

PDMA issues rain alert in province

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority Punjab Faisal Farid has said that according to the Meteorological Department, heavy rains with strong winds and thunder are expected in the upper catchment areas of Sutlej River, Indus River, Jhelum, Chenab and Ravi during the next 72 hours. There is a possibility of light rain with strong winds in the upper areas, due to heavy rain, the water level in the rivers connected to the rivers may rise.

Meanwhile, there is also rain in Lahore, Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Sahiwal divisions. He issued an alert in view of heavy rain and said that all the districts should be ready all the time to deal with the emergency situation and complete the necessary measures in time to avoid loss of life and property, machinery, necessary equipment and staff. He said that citizens should be moved to safe places if necessary and preparations should be completed for the establishment of flood relief camps, he said while issuing instructions to the district emergency operations of all districts that the emergency situation be on high alert 24/7 to respond and assist citizens. He appealed to the public and said that citizens should avoid going near electric poles, wires and electrical equipment during rain and never park vehicles in low-lying areas during rain. Residents should move to safe places in time. He further said that citizens should call PDMA's helpline 1129 for emergency assistance.

Complete normalcy returns to all major rivers: FFC

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that complete normalcy has returned to all major rivers and currently Rivers Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej are flowing normal.

According to daily FFC report, the Tarbela Reservoir is being maintained at its Maximum Conservation Level (MCL) of 1,550 feet since August 28. At present, Mangla Reservoir is at elevation of 1192.20 feet against its MCL Conservation Level (1242.00 feet). Present combined live storage of country's three major reservoirs (Tarbela, Chashma and Mangla) is 9,919 MAF (73.69% of total 13,461 MAF). According to the FFD, Lahore low pressure area earlier over North-eastern Madhya Pradesh (India) and adjoining areas lies over Northwestern Madhya Pradesh (India). Yesterday's trough of Westerly wave over Northern parts of Pakistan has moved away in Eastward direction and at present a fresh trough of Westerly wave lies over Northern parts of Afghanistan whereas weak seasonal low continues to prevail over western Balochistan. —APP



LAHORE: Activists of Anjuman Talaba-e-Islam shout slogans during a protest in favour of their demands outside the Lahore Press Club. —Online

All officers should pay special attention to refresher courses for efficiency, says IG

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General Police Punjab Faisal Shahkar has said that the Central Police Office is the provincial headquarters of the Punjab Police, which will be made a state of the art office by providing modern facilities and improving the working standard. He said that special attention should be given to refresher courses and acquisition of new skills to increase the efficiency of the staff so that the performance of professional affairs may become better.

IG Punjab directed that every request received at 1787 IGP Complaint Center should be resolved immediately and all possible relief should be provided to the citizens while the complaints of the citizens coming through the Punjab Police WhatsApp service should also be dealt immediately as per the SOPs. He said that no application should be closed to the office without satisfying the citizens and the AIG complainants should ensure that the prob-

lems of the citizens coming to the Khuli Katheries are resolved under personal supervision.

He directed to create a digital archive of all the documents and file records of the Punjab Police. IG Punjab directed that along with disposing of unnecessary records, the necessary documents and files should be stored in digital form. He expressed these views today when talking to the officers on the occasion of a surprise visit to various branches in central police office. IG Punjab inspected the branches located on different floors and inquired about the working of the staff.

Additional IG Welfare and Finance briefed IG Punjab about the affairs of Welfare Branch while AIG Development briefed IG Punjab about the development works on different floors. IG Punjab asked the problems while talking to the staff and directed the officers to take more measures for welfare and said that the upgradation work of the Central Police Office should be completed as soon as possible according to



the modern standard. IG Punjab also inspected other sections including complex and Turkish Block. Additional IG Welfare, Additional IGP PHP, DIG Headquarters, DIG R&D and other officers were also present on the occasion.



