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News Digest

Sarpanch, Others Booked For Fraud

Jammu: Police on Tuesday booked a sarpanch and a few others for allegedly misusing a revenue official's stamp in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said. He said the matter came to light that a sarpanch from Odharni panchayat allegedly made a fake stamp of the revenue official in Khawas area and prepared

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Lab Assistant Goes Missing In Pulwama

Srinagar: A laboratory assistant has gone missing from his home in Khrew area of Pampore in South Kashmir's Pulwama district, reports said Tuesday. Musaib Ahmed Bhat of Khrew, who works as laboratory assistant in government higher secondary school at Ladhoohas been missing from his home since Saturday morning, news agency KDC reported. Since Saturday, the report said there

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Women Injured In Bear Attack In Tral

Srinagar: A woman on Tuesday was attacked and injured by a bear in Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Fatima wife of Mushtaq Ahmad was working in her kitchen garden in Gang village of Tral on Tuesday afternoon when a bear appeared there and attacked her, officials said. The woman sustained serious injuries in the surprise bear attack and was removed by the locals to the nearby hospital for treatment. (KNS)

Three Arrested For IPL Betting In Kathua

Jammu: Three persons were arrested on Tuesday for allegedly betting on IPL cricket matches in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said. They said a manhunt has been launched for apprehending three more people involved in the matter. After receiving several complaints regarding involvement of some people in betting on IPL matches on the pretext of doubling their money, police constituted a team and raids were carried out in many hideouts,

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Biker Killed In Road Accident

Srinagar: A teenage motorcyclist was killed in a road mishap in Poonch district of Jammu division on Tuesday. 18-year-old Sadaqat Hussain of Kandi Galhutta was critically injured when his motorcycle (JK11-5771) skidded off the road near Jamia Masjid Ari on Tuesday, news agency KDC reported. The injured teen was immediately shifted to Sub District hospital Mendhar, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and have registered a case in this regard.

Campaigning For LAHDC Polls Ends

Leh: The campaigning for elections to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh ended on Tuesday evening. Despite the lurking threat due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the campaigning saw both the key parties -- the BJP and Congress -- which are contesting on all the 26 constituencies,

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5 Militants Killed In Twin South Kashmir Encounters

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Five Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in two separate encounters with the government forces in twin districts of Pulwama and Kulgam in south Kashmir, police said Tuesday.

Acting on a specific input about the presence of militants, army's 50 RR, police and the personnel of CRPF 183 battalion laid a siege around Hakripora area of Pulwama and launched a cordon and search operation, a police spokesperson said. The militants hiding in the village, he said opened fire upon the search team after rejecting the surrender offer.

The search team retaliated to the fire triggering off an encounter. In the exchange of fire, three militants were killed and their bodies retrieved from the site of encounter," the police spokesperson said.

He claimed that the killed militants were involved in Monday's attack in Pulwama in which a CRPF man was injured.

"The identification of the militants is being ascertained. However as per the reliable sources



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Nacro Militancy Case NIA Files Charge-Sheet Against 10 Accused On 14000 Pages

The NIA on Tuesday filed a charge sheet against 10 people, including slain Hizbul Mujahideen commander Riyaz Ahmed Naikoo, for their alleged involvement in smuggling heroin into the country and channelising

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and technical input they were affiliated with LeT," he added.

The police spokesperson claimed to have recovered incriminating materials including arms and ammunition from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials, he said have been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in other crimes.

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China Asks India To Return Detained Soldier

BEIJING: The Chinese military has expressed hope that its missing soldier apprehended by the Indian Army in Eastern Ladakh will be released soon.

A Chinese soldier was apprehended by the Indian Army in the Demchok sector of Eastern Ladakh on Monday after he had "strayed" across the Line of Actual Control (LAC), an incident that comes amid a massive deployment of troops by the two militaries in the region following the border standoff since May.

The Indian Army said in a statement on Monday that the soldier, a Corporal in the Chinese People's Liberation

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CJ Inaugurates First Ever 'Family Court' In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: In a first in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Gita Mittal on Tuesday inaugurated a family court here in this capital city.

Addressing the inaugural function, Chief Justice observed that the objective of establishing family court in J&K is to ensure speedy justice and inexpensive relief in family matters with least formalities, an official spokesperson said.

The Chief Justice, he said highlighted background about the history of establishing of family courts across India and the enactment of Family Courts Act 1984 and its

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Govt Forms Panels To Draw Roadmap For DDC Polls

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday constituted an apex level and two divisional committees to draw the road map for the conduct of district development council elections in the Union Territory.

In an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), the 'terms of reference' of the Apex committee will be to draw a road map and detailed schedule for conduct of Elections to the district development councils across the Union Territory on the basis of inputs from the divisional committees and upon assessment of the ground level situation taking into consideration various requirements including security logistics, personnel, equipment etc.

