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News Digest

NC Dissolves Party's Youth Wing

Srinagar: The National Conference (NC) on Saturday dissolved the party's youth wing in Kashmir province with immediate effect, saying it is in the process of constituting a new team. "All existing bodies of Youth National Conference Kashmir up to block level stands dissolved with immediate effect," an NC spokesperson said. He did not give any reason for the party's decision. The spokesperson, however, said the NC is in the process of replacing the youth wing of the party with a new team.

Engineer Killed In Hit And Run Accident

Srinagar: An engineer was killed on Saturday in a hit and run accident in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. 37-year-old Iqbal Qasim Beigh of Dooru Sopore was critically injured when his motorcycle was hit by unknown vehicle near Chooria area of Sopore on Saturday evening, officials said. While the driver managed to flee from the spot, the injured man was immediately rushed to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sopore where doctors declared him brought dead. ● P-02

Militancy Only Brings Destruction: DGP

Srinagar: Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Saturday said nothing can be achieved through militancy and loss of life cannot be celebrated. Militancy has brought only destruction to the families and societies, he said at a function to inaugurate the Handwara Police Cricket League 2020 at Sports Ground Bakihakar in Handwara area of Kupwara district. "I started my career as an SHO from Handwara and was very upset when this peace-loving place was disturbed because of militancy. Nothing can ● P-02

LAWDA Demolishes Illegal Structures

Srinagar: Continuing its drive against illegal constructions, the Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) on Saturday demolished four illegal structures in parts of this capital city. The Enforcement wing of LAWDA continued demolition drive here on Saturday in various areas of city including Lashkari Mohalla north Fore Shore road, Kralangriand Saidakadal during which single storey, second storey and two plinths ● P-02

Two Drug Peddlers Held In Samba

Jammu: Two alleged drug peddlers were arrested along with 75 kg of poppy straw in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said. The narcotic substance, concealed in apple boxes, was seized from a truck coming from Jammu at MansarMorh on the Jammu-Pathankot highway, a police spokesman said. ● P-02

Adidas CMD To Address Webinar On Kashmir



Srinagar: "Inner Space London"-A Personal Development Center based in British capital is holding the next webinar "Barkat-e-Kashmir" on Sunday and has invited prominent people of international fame, to share their stories and experiences with the people of Kashmir. In a statement sent to Kashmir Observer on Saturday the "Inner Space London" said "these live interactive programs motivate individuals to develop a ● P-02

SHOPIAN 'FAKE ENCOUNTER'

Bodies Of Labourers Exhumed, Laid To Rest In Hometown

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Bodies of the three youth, killed in an alleged fake encounter by the Army in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district in July, were exhumed and later laid to rest in their hometown in Rajouri district by the family members, officials said on Saturday.

The exhumation was done late on Friday night at an unidentified location in north Kashmir -- hours after Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said the legal process to exhumate and handover the bodies to their families was on and would be completed soon.

"The bodies of the three persons were exhumed and then



Pic Courtesy: Gutter Ahmed

PIL Seeks SIT Probe Other Than Police

A Public Interest Litigation has been filed in J&K High Court, seeking investigation into "fake encounter" killing of three labourers by Special Investigation Team other than Jammu and Kashmir Police to be ● P-02

handed over to their families," the officials said in Srinagar.

"All the three bodies were

buried by their family members in their ancestral graveyards on Saturday evening. The ● PAGE 02

ALL THE THREE BODIES WERE BURIED BY THEIR FAMILY members in their ancestral graveyards on Saturday evening. The burial took place peacefully," Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Chandan Kohli said.

Police Files Case Against URL Handler For Uploading 'Propaganda Posts'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday registered a case against a blog for publishing and propagating militancy related ideology with the intention to achieve goal of separating Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from Union of India.

In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that through some reliable sources, Police Station Kothi Bagh received information that "propagandist material" was being uploaded and circulated through a website URL https://kashmirflight.wordpress.com

"These posts uploaded on the said URL are not only prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty of coun-

try but threat to maintenance of peace and tranquility as the handler of the above said URL is propagating secessionist and militancy related ideology with the intention to achieve goal of separating UT of J&K from Union of India," the police spokesperson said.

The blog, he said had released list of politicians, media persons, public figures besides militant outfit Lashkar-e-Islam with the intention to create fear psychosis among the individuals.

"The website/URL is running as a propaganda tool against lawful actions and policies of Government with aim to disrupt peace and thus provoking common people to resort to illegal ● PAGE 02

No Hollow Announcements, Will Deliver What I Promise: LG

Says Will Strictly Monitor Time Limit Of Projects; No Undue Delays Will Be Tolerated

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Asserting that Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir will be a new model of equitable development and growth, where people will decide their own priorities and the administration will be the facilitator, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that he will not make any hollow announcements but will deliver what he promises

"I want the socio-economic growth of Jammu Kashmir to become an example, a benchmark, for other states of the country. It is my promise, and I will work day and night to ensure that J&K



very soon becomes a shining example of equitable growth", Sinha, said on Saturday during his visit to Nesbal, Bandipora on the second day of Back to Village-3 programme.

The LG said that the farmers, arti-

sans, labourers, start-ups, entrepreneurs, everyone will benefit from the ongoing and upcoming schemes.

"People will get services at doorsteps; grievance redressal and on-spot delivery of public services is going to be ● PAGE 02

PDA Report On Lessees In Pahalgam Discloses Terrible State Of Affairs: HC

Asks Government To Take Immediate Action On 'Serious Issue'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A report providing list of lessees in Pahalgam by PDA "discloses a terrible state of affairs", Jammu and Kashmir High Court has said even as it directed authorities to take immediate actions against those holding the land sans lease. As the hearing of Public Interest Litigation started, a bench of Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Puneet Gupta was informed that a compliance report has been filed by the Chief Executive Officer, Pahalgam Development Authority (PDA) Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani.

