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News Digest

Section 144 Imposed In Budgam

Budgam: Authorities in Central Kashmir's Budgam district imposed restrictions under section 144. The prohibitory order has been implemented in wake of surge in Covid-19 cases. Eyewitnesses said that police vehicles were seen making announcements, informing people that section 144 has been imposed in the district. Shopkeepers were asked to close their shops in wake of the imposition of the prohibitory order. When contacted, a district administration official said the prevailing health situation due to Covid-19 has given rise to ● P-02

Boy 'Mistakenly' **Consuming 'Poison', Dies**

Shopian: A minor died after he "mistakenly" consumed some poisonous substance inside his home in Feeripora area of south Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday afternoon. A police official said that a minor boy identified as Zahid Yousuf Mantoo son of Mohammad Yousuf, a resident of Feerpora Motaj consumed some poisonous substance mistakenly. He said that though the boy was rushed to district hospital Kulgam, he succumbed at the hospital. "We have registered • P-02

CASO Launched In Srinagar Area

Srinagar: Government Forces Monday launched a cordon-andsearch operation in Habakadal area of Srinagar city. Sources said that combined forces launched a cordonand-search operation Zaindar Mohalla of Haba Kadal area. The sudden operation launched in congested area surprised people. Sources said the operation was launched following the inputs about the movement of suspected militants in the area. A police official said that • P-02

Abandoned Drone Recovered In Jammu

Jammu: Police on Monday morning recovered an abandoned drone from the fields in Boothai Chak village located on the outskirts of Jammu city. Police officials said that locals spotted some suspicious object village which falls under the jurisdiction of Phalian Mandal police post of Jammu. "Locals informed the police following which a police team rushed to the spot and took the object in their possession," they said. However later, during investigation, it came to fore that • P-02

Man Injured In Bear **Attack In Ganderbal**

Ganderbal: A 50-year-old man was injured in a bear attack in Cherwan area of Kangan in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Monday morning. An official said that a man identified as Abdul Rasheed Tenda, son of Shams-u-din Tenda of Thune Kangan was attacked by a black bear near an orchard in the upper-belt of Cherwan, leaving him severely wounded. In the attack. Rasheed suffered serious head injuries and was taken to Sub-District Hospital Kangan where from doctors referred him to SKIMS Soura for advanced treatment-

First Time Since 1947, Martyrs' **Day Observed Sans Govt**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: For the first time since 1948, there was no holiday and official function to commemorate the annual Martyrs' Day in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday.

In a break from past, there was no function at the Martyrs' graveyard here after the government dropped July 13 from the list of gazetted holidays last year following the abrogation of special status of the state now turned into a union territory.

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the then prime minister of Jammu and Kashmir, had declared July 13 as a holiday in 1948.

Apart from the official function at the Martyrs' graveyard situated in the lawns of Sufi shrine of Bahaudin Naqshband, unionist political leaders used to pay floral tributes at the resting place of 22 Kashmiris who were killed in Dogra army's firing while protesting the autocratic rule of Mahara-



A DESERTED VIEW of Mazar-e-Shuhada (Martyr's graveyard) in Srinagar on Monday- KO Photo: Abid Bhat

ja Hari Singh on this day in 1931.

Monday in view of the strict re- of coronavirus infection. However none of the political strictions imposed in most parts leaders visited the graveyard on of Kashmir to contain the spread was sealed off and its »PAGE 02

PUTTING CURBS ON THE VISIT OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO MARTYRS' GRAVEYARD

for paying homage to our heroes who laid down their precious lives against autocracy and oppression is unjustifiable," Bukhari said in a statement.

2 Militants Killed, **Woman Hurt During Anantnag Encounter**

ANANTNAG: Two militants were taliated, thus triggering an encounter. killed while a woman received bullet injuries during an encounter that raged between militants and government forces in Viddy Srigufwara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Monday morning.

Police sources said that a joint team of Police, Army's 3 RR and CRPF launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) on specific infor-

mation about the presence of militants in the area. He said that as the joint team of forces approached towards the sus-

there fired upon them, which was re-

During the exchange of fire, two militants were killed and a woman living near the encounter site received bullet injuries, police said, adding that one militant is said to be local while the other is a foreigner.

