

Electrical, mechanical work of OLMT passes completion confirmation

LAHORE: With Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMA) and NESPAK-CEC's strong support, the completion acceptance of E&M works undertaken by CR-NORINCO for OLMT have been confirmed and signed by Owner's representatives on July 13, 2020. The project is currently being handed over by full support from CR-NORINCO, under a unified arrangement with PMA.

The satisfactory confirmation and signature of quality work has helped in initiating the handover process.



Following ideal handover conditions, the project will smoothly proceed towards the public launch of the Orange Line Train. The 27.1km long line will be Lahore's first metro and landmark strategic project as part of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative. —PR

PNCA continues online classes

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan National Council of the Art (PNCA) is continuing its online classes for calligraphy that have been commenced pre-lock down but halted due to the COVID-19.

According to the management, the classes were being conducted in form of videos that were uploaded on PNCA's Facebook and YouTube channels in three sections.

The first section had 7 parts and each part was being posted on the social media sites of the council at 10.00 am daily.

The rest of the sections of the classes were being posted and streamed on the council's YouTube channel every Monday under the supervision of famous calligraphist Shabbir Ahmad Zia.

Online classes aimed at helping the students to rekindle their creative skills who were confined at their homes during lock-down.



LAHORE: Employees of Khwaja Farid University Rahim Yar Khan hold a protest against university administration outside the Lahore Press Club. —Online

Rule of law and order first priority of govt: Governor

— Interior Minister Ejaz Shah calls on Sarwar; says construction on Diamer Bhasha dam a historic step

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Federal Interior Minister Brigadier (retd) Ejaz Shah called on Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar while Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar said that the commencement of construction work on Diamer Bhasha Dam is a historic step of the government. According to details, Federal Minister for Interior Brigadier (retd) Ijaz Shah has called on Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar at Governor House Lahore, during which political and governmental issues and measures against Corona were discussed.

Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the rule of law and order is the first priority of the government. No matter how strong one's will is, he will not be able to escape from accountability.

He said that no compromise will be made on the development and prosperity of the country.

He said that the opposition should also play its positive role in the parliament.



The government led by Prime Minister Imran Khan has been tackling these challenges. We are working with welfare organizations in Punjab to provide full support to the poor families who have lost their jobs due to the Corona crisis. There is no doubt that the war against Corona is not a war of any one government or political party. We all have to work together to win the war against Corona. The people should ensure implementa-

tion of Corona SOPs on Eid at all costs. Under the leadership of Prime minister Imran Khan, Pakistan is moving forward successfully despite the most difficult conditions. He said that the people have given us a mandate to govern for five years and the government will fulfill its constitutional term as per the people's mandate and the country will be strengthened economically.

Ziaullah declares traders role crucial for development

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Home, Mir Ziaullah Longove said the incumbent government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Jam Kamal, was taking all possible measures to help traders for boosting the economy of the province.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation of traders association led by Anjum-e-Tajirani Balochistan's President Rahim Kakar called on him at Home Department's Civil Secretariat Conference Room here.

Balochistan Awami Party (BAP)'s, Senator Manzoor Kakar, Additional Chief Secretary were also present on the occasion. Home Department's Additional Chief Secretary Hafiz Abdul Basit also briefed the Minister and Senator Manzoor Kakar regarding the provision of facilities to traders in the province.

Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs Mir Ziaullah Longove said the role of traders was significant for the development of the economy in the country including Balochistan which will not be forgotten.

He said coronavirus has become a global pandemic that is also affecting the business activities and economy as well.

Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Jam Kamal is well aware of problems of common men who are being suffered a lot due to the coronavirus. Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA)' Minister Ziaullah urged the traders to formulate standard operating procedures (SOPs) containing precautionary measures for various sectors so that full steps can be taken to save people from the pandemic virus. —APP

17 outlaws including 5 cars, bike lifters held

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police have arrested 17 outlaws including five car and bike lifters and recovered stolen car, four motorbikes, narcotics, fake currency and weapons from them, a police spokesman said.

