

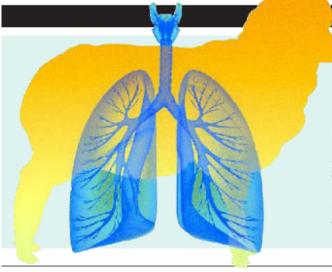


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JAPAN TO GROW HUMAN ORGANS IN ANIMALS

Scientists in Japan will begin trying to grow human organs in animals after receiving permission for the first study of its kind.



IN SEARCH OF AN OTTOMAN KASHMIRI

Shaikh Abdul Rasul, a religious scholar, businessman and adventurer from Srinagar, was born around 1845 and died in Cairo in 1915.

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JULY HOTTEST IN RECORDED

World Meteorological Organization has said that the planet has endured what may have been the hottest July in history.



Wisdom Quote!

The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.

-- William S. Burroughs

News In Brief

JKB Posts Rs 21.87 Cr Profit For Q1

SRINAGAR: Continuing with its profit-making momentum, J&K Bank posted a net profit of Rs 21.87 Cr for the quarter ended June (Q1) 2019. The bank announced its reviewed financial results for the first quarter of current FY following the approval of its Board of Directors at a meeting held here at its corporate headquarters. The bank's operating profit for Q1 increased to Rs 410.85 Cr as against Rs 349.73 Cr recorded during the corresponding period of the previous year. | **FULL REPORT INSIDE**

Machail Yatra' Also Suspended

JAMMU: A day after Amarnath Yatra was curtailed by the Jammu and Kashmir government, the 'Machail Yatra' in Kishtwar district has also been suspended. "Machail Yatra to Goddess Durga shrine in Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir has been suspended," said Angrez Singh Rana, District Commissioner, Kishtwar. Thousands of people visit the shrine every year. | **More On P8**

Airlines Told To Rein In Soaring Fares

NEW DELHI/ SRINAGAR: The Civil Aviation Ministry on Saturday advised airlines to keep fares from Srinagar in check as Amarnath pilgrims and tourists prepared to leave the Kashmir Valley, a day after the J&K administration asked them to curtail their stay due to security threats. According to Airports Authority of India (AAI), 6,126 passengers reported at the Srinagar International Airport on Saturday to travel out of the valley. | **MORE ON P5**

Man Held For Rape, Murder Of Minor

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday arrested a 30-year-old man for the rape and murder of a minor girl in Hayatpora area of Beerwah in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The girl's body was recovered in Hayatpora in the morning after she was abducted late on Friday from a brick kiln, where her parents are working as labourers. Her body was found in a rivulet flowing adjacent to the shed where the family from Uttar Pradesh was putting up. According to the family, the girl went | **MORE ON P5**

Sadna Top: Man Killed In Mysterious Blast

SRINAGAR: A 45-year old man died in a mysterious blast near Sadna Top in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday morning.

Reports said that the man namely Shabir Ahmad Khan (45) of Kona Gabra Karnah suffered critical injuries when some explosives went off near Sadna. Khan was immediately taken to nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead on arrival, they said.

A police officer also confirmed the incident and said police has taken cognizance of the incident.

"A case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigations taken up," the officer said.

Meanwhile, Pakistani troops on Saturday allegedly violated ceasefire by resorting to mortar shelling and small arms firing on forward posts and villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district. The firing from across the border started in Mendhar sector around 8:15 pm, prompting a strong and effective retaliation by the Indian Army, he said.

Kashmir On Tenterhooks



ESCPAE TO SAFETY! On Saturday scenes like this were witnessed all across tourist spots of Kashmir- KO Photo Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: People on Saturday continued to queue up outside petrol pumps and stock up essentials, brushing off govern-

ment's clarification and request not to interpret Friday's order, asking Amarnath yatrists and tourists to leave Kashmir, in any manner that there is any threat to the residents of

Jammu and Kashmir.

