

It's very risky driving on city roads

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LAHORE, Aug 5: Growing traffic indiscipline on the city roads is making driving more and more risky with the passage of time.

It is because a vast majority of the drivers has received no proper training. Most of them learn driving from the one-motorcar private schools helping people to get the licences after a few hours 'training' in their rickety vehicles.

Most of the drivers cannot understand the traffic signs which exist only on a few selected roads. They also follow the principle of driving through every available opening instead of adhering to the traffic rules for overtaking the vehicles or taking the left or right turns amidst the moving traffic.

Overtaking the vehicles from the left has become very common with the result that the drivers have to be as cautious while moving their vehicles to the left lanes as they have to be while moving into the right ones. The non-observance of the precaution to maintain distance from the vehicle moving in front often causes accidents in the event of sudden application of the brakes by the driver of the vehicle moving ahead.

Wagon drivers excel all others in rash and dangerous driving. They are seen engaged in racing amid busy traffic and picking passengers standing along the roads like expert tentpeggers. The practice of picking the pas-

sengers only from the prescribed stops has been abandoned by them since long.

The traffic police has prohibited pick and drop of the passengers in the vicinity of the road crossings as it disrupts the smooth flow of traffic and exposes the passengers alighting from the vehicles to the risk of being

hit by the vehicles coming from behind but wagon drivers are seen picking and dropping passengers near every busy crossing and often disrupt the flow of traffic while doing so. The traffic police has miserably failed to ensure compliance of the rule in this regard.

Motorcyclists also indulge in

dangerous driving exposing them to the risk of accidents. They not only flout the rules regarding overtaking the vehicles moving ahead from the left but also indulge in overspeeding amid busy traffic. Some young motorcyclists are also seen driving with front wheels raised amid busy traffic.

Cyclists are seen ignoring the traffic signals at all the crossings in the presence of traffic police. They expose themselves to the risk of accidents by entering the crossings ignoring the red signal but are never prevented from flouting the traffic rules as the policemen consider them out of the purview of the law.

