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### **News** Digest

#### **KEG Expresses Grief At Demise Of Reporter**

Srinagar: Kashmir Editors Guild (KEG) has expressed shock over the sudden demise of a young reporter Javid Ahmad. Ahmad was associated with the daily

'Rising Kashmir'. "The incident is not only tragic and shocking for the family of the young journalist but the P-02

#### **Youth Prevented From Joining Militancy: Police**

Srinagar: A youth from Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. who was allegedly planning to join militancy, was apprehended and counselled before being handed over to his family, police said on Thursday. After receiving specific intelligence inputs about a youth planning to join militancy, • P-02

#### 3 Gamblers Arrested In Parimpora

Srinagar: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested three gamblers in a raid in Parimpora area of the city outskirts. Acting on an input, a police team carried out a raid at Khowjabagh Malura Bund and apprehended three gamblers, a police spokesperson said. He said that P-02

#### **LAWDA Demolishes Illegal Structures**

Srinagar: The Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) on Thursday demolished several illegal structures during a drive in this capital city. According to an official spokesperson, LAW-DA's Enforcement Wing demolished several structures in Nowpora, Saderbal&Karpora • P-02

#### **LOC FLARES UP**

# **Pak Firing** Kills 3 Soldiers

**Observer Monitoring Desk** 

SRINAGAR: At least three soldiers were killed and five others injured on Thursday as India and Pakistan troops traded heavy gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara and Poonch dis-

tricts of Jammu and Kashmir. Two soldiers were killed and four others injured when Pakistani troops opened fire and resorted to heavy shelling along the LoC in Naugam sector of the frontier Kupwara district on

Thursday morning, officials said. "Pakistan initiated an untor, Kupwara on Thursday

based defence spokesperson Colonel Rajesh Kalia said.

He said two soldiers were killed and four sustained injuries in the firing from across the border.

"The injured personnel are being evacuated while a befitting response is being given to the Pakistani firing," he added.

Earlier, a soldier was killed and another injured in Cross-LoC shelling in Krishna Ghati sector of the Poonch district. The Pakistan Army initiated

the unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing from small arms and intense shelling of mortars provoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in the Mankote along the LoC in Naugam sec- and Krishna Ghati sectors on Wednesday night, a defence morning by firing mortars spokesperson said, adding that the and other weapons," Srinagar-Indian Army retaliated PAGE 02

#### **∠PAKISTAN INITIATED AN** unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in Naugam

sector, Kupwara on Thursday morning by firing mortars and other weapons,"

#### **Army To Buy 10 Lakh Grenades**

he Indian Army will do away with its World War II vintage design hand grenade as the Defence Ministry has signed a Rs 409 crore contract for procurement of new 10 lakh multi-mode hand grenades. Providing further boost to the 'Make in India' initiative in the defence sector, the ministry's acquisition wing ● P-02

## Decks Cleared for 850 MW Ratle Hydro Project

Rs 5300 crore project to be executed in Joint Venture mode between JKPDC and NHPC; J&K's equity of Rs 776 crores to be provided as grant from Gol

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: In a significant decision, the Public Investment Board (PIB), in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India has recommended that the 850 MW Ratle HEP be developed through a Joint Venture company (JVC) between the JK **Power Development Corporation** (JKPDC) and the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

The PIB has also recommended an investment approval for Rs 5281.94 crore by NHPC in the Joint venture Rs. 776.44 crore will be provided as



crore for the project including an company. The equity contribution grant from the Government of India. Infusion of Equity of Rs. 808.14 of JKPDC in the company pegged at

The recommendations of the PIB

will pave the way for final approval of the project and an early beginning of work on the project. It may be recalled that 850 MW Ratle HEP was the first project in India which was awarded through tariff-based bidding. However, the project was stalled due to the unilateral withdrawal by the erstwhile developer from the Project. All the clearances for the project are already in place and the project is expected to be completed within 36 months of the start of work. The initiation of the project will be yet another step in adding to the revenues of **→PAGE 02** 

#### SC Directs Refund Of Flight Tickets Cancelled Due To Lockdown

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court Thursday directed refund of air tickets, domestic and international, for travel during the CO-VID-19 lockdown period from March 25 to May 24 within three weeks from the date of the cancellation of flights.

Accepting the Centre's proposal, the top court directed that if the tickets have been booked through an agent for travel within the lockdown period, in all such cases full refund shall be given by the airlines immediately and the amount shall be passed on immediately by the agent to the passengers.

It said: If on account of financial distress, any • P-02

## Covid-19 Claims 15 More Lives In J&K, Toll 1199

**Observer Monitoring Desk** 

**SRINAGAR:** At least fifteen more people succumbed to Covid-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, taking the number of fatalities in the Union Territory since vision included a 70-year-old from the pandemic outbreak to 1199.

28 Security Men **Among 1093 More Positive** 

ammu and Kashmir reported on Thursday ightharpoonup 1093 new cases of coro navirus, including • P-02

According to the officials, among the Covid-19 victims in Jammu di-Batehra Jammu, an PAGE 02

officials from Kashmir Valley.

While twelve more deaths were

reported from Jammu division,

three others were confirmed by

**Covid-19 Cases** In CRPF here have been over 10,000 COVID-19 cases

in the CRPF with an es-

timated recovery rate P-02

**More Than 10K** 

#### Ex-JK Bank Chairman Booked For Violating **Tendering Norms**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against a private firm and three former bank officials, including then chairman Parvaiz Ahmad, on the allegations of causing Rs 6.29 core loss to the bank by not following tendering rules. • P-02

Former BMO Beerwah, 2 Other **Officials Suspended** ammu and Kashmir

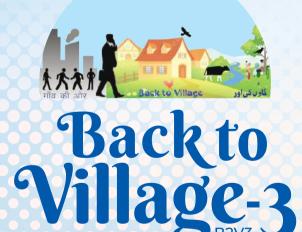
government on Thursday suspended former BMO Beerwah along with two other delinguent • P-02



"Back to village is a unique and sincere effort of the government to reach the doorsteps of the people" **Manoj Sinha** 

**Lieutenant Governor** 

## A unique outreach initiative



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**Governance at Peoples' Doorstep** 

**Begins Today** 

Officer to spend 3 days and 2 nights in the Panchayat

> **Distribution of Domicile & other certificates Griha Pravesh of PMAY houses**

**Sports Activities, Distribution of Sports Kits** 

**Gram Sabhas to meet and finalise** developmental plan

**Developmental works to be** inaugurated, new works to be started



**Government of Jammu & Kashmir** 

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