

Minimum 10:0°C
Maximum 22:0°C
Sunset 05:44pm
Sunrise 06:50am
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR	05:28 AM
ZOHAR	12:17 PM
ASR	03:21 PM
MAGRIB	05:43 PM
ISHA	07:06 PM

Quick Read

4 killed, 988 injured in 900 accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least four people were killed while 988 sustained injuries in 900 road accidents in Punjab during last 24 hours.

Out of total injured, 585 were seriously injured requiring shifting to different hospitals, whereas, 399 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by rescue medical teams, a spokesman for Rescue 1122 said here on Saturday.

The analysis showed that 414 drivers, 58 juvenile drivers, 132 pedestrians and 442 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes.

The statistics showed that 186 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 184 persons placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 91 in Faisalabad with 98 victims and Multan at third with 48 accidents and 53 victims.

As many as 647 motorcycles, 125 rickshaws, 101 cars, 50 vans, 13 buses, 30 trucks and 126 other vehicles and slow moving carts were involved in these road accidents.

Hamdan Aibak Polo Cup reaches final stage

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Master Paints Black and Pebble Breakers qualified for the main final of the Hamdan Aibak Polo Cup 2019 after defeating their respective opponents here at Lahore Polo Club ground on Saturday.

In the first match of the day, Master Paints Black beat Barry's by 16-15. The eight chukker match began with Barry's enjoying 7-5 lead. But Master Paints Black were off to flying start as they hammered a hat-trick to pull back 8-7 lead. Ahmed Ali struck a brace and Raja Mikael one for Master Paints Black.

Barry's scored one goal through Bautista to make it 8-8 but Ahmed Ali added one more in Master Paints Black tally to enhance their lead to 9½-8. Raja Sami finished the chukker by firing in a field goal to reduce the margin to 9-9.

Barry's started the sixth chukker by converting spot penalty to take 10-9 lead but Master Paints Black banged in a brace through one each by Raja Temur and Matia Vial Perez to get back 11-10 edge. The highly-charged seventh chukker saw both the sides hammering three goals each with Master Paints Black enjoying 14-13 lead. From Master Paints Black, Ahmed Ali hit two goals and Matias one while from Barry's, Raja Sami contributed two and Bautista hit one.

The eighth and last chukker was evenly poised as both the teams banged in two goals each. From Master Paints Black, Ahmed Ali and Matias scored one goal apiece while from the losing side, Bautista and Raja Sami converted one goal each, as Master Paints Black won the match by 16-15.



LAHORE: Visitors view the displayed staff on different stalls during an exhibition by Urbanised Institute of Architects at the Expo Centre.

3-day urology conference from March 8

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A three-day Urology conference, under the supervision of Ameer Uddin Medical College Urology Professor and Lahore General Hospital Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nazeer, will begin from March 8 here at a local hotel.

The conference has been given the name of 'Urologist Summit 2019' where experts from other countries would also take part.

Prof Muhammad Nazeer said that apart from Pakistan, urologists from United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Saudi Arab, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and other countries would also be participating.

He said that medical experts would deliver lectures on modern techniques and methods especially in the field of Urology. He said the conference would be held under the aegis of Pakistan Association of Urology and Surgeons.

The Professor said that medical experts of gynaecology, orthopaedic, cancer, neuro and other diseases would also take part, adding that the conference would help the young doctors to get expertise from their seniors.

More rains likely from today

LAHORE: More rain and thundershowers are expected in Punjab including provincial capital during the next 24 hours as a strong rain-bearing system is likely to enter the country today (Sunday) evening/night, which would persist till Friday.

In the initial phase, rain is expected at scattered places in Upper Punjab -- Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha and Faisalabad divisions, Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan,

Kashmir on Sunday evening and Monday, according to Met. office. In the final phase, this weather system is likely to further intensify on Tuesday evening and night and may persist till Friday.

