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Maximum 34°C  
Sunset 06:10pm  
Sunrise 05:30am  
(Today)

## 276 cases of dengue virus reported in Punjab

-All suspected cases of dengue kept in surveillance and their tests are being conducted

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Another 276 new cases of dengue virus were reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to health department sources, a total of 7039 cases of dengue virus have so far been reported during the current year while 9 people died of virus and 1061 patients are under treatment in different hospitals of the province. The Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare department reported 119 cases of dengue in Lahore, 69 in Rawalpindi, 36 in Gujranwala, 11 in Multan, 5 in Faisalabad, 5 in Okara, 4 in Sargodha, 4 in Sheikhupura, 3 in Vehari, 2 in Gujrat, 2 in Sialkot, 2 in Attock, 2 in Bahawalpur, 2 in Jhelum, 2 in

### Corona cases decreasing in Punjab, 13 new cases reported on Sunday

**LAHORE:** The number of coronavirus cases are decreasing in Punjab as 13 new cases were reported, showing 0.8 percent positive rate while one citizen lost his life to the virus during the last 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 522,211 while death toll 13,612 and recoveries 506,815. The P&SHD confirmed that 07 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 02 in Bahawalpur, 01 in Multan, 01 in Sahiwal, 01 in Sialkot and 01 new case of COVID-19 was reported in Faisalabad district during the last 24 hours. The Punjab health department has so far conducted 12,241,820 tests for COVID-19 in the province. The Punjab health department has urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks. —APP

Mandi Bahaudin, 2 in Jhang, 01 in Sahiwal, 01 in Hafizabad, 01 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 01 in Chakwal, 01 in Toba Tek Singh and 01 cases of dengue in Rahimyar Khan during the last 24 hours. All suspected cases of dengue have been kept in surveillance and their tests are being conducted. The anti-dengue squad destroyed dengue larvae at 2826 places in the province during continuous daily based surveillance. The anti-dengue squad conducted surveillance at 419,933 indoor and 103,097 outdoor places to detect dengue larvae during the last 24 hours. The P&SHD urged the people to adopt precautionary measures and keep their environment clean and dry to protect themselves from dengue.

### NAMAZ TIMING



FAJAR.....	05:20 AM
ZOHAR.....	12:10 PM
ASR.....	4:30 PM
MAGRIB.....	05:45 PM
ISHA.....	7:30 PM

### Quick Read

#### Minor dies after falling into manhole

**LAHORE:** A 2-year-old girl died after falling into an open sewage manhole near Taj Company. The deceased was identified as Frashita, daughter of Agha Mir. The girl was recovered dead from the manhole.



**1420kg charas recovered:** Wahdat Colony police arrested a drug peddler Zeeshan and recovered 1420kg charas from his possession.

Factory Area police arrested a man and recovered 50 kites from his possession. The accused identified as Usman used to supply kites in different areas of Lahore on online orders. Chowki Niaz Baig police arrested a drug pusher Azam and recovered charas weighing 1 kg from his possession.

**621 POs arrested this month:** CCPO Ghulam Mahmood Dogar has claimed that under the special campaign, 30 to 40 proclaimed and targeted offenders as well as court absconders are being arrested on a daily basis. As per CCPO, Lahore police arrested 621 proclaimed offenders including 123 POs of 'A' category this month. While 763 targeted offenders and 1043 Court Absconders including 96 CAs of category 'A' were arrested. Special teams formed at police station level along with the Elite Force conduct 60 raids daily.

**Ulema, Mashaikh call on DIG:** A delegation of Kul Masalik Ulema and Mashaikh Board called on DIG Operations Lahore at his office, Qasim Ali Qasmi, Mufti Ashiq Hussain and others were included in the delegation.

#### Minister holds Khuli Kachhri for solving public problems

-Issues instructions to concerned authorities to solve public issues

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Minister of Social Welfare Ghazanfar Abbas Cheena has said that the Punjab government is dedicated to serving the people and has adopted an open door policy to solve the problems of the people in a timely manner.

