

Minimum 18°C
Maximum 32°C
Sunset 05:40pm
Sunrise 06:00am
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR	04:40 AM
ZOHAR	11:51 PM
ASR	03:11 PM
MAGRIB	05:42 PM
ISHA	07:02 PM

Quick Read

Lodhi orders to lit all street lights of all major roads

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Commissioner Lahore Division, Asif Bilal considered at a high level to give operation and maintenance of street lights of Lahore city to one agency to avoid the ownership of the roads, issues. He directed to lit completely all street lights of all major roads of Lahore within ten days. He said joint team of all agencies of Lahore administration would start visits to see lighting of street lights from tomorrow and team would visit and decide the ownership of lights all roads in detail. He said that according to LDA, 18 roads with 100% lit street lights would be handed over to MCL soon.

He directed MCL to vehicles must be on road at night to repair the out of order lights. He said that he would visit to see the maintenance work by MCL and would also check the control room of mcl regarding street light complaints.

DG LDA Usman Moazzam, CO MCL Ali Abbas Bukhar, Chief Engineer LDA Mazhar Khan and other officers participated in the meeting. In meeting street lights number of PECO Road, Shokat Ali Road, Jail Road, Main Boulevard, Shahkaam Road, Mall to Harbanspura Road, PHA roads, Shokat Khanum Flyover, Beijing Underpass, Canal Road, Thokar Niaz Baig and other roads of Lahore were discussed in detail.

UIT joins hands with Imran Crown Cork (Pvt) Ltd

LAHORE: Pakistan's premium technology institution, Usman Institute of Technology, has partnered with Imran Crown Cork (Pvt) Ltd. for enhanced career opportunities for its students and alumni. The MoU signing ceremony took place at ICC in the presence of top management from ICC and UIT.

Through the partnership, UIT will be in close collaboration with ICC for industrial visits, recruitment drives, internship opportunities, and job placements for its students and graduates. Imran Crown Cork (Pvt) Ltd. — which is a group of companies that includes the Ebrahim Group, Ebrahim Textile, Imran Crown Cork, Orient Textile, and Iglow — will prove to be a good platform for UIT students to kick-start or advance their careers given the ICC's large scale and industry dominance.

"We are always on the lookout for great career opportunities for our students and alumni, and partnership with ICC is a prominent development on that front," said XX, UIT. "We hope that our collaboration with Imran Crown Cork (Pvt) Ltd. will improve career prospects of our students while also helping ICC meet its growth targets with our quality human resource."

ICC is one of the biggest suppliers of crowns and closures to the beverage industry in Pakistan. The company has been in this business for the last 30 years and has the likes of Pepsi and Coca Cola in its extensive clientele. ICC supports the bottling industry and its customers with innovative solutions, latest technology process development,



LAHORE: Employees of Integrated Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Child (IRMNCH) shout slogans at a protest in front of the Civil Secretariat.

Housing Dept to be harmonised with modern requirements, says CM

— Reviews performance of Housing, Urban Development Department

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over a high-level meeting at CM office here Monday. During the meeting proposals regarding performance of Housing & Urban Development Department as well as providing better and improved facilities to the citizens were being reviewed.

Usman Buzdar while addressing the participants in the meeting said that Housing & Urban Development Department will be harmonized with modern requirements because the role of Housing & Urban Development Department is pivotal with regard to providing better facilities in the cities, he added.

The department will have to focus on modern urban planning and development. WASA will be made an independent authority and will also be granted autonomy, he added. He also di-

rected to put up final plan in this regard. After reviewing matters of commercialization in residential areas, concrete recommendations should be submitted, he directed. Committee has been constituted to review DC rates of property.

The committee will submit its final recommendations within 15 days under the supervision of Provincial Finance Minister. Aab Pak Authority has been constituted in order to provide clean water to the people of Punjab, he added. A proposal was also being submitted during the meeting to transfer the assets and other related matters of Saaf Pani Company being established during previous tenure to Aab Pak Authority.

Usman Buzdar said that clean water is the basic right of every citizen. PTI government will leave no stone unturned regarding ensuring provision of clean water to the citizens, he stressed. The water quality of water plants will be improved. We will have to move ahead

by learning a lesson from past mistakes, he stated. By performing matters according to rules and regulations and in a transparent manner, provision of clean water is to be ensured to the citizens, he added. He said that a mega programme is going to be launched in order to improve sewerage system in Lahore.

Programme for bringing improvement in sewerage system through Tunnel boring will cost Rs. 14 billion.

He was also informed during the briefing that the office of Aab Pak Authority will not be set up in a rented building but in some official building. Secretary Housing & Urban Development gave a detailed briefing to the Chief Minister regarding performance of the department and providing better civic facilities to the citizens. Provincial Minister Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed, Hashim Jawan Bakht, Advisor to CM Dr. Salman Shah, Chief Secretary, Member National Assembly Khuram

Shehzad, Principal Secretary to CM, Head of Special Monitoring Unit, concerned secretaries and other high officials participated in the meeting.

Citizenry from various cities calls on CM Punjab: People from different cities called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here today. He listened to problems of the people and ordered to resolve them on-the-spot. Usman Buzdar said that he does not care for criticism and is only advancing forward the mission of providing public service.

Common people of the province are my asset and I want to listen to their problems personally, he added. No hurdle will be tolerated with regard to resolving problems of common people, he stressed. In the past provision of basic facilities to the public were being ignored. The elite had been awarded favours during the previous tenures and national resources were being wasted on

LHC places service of two judges at Centre's disposal

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday placed the services of two district and sessions judges (D&SJs) at the disposal of the federal government for their posting as Lahore accountability court judges.

