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News Digest

CRPF Man Dies Of Cardiac Arrest

Srinagar: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personal on Saturday died of cardiac arrest in Sopore town of Baramulla district. Head Constable Kuldeep Singh of CRPF 215 battalion was performing his duty at the ITI Rohama when he suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed on the ground, news agency KNS reported Saturday. Singh, the report said, was taken to 177 battalion headquarter at Sopore and later to Srinagar for advanced treatment. **PIO**

5 Held For Looting Banihal Shops

Banihal: Five people have been arrested for allegedly looting over a dozen of shops in Jammu and Kashmir's Banihal town, police said on Saturday. The group of thieves committed the crime on Thursday night, sparking protests by the locals. Acting swiftly, police arrested five gang members, including their leader, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Haseeb-ur-Rehman told reporters. He said the thieves were **PIO**

Police Claims Arrest Of Five OGWs

Srinagar: Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested five alleged over-ground workers (OGWs) of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Sopore town of Baramulla district. Acting on specific human, technical inputs, police and other security forces arrested five OGWs of Lashkar outfit along with incriminating materials, a police spokesperson said Saturday. He identified the alleged militant associates as Khursheed Ahmad Lone, Bashir Ahmad Zargar. **PIO**



A BOATMAN CLEANING his Shikara inside the snow-covered Dal Lake on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Fresh Snowfall Blocks Highway, Dips Mercury

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Parts of Kashmir Valley on Saturday received fresh snowfall leading to the closure of strategic Srinagar-Jammu highway, disrupting flight operations and leading to a drop in minimum temperature, officials said.

The fresh snowfall began early in the morning, they said.

The valley had received snowfall for four consecutive days earlier in the week, draping everything in white.

The officials said Srinagar recorded four inches of snow till 8.30 am. In south Kashmir, Kulgam recorded five inches of snow, An-

antnag three, Shopian three and Pulwama four. Bandipora, in the north, received two inches of snow and central Kashmir's Budgam and Ganderbal districts recorded three inches each, the officials said.

There were no reports of snowfall at the famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, and Pahalgam tourist resort in the south, the officials added.

Some other areas in the valley received rainfall, they said.

The Met Office had forecast very light rains or snowfall at isolated places in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, even as it had said there was no forecast of any **PAGE 10**

Air Traffic Disrupted At Srinagar Airport

Air traffic to and from Kashmir was affected on Saturday as several flights were cancelled due to fresh snowfall in Srinagar and other parts of the Valley, officials said. They said snow accumulated on the runway of the Srinagar airport which hampered the **PIO**

J&K Logs 2 More Corona Deaths, 122 Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Saturday two more deaths due to coronavirus, while 122 fresh cases of infection, including two United Kingdom (UK) returnees were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

Both the victims, officials said, were from Jammu division—a man from Ploura area of the winter capital of J&K and woman from Gandya area of Kathua. With their deaths, the total fatality count since the outbreak of virus in J&K has reached 1909.

Meanwhile, 122 fresh cases of coronavirus were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours, including two people from Srinagar, who have recently returned from UK.

Giving a district wise break-up, the officials said Srinagar reported 25, Baramulla 8, Budgam 5, Kupwara 7, Pulwama 6, **PIO**

Samples Of UK Returnees Sent To Delhi For Genome Sequencing

SRINAGAR: Two people with travel history to the United Kingdom and Italy have tested positive for Covid-19 infection prompting the officials to send their samples to New Delhi for Genome Sequencing.

Nodal Officer for Covid-19 at JLN, Dr. Bilquees Shah told Kashmir Observer Saturday that two suspected men with travel history to UK were brought to hospital on Saturday with one of them confirmed coronavirus positive.

"One of them was found Covid-19 positive, while his co-traveller tested negative for **PIO**

Army Captures Chinese Soldier In Ladakh

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: In a second such incident in nearly three months, a Chinese soldier was apprehended by the Indian Army at the southern bank of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh on Friday morning after he transgressed across the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), official sources said on Saturday.

The capture of the soldier comes amid a massive deployment of troops by the Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in eastern Ladakh in view of the tense border standoff that erupted following a clash between the two sides in the Pangong lake area in early May.

The PLA soldier had transgressed into the Indian side of

the LAC and was taken into custody by Indian troops deployed in the area, the sources said.

The Chinese soldier is being dealt with as per laid down procedures and the circumstances under which he had crossed the LAC are being investigated, they added.

"The PLA soldier had transgressed across the LAC and was taken into custody by Indian troops deployed in this area.

Troops from either side are deployed along the LAC since friction erupted last year due to unprecedented mobilisation and forward concentration by Chinese troops," said a source.

Indian troops had captured Corporal Wang Ya Long of the PLA on October 19 last year after he "strayed" across the LAC in the Demchok sector **PAGE 10**

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...FISSURES IN PAGD

Imran Questions Lone's Decision To Stay In Alliance

'Sajad Sahib You Have To Be Ready To Answer Questions That We All Have'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference General Secretary Imran Raza Ansari Saturday accused the leadership of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) of fielding proxy candidates in

recently held DDC elections and asked his party chief Sajad Gani Lone to go for introspection for trusting PAGD.

Imran Ansari in a letter to Sajad Lone wrote: "I am writing to you in reference to the recent statements made by **PAGE 10**

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