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SINK HOLES IN MALL RD.

[A REPORTEDLY 20 FEET DEEP SINKHOLE APPEARED OPPOSITE GPO, LAHORE](#)

With the onset of early monsoon, a dramatic hole was created on Shahrah e-Quaid e-Azam, Lahore, in front of the General Post Office (GPO). The unfortunate incidence occurred over a location of one of the underground sections of the route of the Orange Line Metro Train. According to the Dawn, the event took place on Tuesday, the 3rd of July, 2018. There was a train station located underneath the scene. Director General of LDA blamed open ducts left by PTCL, which lead to ingress of water into the ground ultimately became the cause of the damage. LDA claimed that the hole dimensions were 15 m x12 m X 6 m deep. Sometime ago, a Multan metro bus had landed into a sink hole.

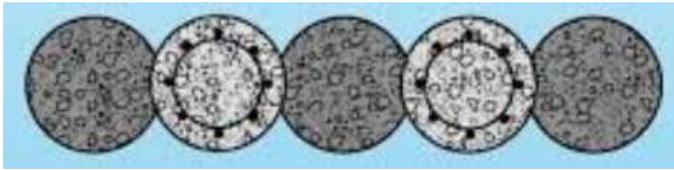
NEW QUESTIONS

PROBE RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT ANSWERS

An inquiry committee blamed the duct left open by PTCL and the absence of a retaining wall as the main causes of the damage.

The publicised part of report raises more questions than it answers. The claim of absence of retaining wall remains an enigma. What we understand is, and note in the available published photographs, the station was supposed to be shored by contiguous interlocking secant piles, but the system actually turned out to be non-contiguous! The inquiry report missed out the crucial facts for reasons best known to it.

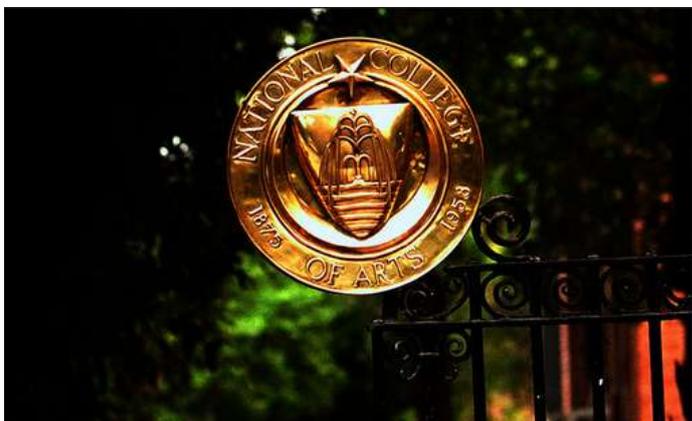
Fingers may be pointed by some on account of Conflict of interest; those paid to design and supervise the work have also been asked to investigate its flaws. *Nemo iudex in causa sua*, the Greek maxim says.



FIRE AT NCA

A HISTORICAL BUILDING BURNT

The musicology department of the National College of Arts, Lahore, was reportedly burnt in an event of fire which also damaged the film and television department buildings. The fire started at 4:00 pm, on Thursday, the 19th of July, 2018. The college administration has attributed the fire to short-circuiting in the batteries of the UPS system. It reportedly took five hours to extinguish the fire. Woodwork, within the building, was more than one-and-a-half centuries old, says the college principal. It is painful to note that the custodians of historical buildings of the country, fell short of taking the standard precautions for fire detection, fire alarm and fire extinguishing system. Also, it needs to be investigated if and why the electrical system design and construction did not comply with safety standards. It is about time that the actual underlying causes be independently and professionally investigated, action taken against those responsible and findings made public.





PEC POLLS

ENGINEERS TO VOTE FOR PEC OFFICE BEARERS

The engineering community of Pakistan would elect on Sunday, the 12th of August, 2018, their leaders to represent them in the Pakistan Engineering Council.

PSCE would advise all engineers, and especially the civil engineers, to get out and vote following the dictates of their conscience. PSCE remain non-partisan but strongly advocates voting on the basis of programs and character rather than on ethnic, religious, sectarian, parochial, linguistic or other narrow grounds.