Eyewitnesses said that at least one hour before opening of business hours in the morning, people had started queuing up outside. | **More On P8**

Neither Trifurcation Nor Article 35A Issue This Time: Guv

Observer News service

SRINAGAR: Governor Satya Pal Malik on Saturday said fears regarding state's special status and trifurcation talk were misplaced and nothing of sort was imminently happening as per his opinion.

"As we keep on discussing with leadership in New Delhi, nothing has come to fore that something is imminently happening," Malik said in an interview here.

"Regarding talks about the doing away of the two Articles (35A and 370) or trifurcation of the state (statehood for Jammu and Ladakh union territories), all these things would come from Parliament. It cannot happen in jiffy. First it would come in public domain. There would be discussion first and then it would be passed by the. | **More On P8**

Want Statement In Parliament Not From Governor: Omar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Saturday said Governor S P Malik has assured his party that no moves are planned

on repealing articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution, or the state's trifurcation.

However, the former J&K chief minister said he wants an assurance on these issues from the Centre. | **More On P8**

Cong Apprehends 'Misadventure', Demands PM's Statement



NEW DELHI: Condemning the government's decision to curtail the Amarnath Yatra, the Congress on Saturday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi make a statement in Parliament on the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir

and expressed apprehensions about a "misadventure" by the Union Home Ministry.

The Congress sought a reply from the prime minister, a day after the Jammu. | **More On P8**

Desist From Any 'Political Adventurism': CPI(M)

NEW DELHI: The CPI(M) said on Saturday that the government should desist from any "political adventurism" in Jammu and Kashmir that will have grave consequences for the country and demanded explanation on steps being taken in the state. The party's politburo in a statement said the "unprecedented" cancellation of the Amarnath Yatra has heightened tensions and anxieties among the people of the state. | **MORE ON P5**

NIT Suspends Class Work

SRINAGAR: A day after the authorities at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) campus in Srinagar ordered the suspension of classes till further orders, the non-local students left premises on

Saturday morning. Meanwhile the Srinagar administration said it wants to put on record that the reason cited for suspending classwork in its notice is a case of. | **More On P8**

Policemen Not Asked To Deposit Weapons: Khan



SRINAGAR: Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, Muneer Ahmad Khan Saturday dismissed the rumours that J&K policemen were being asked to deposit their weapons asserting that strict action will be taken against such rumour mongers. The tweet on social media in which it has been mentioned that J&K policemen are being asked to deposit their weapons and CRPF and army were taking control of police stations is a criminal rumour, he added.

Strict action will. | **More On P8**

Miffed Tourists, Yatrists Start Leaving Kashmir

SRINAGAR: Tourists and Amarnath pilgrims left Kashmir Valley on Saturday in the wake of J&K authorities issuing an advisory, asking them to cut short their stay citing security threats.

An official at Srinagar Airport said Indian Air Force flights were pressed into service "as per requirement".

Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department sent buses on Friday, immediately after the advisory was issued, to different tourist destinations to bring the tourists back to Srinagar, director, Tourism Kashmir, Nissar Wani, said here. He said about 20,000-22,000 tourists were in Kashmir on Friday.

"While most of them have reached Srinagar or have left the Valley, some of them are still staying. Few tourists had gone trekking in Pahalgam

area and have not yet returned to their bases. Once they return, we will tell them to leave," Wani told PTI on Saturday.

"We sent buses to Gulmarg, Pahalgam and other spots to bring the tourists to Srinagar and facilitate them in leaving the Valley. This went on till late into the night and I was myself monitoring the situation," he said.

Wani said the tourists were lodged in different hotels in the summer capital for the night and were taken to airport early in the morning. "They were adjusted in the regular flights which usually do not see full bookings during this time of the year. About 300 of them were flown in Indian Air Force planes as well," he said.

All officials at various tourist destinations. | **More On P8**

UK, Germany, Singapore Issue Advisory Against Travel To J&K

NEW DELHI: UK, Germany and Singapore issued travel advisory "strongly" discouraging their citizens from travelling to Jammu and Kashmir due to the recent security alert in the state and asked those staying in the Kashmir Valley or along the Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage route to leave the state.

