would not be tolerated and all shops ..... view more

13 more persons tested COVID-19 positive in Attock
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
Attock - There is an uninterrupted spike in novel coronavirus cases in Attock as 13 more persons were tested positive on Sunday, taking the number of people infected with the virus to 454. On the other hand, a 65-year-old woman, a native of Wessa village in Hazro also succumbed to COVID-19 and subsequently buried under COVID-19 protocol
by Rescue 1122 special task force. The number of fatalities in district due to COVID-19 rose to 22. With 13...... view more

**Buzdar reviews steps to check coronavirus spread**
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar paid a surprise visit to various areas of Lahore without protocol and reviewed government steps to impede the spread of coronavirus without security. He himself drove the vehicle and inspected implementation on the SOPs issued by the government. The CM monitored implementation situation on government steps in Gulberg, Jail Road, Model Town, Garden Town, other areas and also inspected partial closure. He e...... view more

**COVID-19 death toll rises to 1,437 as 22 more perish in Sindh**
As many as 22 more people have lost their lives to COVID-19 in the province during the last 24 hours, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Friday, adding that the death toll from the coronavirus had climbed to 1,437 in the province. As many as 1,496 new cases emerged when 10,027 samples were tested, raising the tally to 90,721, he said in his daily situation report. According to the chief minister, 10,027 samples were tested .....view more

**Smart lockdown extended in COVID-19 hotspots in West, South and Malir districts**
After the smart lockdown in different areas of the city ended on July 2, a new smart lockdown has been imposed in District West, South and Malir. According to sources from the Commissioner Office, the East and Central deputy commissioners (DCs) have refused to impose any smart lockdown in their jurisdictions, whereas, the Korangi (DC) had not taken any decision in this regard till the filing of the story. Speaking to The News, District C...... view more

**AKU announces free mental health therapy training for parents of children with special needs**
The Aga Khan University said on Friday it had partnered with a range of organisations to launch free of charge, online capacity building sessions for parents of children with mental health issues and developmental disorders whose treatment has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative brings together professionals from across the country, including developmental paediatricians, speech and occupational therapists, child psychiatrist..... view more

**‘All Karachi, Hyderabad vaccination centres fully functional now’**
Despite the COVID-19 scare and healthcare workers testing positive for the novel coronavirus, all the vaccination centres of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) in Karachi and Hyderabad are a hundred per cent functional. A Unicef-supported third-party monitoring and evaluation organisation, the Tameer-e-Khalq Foundation (TKF), told this to Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho during a quarterly EPI review meeting on Thurs...... view more
Covid-19 financial relief package; Banks defer Rs566bn principal loan payments
Source: Rizwan Bhatti, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
KARACHI: Under the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) relief package, banks and DFIs have accepted over one million application for loan deferment and restructuring and overall some Rs566 billion worth of principal loan payments have been deferred by one year to provide financial relief to the businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 26, 2020, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and Pakistan Banks Association (PBA) announced a comprehensive ......
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More hotspots sealed in Karachi
Karachi: Identifying the new Covid-19 hotspots in different parts of Karachi, the district administrations have imposed two weeks 'smart lockdown' in different localities of the city. In district West, the sealed areas include Gulshan-e-Maymar Blocks X, Y and Z in Gadap UC-5 Songal, Docks and Majeed Colony in Keamari UC-3, Saeedabad Block 5G, 5J and A3 in Baldia Town UC-5, Metroville Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in SITE's.....
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Covid-19: 50,908 out of 90,721 patients recovered: CM
KARACHI: As many as 1496 new cases were emerged when 10,027 samples were tested raising the tally to 90,721 while 22 more patients lost their lives lifting the death toll to 1437. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah disclosed this in a statement issued here from CM House on Friday. According to the CM, 10,027 samples were tested which detected 1496 cases constituting 15 percent result. The government has tested 481,050 samples whic.....
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More hotspots sealed as virus cases surge
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-04
KARACHI - Lifting the 'smart lockdown' from 41 union councils (UCs) of the metropolis, the city administration sealed another set of coronavirus hotspots in Karachi on Friday. The move comes as Federal Planning and Development Minister told the media in Islamabad that Karachi had yet to see improvements with regard to implementing Covid-19 standard operating procedures. The Karachi commissioner's office issued a notification on .....
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Over 8,500 isolation beds to be converted into high-dependency units
Source: Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Saturday decided to convert 8,672 isolation beds into high-dependency unit (HDU) beds and to purchase more ventilators, more HDU beds with low- and high-oxygen arrangements. He said this while presiding over a meeting of a task force on Covid-19 here at CM House. At present, the Sindh government has 503 ICU beds with ventilators and 1,810 HDU beds. The chief minister said that his government had t.....
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Sindh to impose targeted lockdowns in COVID-19 hotspots
Realising that the novel coronavirus pandemic was not going to end soon from the world, including Pakistan, the Sindh Task Force on COVID-19 heard experts and officials at a meeting on Saturday and decided promote the use of masks among the people, implement targeted lockdowns in hotspots, enhance testing and improve health facilities and isolation centres by making available more high dependency unit (HDU) beds at isolation centres in the provin.....
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COVID-19 death toll in Sindh crosses 1,500 after 42 more deaths
As many as 42 more people lost their lives during last 24 hours due to COVID-19 in the province, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Saturday in his daily statement on the pandemic situation in the province. He added that now the death toll due to COVID-19 had crossed the figure of 1,500 and stood at 1,501. “Unfortunately, we have lost 42 people due to COVID-19 in Sindh. Most of the deaths occurred in Karachi. Now the death t.....view more

