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## News Digest

### Army Destroys Mortar Shells in Poonch

Jammu: The Army destroyed five unexploded 120-mm mortar shells fired by Pakistan during cross-border firing in different villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

They said the shells were found close to residential areas in different villages of Balnoi sector. They were removed by the bomb disposal squads of the Army after being informed by the villagers. The live mortar shells were later destroyed in controlled explosions in the forest area, the officials said. ● P-02

### Chicken Seller 'Beaten' By CRPF Men

Srinagar: Paramilitary CRPF personnel on Saturday allegedly thrashed a chicken seller, culled his hatch after their vehicle came under minor stone pelting in Saidakadal locality here.

Around 11:00 am Saturday, Suhail Ahmad Sofi was attending his customers at his poultry shop when two unknown boys hurled a few stones at a CRPF vehicle that was passing through Saidakadal locality here, witnesses told Kashmir Observer. The stone pelting, they said infuriated the paramilitary men, who came out charging from their vehicle. ● P-02

### 48 New Covid-19 Cases In Ladakh

Leh: Forty-eight more people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Ladakh, taking the total virus caseload in the Union Territory to 5,441, officials said on Saturday. They said 151 more patients have been cured of the infection bringing down the number of active cases in the region to 915 -- 738 in Leh district and 177 in Kargil district. Ladakh has recorded a total of 65 COVID-19-related deaths, while 4,461 patients have so far recovered. Of the 48 ● P-02

### SMC Continues Demolition Drive

Srinagar: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) city's civic body on Saturday demolished several illegal structures during a drive here in this capital city. The Enforcement wing conducted demolitions in Batpora, Rangpora, 90 feet, Soura, and various other areas in ward 15 (Ahmad Nagar) and ward 18 (Safakadal), news agency CNS reported. Commissioner SMC MrGazanfar Ali takes weekly review from enforcement wing headed by Chief Enforcement Officer Sofi Akbar in his office. Ali is personally on regular basis ● P-02

### Water Scarcity Sparks Protest

Srinagar: Residents of Bata-maloo here on Saturday staged a protest against the Jal Shakti department over the alleged shortage of clean drinking water in the area. The protesters mostly women from SD Colony and Momin Abad raised slogans against Jal Shakti department and blocked the road near Reka-Chowk for almost an hour, using wooden logs and worn-out tyres, news agency KNT reported. The protesters said even as the area was reeling under acute shortage of water from ● P-02

## Pulwama Boy Tops NEET Exam Despite No Internet

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A teenager from volatile south Kashmir's Pulwama district has topped the NEET examination from the Union Territory despite internet connectivity issues in most parts of the valley since over a year.

Basit Bilal Khan (18) secured 695 marks out of 720 in the NEET exam, the result of which was declared on Friday. Khan, hailing from Ratnipora village in Pulwama, said while he worked very hard for the competitive examination, frequent internet outages and slow network speed created a lot of hardships.

"I am thankful to God for bestowing this success on me. I am thankful of my parents who supported me always and also of my teachers who showed me a track and guided me and worked

hard on me," he told reporters near a private study centre here where he studied for the exams.

"My family is very excited with the results as they had huge expectations from me. But this is because of the hard work of my teachers and their polishing. I am feeling proud now being the topper from Jammu and Kashmir," the ecstatic teenager said.

He said while the faculty at the study centre covered the syllabus wholly in time, the internet connectivity issues created a lot of difficulties for him and other candidates like him.

"We faced a lot of hardships because of internet connectivity issues. My teachers had prepared video tutorials for us, but it was very difficult to access them on 2G network."

"However, a philosopher ● P-02

## Centre Amends J&K Panchayati Raj Act To Set Up District Councils

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The government on Saturday amended the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act to provide for setting up of District Development Councils in each district which will have directly elected members, marking the implementation of the entire 73rd Amendment Act in the union territory, an official spokesman said here.

The District Development Councils (DDCs) of each district shall have 14 constituencies after their delimitation by the respective deputy commissioners, the spokesman said.

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File Photo

marks the implementation of the entire 73rd Amendment Act in J&K," the spokesman said.

He said the District Development Councils will comprise members directly elected from 14 territorial constituencies of the district as well as the members of the Legislative Assembly and the chairperson of all Block Development Councils of the district.

Seats for SCs, STs and women have also been reserved which will be filled by direct election to the District Development Councils, the spokesman said.

The Additional District Development Commissioner shall be the chief executive officer of the DDC, he added.

Meanwhile, a statutory order issued by the UT ● P-02

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## Jammu Muslim Front Backs Gupkar Alliance

Observer Monitoring Desk

JAMMU: Days after major mainstream parties formed joined hands to fight for restoration of special status to Jammu and Kashmir, a prominent Muslim outfit Jammu Muslim Front (JMF) on Saturday announced support to the newly created 'People's Alliance'

In a statement issued to media, a JMF spokesperson welcomed the decision of political parties in Jammu and Kashmir to unitedly fight for the restoration of the region's special status under Article 370 and 35A of the constitution.

### Cong, BJP Trade Barbs Over Special Status Restoration

The leaders of Congress and Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) on Saturday exchanged barbs over restoration of special status to Jammu and Kashmir, a day after senior Congress leader ● P-02

JMF, the spokesperson said stand for the reinstatement of the rights of all residents of the ● P-02

## ACB Arrests Ex-CPO, Engineer For Corrupt Practices

SRINAGAR: The anti-corruption bureau on Saturday arrested former Chief Planning Officer Budgam and a junior engineer in the housing board for amassing huge wealth disproportionate to their known source of income.

Noor Mohammad Wani, the then Chief Planning Officer Budgam was arrested by the Bureau officials for accumulating assets through unfair means, an ACB spokesperson said Saturday. During the investigation, the spokesperson said, it was found that the suspect in his service has raised assets disproportionate to his known source of income.