Minister heard from the people their collective and individual problems and issued orders to the relevant authorities through telephone on the spot to solve them. He said that it is our first priority to save the national resources from loss and looting and spend them on public welfare works.



LAHORE: An attractive view of sunset over the skies of the city.

## Porters demand more compensation to abstain starvation

**LAHORE:** The porters working at different railway stations across the country have demanded of the government to pay them compensation as the train service suspended due to recent torrential rains and flood.

"We are unable to feed our families due to train services' suspension as the earning from passengers have stopped due to suspension of train services," the railway carriers said while talking to APP on Wednesday.

They said that the country had faced worst floods in the history which affected several labourers, especially those who have no permanent source of livelihood.

Due to the floods, the trains operation of Pakistan Railways have also been severely affected, the department had suspended the

railway operation due to standing water on the track, which has still not receded. After the railways operations were suspended, Minister of Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique had announced Rs 10,000 each for the porters, the low-wage labourers so that their lives were not affected. They lamented that most of their colleagues had complained of not receiving even a single penny from the government for meeting their daily expenses and were facing severe financial problems.

The railway porters said that despite waiting from morning to evening, they find no labor, and had to return home empty-handed, adding "family members ask when we will give money, but we don't have anything to give them."

"We are trying to visit various places to

find some work but the owners decline, now we are just praying that the railways would restart operations so that we could start earning," they added.

They said some generous people had arrived at railway stations to give ration bags, which helped in "removing the miseries of our families but no government representative came to help us, not even to inquire about our condition." The carriers said the government should restore the trains operation as soon as possible so that all the coolies would be able to earn to feed their family members.

**45 motorcyclists issued challan tickets for not wearing safety helmet:** City Traffic Police (CTP) on Sunday advised motorcyclists to use helmets for their safety. According to a CTP spokesman, the CTP

had launched a special campaign under which motorcyclists without 'safety helmet' were being checked and penalized.

He informed that all the Inspectors and Beat In-charges had been directed to check those flouting the rules and not wearing safety helmets while driving motorbikes.

Special checking was being conducted at main roads particularly, Mall Road, Peshawar Road and other roads, he added.

A special enforcement campaign against various violations of motorcyclists especially focusing on compulsory use of safety helmet had been launched, he added. Moreover, in-charge Traffic Murree Road Circle has taken action against motorcycle riders without helmets and 45 motorcycle riders were issued challan tickets and 11 motorcycles were impounded in police stations.



LAHORE: A family busy is buying crochet from a pushcart vendor in Landa Bazaar.

## Railway service to resume towards Karachi soon

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Railways was likely to resume its service towards Karachi during the first week of October that had badly affected due to unexpected monsoon rains and flash floods across the country.

"The restoration work of railway tracks are in full swing with the help of Frontier Works Organization (FWO), district administration of Sindh and Pakistan Railways," sources in the Ministry of Railways told mediapersons.

They said on the direction of Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique, the department had utilized all available resources to restore the rail service in flood affected across the country.

The sources said that a trial run of an inspection train has also been started to check the maintenance of the track and the Railways authorities have directed the carriage department staff to complete technical work shortly.

In the first phase, they said the decision to run the freight train operation from October 1 has been made subject to the receding of water and the clearance

of signals and bridges. Pakistan Railways also directed the concerned authorities to complete the ongoing survey of the affected installations on a war footing and speed up the rehabilitation process, said the resources.

They added that the technical and non-technical staff of the department was working in three shifts to restore the tracks once the flood water recedes.

"The train service between Quetta and Karachi Divisions is suspended after railway bridges collapsed and rail tracks became submerged in water due to floods in the region," they added.

They said that in the remaining divisions around seven to eight bridges were damaged due to which the train operations were suspended in the flood hit areas, adding that train service could not be restored until the bridges and tracks were cleared of the floodwater.

The department had deployed technical bridge staff at various sections for the repair of the damaged bridges and the train operation would only be restored after the completion of the reconstruction work on the bridges, they said.