

Govt takes all steps for promotion of tourism: Asif Mahmood

LAHORE: Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab for Tourism Asif Mahmood on Wednesday said the Punjab government was taking all possible steps for the promotion of tourism in the province.

He said this while inaugurating the restoration work of photo gallery, historical and information board, water tube well and landscaping at Moore Craft Pavilion here at Shalimar Bagh.

Secretary Tourism Department Muhammad Sajid Bhatta, Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) Chairman Engineer Yasir Gilani, PHA Vice Chairman Hafiz Zeeshan Rasheed, PHA DG Jawad Ahmad Qureshi and others were also present.

The advisor said the Punjab government was striving to provide the best facilities for tourism and recreation to people. He said the PHA was providing quality facilities to residents of the provincial capital in parks, adding that: "We all have a responsibility to provide a clean environment to future generations".

On the occasion, PHA officers distributed free plants among people under the Spring Tree Planting Campaign. —APP

Two workers killed as factory gutted

LAHORE: Two workers died from suffocation due to a fire erupted in a garments factory on Ravi Road here on Wednesday.

The police said the both workers were sleeping in a room when the fire broke out in the factory.

On information, the Rescue 1122 teams reached the spot and started rescue operation.

The firefighters succeeded to control the fire after hectic efforts. They also took out the bodies of the workers namely Muhammad Awais, 21, and Mehran, 18, from the site.

The valuables, including garments worth thousands of rupees, were reduced to ashes in the incident while the cause of the fire could not be ascertained. —APP

PU issues roll number slips

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University Department of Examinations has issued roll number slips of Private, Division Improvement and Late College Students for examination of Associate Degree in Arts/Science, BA/BSc/, Special category and Hearing Impaired candidates' of Part-II annual examination 2021.

Roll number slips can be downloaded from PU's official website www.pu.edu.pk. While the regular students can collect their roll num-



LAHORE: Activists of Rawadari Tehreek hold placards and shout slogans during protest in favour of their demands outside the Lahore Press Club.

CM visits Sheikhpura, Hafizabad and Gujranwala districts

Buzdar announces uplift projects worth Rs 25b, PU and UET campuses

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar on Wednesday visited Sheikhpura, Hafizabad and Gujranwala and announced new development projects worth Rs. 25 billion along with the establishment of universities.

Talking to the media in Gujranwala, the CM announced new projects of Rs. 8.41 billion including Flyover at Alam Chowk and internal and external link roads in the city. 14 more projects will be started including a burn unit with a cost of Rs. 1.92 billion. He also announced the university of Gujranwala project having a sub-campus of Punjab University and both campuses of UET. The necessary process has already been started and I will monitor this project, the CM added.

Meanwhile, instructions are an issue for the feasibility study of the children hospital and the federal government will also be approached for improvement of GT Road. Along with it, the CM announced that a road will be constructed to link Gujranwala with Sialkot-Lahore Motorway. Briefing

the media about steps for public welfare, the CM said Sahulat Bazaars will be established at the level of tehsil and items will be provided at the rates of 2018 in Ramazan Bazaars. To a question, he termed it improper to lead processions to appear before institutions and asserted that law will come into action on any violation of the law. I will visit every nook and corner of the province to take steps for the betterment of the country, the CM maintained.

The CM inaugurated four projects of 7.84 billion at Ghakar Sports Arena. He also inaugurated Ghakar Sports Arena, Gujranwala Arts Council Auditorium, OPD unit of teaching hospital medical college Gujranwala and 62.5 acre landfill site project. He handed over keys of 106 vehicles of Gujranwala Waste Management Company to the officials and laid the foundation stone of BS Block in Government Postgraduate College for Women, Shadab Training Institute and building of special education centre Kamoke worth 2.23, 83 billion. The Lahore-Sialkot Motorway will be linked with GT Road at Morr Eminentabad. The CM met with PTI leader Hamid

Nasir Chatta and briefed him about the development agenda of the PTI government. CM also held meetings with different delegations including PML-N MPA Ashraf Ansari and Younis Ansari and assured to solve the problems of the city.

Chief Minister Usman Buzdar announced a development package worth more than Rs.10 billion for Sheikhpura along with the establishment of Waris Shah University during his visit to the district. Meanwhile, Tehsildar Muridke and SDO local government have been removed from their posts on public complaints. The CM also inaugurated a tree plantation drive at Sheikhpura Gymkhana.

