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TWITTER ALLOWS USERS TO DIRECTLY SHARE TWEETS ON SNAPCHAT

Twitter has made it possible for its users to now share their tweets directly on Snapchat. Till date, one had to take a screenshot of the tweet ...

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PANORAMA

Children of divorce do a little bit worse on educational attainment, have slightly more behaviour problems, and are slightly more likely to suffer from anxiety and depression.



CHILDREN OF DIVORCE:

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OBSEVER OUTPOST

DOCTORS OF AIIMS, OTHER HOSPITALS JOIN IMA CALL FOR PROTEST WITH BLACK RIBBONS

The IMA has given a call for withdrawal of non-essential and non-COVID services ...



Wisdom

Quote!

"It doesn't matter where you are coming from. All that matters is where you are going."
—Brian Tracy

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DIGEST

Grenade Lobbed On CRPF Camp In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Militants on Friday lobbed a grenade on a CRPF camp in Noor-bagh area of the city, police said.
No loss of human life or injury has been reported in the incident. The mili-tants lobbed the grenade on the camp at 6:40 am. The grenade exploded outside the camp, killing a stray dog, a police official said.

Cop Injured In Road Accident Dies

SRINAGAR: A policeman, who was injured on Wednesday in a road accident in Bijbehara area of Anantnag district, succumbed to his injuries at a hospital here on Friday.
Head Constable Joginder Singh died at the SK institute of medical sciences here on Friday morning after battling with life for two days, a police official said. Singh, he said, was injured when he lost control over his car (JK14D-1905) at Tulkhara area of Bijbe-hara on Wednesday. [➡ More On P2](#)

Burglars Make Bid To Loot Bank

SRINAGAR: Burglars made an abortive bid to loot Jammu and Kashmir bank's branch in Kalam-abad Mawar Handwara area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Friday.
A police officer said the bur-glars entered the Bank during the intervening night of December 11 and 12 as is evident from the broken window of the branch, reported news agency GNS. [➡ More On P2](#)

Hideout Busted In Shopian

SRINAGAR: The government forces busted a hideout in a forest area in south Kashmir's Shopian district, reports said Friday.
Special operation group (SOG) of police and army's 62 Rashtriya Rifles in a joint search opera-tion busted a militant hideout in the upper forest belt of Herpora in Shopian, news agency KNT reported Friday. [➡ More On P2](#)

Winter Vacations In Schools From Dec 21

SRINAGAR: The authorities on Friday ordered winter vacation in all the Government Educational Institu-tions including recognized Private Schools upto Higher Secondary Level functioning in the Kashmir Division and winter zone of Jammu Division from December 21 till February 28.
"It is hereby ordered that all the Government Educational Institutions including recognized Private Schools upto Higher Secondary Level functioning in the Kashmir Division and winter zone of Jammu Division shall [➡ More On P2](#)

Leh-Jammu Flight Operations Resume

JAMMU: Flight operations between Leh and Jammu, capital cities of union territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, have resumed after remaining suspended for months due to the coronavirus pan-demic, officials said on Friday.
The Ministry of Civil Aviation had suspended domestic passenger flights across the country in March this year to restrict travel and check the spread of the virus.
Paying heed to a request by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), the Ministry of Civil Aviation resumed Air India flight [➡ More On P2](#)



J&K REPORTS 11 MORE DEATHS

FULL STORY ON [➡ P2](#)

A HEALTH WORKER

collects swab samples from a woman for Covid-19 test, at TRC Srinagar on Friday. —KO Photo: Abid Bhat

Wet Weather In J&K Till Saturday: MeT Dept

SRINAGAR: Gulmarg and Pahalgam were the only places in Kashmir which recorded sub-zero night temperatures on Friday, even as the MeT office predicted moderate rains or snowfall over the higher reaches of the Union Territory from tonight.
The minimum tempera-ture across Kashmir, except in Gulmarg in the north and Pahalgam in the south, stayed above the freezing point on Friday, officials said.
They said the mercury in Gulmarg settled at a low of minus 5.2 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius. [➡ More On P2](#)

CBI Submits Action Taken Report In HC

PROCESS OF HEARING REVIEW PETITIONS INITIATED


JAMMU: The CBI on Friday sub-mitted its Action Taken Report (ATR) in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on the progress in cases registered to probe alleged irregularities in the Roshni Act as the process of hearing review petitions from various individuals was initiated.
CBI counsel Monika Kohli sub-mitted the status report in a sealed cover before the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Sanjay Dhar.
The Jammu and Kashmir ad-ministration had approached the high court with an urgent hearing motion for preponement of the date in the Roshni Act which was scrapped by the court on October 9 by an order and was also de-

