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Quick Read

Fauji Foods partners with Karachi Kings for PSL 2019

LAHORE: Fauji Foods Limited, the renowned food and beverage company of Pakistan and owner of the House of Nurpur brand, is bringing a wholesome boost to the 4th edition of Pakistan Super League (PSL) by partnering with Karachi Kings.

PSL 2019 is scheduled to be played from February 14, 2019 with a total of 34 matches, out of which 8 matches will be played in Pakistan.

Through this partnership, Fauji Foods will be reaffirming the philosophy of supporting sports activities and promoting health and nutrition to the Pakistani youth through their strongest passion point.

Imran Khattak, GM - Sales & Marketing at Fauji Foods Limited, stated "The idea of celebrating Pakistan's decade old cultural tradition through emotional harmony is deeply embedded within cricket. Being a brand that also represents a nutritious tradition of more than 50 years in Pakistan, it only seemed a natural fit to unveil this partnership which celebrates everything that uplifts a soft image of Pakistan".—PR

First inter-collegiate Qirat, Naat contests held at UHS

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The first inter-Medical College Qirat and Naat competition of University of Health Sciences (UHS) was held here at the auditorium of Allama Iqbal Medical College (AIMC) Lahore on Thursday.

A total of 40 students from 14 medical colleges of Lahore division participated. The competition was organized by Patron UHS Qirat and Naat Society Prof Dr Amtullah Zareen and coordinated by Dr Sara Saeed.

Among students Muneeb Zurain, Momina Malik, Buland Iqbal, Maria Saeed and others helped in organization of the event. Dr Zaman Khan and Qari Noor ul Islam were the judges.

In Qirat competition, Adil Maqbool of Allama Iqbal Medical College stood first, Hafiz Amir Hussain from Sharif Medical College stood second and Hafiz Usman from Lahore Medical & Dental College stood third. In Naat Competition, Fatima from Akhter Saeed Medical College stood first, Muslim Shakir from Allama Iqbal Medical College second and Maham Shaukat from Pak Red Crescent Medical College stood third.

At the end of competition, Vice Chancellor UHS Professor Dr Javed Akram and Principal Allama Iqbal Medical College Prof Dr Arif Tajamul distributed shields and certificates among the winners.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Schools Education Murad Rass chairs a workshop hosted by the Punjab Resource Management Programme (PRMP) Planning and Development Board in collaboration with the World Bank.

PRMP, World Bank host workshop on 'Showcasing Achievements'

Effective planning a must for progress, says Murad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Resource Management Program (PRMP) Planning and Development Board in collaboration with the World Bank jointly hosted a workshop on "Showcasing Achievements of the Punjab Public Management Reform Program" at Local Hotel, on Thursday.

Provincial Minister for Schools Education Dr. Murad Rass chaired the workshop while Chairman Planning & Development Punjab Habib-ur-Rehman Gilani, Chairman PITB Azfar Manzoor, senior representatives of World Bank Ismaila Ceesay, Global Practice Manager Governance, Clelia Rontoyanni Task Team Leader WB, CEO Urban Unit Khalid Sher Dil, PD Project Implementation Unit Ali Jalal, Member Education P&D Khalid Sultan, Member Energy P&D Sadaqat Hussain, Dr. Shahid Adil Additional Secretary P&D, Provisional Administrative Secretaries, senior officers from other provinces, stake holders,

relevant officials and media representatives also attended the workshop.

Opening the forum, Chairman P&D Board Habib ur Rehman Gilani, in his welcome address, said that the real beneficiaries of any public sector intervention are the people and their right to have a government that they can hold accountable.

The Punjab Government with the new leadership is keen to address the concerns of the people regarding transparency of government processes and is keen to take forward key reforms in the area and improve on it. Showcasing Achievements of the Punjab Public Management Reform Program which worked on key interventions of Improving Citizens Access to information and Public Services, Monitoring and Improving Performance of public services and improving public resource mobilization and better expenditure management, he added.

Addressing the Workshop, Minister for Education Punjab Murad Rass, being a

Chief Guest, stressed on the fact that the three basic pillars for any government to work and progress is Transparency, Accountability and Service Delivery. He said that the present government is committed to openness and the public's right to know and will make use of technology to make processes more transparent and the government more accountable.