"The list of persons/ lessees is en-

closed. It discloses a terrible state of affairs," the court said.

As per the report, 75 parties are in occupation of 75 plots comprising of 79 kanals 8 marls 7 Sirsai and 4 sft out of which 63 kanals 18 marlas 1 Sirsai and 5 sft has been leased out by the Government.

15 kanals and 10 marlas and 6 Sirsai are encroached upon by different persons, it said.

The PDA said that it has no record of any grant of any lease. The CEO also stated that a series of public notices through the print media were issued for the production of lease documents by the lessees but to "It ● PAGE 02

PM Modi Inaugurates Atal Tunnel

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the strategically important all-weather Atal Tunnel in Rohtang.

Atal Tunnel, built by the Border Roads Organisation, is the longest highway tunnel in the world and reduces the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 km. It also reduces the travel time by four to five hours.

Speaking on the occasion, Modi said Atal Bihari Vajpayee laid the foundation of the approach road for this tunnel, but after his government left, the project was all but forgotten.

"Our govt increased the pace of construction from 300 meters per year to 1,400 meters per year and completed the project in 2020," Modi said.

The work on Atal Tunnel ● P-02

World Living In

'Shadow Of Nuclear Catastrophe'

UNITED NATIONS: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Friday that the world is living "in the shadow of nuclear catastrophe," fuelled by growing distrust and tensions between the nuclear powers.

The UN chief told a high-level meeting to commemorate the recent International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons that progress on ridding the world of nuclear weapons "has stalled and is at risk of backsliding."

And he said strains between countries that possess nuclear weapons "have increased nuclear risks."

As examples, Guterres has expressed deep concern at the escalating disputes between the Trump administration and China. Relations between the U.S. and Russia are at a low point.

Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan are feuding over Kashmir, and India just had a border skirmish with China. And North Korea boasts about its nuclear weapons.

Without naming any countries, Guterres said programs to modernize nuclear arsenals "threaten a qualitative nuclear arms race," not to increase the number of weapons but to make them "faster, stealthier and more accurate."

Guterres also pointed to the only treaty constraining the size of the world's largest nuclear arsenals -- the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty between the United States and ● PAGE 02

Delhi Police Arrests 4 Kashmiri Youth Over 'Terror' Plot



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Special Cell of Delhi Police on Saturday arrested a group of four Kashmiri youth for allegedly planning militant strikes in the national capital.

In a statement, the police claimed the accused were nabbed from central Delhi's ITO area and were carrying four sophisticated pistols and over 120 rounds of ammunition.

The accused have been identified as Altaf Ahmad Dar (25), a resident of Pulwama, and Mushtaq Ahmad Gani (27), Ishfaq Majeed Koka (28) and Aqib Safi (22), all residents of Shopian, the statement said.

"Ishfaq is the elder brother of slain militant Burhan Koka, ex-chief of Ansar Ghajwat Ul Hind, an off-shoot of Al Qaeda in Jammu and Kashmir," police said.

They said Burhan Koka was

killed in an encounter in Shopian's Melhora area on April 29 this year along with two other associates.

After his death, his elder brother Ishfaq Majeed Koka was approached by the cadres of Ansar Ghajwat Ul Hind to work for the outfit, police stated.

"On Friday, police received information that a group of radicalised Kashmiri youth had collected a huge cache of arms and ammunition and will come to ITO and Daryaganj.

"Thereafter, a trap was laid near ITO and the accused were apprehended," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said.

Preliminary interrogation revealed that Ishfaq was allegedly indoctrinated by present chief of Ansar Ghajwat Ul Hind to work for the cause of Jihad. ● PAGE 02

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Covid-19: Teen Among 20 More Die In J&K, Toll Reaches 1234

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least twenty people, including a teenager succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, taking the fatality count due to the virus in the Union Territory to 1234.

According to the official sources, eleven more people fell victim to the deadly infection in Jammu division, while the virus claimed nine more lives in Kashmir Valley.

Regarding Jammu, they said, four victims belonged to the winter capital of J&K, three to Ra-

jouri, two from Kishtwar and one each from Kathua and Doda districts. As regarding Kashmir, they said, four of the victims were from Srinagar, and one each from Pulwama, Anantnag, Bandipora, Ganderbal and

Kupwara. Among others, the deaths from Jammu include a 67-year-old woman from Morh Jammu, a 52-year-old from Peer Mitha, a 66-year-old retired Government official from Rajouri, who died in Jalandhar, a 61-year-old ● PAGE 02

New 975 Cases Include 25 Security Men

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Saturday 975 new cases of coronavirus, including 45 travelers, 25 security men and three minors, taking the number of people infected by the virus in the Union Territory to 78228. While 591 fresh cases were reported from Jammu division, the remaining 385 were confirmed by officials from Kashmir valley. Giving district wise details, officials said, Srinagar ● P-02

185 Inmates Test Positive In Jammu Jails: DG Prisons

A total of 185 prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19 in different jails across the Jammu region, Director General of Prisons V K Singh said on Saturday. He said temporary jails are being set up in various districts to isolate the asymptomatic positive detainees as part of efforts to ensure safety of the jail inmates and staffers. Singh said roughly 200 prisoners, primarily in south Kashmir's Anantnag district jail and Srinagar Central Jail, have recovered from ● P-02



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