LAHORE: A lady health worker administers vaccine for corona virus to a school girl during a campaign to vaccinate 5 to 12 years children at Shama Road, Samanabad. —Online

Excise Dept recovers Rs 300m property tax so far

LAHORE: the Excise and Taxation department has recovered Rs 300 million out of Rs 560 million property tax target set for three months as people availing rebate offer given by the provincial government over payment of taxes through E-pay.

Talking to this agency here on Friday, Excise and Taxation Officer Admin/property wing Khalid Hussain Qasoori said that the taxes recovery through E-pay was in full swing as 10 percent rebate on property tax and 15 percent on payment of token taxes was being offered. He said that the rebate offer would end by September 30. He said that the big taxpayers including traders and others were availing the opportunity and hoped that they would achieve maximum target by end of current month. He said that payments of taxes through E-pay was easy way as taxpayers could submit their respective taxes by sitting at their homes. Excise officer further said that 100 percent property challans had been distributed among 1,75,000 property taxpayers across the district, adding that Rs 800 million property tax target was set for Multan district during ongoing fiscal year 2022-23. He said that the taxes with actual amount would be recovered after end of rebate offer and crackdown against chronic and dead defaulters would also be launched for recovery of pending dues soon. —APP

Jhelum gets Rs 2.10 billion for PCP schemes, says Mehmud

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Local Government & Community Development (LGCD) Mian Mahmood-ul-Rashid laid the foundation stone of development projects worth Rs2.10 billion under the Punjab Cities Programme (PCP) in Jhelum on Friday.

Former Federal Minister for Information Chaudhry Fawad, Coordinator PCP Muhammad Ashraf Sohna and Deputy Commissioner Jhelum Nauman Hafeez were also present on this occasion. Speaking to a large gathering, Mian Mahmood-ul-Rashid said that the Punjab Cities Program had been started with the support of the World Bank for the development of small cities that would improve sanitation system of Jhelum city to the great extent. He said that sanitation and supply of clean drinking water was the first priority of the Punjab government.

Mian Mahmood-ul-Rashid said that now the dirty water of the drains would not be thrown into the river, but a treatment plant would be installed for it. Announcing one billion rupees more for uplift of Jhelum city, the LG Minister said that the mega projects

which were not completed in Jhelum even in a hundred years past had now been completed by PTI in the shortest time. He said that thousands of acres of land would be irrigated by the Jalalpur Irrigation Project and in the next six months, Jhelum would look like a changed city.

Former Federal Minister for Information

Chaudhry Fawad said that The N-League first tried to stop the construction of Lilla-Jhelum Road, while it was PTI government that also approved the Sialkot-Islamabad Motorway. He said that Imran Khan started the Jalalpur Irrigation Mega Project, which would irrigate seventy thousand acres of land.

Basharat appoints focal persons for anti-smog activities in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Environment Protection Punjab Muhammad Basharat Raja approved the appointment of focal persons to initiate joint anti-smog activities of Punjab Environment Protection Department and industrialist community. A delegation of Steel Rolling Mills Association led by former member Punjab assembly Ch. Waseem Qadir call on the minister in his chamber at provincial assembly. The delegation also included Chairman Ravi Industrial Owners Association Inamul Haque Butt, Vice President Small Steel Rolling Association Abid Saeed, General Secretary All Pakistan Steel Rolling Association Muhammad Kamran and other office bearers.

Provincial Environment Protection Department (EPD) Minister Mohammad Basharat Raja while talking to the delegation said that the cooperation of the industrial community is imperative for the protection of the environment. "The purpose of the actions of the department of Environment is not to challan factories but to ensure the protection of the environment", he told. He said that the teams of EPD and the district administration were fully active for the reduction of pollution, however he clarified that the raids of the teams are for the prevention of possible smog, their purpose was not to hinder industrial activities.

LWMC performance at a glance

Shaikh Daniyal

The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) has been playing a very important role in providing clean environment to the residents of metropolitan and keeping them safe from diseases.

The employees and officers working in LWMC perform their duties in three shifts.

