

News *Digest*

Man Lodged In **Anantnag Jail Dies**

Srinagar- A 45-year-old man from Kulgam district of south Kashmir lodged in a jail in Anantnag district has died, official sources said on Monday. They said that quadragenarian identified as Shahzad Ahmed Wani of Shalipora area in Kulgam was lodged in district Jail in Anantnag. He was arrested under provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act last year. Medical Superintendent GMC Anantnag Dr Iqbal Sofi said that Wani was brought dead and later postmortem was done, reported news agency GNS. Block Medical Officer • P-02

Party Revokes Bhim Singh's Expulsion

Jammu: Days after his expulsion from the post of chief patron after meeting the leaders of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) here, the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) on Monday revoked the exclusion of its founder Bhim Singh terming his visit purely as "personal". The JKNPP on Saturday had removed Singh from the post, saying "there is no place in the party for those who disrespect Jammu region's sentiment". Singh had attended the meeting of the PAG at the • P-02

Army Major Found Dead In Rajouri

Jammu- An army Major died with bullet injury in his head in Rajouri district of Jammu, officials said on Monday. Police says that the death of the officer identified as Major VineetGullia, company commander of army's 38RR post at DherakiGali (DKG) is mysterious, reported news agency GNS. SDPO ThanamandiSajid Khan said that proceedings under 174 CrPC have been launched in connection with the death. SSP RajouriChandanKohli said that a police team has reached the spot and is investigating the matter. A police official said that suicide was a possibility and the police proceedings encompass all angles.

Four More Covid-19 **Deaths In Ladakh**

Leh: Ladakh has reported four more coronavirus-related fatali-

J&K On Sale, Residents **Feeling Suffocated:** Mehbooba Mufti

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Describing the Centre's move to nullify Article 370 and bifurcate J&K into two Union Territories last year as "desecration of the Constitution", PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday alleged that the BJP had put the erstwhile state on sale to "loot its resources" and deprive the locals of the protection to their land and jobs.

Mehbooba, who is also the former chief minister, said they will continue the fight under the banner of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) for the restoration of the special status to Jammu and Kashmir, which was guaranteed by the Constitution.

"The people in Jammu are more upset and I feel the situation here is worse than in Kashmir. They were misled to believe that Article 370 and Article 35A is a benefit to Kashmiri Muslims and its abrogation will pave the

Durbar Offices Reopen In Jammu

JAMMU: The Civil Secretariat, the seat of the Jammu and Kashmir administration, reopened in Jammu on Monday as part of the biannual 'Durbar Move' after functioning in Srinagar during the summer season.

The nearly 150-year-old practice was started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872 to escape the summer heat of Jammu and the cold winters in Srinagar.

Tight security arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth functioning of the civil secretariat and other move offices, including the Raj Bhavan and the police headquarters in Jammu, officials said. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha arrived at the **P-02**



PDP President Mehbooba Mufti addressing media in Jammu on Monday.

O BJP Converted J&K Into 'Testing Lab': NC

he National Conference (NC) on Monday accused the BJP of converting Jammu and Kashmir into a testing laboratory of "injudicious and ill-considered policies" and plunging the entire region into "chaos and • P-02

way for flowing of streams of reporters here at the end of her milk, setting up of industries five-day visit to Jammu -- her and jobs for the youth. Today, first after being released from they are disappointed," she told 14 months detention **PAGE 02**

Will Hold Tricolour And J&K Flag Together Militancy On Rise Under BJP Rule **G**BJP to meet same electoral fate as Trump'



Now Melania To Dump Trump

WASHINGTON: Outgoing US President Donald Trump has lost the big election. But is he about to lose his wife too? Well, at least a former aide has claimed so. Stephanie Wolkoff has claimed that Melania and Donald Trump had a 'transactional marriage' and that the Trumps had separate bedrooms in the White House, according to a report in the Daily Mail. Wolkoff said that Melania was also negotiating a post-nuptial agreement to give the couple's son Barron an equal share of the Trump fortune.

Springing in a shocking claim, fellow ex-aide Omarosa Manigault Newman said the couple's 15 year marriage was over, adding that "Melania is counting every minute until he is out of office and she can divorce". "If Melania were to try to pull the ultimate humiliation and leave while he's in office, he would find a way to punish her," she further said.

Donald Trump has five children from three wives, and ten grandchildren.

According to the report, Trump's prenup agreement with second wife Marla Maples prevents her from publishing any book or giving interviews • P-02

Coronavirus Claims 9 More Lives In J&K

Jawahar Nagar, a 70-year-old man

from Bota Kadal, an 85-year-old

woman from Lal Bazaar, a 70-year-

old man from Syedpora, a 61-year-

The two other victims from the Val-

With these deaths, the fatal-

ity count has reached 1545

ley were residents of Baramulla and

381 deaths tops the list

Baramulla (149), Budgam

(94), Pulwama (83), Kupwara

Kupwara districts of north Kashmir.