At the outset, the CM inaugurated district education complex, Muridke trauma centre, CTD regional office and national model school to Faisalabad road Sharaqpur Chowk dual road projects worth Rs.1.27 billion. He also laid the foundation stone of a water supply and drainage project costing Rs.41 crore in Sheikhpura besides meeting with parliamentarians and notables. PML (N) MPA Mian Jalil Sharaqpuri also called on the chief minister.

Online driving license centre inaugurated at Bahria Town

LAHORE: Capital City Police Officer Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar on Wednesday inaugurated a digitalised online driving license testing centre at Khidmat Markaz, Bahria Town. He also reviewed process of online signature facility as well as service delivery mechanism at the centre.

Later, the CCPO while talking with the media, said the modern integrated driving license testing centres would provide facilities of renewal, fresh and international traffic licensing. A network of centres had been extended to the maximum areas of the city where people were being facilitated regarding traffic matters and driving licenses through online. —APP

Only 8 out of 1191 pass Civil judges exams

LAHORE: Only eight out of 1,191 candidates have been declared successful in the written examinations held by the Lahore High Court (LHC) for the posts of civil judges.

The successful candidates include Saadia Alim, Namra Saleem, Zeeshan Ahmed, Shahid Nadeem, Sarmad Saleem, Muhammad Ali Khan, Muhammad Touseef, and Sofia Ashraf.

LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan announced results of written examination on Wednesday in a simple ceremony, held at the LHC judges lounge, in presence of examination committee.

Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Justice Malik Shehzad Ahmed, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Ayesha A Malik and others were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, Justice Sardar Ahmad Naeem, a member of examination committee, briefed the participants that more than 3100 candidates, including 896 women, submitted applications for the posts of civil judges. He said that after scrutiny, 3067 candidates were declared eligible for examinations, whereas only 1191 candidates took part in it. He said that examination centers were set up in Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur whereas the examination committee headed by Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan supervised the process. —APP

Railways to operate trains with 70 pc occupancy

LAHORE: The Pakistan Railways has decided to operate the train service with 70 percent occupancy instead of hundred percent in view of increasing cases of coronavirus in the country.

According to a notification, the decision has been made for the protection of passengers after the directions of the National Command Operation Centre (NOC). —APP



LAHORE: A view of massive traffic jam at Shimla Pahari Chowk.

IG opens leave and attendance management for weekly rest of police personnel

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police Punjab Inam Ghani has said that weekly rest is a basic right of every personnel of the police force and those incharges or supervisory officers who do not allow it will have to be held accountable.

He also said that police personnel perform pressure duties in extremely difficult conditions so getting weekly rest would reduce the workload and burden on them to some extent and would further improve their performance.

He further said that further steps should be taken for the welfare of the police force especially the junior rank personnel and to provide the best environment for them while on duty so that they may protect the citizens and perform their duties with full hard work, attention and high morale. He further said that the modern integrated "Leave and Attendance Management System" is integrated with the Central Database of Police Force, Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) and Police Station Record Management System (PSRMS) and this modern automatic system will create a "weekly rest roster" of all personnel present in each police station or police office and according to the "weekly rest roster" each officer will receive a message before his leave by this system.



DIG IT Waqas Nazir said that the profile of the officer going on leave will be deactivated on the day of leave and any supervisory officer or SHO and Muharrar will not be able to impose any duty on him and the concerned officer will get the required rest. Appreciating the "Leave and Attendance Management System", the IG Punjab said that the modernization of the system would bring more transparency in the operational system and would solve the problem of weekly leave of the personnel. He further said that implementation of SOPs and guidelines issued in the modern "Leave and Attendance Management System" of weekly rest should be ensured in all cases and any supervisory officer violating these SOPs should be held accountable.

