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## 2 Militants Killed In Shopian Gunfight

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Wednesday claimed to have killed two unidentified militants in a joint operation with state forces in Shopian district of south Kashmir.

The soldiers of army's 34 RR, police and CRPF laid a siege around Chakura on Wednesday afternoon after receiving specific input about the presence of militants in the village, a police spokesperson said. The militants, he said turned down the surrender offer and fired upon the search team.

The state forces, the police spokesperson said returned

the fire triggering off an encounter. In the exchange of fire, he said two militants were killed and their bodies retrieved from the site of encounter.

"The identification and affiliation of the killed militants is being ascertained," the official said.

He added that incriminating materials including arms and ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter and the same has been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in other crimes.

"The last rites of the killed militants shall be" **»PAGE 02**

## SPO, SSB Jawan 'Escape' From Budgam Camps

**SRINAGAR:** A special police officer (SPO) and a Sasashtra Seema Bal (SSB) personal have reportedly deserted their respective units along with weapons in central Kashmir's Budgam district sending the security agencies in a tizzy, officials said Wednesday.

SPO Altaf Hassan Bhat of Qazipora Budgam decamped with two AK-47 rifles and three magazines last night from the SOG camp in

Chadoora area of the district, they said. Bhat, they said has been serving the department from last four years.

"In this connection a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been set into motion," a police spokesperson said.

In a similar incident, Altaf Hussain, a constable of SSB 14th battalion went missing from Nagam area of the district along with his **»PAGE 02**

## Jinping Tells Chinese Troops To Be War Ready

**NEW DELHI:** At a time when the seventh round of India and China military talks to resolve the border disputes in Eastern Ladakh have ended in a deadlock, Chinese President Xi Jinping has told his soldiers, "We must put all our minds and energy on

preparing for war."

Xi made these remarks while visiting a Marine Corps base in the Guangdong province, where he made an important speech, Xinhua reported.

In his speech, Xinhua reported, "Xi Jinping pointed out that we must put **»PAGE 02**

## 11 More Coronavirus Deaths In J&K, Toll 1354

**SRINAGAR:** At least eleven more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, taking the number of Covid-19 fatalities in the Union Territory to 1354.

While Jammu division reported six more Covid-19 deaths on Wednesday, five

others became victims of the deadly infection in the Kashmir Valley.

Four among the victims from the Valley were Srinagar residents while another hailed from Shopian district of south Kashmir, officials said.

They said that a 65-year-old woman who was **»PAGE 02**

## Hurriyat Flays PSA On Teachers

**SRINAGAR:** All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Wednesday condemned the slapping of controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) on three Shopian school teachers and said that oppressive measures like arbitrary arrests and human rights violations will only **»PAGE 02**

## Cabinet Okays Rs 520-Cr Package

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved a special package of Rs 520 crore for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said.

Addressing a press conference, Javadekar **»PAGE 02**

## Protests After Army Vehicle Crushes Youth

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Wednesday used batons and fired tear smoke shells to break-up an anti-army demonstration after an army vehicle knocked to death a youth in Srinagar, barely hours after a man was hit and injured by another army vehicle in central Kash-

mir's Ganderbal district.

Muhammad Ashraf Sheikh of Zewan Bala was killed on the spot while his pillion rider Abdul Hamid Mir was injured when their two-wheeler (JK01AD-0992) was hit by an army vehicle near the garrisoned locality **»PAGE 02**

## Banihal Highway To Remain Closed On Fridays

**SRINAGAR:** Traffic authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have suspended movement of vehicles on Jammu-Srinagar Highway on every Friday for next six weeks for maintenance of the arterial road, officials said here on Wednesday.

"In connection with the

maintenance of the NH-44, no vehicular movement will be allowed every Friday starting from 16-10-2020 to 30-11-2020," an advisory by Traffic Department said.

The advisory also requested government forces not to ply against the traffic plan **»PAGE 02**

# All Party Meet Today, Mehbooba To Join

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has convened a meeting at his residence on Thursday for chalking out the future course of action on 'Gupkar Declaration' with regard to the special status of Jammu and Kashmir which was revoked by the Centre last year.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, who was released from detention after 14 months on Tuesday, will also attend the meeting.

"My father and I called on Mehbooba Mufti Sahiba to enquire about her well-being after her release from detention," NC vice president Omar Abdullah told reporters. **»PAGE 02**



## 'Will Take Back What Delhi Snatched'

Shortly after being released from detention on Tuesday, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti posted a message on Twitter saying the people of Kashmir will never forget the "insult" and "humiliation" they faced when New Delhi "illegally" and in an "undemocratic" manner revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5.

In the audio message, she also called the New Delhi's August 5 move a "black decision" **»P-02**

## Abdullah, Mufti Meet Irks BJP

Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina reacted sharply to the meeting between NC president Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday and warned them of "serious consequences" for conspiring to "bleed Kashmir". The three former chief ministers met at Mufti's residence in Srinagar after her release from 14 months in preventive detention on Tuesday and accepted the invitation for a meeting **»P-02**

## Unite & Fight Centre's 'Tyranny', Says PC

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram has welcomed the release of former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti and called on all mainstream political parties in the state to come together to fight what he said was the "tyranny" of the Centre. PDP president Mufti was released on Tuesday night as the Union Territory administration revoked the Public Safety Act (PSA) charges against her, more than a year after **»P-02**



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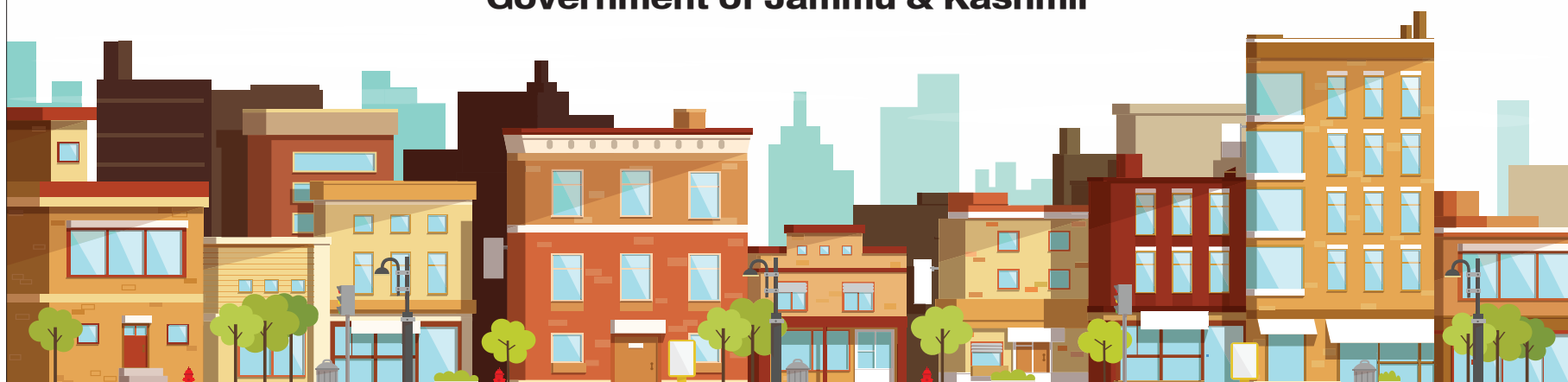
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