World Bank representatives, Ismaila Ceesay, Global Practice Manager Governance and Task Team Leader of WB Clelia Rontoyanni expressed that the government's commitment to efficient and effective service delivery through governance reforms will enable the people of the province to lead better lives.

The World Bank representatives on the occasion also thanked the government in their commitment to reforms in governance and welcomed future support for any such interventions.

In the workshop, different departments of Punjab government gave presentations on the key interventions that came under the Punjab Public Manage-

ment Reform Program. The key achievements included 84 Organizations Publishing Updated Institutional Information on their Website, 08 Departments with automated records system for defined disclosed information, Information about 68 Key Services available to the public through the Citizen Contact Center (CCC), 2.9 Million Inquiries/Comments Received by the Citizen Contact Centers to Seek Information about, or to provide feedback on Key Services, 14 Services Accepting Online Applications, 15 Services Using Online Processing, 10 Services Accepting Mobile Payments, 149 Functional Facilitation Centers, 393 Centers Using the Public-Private Partnership Model, 216 District Services Monitored through Smart Management Tools, 36 Functional Digital Property Registry across Punjab, 155, 594 Properties Added to the Property Registry, PKR 1,004 Million Urban Property Tax Collection, 153 Organizations Using PPRM MIS for Targeted Contracts.

DGPR being equipped with modern gadgets: Chohan

— Says dept's role essential for image-building of govt

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: DGPR officers and officials are utilising their best abilities to improve the image of Punjab government and their public friendly policies by highlighting them in print and electronic media effectively.

This department is being equipped with modern gadgets and other IT equipments in order to harmonize them with modern trends and techniques prevalent these days.

These views were expressed by Provincial Minister for Information & Culture Fayyazul Hassan Chohan while addressing a meeting of DGPR officers held at Alhamrah on Thursday, which was attended amongst others by officers of the Directorate General.

The Minister Information urged them to highlight the projects of the present regime initiated during past six months in the media vigorously so that the image building of the government could be improved in the eyes of public.

The Fayyazul Hassan Chohan said that electron media wing of DGPR is being strengthened and upgraded in view of the modern requirements for making

it the state-of-art centre. Moreover the performance and capacity-building of the officials is being improved to the optimum level by utilizing all the available resources.

The Minister Information said that recruitment in social media wing of this Directorate is being made on vacant posts early so that the people could get prompt information about the progressive of the present government through social media. The Minister directed the DGPR to convene the conference of all district information officers and divisional directors next week so that their input about the improvement in performance of the department could be sought and remedial measures be taken accordingly. He also directed the Secretary Information to hold a meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) immediately for the promotion of the officers who are queue in promotion since long.

The Minister directed that all cheques of financial assistance approved under Journalist Support Fund (JSF) be prepared and handed over to the deserving journalists immediately and no inordinate delay would be tolerated

New cities vital to reduce burden of population on big cities: Rasheed

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Housing & Urban Development Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed has stressed the need for establishment of new cities in the province to reduce the burden of population in big cities.

The creation of new cities would help resolve traffic, law and order and dense population issues to the optimal level, added the Minister.

The Minister Housing was addressing the meeting to review the pre-feasibility report prepared on creation of new cities at Urban Unit.

CEO Urban Unit Khalid Sher Dil, Chairman Punjab Housing Task Force, Yaqoob Izhar and other officers of relevant departments were present on this occasion. The meeting was informed that five areas including Nankana Sahib, Sukheki, Lilla, Pindi Bhattian and nearby area of Gujrat have been selected to prepare feasibility report for the construction of new cities.

The Minister constituted five-member committee consisting of representatives of Housing Department, Task Force and Urban Unit which would submit its report within next fifteen days. The Minister informed that under Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme, 2.5 million housing units would be constructed in the province and all stakeholders would be consulted for the establishment of new cities as well.

Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed said that the Punjab government is attaching high importance to the construction of new cities in accordance with the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan and has sought services of Urban Unit for the preparation of feasibility report in this regard.

CEO Urban Unit Khalid Sher Dil and Senior Urban Specialist Nadia Qureshi apprised the participants about the salient features of pre-feasibility report regarding construction of new cities.