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Haier home unveils 'internet of food' smart refrigerator

LAHORE: The appliance is the first smart refrigerator to be fully compliant with 22 Chinese national industry standards as well as the global IEC Standards ("the standard"), which were developed in partnership with Haier to ensure refrigeration systems meet certain safety, efficiency, and environmental protection requirements. The standard, that has now been transferred and adopted by over 20 countries in UK, EU, and South American countries, provides the scale-setting reference for global refrigerator manufacturing. In China, the standard breakdown has three levels with the highest grade marked Level One Health Preservation. Haier's refrigerator achieved the Level One Health Preservation grade due to its "full-space preservation technology". At the AWE 2021, Haier's refrigerator held three freshness challenges to showcase its preservation performance in terms of color, nutrition and cleanliness through experiments of protein detection and the sterilization rate of an apple. —PR

PMIC launches 'Institution Development Fund' for financial services startups

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Microfinance Investment Company Limited (PMIC), the country's foremost organization serving as a vital pillar to the National Financial Inclusion Strategy, recently set up and launched its "Institution Development Fund" to provide support to the companies that would not normally meet PMIC's financing requirements. PMIC has always encouraged greater ingenuity, innovation, and correlation to the communities that it serves.

Designed with an inclusive approach in mind, the Institution Development Fund encourages lending for new organizations that work on women's financial inclusion, provision of financial services in KPK and Balochistan, and even for startups that deploy digital financial services and have developed

mechanisms and technologies to reduce cost of delivery of financial services. PMIC aims to create an enabling environment for the multiplicity of communities where it operates, while leading and advocating for a brighter future.

This is yet another welcome step by PMIC to encourage new players to participate more actively in bringing about financial inclusion, and to facilitate the provision of financial services to underserved communities across Pakistan. Startups and organizations in their nascent stages in Pakistan are in need of an institution or source of funding that supports them and offers them the path to prosperity, and the "Institution Development Fund" has been tailor-made to cater specifically to those companies.

"PMIC firmly believes in a proactive approach to the exploration and development of new business

models and delivery mechanisms in order to truly realize its purpose of enabling a financially inclusive Pakistan", CEO, PMIC, Yasir Ashfaq commented while highlighting what his organization stands for. "PMIC is making dreams come true and energizing livelihoods around the country, in addition to its efforts in enhancing outreach in underserved areas".

Through PMIC's network of more than 23 Microfinance Providers in more than 65 districts of Pakistan, more than 80 percent of the borrowers are women. PMIC also focuses development of women centric financial products and initiatives leading to financial inclusion, financial literacy, empowerment and sustainable livelihoods for women contributing towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 and the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS).

OPPO launches F19 Pro in a stylish night

LAHORE : OPPO, the leading global smart device brand after much anticipation launched its F19 Pro in a first ever online fashion show smart devices launch. Starring Asim Azhar and Maya Ali as show stoppers, the OPPO Fashion show was a huge hit – a night full of fun and glamour. OPPO unveiled its F19 Pro and Band. With the fun-filled OPPO Stylish Night, the brand has set yet another benchmark in the smartphone industry. The launch went live on OPPO's official social media channels at 8 PM.

"F Series is well recognized among trendsetters as a phone that's tailored to enhance their love for life and ambitions at work, but also represents their personal style. In addition it brings out the creativity in its users with new video capturing features that put the power of expert video productions in the palm of your hands," said George Long, OPPO AED CEO.

Fun with the Camera AI Color Portrait Video is getting an upgrade on F19 Pro and can now also be used to capture beautiful videos. Like its photography variant, AI Color Portrait Video works by recognizing the person in the video shot with F19 Pro and can intelligently distinguish the person from their background. The person in the shot is then highlighted with enhanced and bright colors, while a monotone black or white filter is applied to the background to ensure that the subject of the portrait stands out.

Finally, for vloggers or people that rely on their phones to record their daily lives, OPPO is introducing a new way to capture two perspectives at once. Dual-View Video records footage from the front-facing and rear cameras simultaneously. Recording the headline act of a concert with the rear camera, while immortalizing the excitement in your

face as the beat drops ensures that this video shared on social media will be a hit with friends.

F19 Pro features a set of 48MP Quad Cameras with the main event its 48MP main camera. To add depth to your photos and videos, the main camera works in concert with an 8MP ultra wide-angle camera, 2MP macro camera and 2MP mono camera. Of course, selfies are just as important to users, so the other side of the phone is accented by a 32MP front-facing camera.

Fun Sleek with Slim and Fashionable Design F Series known for its ultra slim design concept and F19 Pro is no different. With this generation, you'll experience convenience thanks to a 7.8mm Ultra Slim Body weighing only 172g, and rounded out with a 3D curved battery cover. Of course we can't forget about OPPO F19 Pro's dazzling 6.43-inch hole-punch Super AMOLED display. —PR