"He was later arrested ● P-02

## Govt Working On Surrender, Rehab Policy For Militants: GoC

Agencies

NEW DELHI: India is coming up with a surrender and rehabilitation policy for the youth who want to give up militancy in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Defence Ministry is deliberating over the issue with the Home Ministry in New Delhi.

The Indian Army is pushing the youth who have taken to arms to surrender so that they can be rehabilitated properly in the society, said 15 Corps GOC Lieutenant General B.S. Raju during an interaction at the Chinar Corps headquarters here.

He said: "We will be doing more work

to ensure that more surrenders take place." The officer pointed out that it gives no pleasure to the forces to kill young boys who have picked up arms.

The men on the ground during counter-militancy operations risk their lives to convince these youth to shun their guns and surrender.

He also said that the government is working on a surrender and rehabilitation policy. The matter is currently deliberated between the Defence Ministry and the Home Ministry.

"There are a lot of issues involved," said Lieutenant General Raju, adding that he has directed those engaged in counter militancy operations ● P-02

## Evict Ex-Mantris, Babus From Govt Quarters In 2 Weeks: HC

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amid statement before it that Home department's comments were awaited, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has granted government two weeks more time to comply with its orders as regards eviction of former ministers, MLAs, retired, IAS Officers, MLCs and political persons who are still unauthorizedly residing in accommodation of the Estates Department, both at Jammu and Srinagar.

A bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey granted the time after senior Additional Advocate General B. A. Dar sought the same for filing the compliance report in terms of court's order on September 28.

"Learner Sr AAG sought and is granted permission to place on record the



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communication received by him from the Directorate of Estate Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, to justify non-filing of updated compliance and grant of further time to file the same."

Perusal of the communication, the court said, reveals that the Estate Department has taken up the matter with Home Department vide communication on 22 September 2020 and 3 October respectively. "The Estate Department is awaiting for the comments of Home Department, ● P-02

## India, Pak Troops Trade Fire In Jammu

JAMMU: India and Pakistani troops traded heavy gunfire along the International Border (IB) in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

The Pakistan Rangers violated ceasefire overnight by resorting to unprovoked firing on forward posts and villages along the IB in Kathua, they said.

The firing in the Pansar-Manyari area started around 9.15 PM Friday and continued through the night, forcing the residents to take shelter in the underground bunkers, the officials said.

They said BSF troops guarding the IB retaliated strongly. There was no report of any ● P-02

## 5 More Covid-19 Deaths In J&K, Toll 1373

SRINAGAR: At least five more people on Saturday succumbed to coronavirus infection in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, taking the number of Covid-19 deaths in the Union Territory to 1373.

While Kashmir valley reported one coronavirus death on Saturday, four others were confirmed by the officials from the Jammu division. The victim from ● P-02

## Lashkar's IED Expert Killed In Anantnag Gunfight: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A foreign militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba, who was an IED expert, was killed on Saturday in a firefight with government forces in Larnoo area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said.

Acting on a specific input about the presence of militants, army's 19 RR, police and the personnel of CRPF 164 battalion laid a siege around Larnoo area of the district and started a cordon and search operation, a police spokesperson here said.

During the search operation, he said the holed-up militant turned down surrender offer and fired towards the search team which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

In the ensuing encounter, one foreign militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter," the police spokesperson said.

He identified the killed militant as Nasir alias Shak Bhai. He said that the slain was an 'A' category militant and an IED expert affiliated with LeT.

"Incriminating materials including arms & ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe his complicity in other crimes," the police spokesperson said.

In this connection, he said a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Larnoo and investigation has been initiated.

"People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," the police spokesperson added.

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## Militant Associate Held In Pampore: Police

Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba over-ground worker from Pampore area of Pulwama district. Haris Shareef Rather of Zaffron Colony Pampore was involved in providing shelter, logistic and other support to the LeT militants besides assisting them in transporting arms & ammunition in Pampore, Kherw and Kakapora areas of the south Kashmir district, a police spokesperson said. "Incriminating material has been recovered from his ● P-02

## Fraudster Held After 12 Years In Jammu

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday arrested a man who was on the run for the last 12 years in a case related to preparation of multiple migrant relief cases for getting undue benefits, a spokesman of the investigation agency said.

Kanya Lal Mattas, originally hailing from central Kashmir's Budgam district, had gone underground about 12 years ago during trial of the FIR which was registered on a written complaint lodged by Deputy Commissioner Vigilance (Relief) against him in 1993, the spokesman said.

He said the sleuths of Crime Branch Jammu raided the hideout of the accused here ● P-02

## CANCER SOCIETY OF KASHMIR



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### Notice

All the founder & life members of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are informed that the election for the following honorary Office-Bearers of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are scheduled to be held on 02-NOV-2020 at the office of the society 4-Bagh-i-Islam Colony Lal Nagar, Chanapora Srinagar:-

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|----|-------------------|------|
| 1. | Chairman          | One. |
| 2. | Vice-Chairmen     | Two. |
| 3. | General Secretary | One. |
| 4. | Joint-Secretary   | One. |
| 5. | Treasurer         | One. |

### The Dates For Process Of Elections Have Been Fixed As Under:-

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| 1. | Filling of Nominations Papers                       | :- 14-10-2020 TO 20-10-2020 |
| 2. | Scrutiny of Nominations Papers                      | :- 22-10-2020.              |
| 3. | Last date for withdrawal of nominations             | :- 27-10-2020.              |
| 4. | Issue of Notification for final list of contestants | :- 28-10-2020.              |
| 5. | Date of Voting (From 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM)            | :- 02-11-2020.              |
| 6. | Counting of votes and declaration of results        | :- 02-11-2020.              |

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