As per the order, the apex level committee will have Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department as the Chairman and Director General of Police J&K, Ad-

280 Proposed Constituencies Of DDCs Notified

Days after the Government of India amended "The Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act-1989" for establishing elected district development councils (DDCs), the authorities have notified 280 proposed constituencies of DDCs in the Union Territory. The delimitation

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ditional Director General of Police (CID) and Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, representative of Transport Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary as members, while Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj will be the member Secretary

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THE DIVISIONAL LEVEL COMMITTEE(S) for Kashmir will have Divisional Commissioner Kashmir as the Chairman, Inspector General of Police Kashmir as the Member, Director Rural Development Kashmir as the Member-Secretary and any other member as co-opted by the Committee,"

Panchayati Raj Amendments Divide AJKPC leaders

The rift within All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), a premier body of elected panchayat representatives, came to light on Tuesday with its chairman and president making different statements on the recent amendments in the Panchayati Raj Act.

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Sealing Offices 'Part Of Abnormality Being Enforced On Kashmir Media': KEG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Editors Guild (KEG) has regretted the sealing of the Kashmir Times by the Estates Department. The quarter that was allotted to the newspaper was the office of the Jammu based newspaper's Kashmir bureau since the early 1990s.

The Guild believes that the government should have followed the due process of law.

"In recent days, this is the second instance in which a media organisation was ar-



bitarily ousted from duly allotted

Parties Slam Move, Journalists Protest

Political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday reacted sharply to the sealing of the office of 'Kashmir Times' here by authorities, while a group of about dozen journalists offered their services for free as a mark of solidarity with the newspaper.

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8 More Coronavirus Deaths In J&K, Toll 1399

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least eight more people died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 1399.

While Kashmir valley reported five more Covid-19 deaths on Tuesday, the remaining three were confirmed by the officials

50 Travelers Among 589 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday 589 new cases of coronavirus, including fifty travelers, taking the total number of people infected by the virus across the Union

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from Jammu division. SKIMS Soura, thirteen days after she was admitted to the hospital. They said a 90-year-old woman from Moomin Abad Batmaloo

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End 'Arbitrary' Detention Of Mirwaiz: MMU To Govt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU), an amalgam of religious groups on Tuesday urged the state authorities to immediately release Hurriyat Conference (M) Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq saying that his continued detention is in violation of fundamental rights.

In a statement issued here, an MMU spokesperson expressed strong resentment over the continuous and arbitrary house arrest of its head and Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, and urged the authorities again to release the incarcerated Hurriyat Chairman and allow him to resume his religious and social activities -



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especially as the holy month of Rabiul Awal has commenced, in which many religious gatherings are led by him.

Mirwaiz, the MMU spokesperson said is an institution indigenous to the state and revered by one and all living here. He said it was extremely sad that the pulpit of Jama Masjid has been made to fall silent for the last 15 months because Mirwaiz has not been allowed to deliver sermon, like his predecessors

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BJP Worker 'Abuses, Threatens' Medical Officer Over Missed Call

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) worker on Tuesday allegedly abused and threatened a senior medical officer after he didn't attend his phone call due to his engagement in government held programme.

The BJP worker identified as Ali Mohammad barged into the office of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Budgam Dr Tajamul Hussain and allegedly abused and threatened him for not picking up his phone call, news agency KDC reported. CMO Budgam was attending 'My Town My Pride' programme



when the BJP worker had made a phone call on his number.

"BJP worker along with his PSO's barged into my office, abused and threatened me of dire consequence just for a pity reason for not picking up his phone call. He might have killed me if there were not my other colleagues around," Hussain said. Station House Officer

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A Unique Initiative by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Block Diwas

on every Wednesday

at Locations Specified Below
Speedy disposal of public grievances on spot at grassroots level.

All are invited to participate

Shri Manoj Sinha
Lieutenant Governor

District wise Locations for Block Diwas

01 Kupwara > Kupwara > Handwara > Lolab > Tangdhar	02 Bandipora > Bandipora > Bankoot > Aloosa > Sumbal	03 Shopian > Shopian > Zainapora	04 Pulwama > Pulwama > Pampore > Tral	05 Kulgam > Kulgam > Davsar > D.H. Pora
06 Srinagar > Harwan > Khunmoh > Panzinar	07 Ganderbal > Ganderbal > Kangan > Lar	08 Anantnag > Anantnag > Bijbehara > Pahalgam > Kokernag > Dooru	09 Budgam > Budgam > Beerwah > Khansahib > Chadoora	10 Baramulla > Baramulla > Sopore > Pattan > Tangmarg > Uri

DC, SSP & District Level Officers to remain available by turn at every Location every Wednesday. All Departmental functionaries to remain available for resolving grievances.

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