Smart lockdown imposed in seven UCs of District East
After a new smart lockdown was imposed in the South, West and Malir districts, the deputy commissioner of District East has also announced a smart lockdown in seven of the union councils (UCs) under his jurisdiction. The Korangi district administration is yet to make a decision on the matter. District Central Deputy Commissioner (DC) Farhan Ghani has already refused to impose a smart lockdown in his jurisdictional areas, saying that if they witn.....view more

93 deaths, 3,191 new coronavirus cases reported across country in 24 hours
Source: Fadad Zulfikar, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
(Karachi) At least 93 deaths have been reported while 3,191 new coronavirus cases surfaced during 24 hours across the country. According to government's health portal, the confirmed Covid-19 cases in the country has reached 228,274. The total number of fatalities due to the disease is 4,712 while recoveries tally is 129,830. Similarly, 2,419 corona patients are in critical condition while 25,527 tests have been conducted. The total number o.....view more

Sindh govt to convert 8,672 isolation beds into HDU
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has decided to convert 8,672 isolation beds into high dependency unit (HDU) beds and to purchase more ventilators and HDU beds with low and high oxygen arrangements. The chief minister was presiding over a Covid-19 taskforce here at the CM House. The meeting was attended by ministers of health, local government, education, E&T, law adviser, mayor Karachi, chief secretary, ACS home, PSCM, .....view more

Activities banned;Caterers, decorators give one week’s ultimatum
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
KARACHI: All Pakistan Caterers, Decorators & Event Organizers Association has given one week ultimatum to the government for lifting of ban imposed on their activities in March due to COVID-19. A delegation of All Pakistan Caterers, Decorators & Event Organizers Association (Registered) headed by its Chairman Haji Qais Mansoor Sheikh met with Atiq Mir Chairman All Karachi Tajir Ittehad at his offices. This delegation of All Pakistan .....view more

Tributes paid to medics for their fight against COVID-19
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
KANDHKOT - An event was held here at the premises of DHQ Hospital on Saturday in the honour of doctors and the paramedics, who are on the forefront in battle against the novel coronavirus. According to details, a programme was
organised under the auspices of the district administration to pay homage to the doctors and the paramedical staff who are risking their lives for saving the lives of others. The participants were holding white flags in the......view more

**Over 300 COVID-19 cases reported in Sindh Police**
Source: Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-07-05
KARACHI - With 325 new cases reported in last two days, around 1670 personnel and officers of Sindh police had been infected with coronavirus so far, informed spokesman to Sindh Police on Saturday. He said 16 officers and personnel lost their battle against COVID-19, out of them 14 belonged to Karachi Range and two from Hyderabad Range of Sindh Police. Currently 1219 officers and personnel are under treatment while 435 have returned to their home......view more

**Health facility for COVID-19 patients inaugurated at NIPA**
Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday inaugurated the newly established 200-bed Sindh Infectious Diseases Hospital & Research Centre that would start its operations initially with 54 beds and within the next six weeks, it would begin to utilise its total capacity of 200 beds. “Today we have inaugurated this hospital in the first phase and now we are upgrading its status as a research centre so that necessary research on co......view more