Police said both were affiliated with Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM). Police also identified the injured

woman as Arifa Jan a government teacher by profession. According to Principal GMC Anant-

nag, Dr Showkat Jeelani they received a lady with bullet injuries on Monday morning. He said that the condition pected spot, the militants present of the injured lady was stable. Pertinently, 130 local as ▶PAGE 02

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ncriminating materials were recovered from the site of encounter. Search in the area is in progress," police said.

3 Slain Sopore Militants Buried In Baramulla

ammu and Kashmir police on Monday morning buried all the three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants who were killed in Reban area of Sopore on Sunday in Sheeri village of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Police officials said that nobody approached them before the bodies were taken to Sheeri Baramulla. They said that the decision was also taken in view of Covid-19 pandemic. "Sheeri is place where foreign militants or those who remain unidentified are buried," said an official. Earlier, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone, Vijay Kumar Tweeted, "Pakistani LeT Militant • P-02

Patient Declared Covid-19 Positive 6 Days After Death

Scores Of Women Wailed Over The Body For Entire Night, Hundreds Participated In Funeral

PULWAMA: In what appears to be ness, they took him to GMC Anantsheer negligence, a patient from Pul- nag, where his sample was taken wama district of South Kashmir was and after few days he was referred to declared Covid-19 positive six days SKIMS, Soura where his another samafter his death at SKIMS Soura.

Muhammad Ashraf Mir son of Muhmmad Munavar Mir, resident of Nikloora village of Litter, Tehsil in Pul-wama district who died at SKIMS last Wednesday, at SKIMS last Wednesday, was declared positive for Covid-19 today after a gap of six days, a local news gather agency KNO reported

The relatives of deceased said that after Mir complained of breathless- relatives and neighbours >> PAGE 02

ple was taken for Covid-19 testing.

They said on Wednesday, SKIMS authorities asked them to wait till his report comes. "However, they asked us take the body saying that the deceased was negative for Covid," the family members of Mir claimed. On Wednesday evening, Mir's

ody reached home and on Thurs day morning he was laid to rest in his native village. "Hundreds of his

Lockdown Re-Imposed In Srinagar After Spike In Covid Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Following the surge in the number of COVID-19 cases, authorities on Monday reimposed lockdown in many areas of Srinagar and other major towns to prevent the virus from spreading. In the last week, over 450 cases

were detected in Srinagar district alone, thus prompting the administration to re-impose the lockdown in the areas, which were declared red zones.

As per reports an overwhelming number of shops, business establishments and private offices remained closed in Srinagar district while the vehicular movement was also thin on the roads. Earlier, the relaxation was PAGE 02



4 More Succumb To Covid-19 In **J&K: Officials**

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable as among the four patients who died due to the Novel Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir, thus taking P-02

4 Men in Police Custody, 13 BSF Troopers Among 314 Test Positive in J&K ammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 314 new positive cases that include four people who are under police custody and 13 BSF personnel, taking the number of positive cases to 10827 J in J&K. Among the new cases that were detected in Jammu and Kashmir on Mondav. 101 were Jim Jammu and Kashmir on Mondav. 101 were tested positive at SKIMS, 29 at JVC Bemina and rest at other hospitals.

Among 314 new cases, 225 belong to Kashmir division while as 89 are from ficials said, adding that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir division has reached • P-02

Officer Tests Positive

SRINAGAR: A massive sanitisation drive was undertaken at Police headquarters Srinagar after a police officer tested positive to Covid-19 on Monday, reports said.

Police said that the test samples taken of an officer came positive today following which a massive sanitisation drive was launched at the PHQ located in Hyderpora area of Srinagar. He said all the officials includ-

so that the massive sanitisation process will be started.

nior officers have been advised fully," an official said.



ing the officers have been asked to to avoid attending office for a few come out from the headquarters days as a precautionary measure. "The reports that PHQ has been completely closed are not true. It's Meanwhile, officials said se- a central office and can't be shut

PHQ Sealed After Police | LG E-Inaugurates 10 Power Projects

Power Curtailment In Kashmir To Reduce By 6-8 Hours During Winter Season

power sector in Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu today e-inaugurated 10 power MVA Receiving Station, Batagund projects worth Rs 19.51cr for Districts- Srinagar, Shopian, Anantnag, Budgam and Kulgam and laid tively, which were recently inaufoundation stones for 07 others gurated by the Lt Governor during costing Rs 30.35 cr for Srinagar, his tour to the said Districts, thus Pulwama, Anantnag and Baramulla

