

Minimum 11:°C  
Maximum 15:°C  
Sunset 05:12pm  
Sunrise 07:02am  
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR.....	05:36 AM
ZOHAR.....	12:07 PM
ASR.....	3:35 PM
MAGRIB.....	05:12 PM
ISHA.....	06:38 PM

### Quick Read

#### Railway Police start action against ticket dodgers

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Railways Police started strict action against ticket dodgers on the direction of PRP IG Arif Nawaz Khan.

According to the PR Police sources on Saturday, PRP DIG Operations Shehzad Akbar issued an order to all SPs for a regular campaign against ticket dodgers.

The police officers have been directed to conduct surprise raids in trains and a weekly report should be presented to the Central Police Office here.

#### Rainfall likely in northern, upper parts within 24 hours

LAHORE: Rain/snowfall is expected in northeast Punjab, Pothohar region, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and adjoining hilly areas in next 24 hours while fog is likely to prevail in central and south Punjab at isolated places.

Rain/snow is also expected in Murree and Galyat while cold and dry weather is expected elsewhere in the country during this time span

Continental air is prevailing over most parts of the Country. A strong westerly wave is likely to enter in Pakistan on Sunday and likely to grip upper parts of the country on Monday, Met office reported.

In last 24 hours cold and dry weather prevailed over most parts of the country, while very cold in north Balochistan, northern areas, Kashmir and upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Minimum temperatures recorded on Saturday remained Leh -16°C, Skardu -13°C, Gupis, Astore -12°C, Hunza, Kalam, Kalat -09°C, Quetta, Bagrote -08°C, Gilgit -07°C, Srinagar, Zhoab and Dalbandin -06°C.

#### SWMC being provided modern machinery: Minister

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Special Education Chaudhry Muhammad Akhlaq has said that the Punjab government is spending millions of rupees to provide modern machinery to Sialkot Waste Management Company (SWMC) to enhance its performance and ensure provision of world class municipal facilities to people.

He was addressing a meeting of the SWMC executive committee. The minister said that cleaning of the city was being carried out with automatic machinery instead of manual.

He said it is now the responsibility of the SWMC authorities to ensure proper use of vehicles and machinery and provide the best municipal facilities to the citizens.

Managing Director/ Additional Deputy Commissioner Finance & Planning Farooq Sadiq, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf local leader Chaudhry Ilyas, Senior Operations Manager Mujahid Rasool, Secretary Mashood and Agha Dawood were also present.

# PDM should wait for general elections, says Governor

— Political story of PDM Parties has come to an end, all their conspiracies will fail, says Sarwar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the political story of PDM Parties has come to an end and all their conspiracies will fail. The PDM should wait for the general elections instead of marching on the streets because the Long March will not end the government and Imran Khan will be the Prime Minister of Pakistan till 2023.

PTI is the very first government that is taking practical steps to strengthen all institutions. The whole nation is proud of the performance of Rescue 1122. He was addressing an event and talking to the media on the occasion of inauguration of Rescue 1122 Center at Pir Mahal on Saturday.

Vice-President PTI Chaudhry Ishfaq, MNA Riaz Fatyana, MPA Syed Ahmad Saadi, DG Rescue 1122 Dr Rizwan Naseer were present among others.

Responding to media questions, the Punjab Governor said that PDM is making a new decision in every meeting and is threatening the government day by day but the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan is united and strong. If the PDM wants to hold a Long March against the government, then it is their democratic right but the government will not end



due to any Long March. Responding to another question, Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that due to Corona in 2020, Pakistan has faced many challenges on all fronts including economy but I am sure that this year will be better in terms of employment and economic growth in Pakistan.

Federal and Provincial Governments are utilising all resources to control Inflation and poverty in Pakistan.

Governor Punjab said that if NAB is investigating Corruption charges from the people of opposition then what has the government got to do with it? We have been

saying from day one that action will be taken against corrupt people regardless of their political affiliations.

Opposition's talk of political revenge has nothing to do with reality. NAB is an independent institution and none of its decisions has anything to do with the government.

Addressing the event, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said, I am happy that I have a role to play in laying the foundation of Rescue 1122. I also got rescue workers trained from the UK and this is an organization that works without any distinction between rich and poor, believing only

in the service of humanity. Whenever there is a difficult time on 1122, I stand by them and 220 million Pakistanis take pride in our Rescue workers. The ration distribution carried out by the Rescue workers even during Corona is commendable.

#### State land retrieved from land grabbers

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The city district administration retrieved 7-kanal state land worth million of rupees during an operation here on Saturday.