According to details, a team of Banigala police station headed by Sub-Inspector Main Imran nabbed three members of bike lifters' gang. They were identified as Anwar, Altaf and Ejaz while police recovered three stolen motorbikes from their possession. Cases have been registered in Bani Gala police station and further investigation is underway from them.

Aabpara police arrested Shahzada Khan and recovered stolen car from his possession. Margallah police arrested accused Hamad Shah and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him.

Karachi company police arrested accused Danish and recovered stolen motorbike from him. CIA police arrested accused Hameed and recovered 1025 gram hashish from him. Industrial Area police arrested Qamer Abbas and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. —



LAHORE: Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Lt-Gen Muhammad Afzal talks to media during his visit to King Edward Medical College University. —Online

Buzdar visits Quaid-i-Azam Residency

— Maintains that every memorable item linked with Quaid is more than dear to every Pakistani than his own life

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar visited district Ziarat of Balochistan on Wednesday and visited Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah founder of Pakistan Residency.

He also watched different sections of the Residency.

He showed his keen interest in the under usage items by the Pakistan Founder in the Residency and expressed his profound happiness over the construction and rehabilitation of the Quaid-i-Azam Residency in an excellent manner.

Usman Buzdar also extended cooperation on behalf of Punjab government for the Quaid-i-Azam Residency and stated that Quaid-e-Azam Residency is an invaluable asset of Pakistan which will be protected with our heart and soul.

He maintained that every memorable item linked with Quaid-i-Azam is more than dear to every Pakistani than his own life.

He complimented that the great favour done by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on the nation cannot be returned and forgotten till

doomsday and commended that such great leaders are born after centuries. CM underscored that the solution of Pakistan's problems is implied in the sayings of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. CM met with tribal leaders and respectables of the area in Ziarat who apprised him about their problems.

The tribal leaders while talking with Usman Buzdar expressed their great pleasure over his arrival in Balochistan. Usman Buzdar assured them that he would resolve their problems with the cooperation of Balochistan government and Punjab will take along Balochistan in its journey to attain progress.

He highlighted that the people of Punjab hold emotional attachment with their Balochistan brethren. He disclosed that Punjab government is establishing Community Centre in Taftan, hospital in Turbat with the cost of Rs. 75 crore, Punjab House in Gawadar and Technical College in Kharan.

He outlined that the quota of Baluchistan students in the Danish schools and other educational institutions will be enhanced in Punjab and Punjab government would also play a positive role for the promotion of edu-

Webinar for efforts to cope with climate change

From Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Deforestation, excessive use of plastic ware, lack of rainfall, increased road and space traffic, population explosion, reduced agricultural yield, heat-surge and erosion of coastal area are some of the issues causing climate deterioration in Pakistan.

The Vice Chancellor University of Sindh Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat, stated on Wednesday, while addressing at the webinar organized by Pakistan Study Centre on the theme "Understanding Climate Change in Pakistan" with Founder/Chairperson National Dialogue on Climate Change (NDCC) Maliha Abbas Zaidi as the guest speaker. The VC said the universities need to sensitize youth in this highly significant aspect of sustainability of man's health and happiness on earth.

He felicitated the Director Sindh University Pakistan Study Centre Prof. Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar and his team on organizing the webinar for world youth. —APP

Kashmir Committee to work with think-tanks on Kashmir dispute: Afridi

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Chairman, Special Committee of the Parliament on Kashmir, Shehryar Khan Afridi Wednesday said that the parliamentary committee would work with the think-tanks, academia and policy-makers to help build a strong narrative on the Kashmir dispute.

Shehryar Afridi expressed these views while talking to former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood who called on him here, said a press release.

Shehryar Afridi said the Kashmir Committee is committed to serve the cause of Kashmir and he was working extensively to raise the Kashmir issue at all the levels. He said the Kashmiri and Pakistani Diaspora should play an active role in raising the Kashmir issue at the international forums and the committee would reach out to them.

He said Kashmir is an unfinished agenda during partition of the sub-continent which was still unresolved since 1948. He said that both Pakistan and India have fought wars on Kashmir and it is a nuclear flash point in the region. "Pakistan and India — both are nuclear-capable countries. Any misadventure can trigger a war. And a war between two nuclear-capable countries cannot be contained, as war, once initiated, takes dimensions on its

own," he said.