According to a LHC notification, D&SJ Asad Ali and D&SJ Amjad Nazir Chaudhry would serve as Judge, Accountability Court-I and Judge Accountability Court-V respectively. Both the judges has been asked to take charge of their new responsibilities by Oct 10.

It pertinent to mention here that D&SJ Asad Ali was serving as Presiding Officer, Punjab Labour Court-VII, Gujranwala, whereas D&SJ Amjad Nazir Chaudhry was serving as Judge, Banking Court-I, Faisalabad. —APP

Yasmeen visits Holy Family OPD for dengue patients

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid visited Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi on Monday to inspect the Out-Patient Department (OPD) especially set up for the dengue patients.

According to a DGPR handout issued here, the minister inquired after the patients and reviewed facilities being provided to them in the hospital. Prof Dr Umar briefed the health minister regarding facilities being provided to the dengue patients. Dr Yasmin Rashid said that special OPD had been set up in the Holy Family Hospital to facilitate dengue patients. She said that facilities of registration of dengue patients, their admission and treatment were fully available in the hospital.

A visible difference was being witnessed in anti-dengue campaign after remedial measures expedited by the government, she added.

Immediate action was taken on complaints received about dengue through helpline and all field offi-

Fazl shows no concern for Kashmir during his tenure: Aslam

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Information and Culture Mian Aslam Iqbal Monday said Maulana Fazlur-Rehman continuously remained the chairman of the Kashmir Committee for many years but he showed no concern for resolving the core issue of Kashmir.

He expressed these views while talking to media during an open court at his camp office. He also listened to the problems of people and issued on-the-spot instructions. He said that solving public problems was the first priority of the government, adding that the open courts would be held so that problems of general public could be solved at the earliest.

He regretted that a letter attributed to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) was circulating on the social media sites

in which people had been goaded and seminary students instigated to join the so-called Azadi March with bamboo sticks. "The Maulana Sahib should shun such type of politics of chaos," he added.

The minister said peaceful demonstration was the right of everybody but if anyone tried to indulge in violent protest then the law would come into action and they would be treated in accordance with the law.

He added that People's Party and PML-N have made a good decision of staying away from Maulana's march. He pointed out that now, Maulana has to bear his expenses personally as he was out of power and this has financially burdened him, said Aslam Iqbal.

He emphasised that the real motive of Maulana's so-called march was not solution to public problems but something else. Mian Aslam Iqbal said that Prime

Minister Imran Khan vigorously projected Kashmir issue at every international forum but the Maulana was trying to hoodwink the nation so as to divert the world attention from the plight of hapless Kashmiris in Occupied Kashmir. The minister said that the Maulana should realise that Pakistan was going through a difficult phase and his agenda would not be produce any results. He said that the PTI did not believe in politics of chaos, adding that Maulana Sahib should also avoid it and stay away from instigating people.

He said that the donations, being collected in the name of Azadi March, would end up in Maulana's pocket and this may help improve his financial health. People are not his problem but his absence from power corridors is the real issue of Maulana Sahib, added Mian Aslam Iqbal.



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Pir Noor Ul Haq Qadri addresses seminar at the University of Management & Technology (UMT).

Alhambra providing opportunities to youth to show their talent

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Arts Council presents a three-day-long play "Jaal" in collaboration with AKS Theatre from 7 to 9 Oct, at 6:30 pm in Alhambra Hall No. 2 at Alhambra Arts Centre, The Mall. The play "Jaal" was directed by Afzaal Nabi's; it was an adopted story of world-famous playwright Agatha Christie's famous novel "And Then There Were None".

The story of "Jaal" is basically a murder mystery in which ten people are invited to an island for the weekend. Although they all harbour a secret, they remain unsuspecting until they begin to die, one by one, until eventually, there are none. Panic ensues when the diminishing group realizes that one of their own numbers is the killer. Afzaal Nabi's "Jaal" was a the perfect combination of

thrill and detective story.

The play was a great treat for the theatre lovers. In the play, Sarfaraz Ansari, Zohaib Haider, Zaheer Taj, Zoya Qazi, Aisha Shahkeel, Hassan Raza, Gulshan Majid, Sultan, Aman Chaudhry, Azeem Noor and Imran Armani showcased their talent to the audience which was met with immense applause.

Executive Director Alhambra Athar Ali Khan congratulated all performers for their extraordinary participation and hard work at the play. He said it was important to provide similar positive opportunities to the youth to showcase their talent and Alhambra will continue this effort. He further said that Alhambra arrange such dramas and events on a regular basis for the sake of entertainment for its people. Play "Jaal" is another wonderful effort by Lahore Arts Council for the promotion and revival

Pak-SL matches

1,600 wardens performed duties

LAHORE: As many as 1,600 traffic officials including 16 DSPs, 90 inspectors under the supervision of three SPs performed duties to ensure smooth traffic flow in the provincial capital during Pakistan-Sri Lanka 2nd T-20 cricket match. SP Traffic Sardar Asif Khan and SP Traffic Hammad Raza Qureshi supervised the traffic arrangements, whereas, 20 fork lifters and five breakdowns were also deputed to take action against wrong parking. Nine parking stands were allocated at F.C College Canal Road, Punjab University Hostel Ground, Liberty Market. —APP