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Yasir glad for comeback, confident to perform well against SL

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan's top leg-spinner Yasir Shah was rejoiced for a comeback to the national squad and seemed optimistic to perform well in the Test series against Sri Lanka beginning next month. Pakistan squad training sessions kicked off at Pindi Stadium, Rawalpindi from Sunday and would continue till July 1 in preparations for the Test series against Sri Lanka. Players who were in England for country cricket Azhar Ali, Mohammad Rizwan and Shan Masood would not be part of the camp and will join the team ahead of their departure for Sri Lanka on July 6 from Lahore. Meanwhile, Fawad Alam would join the camp on June 27. The first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka would be played at Galle from July 16, while the second Test at Colombo from July 24. Speaking to media after the training sessions, Yasir Shah said he had worked hard in the National High Performance Centre at Lahore and has also performed well in the white ball cricket in domestic season. "I'm also trying to play in every format. My performance in Sri Lanka has been good and hopefully I'll try to replicate the same in the upcoming series," he said. "I have worked on my 'googly' under the guidance of former leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and head coach Saqlain Mushtaq," he said. Shah was instrumental in Pakistan's 2-1 victory over Sri Lanka on their last tour of the island in 2015, snaring 24 wickets at 19.33. He comes back into the side after regaining full fitness. He played his 46th and last Test, to date, against the West Indies in August 2021. About his recovery from the injury, he said it took him time to recover but he was positive for his performance ahead. He also expressed that after comeback, he and skipper Babar Azam held frequent talks in which the prolific batsman had given him confidence and told him to keep bowling on line and length.

Mass Foundation to present drama at Alhamra

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A theatre company, Mass Foundation, will present a drama 'Rishtyaan Da Ki Rakhiye Naam' on July 1 and 2, here at Alhamra Arts Centre. It will be a theatrical drama, based on a short story of 'Toba Tek Singh' by renowned novelist Saadat Hasan Manto. The play was written by renowned Indian playwright, Atam Jeet Singh, and directed by Mass Foundation President Amir Nawaz. Amir Nawaz said here on Sunday that Mass Foundation was the first theatre company in Pakistan to offer plays in three major languages Urdu, Punjabi and English as well as silent theatre not only in Pakistan but also in other countries. He said the play was performed hundreds of times in Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu in India, Canada and the USA by over 50 different groups, adding that the play had been given the status of a classic in Punjabi language drama literature in the syllabus of various courses of different universities of India. He said that Atil Sharma and Sohail Rana composed the music for the performance in "Rishtyaan Da Ki Rakhiye Naam" while the other music was composed by Music Composer Imran Nawaz.



LAHORE: A farmer prepares field with the help of bulls for next crop at outskirts area.

Governor applauds IUB's role in environmental protection

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab and Chancellor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Sunday said that the efforts made by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) for the survival of environment and protection are commendable. In this regard, a consortium for the protection and survival of the environment with the participation of 57 universities is a welcome step. He said that the Punjab government taking special interest in the project of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for resettlement through artificial rains in Cholistan. Establishment of student societies in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a good initiative. These student societies will showcase the leadership skills of the students as well as their character building. He expressed these views during a meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Athar Mahboob on the occasion of his

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visit of the Islamia university of Bahawalpur. He said that the teaching, research and development activities of the university and the steps taken for the welfare of the students and employees are very praiseworthy. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor gave a detailed briefing to the Governor of Punjab on various university matters. The meeting was attended by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr



Naveed Akhtar, Registrar Prof Dr Moazzam Jamil, Industrialist and political leader Rana Muhammad Tariq and chief of staff Mian Shahid Iqbal. He praised the architecture of the new building of college of art and design and emphasized on the promotion of arts and crafts. The new building of the Faculty of Management Sciences was constructed as a result of a special develop-

ment package during the previous tenure of Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman as Federal Minister of education. He also visited the newly built Amphitheater. He was informed about the Solar Park that the University's Solar Park is operating at the highest power generation level with 13,000 units. He expressed his delight at the launch of the first Nursing College of its kind in any public sector university and had a detailed discussion with the faculty and students on teaching activities and practical training.

He also inaugurated the Inter University Consortium for Climate Change Web Portal on this occasion. He also visited the University Health Center where he was briefed about the Hepatitis Free Campus Campaign. Later, he addressed a large gathering of teachers and students at the Main Auditorium of Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus. On this occasion, 400 office bearers of the student societies were sworn in and the best performing students of the year 2021 were awarded the Roll of Honor Awards.

10 dead and 986 injured in 941 road traffic crashes in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Responded to 941 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 10 people died, whereas 986 were injured. Out of this 608 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 378 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals. The majority

(70%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing number of Road Traffic Crashes. Further, the analysis showed that 444 drivers, 32 underage drivers, 148 pedestrians, and 404 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 273 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 281 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 80 Faisalabad and 70 victims and at third Multan with 66 RTCs and 70 vic-

tims. The details further reveal that 986 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 810 males & 186 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 205 were under 18 years of age, 487 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 304 victims were reported above 40 years of age.

According to the data 790 motorbikes, 75 auto-rickshaws, 92 motorcars, 28 vans, 10 passenger buses, 28 trucks and 85 other types of auto vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in aforesaid road traffic accidents.



LAHORE: A vendor displays colorful lamps to attract the customer at his roadside setup.

13 cattle markets set up in City

LAHORE: The district administration has set up 13 temporary cattle markets for purchase of sacrificial animals in the provincial capital and imposed a ban on setting up any point other than these spots.

Commissioner Lahore Division Usman Younis issued a directive for improving conditions of these animal markets and asked the authorities concerned to chalk out special traffic plan amid foolproof security for them. Presiding over a meeting to review arrangements of animal markets here on Saturday, he asked the health authority to take steps against Congo virus which spread through animals.

The commissioner directed the Metropolitan Corporation Lahore (MCL) to make proper arrangement for lighting, parking and drinking water for visitors, saying that indiscriminate action against encroachments should be carried out time to time in the cattle markets.

Information desk of allied departments for visitor's assistant should be made operation as soon as possible, he added.

Around 13 cattle markets of nine zone of the provincial capital were

set up at Shahpur Kanjra, Pine Avenue Road, Sundar Road, NFC Society, Raiwind Road Mangamandi, Saggian Road, Lakhodair near Ring Road, LDA City near Kahna, Gajumata, DHA phase-9 Block-N, Vegetable market Nashtar Colony and others. Non custom-paid cloth seized: Railways police of Lahore division Saturday seized several

bolts of non custom-paid cloth from Lahore railway station.

The bolts of cloth were booked from Karachi for Lahore and Customs authority are probing the issue.

According to IG Railways Faisal Shahkar, Railways police are conducting grand operations against transportation of banned items via trains. —APP