Afridi said the domicile law and granting of domiciles in Kashmir to Indians is part of the Hindu Fascist plan to change the demography of Kashmir which is a violation of the UN resolutions.

He said India can no longer hoodwink the world community of its atrocities and grave human rights violations in IOJK and Pakistan will always expose the nefarious Indian designs in Kashmir. Barrister Sultan Mehmood, also chief of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), congratulated Shehryar Afridi on assuming the charge of Chairman Kashmir Committee. He said Kashmiri Diaspora is playing an important role in raising Kashmir issue internationally.

He said that Kashmir Committee should also reach out to the overseas Pakistanis in the western countries and activate them to raise the Kashmir cause at all of the forums. He said PTI AJK chapter would always be ready to become a voice of the Kashmir Committee.

Brisk preparations kick off to mark Kashmir's Accession to Pakistan Day on 19th

Brisk preparations have begun by the Kashmiris living both side of the line of control to mark the 73rd Kashmir's accession to Pakistan Day (July 19) with a renewal of the pledge to continue the struggle for the

achievement of the right to self-determination and to translate the idea of accession of entire Jammu Kashmir state to Pakistan under the spirit of the historic resolution passed on this day in 1947.

Elaborated programs are being chalked out to observe Kashmir's accession to Pakistan Day throughout Azad Jammu Kashmir, occupied Jammu and Kashmir and in other parts of the world — where Kashmiris are inhabiting, to observe the historic day in order to strengthen and promote the ideology of accession of entire Jammu Kashmir state to Pakistan.

It will be a public holiday in Azad Jammu Kashmir on this occasion to facilitate the masses to participate in the special programs to be held to commemorate the day with great enthusiasm and devotion, an AJK government spokesperson told APP here on Wednesday.

The people of Jammu Kashmir state launched the struggle under the spirit of the said resolution for the liberation of their motherland from the yoke of dogra rule and later from the unlawful and forcible hold of Indian imperialism. This freedom struggle of Kashmiris is continuing with full vigor by the valiant freedom loving population of the Muslim-majority Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir through liberation of the motherland from long Indian slavery since over last 73 years.

Effects of different mating strategies in broiler breeder in peak, post-peak phase

Muhammad Shabir Shaheen

Continuous revolutionary and scientific approaches in healthcare management along with effective breeding programmes in commercial poultry enabled it to hold a lion's share in economy of many developing countries, including Pakistan where it is the second largest industry. While, for the optimum expression of genetic potential of commercial poultry breeds, production systems and breeding protocols are proven among the most influential factors. Albeit, Artificial insemination (AI) has become an evolutionary biotechnological valuable procedure in the poultry yet a major blemish associated with AI is the chances of contamination of fertile eggs with bacteria such as *Salmonella*, *Escherichia coli* (E. coli), *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG) particularly in case of careless handling. Indeed, the importance of AI cannot be ignored as an efficient and obligatory tool in caged flock and to curtail the declining of fertility, but its subsequent retro hygienic impact in broiler is yet to be unveiled in comparison to natural mating (NM) because quality of broiler chicks is the vital milestone to be achieved in commercial poultry.

Thus, this study has been designed to understand the

myth of carry-over intrusive impact of AI vs. NM on broiler performance when the breeder flock is being kept in different production systems (Floor and Cage) during its peak and post peak phase of production. This study was conducted by Muhammad Shabir Shaheen, a Ph.D scholar under the supervision of Dr. Shahid Mehmood, Department of Poultry Production Ravi Campus, Faculty of Animal Production and Technology, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore.

It is implicated from the results of experiment that the best growth performance along with the least depletion and microbial load of concerned pathogens (E. coli, *Salmonella pullorum*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*) were pertained by the experimental broiler birds being produced through natural mating as compared to chicks representing AI in floored and caged flock, respectively. While, experimental birds being produced through AI in floored flock particularly during post peak phase exhibited the worst growth performance and the highest contamination of concerned microbiota and mortality percent in first three weeks of age. However, this phenomenon needs to be probed more.

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