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ADMIN ORGANISES COVID VACCINATION CAMP FOR TRADERS AT SMHS

The Divisional Administration in collaboration with the Department of Industries and Commerce Kashmir Tuesday organised a daylong supplementary Covid-19 vaccination...

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IN THE THROES OF OVERLOOKED PARVO VIRUS

India is in the throes of a terrible viral epidemic. Much worse than the Bird Flu, much worse than swine flu. It has 91% mortality and, while it is mainly dogs, it can spread to cats of all kinds as well and...



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A YEAR OF DISRUPTIONS: HOW INDIAN SPORTS ADAPTED TO COVID CONUNDRUM

The fans have largely gone missing, the training protocols have undergone a sea change and bio-bubbles have become the new normal despite the growing...



Widom Quote!

You not only are hunted by others, you unknowingly hunt yourself.
—Dejan Stojanovic

NEWS DIGEST

Trooper Hangs Self To Death

SRINAGAR: An Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) trooper on Tuesday ended his life by hanging himself to death in Zewan area of the city outskirts. Constable Ajeet Kumar allegedly committed suicide at the ITBP sector headquarters in Zewan area of the city outskirts on Tuesday, official sources said. They said police have registered **More On P10**

CASO Launched In Budgam

SRINAGAR: Government forces on Tuesday launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) in two villages of central Kashmir's Budgam district. According to reports, special operations group (SOG) of police and army's 53 RR laid a cordon around twin villages of Wani Mohalla and Lala Mohalla- Yarikhah on Tuesday evening and launched a search operation. The joint team, reports **More On P10**

Mild Intensity Quake Jolts Ladakh

SRINAGAR: A mild intensity earthquake on Tuesday jolted parts of the newly carved Union Territory of Ladakh. The 3.0 magnitude earthquake occurred at 11:27 am Tuesday with its epicentre latitude 33.64 north and longitude 76.28 east, official sources said. The depth of the earthquake, they said, was 10 kilometres. No loss of life or property has been reported, the sources added.

Cop Killed In Car Crash

SRINAGAR: A policeman on Tuesday died after a car he was on board met with an accident in Doda district of Jammu division. 35-year-old Constable Arjad Husain died after a Maruti Car (PB-35L-3419) he was travelling in, rolled down at 'Pul' Doda area on Tuesday morning, officials said. Meanwhile, a police official has confirmed the death of the constable and said that they are gathering further details about the accident.

Shooting Stone Kills Youth

SRINAGAR: A youth on Tuesday was killed after being hit by a shooting stone in Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. 20-year-old Amir Chaneeza was hit by a shooting stone in Murchana Reyala area of Karnah on Tuesday leaving him on spot dead, reports said. The youth was a resident of remote Ibokote village that witnesses frequent landslides and shooting stones triggered by heavy snowfall and incessant rains. **More On P10**

Ready To 'Bury Hatchet' With India For Peace: Pakistan



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NEW DELHI: On the occasion of Pakistan Day, Islamabad expressed its desire for good neighbourly relations and said it wanted to settle all disputes, including Kashmir, through dialogues. "I would like to emphasise that peace and stability in this region are essential for the development of all the countries. Pakistan would like to have good neighbourly relations with all its neighbours especially India for durable peace and stability," acting Pakistan High Commissioner

in India Aftab Hasan Khan said while speaking during an event organised the mark Pakistan Day.

"It is essential that we solve all bilateral issues with negotiations through dialogues especially the issue of Jammu and Kashmir," Khan told ANI news agency.

It is important that New Delhi and Islamabad work towards eliminating poverty and illiteracy, he said. "It would only be possible if there is peace. For peace to prevail, issues must be resolved through dialogue." Khan's remarks **More On P10**

Qureshi, Jaishankar Likely To Meet In Tajikistan

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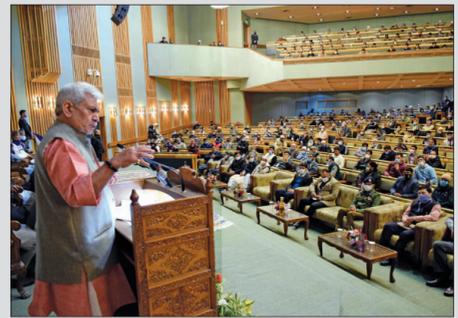
ISLAMABAD: Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi will travel to Tajikistan later in the month to participate in the 'Heart of Asia' conference, which is expected to be attended by his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, sparking speculation of a possible meeting between the two amidst peace overtures from the Pakistani Army, according **More On P10**

Hurriyat Backs Indo-Pak Peace Initiatives

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SRINAGAR: The moderate Hurriyat Conference faction led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Tuesday said it was ready to extend full support to all initiatives between India and Pakistan that aim at bringing peace in the subcontinent. In a statement issued here, the Hurriyat faction said the agreement between India **More On P10**

LG Seeks Help In Curbing Radicalization, Drug Abuse



'We Need To Counter Radicalization Through Sufi Tradition'
Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Maintaining that the violence has no place in any civilized society and peaceful co-existence is the best means to resolve problems, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called upon religious and spiritual heads, besides families and community influencers in

Jammu and Kashmir to counter-radicalization process being made from across the border to incite communal hatred in the society.