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clared "illegal, unconstitutional and unsustainable". The court had also asked the CBI to probe the al-lotment of the land under this law.
During the physical hearing, the counsel handed over the ATR in a sealed cover after the court took note of the progress of the investi-gation carried out by the CBI so far.
Kohli also sought court's direc-tions to all individuals seeking review of the October 9 case for providing copies of their petition.
The CBI has so far registered nine FIRs, known as Regular Cases (RC) in agency's parlance, so far in its Jammu and Srinagar branches, besides four Preliminary Enquiries (PEs) to probe the allotment.
The CBI has booked former Jammu and Kashmir minister Taj Mohiuddin in connection with al-leged illegal regularisation of en-croached forest land in his name under the Roshni Act. The case also names Mohammeda Ramzan Thakur, former deputy com-missioner Shopian, Mohammed Yousuf Zargar, the [➡ More On P2](#)

'Power Supply To Improve In Baramulla, Kupwara'

AUGMENTATION OF DELINA GRID TO BE COMPLETED BY JAN 31: KANSAL



KUPWARA: The power scenario in north Kashmir's twin districts of Baramulla and Kupwara will improve significantly with the augmentation of Delina Grid Station from existing 160 MVA to 320 MVA from next month, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to Government, Power Development Department said Friday.
Chairing a review meeting here, Kansal, as per an official spokesperson said that the aug-mentation of the capacity of Grid station at Delina Baramulla will be completed within [➡ More On P2](#)

NC Worker Shot At In Pulwama, Hospitalized

SRINAGAR: Unidentified gun-men on Friday shot at and injured a worker of National Conference (NC) in Wasura village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.
Mushtaq Ahmad Dar was fired upon by unknown gunmen near his house in Wasura village on Friday evening, reports said. Dar, who recieved gunshot injury in his leg was removed to the District hospital Pulwama for treatment. However, the doctors there, referred him to Srinagar for advanced treatment.
According to the reports, Dar was an NC worker and had acted as a polling agent of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) backed National Conference candidate Mukhtar Ahmad Bandh in [➡ More On P2](#)

Kashmiri Students Shocked As Jamia Announces Online Exams

4G Ban Extended In J&K Till Dec 25

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday extended ban on the high-speed 3G and 4G internet services in all but two districts of J&K till De-cember 25.
The internet speed is re-stricted to 2G only in Jam-mu and Kashmir except in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur.
Referring to recent snap-ping of internet services during polls, the govern-ment said that it was done due to [➡ More On P2](#)

Athar Arshid Lone, who is pursuing a Masters in Political Science, hails from DangiWacha area of Baramulla district said that amid a ban on high-speed internet facility, "the people are not able to open the mail here and how is it possible for them (students) to appear in the examinations."
He said there are almost 200 students across Jammu and Kashmir, who are going to appear in the examinations at JMI.
"Our association has sent a written letter to the CEO and Vice-chancellor but they didn't pay any heed to it," he said, adding that the students who want the varsity should hold open book examinations like JNU and Delhi University. "We don't want any special favour from the varsity, but our only request [➡ More On P2](#)

'Why Am I Anxious': Inside 'Hope Sessions' Of Kashmiri Troika-I

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n a frosty fall day in Kashmir, a tired voice full of anguish and concern started speaking hesitantly through the earphones.
"I have tried my level best to reason with my parents," it said as others play captive audience.
"My cousins tell me I am being dis-respectful. But is it disrespectful to not allow myself to be defined by how everyone else wants to define me? Is my worth defined by my productivity in school or in a job? I feel so useless, so utterly useless. I don't know what

to do. I'm so tired. I have slipped into depression. I barely eat. I barely sleep. I don't know what I'm saying. I'm sorry."

The listeners were silent. Some, even shocked. The tale of woes etched in this speaker's life was sordid and sad. How could they have endured this by themselves all along? How were they living day by day with this con-stant pain and worry?
It was unfathomable.
But faintly understandable.

For this was the reality of living in the strife-stricken valley. On top of the dominated lives, the speaker and the listeners had to bear the brunt of silent societal oppression that suffocated their dreams and led them to a path of eventual surrender and imposed mediocrity.
Another day, another cold night. Another cross to bear.
The line went quiet for a few sec-onds before the speakers left the Zoom

“ We as Kashmiris need to learn how to give a helping hand, how to be kind to oneself and to others”