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Pakistan a peace loving country, says Governor

— India shouldn't take our desire for peace as our weakness

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Mohammad Sarwar has said that Pakistan is peace loving country but India shouldn't take our desire for peace as our weakness.

If India tried to attack Pakistan, whole nation will get united, stand besides Pak Army, and give befitting response to India.

Pakistan is not weak country and Pakistan will not be threatened by shallow Indian threats.

We condemn attack against Indian

Army and we also want perpetrators should be held accountable.

After coming back to Pakistan from Dubai, Governor Punjab Mohammad Sarwar said that Prime Minister Imran Khan offered India to come to negotiations table and solve problems, including Kashmir by dialogue but India missed this opportunity due to its stubbornness. India is committing genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in Kashmir in complete contravention of UN Charter and Pakistan has always raised voice against state terrorism of India on

every forum including United Nations.

In order to bring peace in South Asia, resolution of Kashmir dispute is essential.

Unfortunately, whenever any terrorist incident happens in India, he blames Pakistan without any proofs.

Pakistan has made tremendous sacrifices in war on terror against terrorism and played its role for regional peace by sacrificing blood of its soldiers and citizens.

Despite accepting that attack has been committed by Indian citizen by

using Indian vehicle, Indian government is blaming Pakistan due to its stubbornness.

We want to make clear that defence of Pakistan is in strong hands and whole Pakistan is standing united along with Pak Army.

We will not hesitate to make any sacrifice for Pakistan.

Each and every inch of our territory will be defended. We will not let India to breach our sovereignty.

As per international law, Pakistan will take all steps to ensure security of its citizens.

Govt working honestly for welfare, prosperity of masses: Aslam

— Hammad, Aslam inaugurate various uplift projects

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Minister of State for Revenue Hammad Azhar and Provincial Minister for Industries & Trade Mian Aslam Iqbal inaugurated different projects of LESCO in Zafar Colony, Dholanwal and Saidpur. After the inauguration of the development projects, Provincial Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal said while talking to media that foreign aid is received to Pakistan due to credibility of Prime Minister Imran Khan and friendly countries are investing here. Former rulers looted the country and due to their corruption, the nation came under heavy debt.

Now the government has changed in the country and present government is working honestly for the welfare and prosperity of the masses. There is no Ehtasab ur Rehman in our government who make contracts of LNG while sitting in Qatar. PTI government has promoted the culture of transparency in the country that is why there is no corruption scandal of any federal or provincial minister. We are answerable to the masses and serving people honestly. He said investment of billions of dollars will come in Pakistan due to visit of Saudi Crown Prince.

He said Punjab government has evolved best policy for ease of doing business. Tax system is being revamped and federal and provincial taxes are being brought on one form. Provincial Minister has said that inspectorless regime is being introduced after this no inspector will disturb the industrialists in the name of inspection.

He told that a decision has been taken in a meeting of economic coordination committee that in future provincial government will set up special economic zones, federal government will facilitate for the electricity and gas.

Minister of State for Revenue Hammad Azhar has said that the development projects of LESCO costing Rs.2 crores has been inaugurated in NA-126 while in second phase development projects of Rs10 crores will be completed. He said that insulators are being changed a scattered wires of electricity is also organized to avoid any untoward incident. He said Pakistan has received foreign aid from friendly countries due to the credibility of Prime Minister Imran Khan. He said that national economy of Pakistan is being strengthened and it will go to growth also. He told that our revenue has also increased 3 to 4 percent this year.

PU VC announces fee waiver, scholarships for students' impact factor research

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad Akhtar has announced that the bachelor-level students of Faculty of Life Sciences who will publish one research paper in impact factor journal will be given waiver in tuition fee while the students having 2 impact factor research papers will be given admission in MS and PhD programmes without any fee.

He was addressing the faculty members and students of Faculty of Life Sciences at Faisal Auditorium.

Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Prof Dr Firdous-e-Barin, Professor Dr Shahida Husnain, Prof Dr Waheed Akhter, Prof Dr AR Shakoori and senior faculty members were also present on the occasion. Addressing the students, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad announced that scholarships will also be provided to the students with impact factor research while a cash prize will be awarded to the student having highest impact factor research.

Prof Niaz Ahmad urged the students to do research having positive impact on socio-economic development of the society. He said that PU administration would provide all resources and funding to such research projects and would extend full support at all levels.

He said that the administration was encouraging researchers and promoting research activities to improve international ranking of the university and contribute to socio-economic development of the country. He said that now the world was a global village and we needed to work very hard to compete at international level.

In her address, Prof Dr Firdous-e-Barin said that the Faculty of Life Sciences had got 3 patents registered, produced 432 research papers in impact factor journals out of which the impact factor of 413 research papers is higher than 200 and worked on 108 research projects in 2018. She thanked PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad for extending all-out support to promote research culture in the university.

CS vows to implement PT&RTI Act 2013 in its true letter and spirit

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Yusouf Naseem Khokhar pledges to implement Punjab Transparency & Right to Information (PT&RTI) Act 2013 in its true letter and spirit across the province. He, after a detailed meeting with the Chief Information Commissioner Punjab Mehboob Qadir Shah on Saturday issued key instructions to all Administrative Secretaries of Punjab.

The letter directed all major departments to designate Chief Public Information Officers (CPIOs) immediately who will further reneure the notification of Public Information Officers (PIOs) as required under Section 7 of the PT&RTI Act 2013 in each sub ordinate entity/public body latest by 28th February.

According to the directive, the CPIOs will send notification of each PIO to the Punjab Information Commission (PIC). The CS told that he would address all CPIOs of Punjab in a seminar to be held by the PIC in first week of March 2019.

"The public bodies are required to establish RTI web portals for which they may seek technical assistance of Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB)," he added. A performa has also been attached to the letter, asking all departments to prepare annual reports showing implementation status of PT&RTI Act under Section 9, during the period from July 2017 to June 2018. These annual reports will be sent to the PIC accordingly.

PSCA COO visits Quetta Safe City project site

LAHORE: Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Akbar Nasir Khan visited Quetta Safe City project site to finalize a roadmap regarding centralised monitoring and complaint resolution system in Baluchistan police.

The PSCA COO had an appraisal meeting with Quetta Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Abdul Razzaq Cheema to finalize MoU. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Baluchistan Mohsin Hassan Butt directed the provincial top-cops to liaise with their Punjab counterparts to emulate the PUCAR-15 model in the province, says a handout issued here on Saturday.

The Police Unified Communication and Response System was recently announced by IGP Punjab Amjad Javed Saleemi as the significant transformation in modern policing ensuring comprehensive complaint monitoring and resolution system.

The PSCA would extend full technical support and dispensetrainings through dedicated resources for standard processes in both provinces following the directions of both IGPs, said PSCA Spokesperson.—By Our Staff Reporter

'Realistic amendments in housing schemes rules be made in public interest'



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Housing and Urban Development Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed has stressed the need for introducing realistic amendments in the rules of housing schemes while considering interest of the public.

He issued these directions to the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) while addressing the high-level meeting which was attended amongst others by Secretary Housing Hassan Iqbal and DG LDA Amna

Imran. Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed said that all stakeholders be taken into confidence while drafting amendments regarding service design, marketing, layout, planning standards and NOC of housing schemes.

The recommendations and genuine demands of builders and developers be also considered sympathetically in this process.

No inordinate delay in finalisation of amendments in relevant rules be made, added the Minister. Secretary Housing and

Urban Development Hassan Iqbal and DG LDA briefed the Provincial Housing Minister about the proposed amendments in rules of housing schemes in detail.

The meeting deliberated upon the proposed amendments clause wise and listened to viewpoints of LDA Authorities and representatives of builders and developers.

The Minister said that with the introduction of realistic amendments in the rules, the problems facing the public would be addressed to the optimal level.