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## News Digest

### Pakistani 'Spy' Arrested In Samba

Jammu: A man has been arrested for sharing on social media pictures of security installations in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, police said on Friday. Police are probing the angle of spying in this connection, they said. According to the police, there was information that the 22-year-old man, identified as Kuljeet, was sharing pictures of vital security installations and receiving payment in return, they said. Investigation in the matter is underway, the police added. Meanwhile, Hindustan Times reported that the youth, according to the police was spying for Pakistan since 2018. **● P-02**

### SKIMS Suspends 7 Protesting Nurses

Srinagar: The administration of SK institute of medical sciences Soura has suspended 7 nurses on charges of inciting paramedics to holding demonstration against the hospital's three-tier shift decision. SKIMS Administration in its first order suspended 4 nurses following which their colleagues staged protest demanding revocation of the suspension order besides demanding an end to three tier shift system, sources said. After the protest, the administration issued one more order suspending 3 more nurses. **● P-02**

### Driver Killed In Uri Road Accident

Srinagar: A Sumo driver was killed in an accident in Boniyar Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday. 40-year-old Nazir Ahmad Mir of Pehlipora was on way to Chandanwari from Boniyar in his vehicle (JK05-9295) when he met with an accident near Chach Mode on Friday afternoon, official sources said. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigation in this regard. (GNS)

### Excise Dept Team Raids Brick Kilns

Srinagar: The officials of excise department on Friday raided brick kilns in central Kashmir's Budgam district and destroyed illicit distillation found there. A team of excise Central Range led by Excise Taxation Officer conducted raids at brick kilns in Ichgam area of Budgam and found 50 kilograms of 'lahan' and 5 litres of illicit liquor in isolated area adjacent to the said brick kiln, sources said. The team recovered these items and subsequently destroyed them on spot. Rajesh Shavan, Excise Commissioner told news. **● P-02**

### Woman Found Dead In Budgam

Srinagar: A young woman was found dead under mysterious conditions at her home in Magam area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Friday. 22-year-old woman (name withheld) was found dead under suspicious circumstances at her home in Radbugh village of Magam on Friday afternoon, SHO Magam Ilyas Ahmad told news agency KDC. He said that police have taken cognizance of the incident and have shifted the body to Magam hospital for completing medico-legal formalities. **● P-02**

## Rs 25,000 Crore Roshni Scam

# HC Orders CBI Probe, Declares All Allotments Invalid



Agencies

JAMMU: In a judgement with far reaching consequences, the J&K High Court on Friday ordered Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to take over the probe of Rs 25,000 Crore Roshni land scam (RLS) in Jammu and Kashmir. Court also declared all allotments made under the legislation "void" from the beginning.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division bench of the court headed by Chief Justice Gita Mittal declared the legislation as unconstitutional. The court, also comprising Justice Rajesh Bindal, ordered

The Jammu and Kashmir State Land (Vesting of Ownership to Occupants) Act, 2001 commonly known as 'Roshni Act' was passed in the year 2001. As per Roshni Act the transfer of the ownership rights of state land to its occupants was subject to the payment of a cost, as determined by the government. Act enacted by then Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah's

that the investigation of the scam be transferred to the CBI which will file the status report

government had set 1990 as the cutoff for encroachment on state land. The government's target was to earn Rs 25,000 crore by transferring 20 lakh kanals of state land to existing occupants against payment at market rates. The government said the revenue generated would be spent on commissioning hydroelectric power projects, hence the name "Roshni".

within eight weeks. The court asked Chief Secretary to ensure **▶PAGE 02**

### What High Court Order Says

- ▶ CBI probe ordered in Rs 25,000 Crore Roshni Land Scam by J&K High Court.
- ▶ All Roshni allotments held void ab initio
- ▶ Roshni Act also declared Unconstitutional.
- ▶ CBI to file a status report every 8 weeks before the Court.
- ▶ Chief Secretary made accountable for uninterrupted investigation.
- ▶ The investigation also against officers in whose time period encroachments happened.
- ▶ Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will be held guilty of contempt in case they do not cooperate in the investigation.

