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Tourism title puts Lahore's pollution in focus

Study identifies five potential low-emission zones as Punjab expands environmental initiatives ahead of ECO Tourism Capital 2027

By Asif Mehmood Butt

LAHORE: With Lahore set to become the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) Tourism Capital for 2027, Punjab's efforts to tackle pollution have assumed renewed significance, with a Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) study identifying five potential Low Emission Zones (LEZs) in the provincial capital to curb vehicular emissions and improve air quality.

The proposed zones cover areas including Badami Bagh, Shalamar, Gulshan Ravi, Sanda, Tajpura, Harbanspura, Thokar Niaz Baig, Ali Town, Johar Town and Township. The Environment Protection and Climate Change Department (EPCCD) is collecting area-wise data from relevant government agencies, while a policy framework for the initiative is being prepared.

The study provides a research-based foundation for identifying areas requiring targeted action against vehicular pollution. A policy booklet, titled From High-Emission Zones to Low-Emission Zones: A Pathway Towards a Climate-Resilient Punjab, is also under preparation. The proposed zones, however, remain at the planning stage, with implementation dependent on further assessment and coordination among government departments.

The initiative forms part of a wider environmental strategy involving air quality monitoring, emission surveillance, industrial inspections, plastic waste control and public awareness.

Punjab has established 81 Air Quality Monitoring Stations (AQMS) across the province, including 11 in Lahore, to provide real-time pollution data. The government plans to expand the network to more than 100 stations by early next year. The Punjab AQI Portal and AQIPunjab mobile application also provide air quality updates, forecasts and health advisories.

Under the Lahore Air Improvement Framework (LAIF), the department is pursuing several technology-based interventions to identify and control pollution sources. Its AirIntel component will compile a dust emission inventory, analyse particulate matter and assess pollution sources to develop mitigation strategies. An air quality superstation is also planned to provide hourly source apportionment, enabling authorities to determine the contribution of different sources to air pollution.

Vehicular emissions are being targeted through the proposed Vehicular Emission Scanning System (VESS), which will use remote-sensing technology at nine entry points to detect vehicles emitting excessive pollutants. A City Scale Hyperlocal Sensor Mesh (HySeM) is also planned to improve monitoring coverage, while Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) will track industrial emissions at their sources.

The department has additionally proposed a Chief Minister's EcoCard initiative under which diesel particulate filters would be provided at a 50 per cent subsidy to reduce emissions from diesel-powered mental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab continues inspections of industrial units, brick kilns, vehicles and construction sites. During the smog season, field teams and quick-response units are deployed to check violations, while thermal drone surveillance is used to detect crop residue burning. Anti-smog guns have also been installed at selected dust-prone locations in Lahore to suppress coarse particulate matter.

Environmental awareness among schoolchildren is another major component of the strategy. The Punjab Green School Certification Programme has enrolled 31,225 educational institutions, including 24,640 public-sector and 6,585 private schools, reaching approximately 8.5 million students. Lahore accounts for 2,966 participating schools.

Enforcement against single-use plastics has also been stepped up under the Punjab Environmental Protection (Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Product) Regulations, 2023.

Between January 1 and November 19, 2026, the EPA conducted 7,969 inspections in Lahore, issued 1,938 notices, confiscated 42 tonnes of plastic, sealed 1,861 premises and imposed fines totalling Rs14.2 million.

The enforcement drive is complemented by awareness campaigns encouraging businesses, traders and consumers to adopt heritage sites and recreational areas.

Youth participation is being promoted through the Chief Minister's Climate Leadership Development Internship Programme.

The EPCCD has also introduced creative platforms to encourage public engagement. Its Earth Notes initiative, including the literary arts section Harf-o-Sukhan, invites photography, artwork, poetry and fiction on environmental themes. It aims to highlight Pakistan's wildlife, forests, wetlands and biodiversity, while drawing attention to threatened habitats and conservation challenges.

Another proposed initiative is the Punjab Climate Observatory in Lahore, an AI-powered facility designed to monitor air quality, water, soil and weather conditions. It will include research laboratories, environmental data centres, early warning systems, flood forecasting facilities and interactive learning spaces. Once operational, it is expected to strengthen environmental research and improve forecasting of climate-related risks, including heatwaves, heavy rainfall and flooding.

Lahore was designated the ECO Tourism Capital for 2027, with the title formally handed over to the Punjab government in Shusha, Azerbaijan, on November 18, 2026.

However, the distinction has also brought the city's persistent smog and pollution challenges into sharper focus. Cleaner air, effective waste management and well-maintained public spaces will be essential to improving the experience of residents and international visitors.

The proposed low-emission zones could offer a targeted approach to vehicular pollution, but their success will depend on a practical implementation framework, consistent enforcement and coordination among government agencies.

Lahore's tourism ambitions, therefore, will require more than promoting its historical and cultural attractions. Sustained pollution control, cleaner public spaces and public participation will be critical to translating the international recognition into lasting environmental improvements.

Syngenta to bring advanced hybrid, biotech seed Technologies to Pakistan

LAHORE/ ISLAMABAD: Mr. Minjie Ying, Head of Seeds Business for Africa, Middle East and Asia at Syngenta Group, visited Pakistan for high-level meetings with senior government officials, accompanied by Syngenta Pakistan's country leadership team, in-

role in national food security, innovation in these crops, alongside corn, rice and sunflower..

In Lahore, Mr. Ying and Syngenta Pakistan's country leadership team met with the Agriculture Department, Punjab. The meeting was chaired by Syed Ashiq Hus-

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Total measuring (4K-13M-197Sq.Ft.) Gulberg-II Scheme, Lahore.

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