**Another 25 fall prey to coronavirus**
As many as 25 more patients lost their lives due to COVID-19 in the province during last 24 hours, the CM said on Sunday in his daily statement on the pandemic situation in the province. He added that the death toll due to the coronavirus infection had climbed to 1,526 in the province after the 25 deaths. Murad explained that 2,222 new cases of COVID-19 had also been detected when 10,705 tests were conducted and it constituted a 21 per cent dete......view more

**Pakistan’s biggest animal market floundering to enforce SOPs**
The management of Pakistan’s biggest market selling sacrificial animals — set up in Sohrab Goth under the administrative control of the Cantonment Board Malir and stretching over some 960 acres with 48 blocks — which otherwise sounds concerned in its press releases about the safety of visitors, seems hell-bent on making a mockery of its own standard operating procedures (SOPs) devised in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr R......view more

**200-bed infectious diseases hospital inaugurated**
Source: Tahir Siddiqui, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-07-06
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OMC sales: choppy year with a surprising end  
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
FY20 has been a turbulent year for the country in many ways; the most significant event has been the COVID-19 pandemic, and petroleum consumption in the country during the year could be one indicator of the turbulence caused. The overall petroleum consumption i.e. volumes sold by oil marketing companies witnessed a drop of over 10 percent, year-on-year. Petrol sales remained flat in FY20, while furnace oil and high-speed diesel declined by 36 and.... view more

Sindh sees 2,222 new Covid-19 cases, 25 deaths: CM  
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
KARACHI: Sindh found a total of 2,222 Covid-19 positive cases out of 10,705 tested samples during the last 24 hours constituting 21 percent detection rate, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah told on Sunday. As per details released from the CM House, 502,426 samples have been tested so far which found 94,528 covid-19 positive cases across Sindh. The overall detection rate is 9 percent, the CM said. According to Murad Ali Shah, 25 more p.... view more

2,222 more cases reported in Sindh, says CM Murad  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Sunday that 2,222 new cases of the coronavirus were detected in the province during the past 24 hours. In a statement issued here from the CM House, Syed Murad Ali Shah said that so far 502426 samples had been tested which helped identify 94,528 cases in Sindh. "The overall detection rate is 9 percent," he informed. The chief minister further said that 25 more peopl..... view more

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Over 50pc Covid-19 patients fully recovered in Hyderabad  
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
HYDERABAD - As many as 1564 COVID-19 patients out of 3182 had been recovered in Hyderabad district since the outbreak of coronavirus on March, 9 while 1568 patients were still under treatment at isolation centers, in home isolation and 40 had succumbed to the contagion. According to official figures received by APP here on Sunday, as many as 18055 COVID-19 tests had so far been conducted in the district till July 05, of them 3182 cases wer..... view more

KIKD to provide dialysis facility to COVID-19 patients  
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-07-06  
KARACHI - The Karachi Institute of Kidney Diseases (KIKD) of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), has decided to start providing dialysis facility to patients of coronavirus from July 06. This was stated by Metropolitan Commissioner, Dr. Syed Saif-ur-Rehman while addressing a meeting at the KIKD, said a statement on Sunday. Dr.
Saif said as many as 14 patients had already registered their names for the dialysis and all the necessary arran.....view more

Sindh gov to impose targeted lockowns in coronavirus hotspots
Source: INP, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
The Sindh Task Force on COVID-19 announced that the provincial government would impose targeted lockdowns in coronavirus hotspots, enhance testing and improve health facilities at isolation centres by making available more high dependency unit (HDU) beds at isolation centres in the province. Presided over by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, the Sindh Task Force on COVID-19 heard experts and officials and discussed various ways to slow down.....view more

International News

Paris Louvre museum reopens today after crippling losses
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-05
PARIS: The Louvre in Paris, the world’s most visited museum and home to the Mona Lisa, reopens on Sunday (today) but with coronavirus restrictions in place and parts of the complex closed to visitors. The Louvre has been closed since March 13 and this has already led “to losses of over 40 million euros,” its director Jean-Luc Martinez said. Among more than 10 million visitors in 2018, almost three-quarters were tourists. &ldqu.....view more