NH&MP starts strict action against traffic violations

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) has started strict legal action against traffic violations by the public transport vehicles.

Deputy Inspector General, NH&MP, Ahmad Arslan Malik has directed all Sectors and Beat commanders to initiate stern legal action on violations.

DIG Central Zone Ahmad Arslan Malik passed these remarks while reviewing the performance of central zone regarding special campaign against the violations of Public Service Vehicles. The DIG Ahmad Arslan Malik directed to impose heavy fine on such violators and to take all necessary measures to reduced traffic violations by public service vehicles.

He passed directions to impound vehicles of lawbreakers. DIG said that the stern action would also be taken against public transport vehicles involved in road accidents and swear traffic violations. DIG Ahmad Arslan

Malik directed the officers to adopt zero tolerance policy against violations of safety helmet, over speeding, lane discipline by HTVs, overloading of goods and passengers overloading in Public Service Vehicles.

DIG Ahmad Arslan Malik while analyzing the performance of last three months asked officers to take substantive steps to reduce causes of accidents on highways resulting in loss of precious lives, permanent disability, major injuries and monetary loss.

DIG strictly directed to carry out extensive briefing and enforcement against violation of safety helmet by motorcyclists who major contributors in accidents on highways.

Similarly, directions were passed to take meaningful action in form of heavy fines and impounding of vehicles against violations of over speeding, overloading and lane discipline.

DIG Ahmad Arslan Malik ordered to ensure equal application of law irrespective of one's status.

PFSA offers LDA technical assistance

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) has offered to provide technical assistance to Lahore Development Authority for ensuring safety and security of record besides imparting training to the relevant staff regarding 'record room operations and practices'.

Director General Punjab Forensic Science Agency Dr Muhammad Ashraf Tahir offered this during his call on with Director General LDA Anma Imran Khan on Thursday.

Ashraf Tahir also visited the computer lab where scanning of property files was being done.

He suggested installation of security cameras in the computer lab and underlined the need for effective fire-fighting arrangements at such place.

On invitation of DG Forensic Science Agency, a delegation of LDA officers will visit Agency's office today (Friday).

Office of LDA Avenue One to be shifted to Civic Centre

Lahore Development Authority (LDA) has decided to shift the office of LDA Avenue One from its Johar Town office to the recently constructed building at the Civic Centre of the said housing scheme.

The new office will become operational from next Wednesday, the 20th February.

LDA has informed that no application pertaining to Avenue One scheme will be accepted at the One Windows Cell, Johar Town office, on 18th and 19th February.

Later, all issues pertaining to LDA Avenue One will

be dealt with at the new office, situated at the location of Avenue One housing scheme. Meanwhile, for quick disposal of public applications regarding this scheme, Additional Director General (HQ) LDA Rana Abdul Shukoor has ordered posting of five officers in the Directorate of Estate Management Avenue One. Deputy Director Ali Bin Sohail, Deputy Director IT Usman Amjad, Assistant Director Arslan Amjad, Assistant Director Accounts Kashif Nadeem and computer officer Wasim Ashraf have been posted in this directorate with immediate effect.

Postings and transfers in LDA

Director General (DG) Lahore Development Authority Aman Imran Khan has ordered for posting and transfers of six directors.

Director Land Development One Abdus Sattar Khan has been transferred and posted as Director One Windows cell from where the incumbent Haroon Rasheed has been transferred and posted as Director Hidden Properties. Director Katchi Abadies Muhammad Nauman Khan has been transferred and posted as Director Land Development One.

An awaiting posting PMS officer Ashfaq Ahmed Khan has been

posted as Directed Land Development Three relieving Muazzam Rashid from the additional charge of this post. Director Land Acquisition Fahad Anees has been transferred and posted Director LDA City while another awaiting posting PMS officer Shabbir Hussain Cheema has been posted as Director Land Acquisition. He has also been entrusted with the additional charge of the post of Revenue Officer Record Sifting Cell.

A marquee demolished

During the jointly carried out drive against illegal buildings by the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) and Lahore Development Authority (LDA), a marquee at Egerton Road, in front of LDA Plaza, was demolished on Thursday.