### 14 Year Old Shot At By SUV Borne Gunmen

SRINAGAR: A teenager on Friday was shot at and injured by unidentified gunmen in Lethpora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. 14-year-old Khushdil Gulzar was injured when SUV borne unknown gunmen opened fire at him following an altercation with him in Lethpora area on Friday evening, official sources said. The teenager, they said received bullet in arm and was subsequently shifted to SDH Pampore for treatment. After first aid he was immediately discharged from hospital. Meanwhile police has initiated investigation in this regard.(GNS)

### SSB Jawan Goes Missing From Camp

SRINAGAR: A Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) jawan went missing mysteriously from his camp at Saderabal area of Srinagar city, news reports said on Friday. Quoting officials a local news gathering agency reported that SSB jawan Jitendra GD number 12043026, posted at Saderabad, who originally hails from Uttar Pradesh, went missing from his camp at Saderabal area of Srinagar city on Thursday evening. In this regard, a missing report has been filed at police station Lal bazar, efforts are on to trace the missing trooper, official added. "We are ascertaining details," said a police official.

## Covid-19: No Funds Allocated For DHSK Under NHM, Reveals RTI

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, no budgetary allocation was made to Directorate of Health Service Kashmir (DHSK) under the National Health Mission (NHM)—raising an eyebrow on the functioning of the department.

"Under NHM, no funds have been received from State Health Society Jammu and Kashmir on account of Covid-19 by DHSK. However State Health Society Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu)

has released an amount of Rs 20 lakh per district through District Health Society directly," reads an official document. It also mentions that besides Rs 20 lakh received from State Health Society Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu), an amount of four lakh rupees was also released to the State Surveillance officer under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP). This information was revealed by the Public Information Officer (PIO) of DHSK in a reply to the queries of a **▶PAGE 2**

## J&K Govt Announces Unlock 5.0 Guidelines

Cafés, Cinemas To Open; Educational Institutions To Remain Shut

### Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday issued fresh guidelines for unlock 5.0 allowing cinemas and restaurants to open with 50 percent seat capacity; while educational institutions shall remain closed across the Union Territory till October 31.

Addressing a news conference here, Secretary Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction and Member Secretary State Executive Committee, Simrandeep Singh today said that the government has permitted opening of cinema halls, theatres, multiplexes, swimming pools, bars in restaurants, hotels etcetera, entertainment parks and similar places, coaching centres from October 15 with fifty percent capacity. "Schools, colleges, higher educational institutions in-

cluding Anganwari centres shall remain closed till October 31 whereas online/ distance mode studies will continue," Singh, according to an official spokesperson said.

The Secretary Disaster Management, he said announced that fifty percent teaching non-teaching staff is permitted for online teaching purposes in areas outside containment zones, while students of classes 9th to 12th are permitted to visit school on a voluntary basis for taking guidance in areas outside containment zones.

The official spokesperson further added that Singh also announced permission to the Skill or Entrepreneurship training in National Skill Training Institutes, ITIs or other training centers registered with the National Skill Development Mission or JK Skill Mission.

"National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development **▶PAGE 02**

### THE TRAVELERS WILL UNDERGO

14-day home quarantine if they have a valid contactable phone and Aarogya Setu App in their mobile telephones. The protocol for management of COVID positive persons will be followed."

## 15 More Covid-19 Deaths In J&K, Toll Crosses 1300 Mark

### Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least fifteen more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, raising the number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union territory to 1308. While Jammu division reported 12 more fatalities on Friday, three people also succumbed to the deadly infection in the Kashmir valley, officials said.

Among others, the victims from Jammu division included a 90-year-old, a

### 4 Doctors, 20 Security Men Among 636 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 636 fresh cases of Covid-19, including twenty security personnel and four doctors, taking the total number of people infected by the virus across the Union Territory. **● P-02**

52-year-old woman, a 60-year-old man and a 52-year-old man from Jammu district. Three among the **▶PAGE 02**

## Rs 25,000 Cr Industrial Investment In Offing In J&K: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that Rs 25,000 crore industrial investments is in the offing and the union territory is going to secure this huge investment after the announcement of a historic industrial policy soon.