India, Iran receive tough blows in fight against virus
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
NEW DELHI / TEHRAN: Authorities in India reported a record number of fresh cases of Covid-19 on Sunday, while those in Iran announced a record number of new fatalities. Tehran said 163 people had died of the disease in the last 24 hours, the highest daily toll recorded so far. India, a nation of 1.3 billion people, said the disease had claimed the lives of 613 persons. India’s health ministry reported just under 25,000 new .....view more

Tokyo governor wins 2nd term, buoyed by handling of virus
Source: Ap, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
TOKYO: Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike has won a second term to head the Japanese capital, propelled to an election victory on Sunday by public support for her handling of the coronavirus crisis despite a recent rise in infections that has raised concerns of a resurgence of the disease. In her victory speech, Koike, the first woman to lead Tokyo, pledged to continue to take measures to protect the city’s 14 million people amid the pandemic, ca.....view more

UAE restructures govt, seeking more agility as it deals with coronavirus impact
Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-07-06
DUBA: The United Arab Emirates announced a broad government restructuring on Sunday for more “agile and swift” decision-making following the coronavirus pandemic, merging government entities and appointing new economy and industry ministers. The head of Abu Dhabi’s national oil company ADNOC, Sultan al-Jaber, was named as industry and advanced technology minister and Abdullah al-Marri was appointed economy minister. Th.....view more
UN launches global ‘Pause’ campaign to counter COVID-19 misinformation
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
The United Nations has launched a new initiative to foster behaviour change and counter the spread of misinformation regarding COVID-19 disease. The campaign, called Pause, asks digital users to take the time to think about what they share before posting it online. “Misinformation is spreading faster than the virus itself, and is seriously disrupting public health efforts by dangerously distorting sound scientific guidance. It is designed to ......

Ghana president self-isolates despite negative virus test
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
Ghana’s president has gone into self-isolation for two weeks as a precautionary measure despite testing negative for coronavirus, the government said, after one of his contacts was confirmed to have the illness. President Nana Akufo-Addo began his quarantine on Saturday and will be working from the presidential villa in Accra, capital of the West African country, the information minister said in a statement. “The president has elected t.....

Greece PM says won’t accept strict EU conditions on COVID-19 aid — Financial Times
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
Greece will not accept strict European Union conditions on the use of the coronavirus emergency aid, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis told the Financial Times newspaper in an interview published on Sunday. “Greeks have matured a lot. And we want to do our own reforms”, he was quoted as saying A six-monthly review of economic performance carried out by the European Commission was sufficient and that there was no need for any “a.....

Mexico surpasses France in coronavirus death toll
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
Mexico reported 523 more coronavirus deaths on Saturday, pushing its tally to 30,366, overtaking France to become the fifth-highest in the world. The health ministry also reported 6,914 new infections and a total of 252,165 confirmed cases. Deputy Health Minister Hugo Lopez Gatell reiterated that the actual number of infected was probably significantly higher. “We knew from the beginning that the cases we report here do not represent the total.....

Prostitution in post-lockdown Greece is ‘Russian roulette’
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-07-06
A central Athens brothel was buzzing with clients on a recent hot July afternoon, and its Venezuelan workers were relieved to have the business. Sex workers there have had a steady stream of customers since mid-June, when they were allowed to reopen their doors after a three-month ban to control the spread of coronavirus. While most Greeks are social distancing and keeping their contacts to a minimum, many prostitutes have little choice but to retu.....
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### Social protection in Pakistan

**Source:** Hania Shah, *The News, International*, 2020-07-05  
By definition, social protection encompasses a number of initiatives that reflect upon the possibilities to facilitate human life through the provision of a certain level of immunity against poverty and vulnerability throughout the lifecycle. According to the global standards, some of the benefits of those initiatives include: provision for children and families, maternity related expenditures, compensation for unemployment and/or employment inj.....[view more](#)

### A New outlook and emerging needs for education systems

**Source:** Dr Mahmood A Khwaja, *Daily Times*, 2020-07-04  
The impacts of coronavirus and the resulting fast changing scenario, in almost all walks of life are too obvious, since the outbreak of the pandemic. Education, a fundamental human right and a dire need, is no exception and is among the most severely hardest hit, not only in its outreach and delivery to one and all across in any country but also in keeping its relevance and adequate quality, from the point of view of the employer requirements &am.....[view more](#)

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