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least nine people, six among them from this capital city succumbed to coronavirus old man from Gogji Bagh and a infection on Monday, taking the 55-year-old man from Natipora. number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to 1545. Kashmir Valley reported

eight more Covid-19 related In J&K—1025 in Valley and 520 in the Jammu region. Srinagar district deaths, while a middle- 🚚 aged man succumbed to the virus in Arnia area of Jammu district, official said Monday.

followed by Jammu (270), In Valley, officials said six out of the eight victims (75) Anantnag (76) Rajouri (48) were residents of Srinagar city, in**460 New Cases Take Tally Closer** To 1L Mark oronavirus cases in

Jammu and Kashmir on Monday inched closer to one lakh mark as the Union Territory reported 460 new cases, including 34 travelers, a CRPF man and two minors. Kashmir valley reported 307 fresh cases of coronavirus while the remaining • P-02

(48), Shopian (35), Ganderbal (35), Udhampur (32), Kathua (33), Samba (25) Poonch (23) Ramban (18) Kisht-

J&K Govt Puts Brakes On Bar Polls

Asked To Clarify Stand On Kashmir's Status

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SRINAGAR: The administration on Monday issued three notices to the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association asking it to clarify its position on terming Kashmir a disputed territory and prohibiting it from holding elections, besides imposing prohibitory orders in premises of the district court complex.

Srinagar District Magistrate Shahid Igbal Choudhury issued the notices to the president of the bar association, asking them to explain the constitution of the bar which terms Kashmir a disputed area.

Citing Kashmir Bar's constitution which states among its objectives "to find ways and means, take steps, for resolving the issues concerning the public at large including larger issue of peaceful settlement of Kashmir dispute..."

"You are required to explain in serious allegations were levelled your position on the subject since and concerns raised **PAGE 02**

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the Constitution of India whereby Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the country and not a dispute, and also in conflict with The Advocates Act of 1961...'

SPECIAL STATUS REVOCATION **PC Moves Apex Court For Early Hearing Of Petitions**



KO Web Desk

SRINAGAR: The J&K People's

Conference said on Monday

that it has filed a plea in the

Supreme Court seeking early

hearing on batch of petitions

challenging Centre's August 5

move, even as People's Alliance

for Gupkar Declaration has also

raised a similar demand.

a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 and reorganisation of J&K," the party tweeted on its official handle. The party said it has made out a very strong prima facie case and the issues raised are under consideration of a Constitution Bench of the apex court.

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Act of 1961 ... " the notice issued by

submit a certificate issued by the

competent authority, its Article of

Association, its registered office,

executive body and validity of reg-

magistrate had also received repre-

sentation from advocates of the Jam-

mu and Kashmir High Court where-

The notice said that the district

istration among other details.

The bar has also been asked to

the deputy commissioner said.

The party statement further said that notwithstanding the fact that a final hearing on these petitions against abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and abrogation of the state Constitution, and notwithstanding the prevailing coronavirus pandemic conditions

ties and 19 new cases, taking the number of deaths due to the infection in the Union Territory to 84 and the caseload to 6.809. a bulletin said on Monday. With 66 more patients cured of the contagion, the number of active cases in the region stands at 765 -- 655 in Leh district and 110 in Kargil district, the bulletin released by directorate of health services, UT Ladakh, read. It said three patients • P-02

Youth Held Over Shrine Theft

Srinagar: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested a youth involved in burglaryat famous Dastageer Sahib Shrinehere in September this year. In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that on September 13, police station Khanyar received an information from Intizamya Committee of the Zeyarat Sharief Dastgeer Sahib Khanyar that during intervening night of September 12/13 some unknown thief /thieves have entered the shrine and broke • P-02

cluding a 95-year-old woman from Kulgam (48), Bandipora(47), Doda war(15), and Reasi(8). (With GNS inputs)

"I&K People's Confe moves SC, seeks early hearing of "sweeping changes" >> PAGE 02

DDC Polls Will Be Fought On Party Symbols: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

KATHUA : People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) chairperson Farooq Abdullah on Monday said candidates of the amalgam's constituents will fight the District Development Council (DDC) polls in Jammu and Kashmir on their own party symbols.

Seven mainstream political parties of Jammu and Kashmir, including the National Conference (NC), the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the CPI(M), had last month formed the PAGD to fight for restoration of special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP-led Centre on August 5

last year had abrogated the erstwhile state's special status and bi-

Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. "The PAGD had decided that we all fight the DDC elections together but a single symbol cannot be granted so we will fight the elections on our party symbols and put up joint candidates of all parties," senior NC leader Abdullah told reporters at Lakhanpur here. Members of the alliance at a meeting in Jammu on Saturday had announced that they would unitedly fight the upcoming DDC elections in the Union Territory.