The LG admitted absence of governance and inaccessibility of officers have long marred villages and said that the 'back to village' is an attempt to bridge this gap.

Rs 25,000 crore industrial investment is in the offing and J&K is going to secure this huge investment



after announcement of a historic Industrial soon, Sinha said during his visit to the border Panchayat of Pallanwala in Jammu district.

"My objective is maximum utilization of industries, manufacturing, services sector, village in-

dustries, handicraft, tourism and technology to create more jobs in rural areas of Jammu & Kashmir because I believe there is vast yet untapped talent pool in our villages waiting for an opportunity," the Lt Governor affirmed. **▶PAGE 02**

### SHOPIAN 'FAKE ENCOUNTER'

## Promised Justice To Rajouri Families On PM's Behalf: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Reaching out to the families of the three youths of Rajouri district who were killed in an alleged fake encounter by the Army in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district in July, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has said he was told by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convey to them that they will get justice.

Expressing his condolences, the Lt Governor said the UT administration will extend full support to the families and ensure that they will get justice. He also conveyed to the family

members of the three slain men the "message" of the prime minister that the government stands with them in this hour of grief.

"I visited the families. I have expressed my sympathies (to them). I have assured them that the Prime Minister of India has asked me to convey to the families that there will be justice and they will be taken care of," Sinha told reporters in Rajouri after visiting the families of the slain youth on Thursday.

On July 18, the Army had claimed that it killed three militants in an encounter in Amshipura **▶PAGE 02**

## 2 SMC Officers Arrested For Threatening Jt. Commissioner

SRINAGAR: Police has arrested two Ward Officers of Srinagar Municipal Corporation for threatening the Joint Commissioner Planning of the SMC.

A police official said that FIR number(122/2020 under section 353 IPC) was filed on Thursday against Ward Officers, Riyaz Ahmad and Irshad Ahmad, in police station Shaheed Gunj on the basis of complaint of Joint Commissioner/Planning, Ghulam Hassan.

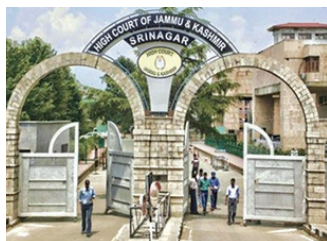
The official said that police has arrested the Ward Officers and put them in **● P-02**

## HC Dismisses PIL For e-Cigarette Use In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has dismissed a Public Interest Litigation, seeking among others court's directions to allow sale and usage of e-cigarettes in the J&K.

"The Government of India has enacted a statute called the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019 (Act No. 42 of 2019) which has been published in the Gazette of India dated 05th of December, 2019 prohibiting electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)," said a division bench of Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Puneet Gupta. "There was no appearance on be-



File Photo

half of the petitioner on 19th of August, 2020 when noticing the above fact the matter was adjourned for today in the interest of justice," the court said, adding, "The Government of India has therefore issued the legislation prohibiting use, sale and manufacture of electronic nicotine delivery system. Clearly, the petitioner has lost interest in **▶PAGE 02**



LAST FLOATING POST OFFICE! World Post Offices Day was observed on Friday. Picture shows remnants of floating post office at Dal Lake. KO Pix Abid Bhat

## Woman Injured In Cross-LoC Shelling

SRINAGAR: A woman sustained injuries on Friday as India and Pakistan troops exchanged heavy gunfire and mortar shells along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district.

He said the Indian Army retaliated befittingly. On October 1, an Army jawan was killed and another injured when the Pakistani army violated ceasefire along the LoC in Krishnaga area of Poonch district.

On September 5, an army personnel was killed and two others, including an officer, were injured in Pakistani firing in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district.

On September 2, one JCO was killed in ceasefire violation in Keri sector of Rajouri.

Meanwhile, India and Pakistan troops also traded **▶PAGE 02**