All the officers are assigned different responsibilities so that Lahore city can be cleaned from dirt in time.

Thousands of employees pick up more than 6,000 tons of garbage on a daily basis from a city with a population of millions.

The LWMC is the only institution in which if the employees do not perform their duties on time, it will become impossible to remove the dirt from the city and different types of diseases will start to arise due to daily pollution.

The head of LWMC is a fearless, dutiful and hardworking lady who is busy in performing her duties in the best possible way without any fear or pressure of being a woman officer.

The officers and employees of LWMC were awarded certificates of appreciation for their excellent performance by the provincial capital on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, which is a testament to the hard work of Chief Executive Officer (LWMC) Rafia Haider and her team.

CEO Rafia Haider proved to be a dutiful officer on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and earned her iron



by working hard day and night.

She not only cancelled the holidays of the employees working under her during the days of Eid, but she herself along with her team seen engaged in the race to provide a clean environment to the city of Lahore.

She showed excellent performance along with her team in keeping the city of Lahore clean on the occasions of national and religious festivals.

While taking various actions against the ghost employees, so far, she has dismissed such employees who were a burden on the exchequer. This has never happened before in the history of LWMC before today.

On the occasions of national and religious festivals, officers and employees posted in LWMC are also eager to celebrate the joys of these festivals with their loved ones. But for the sake of providing a clean environment to the city of Lahore, they also sacrifice their happiness.

The most important role in LWMC is that of the sanitary workers who clean the streets late at night and provide a clean environment to the residents of Lahore

city early in the morning.

These sanitary workers pick garbage from the streets regardless of the weather and perform their duty in all weathers.

The days on which the officers and employees of LWMC are duty bound to fulfill their responsibility include festivals like monsoon, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Azha, Rabi-ul-Awal, Kashmir Day, Independence Day, Defense Day, Muharram-ul-Haram, Christmas and Easter.

The LWMC performs its work in every era without regard to which political party is in power.

These sanitary workers are engaged in providing a clean environment to the city of Lahore on a daily basis regardless of day, night, wind, storm, rain, heat and cold. After all, they are also someone's father, son, brother and husband, and like us, they also have homes and families.

Sanitary workers are the asset of our nation due to which every citizen is living a dirt-free life while these sanitary workers themselves provide a clean environment to our society by staying in the dirt and also protect them from millions of diseases. It is possible that due to spending a lot of time in the dirt, they have contracted many diseases. But our society is unable to understand this.

The sanitary workers who clean our streets, neighbourhoods and markets and collect garbage from our homes, we should not only respect them but also encourage them and give them water as proof of patriotism and good citi-

Concerned departments working together for promotion of tourism

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Higher Education Raja Yasir Humayun has said that all relevant departments of Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) were working together for the promotion of tourism.

He said this while addressing inaugural ceremony of a two-day photo exhibition held here at Alhambra Arts Council on Friday. He congratulated the Tourism Secretary and Tourism department for successful holding the exhibition and said that the department had a lot of potential and its work was improving day by day. Raja Yasir Humayun said, "Punjab is an entry point and it has rich culture and religious tourism." He further said that the whole week was being celebrated on the theme of United Nations World Tourism Organization.

In Punjab Indus Valley and Islamic sites were not less than any tourism option in the world, he added. He said

that it was vision of the Punjab government that maximum efforts should be made for the promotion of tourism. Punjab Tourism Secretary Ehsan Bhutta said, "This exhibition is showing the interest of youth in our culture and heritage."

He appreciated the work of the students of universities and photographers. It is pertinent to mention here that TDCP ceremonies in connection with World Tourism Day started from Friday. In a two-day exhibition, almost 100 pictures were on display. TDCP held photography competition in different cities under 'Re-thinking Heritage Tourism Through Lens' and best pictures were made part of this exhibition. In collaboration with Archaeology Directorate, students of four different universities had been working on different heritage sites and documentaries, pencil sketches and calligraphy work was also put on display. —APP