"Travel to Kashmir is strongly discouraged," Germany said. "In the state of Jammu and Kashmir bomb attacks have been carried out in recent decades and also recently, which claimed many lives."

"Individual actions directed against foreigners, including abductions, cannot be ruled out in the entire region. Part curfews were imposed," the advisory added. Travel to the Kashmir area, including Srinagar. | **More On P8**

Army: Foiled BAT Action, 5-7 Militants Killed In Keran



Press trust of India

SRINAGAR: Army has claimed to have foiled an attack by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) on a forward post along the Line of Control (LoC) in Keran sector of north Kashmir, killing at least "five to seven" intruders.

The BAT generally comprises special forces personnel of the Pakistani Army and militants.

"A BAT attempt was made on one of the forward posts in Keran sector (in Kupwara district) and foiled by alert troops resulting in neutralising of five to seven Pak. | **More On P8**

LoC Situation Linked to Afghan Peace Process: Qureshi

Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has linked the ongoing Afghan peace process with the situation at the Line of Control (LoC) saying the action taken by the Indian Army is a "distraction".

Speaking to a Pak media channel, he said, "On one hand the Afghan peace process is going through a critical stage, US Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad has. | **More On P8**

2 Militants, Soldier Among 4 Killed As Shopian Gunfight Ends

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: More than 50-hour long gunfight between militants and government forces ended in Shopian district of south Kashmir on Saturday, claiming two militants, a soldier and non-local labourer.

The encounter ensued on the intervening night of August 1 and 2 at Ittoo Mohalla Pandushan village and ended on Saturday afternoon with the killing of a militant Manzoor Ahmad Bhat of Wachi Zainapora.

Yesterday a militant identified as Zeenat-ul-Islam Naikoo of Memmander Shopian, a soldier Sepoy Rambir and the non-local

Labourer Mohammad Mozim (25) son of Mohammad Akthar Mansore, a resident of village Chunnai, Chhatapur of Supaul district in Bihar, were killed. "Two weapons including one AK 47 and one SLR rifle were also recovered by the forces from the slain duo militants," police said.

A police officer said that investigations are underway to ascertain the circumstances under which Mozim was killed.

However, eyewitness said that the non-local's body was lying in the area and was not retrieved by the government forces as they withdrew from the area. Later after about half an hour, police again arrived and. | **More On P8**

2 Militants Killed, Soldier Injured In Sopore

Two militants of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were killed and a soldier was injured in an encounter with government forces at Warpora area of Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Reports said that a joint team of army's 22 RR, SOG and CRPF launched a cordon at Malamapanpora, Warpora in Sopore. A police spokesman in a statement said that the cordon was laid following credible inputs. "During the search operation, the hiding militants fired on the search party. The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter". | **More On P8**

'Ghost' Of Maqbool Butt, Afzal Guru Haunts Tihar Inmates: Report

NEW DELHI: Ghost of Maqbool Butt, and Afzal Guru, the two Kashmiris who were hanged in Tihar Jail, haunts Tihar jail inmates, according to a report published by India Today.

Maqbool, the founder of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), was hanged in 1984, while Afzal Guru, was hanged in 2013.

According to the report, officials at India's largest complex of prisons are having sleepless nights these days as they face an unusually difficult challenge -convincing a section of inmates that there are no ghosts in this world! Every day, some Tihar inmates claim encountering spirits, Mail Today has learned from multiple reliable sources.

"Some say they are slapped for doing something that's bad. Others feel haunted by late-night wails. When they are able to sleep, they claim to have com-



mon, eerie nightmares," said an official. Worried prison authorities are holding puja, counseling sessions and medical check-ups and supplying religious scriptures to inmates who need to be calmed, sources have said.

"In the morning, some inmates complain of severe headache or nausea, allegedly after a horrifying night. Keeping our personal views aside, we send them for medical check-ups on the premises itself for medicines to be prescribed. At times, when the medical supervisor finds it necessary, inmates are inmates are also sent to the nearby. | **More On P8**