Speaking at the conference titled "Confluence of Religious Leaders in Kashmir" at the SKICC here on Tuesday which witnessed a participation of around 550 Moulvis & Muftis, as many as 200 women and 200 youth, the LG appreciated the efforts being made to discuss the role of religious leaders **More On P10**

THERE IS A NEED FOR ISLAMIC SCHOLARS to formulate a policy and a process by which a helpless person, who is exposed to a violent ideology, is prevented from getting radicalised."

AIIMS At Awantipora Sees Only 3% Physical Progress, Samba 10%

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SRINAGAR: More than two years and two months after cabinet approval, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in south Kashmir's Awantipora area has seen only 3% progress in construction work.

The AIIMS was approved by the cabinet chaired by Prime Minister of India on 10 January 2019 at an estimated cost of Rs 1828 crore. On the same date, the AIIMS at Vijaypur in Samba was also approved. The progress of construction work at Samba is 10%, said Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in a written reply in Rajya Sabha.

22 new AIIMS including two in J&K have been approved under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and six of them at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are already functional.

The apparent abysmal progress in construction works can be compared with the AIIMS at Bilaspur, **More On P10**



Snowfall In Higher Reaches Of Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg and some other areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Tuesday, while the plains were lashed by rains, officials said.

Gulmarg, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, recorded over six inches of fresh snowfall last night, they said. The officials said intermittent

snowfall continued at the resort on Tuesday as well.

Other areas in the higher reaches of the valley, including Sonamarg, in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, and Pahalgam, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, also received fresh snowfall, they said. The officials said the plains in the valley, including the summer capital Srinagar, were lashed by rains, causing waterlogging in many areas. **More On P10**

300 Vehicles Stranded On Highway

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Tuesday following snowfall in Jawahar Tunnel area and multiple landslides between Banihal and Chanderkote, officials said. Over 300 vehicles have been **More On P10**

INDUS COMMISSIONERS MEET

Pak Objects Designs Of Hydro Projects In J&K



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NEW DELHI: Pakistan raised objections to the designs of Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai hydropower plants in Jammu and Kashmir and sought more information on the projects in Ladakh sanctioned after the abrogation of Article 370 as the Indus Commissioners of the two countries met here on Tuesday, sources said.

On its part, India justified its stand on the designs.

The Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project (1,000 MW) is proposed on the Marusudar river, a tributary of the Chenab river, in Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir. The Lower Kalnai project is proposed in Kishtwar and Doda districts.

The two sides also discussed a host of other issues under the Indus Waters **More On P10**

BCCI To Manage Cricket In J&K, Ladakh For Now: HC

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SRINAGAR: The J&K High Court on Tuesday discontinued Court Appointed Administrators (CAA) and the CEO of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) while as it asked the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to manage affairs of the game in the J&K and Ladakh till the elections of JKCA are completed.

In a 40-page judgment, a bench of Justices Ali Mohammad Magrey and Puneet Gupta also directed the BCCI to see if the newly drafted Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations by Court Appointed

Administrators (CAA) were in tune with the Lodha Committee recommendations or need amendments.

In 2017, the court's single bench has appointed Justice C. K. Prasad, former judge of the Supreme Court, and Justice Syed Rafat Alam, former Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh and Allahabad High Courts, as Administrators of the J&K Cricket Association. The CAA was tasked to ensure free and fair elections of JKCA as well as amend rules of the J&K Cricket Association in conformity with the recommendations made by the Lodha Committee. Later, on December 6, a Division Bench of the Court while upholding **More On P10**

Centre Extends Covid-19 Guidelines Till April End As Cases Rise

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SRINAGAR: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Tuesday issued an order with guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 spread, which will be effective from April 1, 2021, and remain in force up to April 30, 2021.

The main focus of the guidelines is to consolidate the substantial gains achieved in containing the spread of COVID-19, which was visible in the sustained decline in the number of active

cases, continuously for about five months.

Keeping in view a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases, which is being witnessed in some parts of the country, the guidelines mandate the State/UT governments to strictly enforce the Test-Track-Treat protocol in all parts of the country; ensure observance of COVID appropriate behaviour by everyone; and, to scale up the vaccination drive, to cover all the target groups, **More On P10**

J&K Logs 157 New Cases, 2 Deaths

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The COVID-19 tally in Jammu and Kashmir rose to 1,28,679 on Tuesday with 157 fresh cases, including 41 travellers, even as two new fatalities due to the virus were reported in the past 24 hours, officials said. Out of the fresh cases, 52 were reported from the Jammu division and 105 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, they said. The officials said Srinagar district **More On P10**

Ensure Zero Deaths Due To Human Negligence: Kansal To PDD



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Calling for strict adherence to safety manuals, the Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Rohit Kansal said Tuesday that that individual and system safety is of utmost importance

and focused attentions is to be accorded to ensure that there is zero accident; zero death due to any kind of human negligence.

Chairing a high level meeting here to review the performance of power sector in Jammu and Kashmir and **More On P10**