The coming decades would be full of challenges for the country as also for its engineering community and the PEC requires a vibrant, conscientious and responsible leadership, more than ever before.

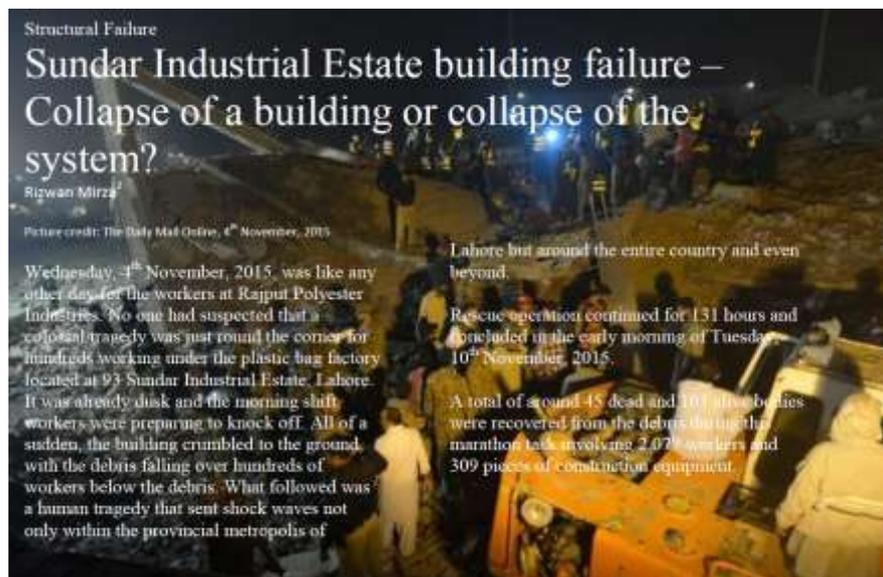
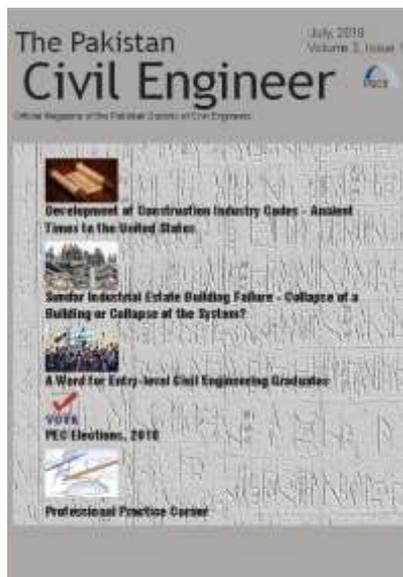
Whatever your opinion, please do express it through your vote.

THE PAKISTAN CIVIL ENGINEER

THE FRESH ISSUE OF PAKISTAN CIVIL ENGINEER PUBLISHED

Fresh issue of The Pakistan Civil Engineer has been published and placed on the official website of PSCE for free downloading in PDF format.

The Pakistan Civil Engineer is the official magazine of the PSCE, carrying articles and stories of interest to the civil engineers, especially in Pakistan. The current issue covers many interesting topics like codes, a failure, proposed PEC elections and has a new section under the name of Professional Corner. But none of this is complete without your contribution. PSCE invites contributions from all members to make The Pakistan Civil Engineer an informative, interesting and readable magazine. The editorial board vows to continue their efforts to improve each subsequent of the magazine. We request your valuable feedback. In the very least, write a letter to the editor.





PKR 500 MILLION FOR LAB

ADP 2018-19 ALLOCATES THE SUM FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LABORATORY OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT

The government of the Punjab has approved PKR 550 millions and included in ADP 2018-19 "Scheme Capacity Building of Road Research and Material Testing Institute and Building Research Station Lahore". The salient feature of the scheme are: a) procurement of state of the art equipment for testing of physical, petrologic, chemical and engineering properties of construction materials; b) establishment of infrastructure for modern laboratories in physical, chemical, aggregates and soil sections of RR&MTI; c) training of existing HR; and d) hiring of trained HR from market



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