A special team, under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Model Town Zeeshan Nasrullah Ranjha, launched the operation in Halloki, with heavy machinery to retrieve the state land from illegal possession. The team also demolished an under-construction building. The assistant commissioner said the operation would continue without any discrimination, adding that every inch of state land would be retrieved from land grabbers.



LAHORE: An elder shopkeeper wears warm clothes sits near fire at his vegetables shop to keep himself warm during winter. —Online

#### Virus claims 43 more lives, 733 new cases reported

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The COVID-19 claimed another 43 lives in the province whereas 733 new cases were reported on Saturday.

According to the data shared by the spokesperson for the PP&SHD, the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 139,341 while the total deaths were recorded 4,085. The PP&SHD confirmed that 435 new cases of the COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, nine in Kasur, six in Sheikhupura, eight in Nankana Sahib, 51 in Rawalpindi, 19 in Jehlum, seven in Gujranwala, three in Hafizabad, 19 in Mandi Bahauddin, 10 in Sialkot, two in Narowal, 17 in Gujrat, 22 in Faisalabad, four in Toba Tek Singh, 16 in Jhang, one in Chinoet, six in Sargodha, eight in Mianwali, 13 in Multan, one in Khanewal, one in Lodharan, one in Dera Ghazi Khan, 38 in Bahawalpur, three in Bahawalnagar, four in Rahimyar Khan, two in Rajanpur, one in Okara, two in Pakpattan and 17 new cases of the COVID-19 were reported in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours. The Punjab health department conducted 2,472,892 tests for the COVID-19 so far while 124,125 confirmed cases recovered in the province. It is pertinent to mention here that services for coronavirus treatment were available in 255 hospitals across the province where 8,253 beds were reserved for COVID-19 patients as 3,692 beds were equipped with oxygen facility and 417 beds occupied so far.

The Punjab health department allocated 643 ventilators for coronavirus patients across the province and 327 ventilators were in use while 316 were spare so far.

The Punjab health department urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks besides washing their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from the COVID-19.

# Provision of shelter to the poor priority of Imran Khan: Musarrat

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Spokesperson Punjab government, Musarrat Jamshed Cheema on Saturday said it was topmost priority of the PM Imran Khan to give shelter to the deserving people from low income group and committed to expand this project in future.

Talking to PTV, she hailed that the concept of Shelter homes has been taken from Prime Minister Imran Khan's vision of compassion to facilitate the destitute and



helpless people, while upholding their self-respect.

Prime Minister has also launched a Ehsas project for poor

and middle class people which help solve economic issues of the deprived people.

The project was brainchild of Prime Minister Imran Khan who has pledged to turn Pakistan into Medina-like social welfare state.

She said Shelter homes (Panagha) project was a welfare initiative and vision of the Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has pledged to turn Pakistan into a Madina-like social welfare state.

Cheema said Punjab Information Technology Board has de-

veloped the IT-based system to digitally monitor the shelter homes and all shelter homes are being collecting required data every day.

The PTI government in the country's history has develop the best system to facilitate the hapless stratus, she mentioned.

She said Prime Minister Imran Khan was paying special attention and directed to concern departments to provide best and quality services to deserving people staying at shelter homes across the country.

# Increase in incentives for construction sector to speedup economic activities: Aslam

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries & Trade Mian Aslam Iqbal has said that increase in incentives for the construction sector will accelerate economic activities and this new incentive package for the construction industry will be a support for the corona affected economy.

The PTI government has made development of industries a top priority. Punjab has become a hub of industrial activities with the establishment of new industrial estates. In a statement issued here today, Provincial Minister said that 2021 will be a year of industrial development, it will bring happiness to the people. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the journey of development and



change will be accelerated. The provincial minister said that the journey of rapid development is increasing the uneasiness of the opposition. The politics of anarchy of the opposition will be harmful to PDM. Mian Aslam Iqbal said that the looters would neither get NRO nor their looted money will be saved. Corrupt opposition will be held accountable.

He said that the opposition is hostile to the people by conducting meetings and rallies during the pandemic. Prime Minister Imran Khan is ray of hope for the nation and the country will achieve a destination of development and prosperity under his leadership, concluded Mian Aslam Iqbal.

DC holds open court: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mudassar Riaz Malik on Saturday held an open court at the DC's office to resolve problems of people.

A large number of people participated where officials of the revenue department besides officials of the district administration were also present, said a spokesman for the district administration on Saturday.

The deputy commissioner listened to people's complaints and issued in-



LAHORE: A woman rickshaw driver on her way at Do Moria Pull. —Online