This is in addition to the two cost of Rs 25 cr. projects viz Augmentation of

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to the 33/11 KV Receiving Station Yari- to the Lieutenant Governor; Sh. BVR pora from 2x6.3 MVA to 2x10 MVA, Kulgam and Construction of 6.3 (Gulbagh), Tral, Pulwama costing Rs. 2.40 cr and Rs. 3.13 cr respectaking the total of newly commissioned power projects to 12 at the

Sh. Baseer Ahmad Khan, Advisor

Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Sh. Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, Sh. Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Managing Director, KPDCL, Chief Engineers and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The Lt Governor observed that with the commissioning of new projects sanctioned under PMDP, IPDS, DDUGIY and languishing proj-

ects being implemented >> PAGE 02

Monday Official sources said that soon after the boy drowned, some locals immedi-

○ Fishing in Dal

ately retrieved him even as the police party rushed to the spot. Later the boy was taken to SMHS hospital but was declared brought dead on arrival by the doctors there. He has been identified as Ayan Ahmad Sofi (9) son of Abdul Majeed Sofi of Khaniyar. A police official said that boy seems to have

fallen due to giddiness.

Minor Drowns While

SRINAGAR: A minor drowned af-

ter he fell down while fishing in

Dal Lake near Dalgate area here on

RINCIPAL SECRETARY, POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, Rohit Kansal informed that the newly inaugurated projects will benefit around 35,000 households across Kashmir.

40 Foreign, 17 Local Militants **Active In North Kashmir: Police**



there were 35-40 foreign militants 16 or 17 local militants. active in parts of north Kashmir.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police North Kashmir zone Mohammad Suleiman Chowdhary disclosing this on Monday said that 16 to

Addressing media persons in Sopore DIG said there are fluctuating reports about active militant op-

SRINAGAR: Police Monday said that active in northern districts besides He said foreign militants who

> may have infiltrated in last couple of months from across LOC.

> are active in parts of north Kashmir

Meanwhile 5 sector commander of 17 of the active militants were locals. Army, Vivek Narang, who was accompanying the DIG north Kashmir, said that "many of the infiltration attempts have been foiled by the forces along LoC. eratives in northern Kashmir but as At present, some 250-300 militants are per the reports available at present, ready on launch pads to infiltrate but we nearly 35 to 40 foreign militants are are ready to foil any design."

SC Refuses To Entertain Plea For Covid **Restrictions On Amarnath Yatra**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI- The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea seeking restrictions on devotees in the Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, saying the issue has to be left with the local administration to look into.

"We have to respect principle of separation of powers," said a bench comprising justices D Y arena of the executive which has to



M Joseph and declined to enter the propriate. The issue as to whether Yatra be held should be left with deal with it as per statutory norms. the local administration. Undoubt-"We are of view that recourse edly any decision arrived at must being taken here under Article be based on law and all relevant

which conducted the hearing through video conferencing, noted in the order

The apex court was hearing a plea filed by 'Shri Amarnath **→ PAGE** 0

Real Ayodhya In Nepal, Lord Ram Not Indian: Nepal PM Oli

KATHMANDU: After claiming Indian territory in the Lipulekh-Kalapani area, Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli, on Monday, claimed that Lord Rama belongs to Nepal, not India. Nepalese media quoted Oli as saying that 'real Ayodhya' is in Nepal and 'Lord Ram is Nepali, not Indian'.

"We have been oppressed a bit culturally. Facts have encroached. We still believe that we gave Sita to Indian Prince Ram. But we gave to the prince from Ayodhya, not India. Ayodhya is a village a little west to Birgunj, not the Ayodhya created now (sic)," Oli said at an event at his official residence in Baluwatar.

Oli was addressing a program to mark the birth anniversary of Bha-

nubhakta Acharya.



backdrop of an ongoing diplomatic tussle between Kathmandu and New Delhi over the newly published Nepal map which claims Indian territory as its own.

Bilateral ties between India-Nepal were stressed after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated an 80-km-long road connecting Lipulekh pass with Dharchula in Uttarakhand on May 8. Kathmandu The stunning claim comes on the reacted sharply to the **PAGE 02**