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Elections to DDCs will be held in eight phases from December 1 to December 24, according to a notification issued by the State Election Commission. Asked about his reaction >> PAGE 02

3 Former PDP Leaders Join Cong

JAMMU: Three senior PDP leaders, who recently resigned from the party over remarks of its president Mehbooba Mufti on the tricolour, joined the Congress on Monday, ahead of the District Development Council (DDC) polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Former MP Tarlok Singh Bajwa, ex-MLC Ved Mahajan and former PDP state secretary Hussain Ali Waffa resigned from the party last month.

They joined the Congress in the presence of the party's incharge for Jammu and Kashmir affairs Rajni Patil, All India Congress Committee secretarv Sudhir Sharma • P-02

Machil Operation On To Rule Out Presence Of Militants: BSF

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The BSF on Monday said the operation along the LoC in north Kashmir's Machil sector, in which four forces personnel and three militants were killed on Sunday, was on to rule out the presence of other militants in the area.

Three Army personnel, including an officer, a BSF constable and three militants were killed along the Line of Control (LoC) in Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

"The operation is still on. The area comprises a tough terrain and uneven ground. To rule out the presence of any other militant, a sanitisation operation is on in the area. We will satisfy ourselves that no militant is there," Additional Direc-



Soldier carrying coffin of their colleague who was killed in Macchil gunfight on Sunday.

Force (BSF) Surinder Pawar said.

tor General of the Border Security the sidelines of the wreath-laying ceremony of Constable Sudir Sarkar He was speaking to reporters on at the BSF STC, Humhama »PAGE 02

MeT Predicts Two-Day Wet Spell In Valley From Saturday

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The weather department on Monday predicted heavy snow and rainfall in higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir for two days from Saturday, causing disruption in air and surface traffic and cut off Valley from rest of the world.

Deputy Director Meteorological said that there is possibility of light to moderate snow and rainfall in plains of Jammu and Kashmir from November 14-15.

He added that the higher reaches of I&K would also receive heavy rain of this weather system, widespread or snowfall in between the two days from the intervening night of 13-14 November.

er conditions would start improving 13 (night) and thereafter **PAGE 02**

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from November 15 late evening, but the weather would remain cloudy on November 16 as well.

Meanwhile, the MeT also issued an advisory in which it stated that the weather conditions from November 14 may lead to temporary disruption of air and surface transportation in the Union Territory.

"An active Western Disturbance department (MeT), Mukhtar Ahmad is most likely to affect the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and adjoining areas from 13 (evening) to 15 (late night) November 2020," it said.

It added that under the influence moderate rain/snow is expected in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions. Light rains and snow would com-Ahmad also stated that the weath- mence at a few places of Kashmir on

FOCUS Hiden's K-Bidding: Will There Be Change In Himalayan Discourse?

Auqib Javeed

ast time when Donald Trump's predecessor Barack Obama made a vocal entry in White House, the lingering Himalayan dispute looked set for settlement.

But years later, as the strife still hangs like a Damocles' sword over the region, the likes of Riyaz Malik. a noted journalist in Srinagar, have only grown weary of Uncle Sam's political will to put the South

Asia's 'nuke trigger' to rest. "Just like his predecessor, Trump's successor Joe Biden can't make any drastic changes in US's Biden can strike some balance in South Asia policy," Malik, who the troubled relationship between



edits the reputed Urdu daily of Sri-India and Pakistan-the two-nukearmoured neighbours currently at nagar, Kashmir Uzma, said, But yes, the scribe continued, loggerheads—by pushing them for talks on Kashmir

"While I don't see major changes

happening in Kashmir, Biden can tain style of politics". restore some confidence in this region by encouraging Indo-Pak dialogue," the editor said.

During Biden's tenure, Malik believes, Kashmiris will be eagerly batting for the 'improved' Indo-Pak relations for ending the ongoing tensions in their homeland. Even Pakistan seems counting

on its "friend"-whom they bestowed with the second-highest civilian honour, 'Hilal-e-Pakistan', n 2008.

While Islamabad enjoys cordial relations with Biden, an old diplomat, the country reportedly faced troubles with Donald Trump due steps to restore rights for all the to the corporate honcho's "uncer-

Biden's Kashmir Say In Joe Biden's advent as 46th president of the United States, many not only see a 'sense of normalcy' in the polarized world order, but also shift

in the Kashmir discourse. Only in June this year, Biden had criticized New Delhi's move to revoke special status of Jammu and Kashmir on 5 August 2019.

He compared the plight of Muslims in Kashmir with that of Rohingyas in Bangladesh and Uyghur Muslims in China.

"In Kashmir, the Indian government should take all necessary people of Kashmir," Biden >> PAGE 02