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**US SENATE TO BEGIN IMPEACHMENT TRIAL AGAINST TRUMP ON JAN 21** The US Senate is likely to begin the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump on January 21 after the House of Representatives last month

impeached him for pressuring Ukraine.



LESS STRESS MAKES YOU LIVE LONGER

n 2011, author Dan Buettner had come across an extraordinary story when updating his book The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer. "Blue Zones" are areas of the world where Buettner noticed that people seem to live an unusually long time. One was the Greek island of Ikaria.....

08/Life & Times.....

**EASY WAYS TO BRIGHTEN ROOMS IN WINTER** 

When home designer and builder Marnie Oursler talks with clients about building their dream homes along the Delaware coast, their No. 1 request is having bright spaces with lots of natural light...



## **News** Digest

#### **PDD Line Man Electrocuted In Devsar**

Srinagar: A need base employee working with Power Development Department was electrocuted to death on Tuesday, while attempting to restore a fallen supply line in Deveser area of Kulgam district.

According to CNS, a casual lineman, working with namely Faroog Ahmed Ganai S/O Abdul Khaliq Ganai R/0 Shouth, Suttan village in Devsar area of Kulgamdistrict was electrocuted, when he touched a live HT wire, while repairing a fallen line in his native area on Tuesday morning, resulting in his on spot death. • P10

#### **Avalanches: LG Grieved Over Loss Of Lives**

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu has expressed grief over the loss of precious lives due to snow avalanches at various parts of the Union Territory of Jammu and

In his message, the Lt Governor has prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved families in their hour of grief.

The Lt Governor directed the administration to provide best medical treatment to the injured persons and wished speedy recovery to them.

#### Srinagar-Jammu **Highway Remains Closed**

Srinagar: Road connectivity between Srinagar and Jammu suffered yet another day of closure on Tuesday, even after having been opened for one way traffic from Srinagar towards Jammu on Monday morning for a brief period, before being closed again shortly owning to heavy snowfall in Banihal area and fresh landslides at several places in Ramban district. According to CNS, despite putting heavy amount of men and machinery into service to remove the impediments from the highway, authorities were unable to make it motor-able till reports last came in. (Full Report on P3)

### **Development: Chibber**

JAMMU: JK Bank Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD), RK Chibber today said that the JK bank is a strong institution and it is showing progress in every sphere of banking.

He termed the bank a very successful enterprise which is doing its business professionally. "The bank is improving the statistics of its balance sheet and in next guarter it will have good result to show to its stakeholders," he said in a statement here today. The chairman said that the swiftness in growth of bank has • P10

#### **Kerala Moves SC Challenging CAA**

New Delhi - The CPI(M)-led Kerala became the first state to challenge the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 in the Supreme Court and sought that it be declared as violative of the basic structure -- principle of equality, freedom and secularism. The Kerala Assembly was also the first in the country to pass a resolution against the Act. The CAA, which was notified on January 10, grants Indian citizenship to non-Muslim minorities -- Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian -- who migrated • P10

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## **Back to Back Avalanches** Wreak Havoc, Bury 10 Alive

North Kashmir Worst Hit; Highways Blocked, City Roads Submerged

**OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE** 

SRINAGAR: More than 38 hours of heavy snowfall and incessant rains wreaked havoc in many parts of Kashmir Valley with North Kashmir bearing the maximum brunt. Here two back to back avalanches left at least ten people dead and caused extensive damage.

The series of avalanches were triggered by heavy snowfall in the region in the last 48 hours. Civilian volunteers and police rescuers saved many lives. However, several others

Heavy snowfall triggered two back to back avalanches in Gagangeer-Kulan area of → PAGE 10

#### **Avalanches Claims 67 Lives** in Pak Kashmir

At least 67 people were killed and others were missing after avalanches in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir over the last 24 hours, senior government officials said on Tuesday. Pakistani officials P10



A FAMILY PUSHES THEIR AUTO RICKSHAW On A Slippery City Street Tuesday. Most Of The City Roads Remained Blocked For The Second Day- Pic Abid Bhat

#### No Respite for Residents As Met Office Predicts More Snow

A Ithough Tuesday morning greeted valley people with a pleasant sunshine, but the overnight open skies water pipes, while roads turned slippery. Meanwhile in upper reaches of Kulgam district, including QaziGund and Jawahar Tunnel area there was not let up in the snowfall throughout the day on Tuesday.  $\,$  Srinagar received eight to ten inches of snow, where the day long snowfall without a let up created a havoc on roads as vehicles became difficult for the drives to control, resulting in huge traffic jams in the evening. Many com muters were forced to abandon their vehicle and walk the distance on foot, as the roads became slippery despite continuous removal of snow from roads by the workers. Even as men and machinery was visible ir many areas this time to deal with the situation, but despite their efforts much of the city remained •

**Reclaiming Pakistan-Controlled Kashmir** 

## **MOS Defence Backs Army Chief's Statement**

NEW DELHI: Relations between India and Pakistan have traditionally been tense over competing claims to parts of the Kashmir since both nations gained independence from British colonial rule in 1947. Indian parliament passed a resolution in 1994 staking a claim over the whole of Kashmir.

Minister of State for Defence on Tuesday backed a recent statement by the country's Army Chief saying the armed forces would take steps to Pakistan-controlled Kashmir if it received orders from the government to do so.

ShripadNaik supported Chief of Army Staff General Manoj MukundNaravane's first statement to the media after assuming charge of his office on 31 December 2019.

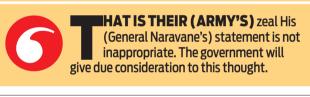
"That is their (army's) zeal. His (General Naravane's) statement is not inappropriate. The government will give due consideration to this thought," the ANI news agency quoted Minister Naik as saying.

General Naravane had said

that Indian security forces were ready to take appropriate action to gain control over the Pakistani side of Kashmir. His statement came five months after India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said he expected India to gain physical control over the Pakistan-administered part of the Kashmir region one day.

'There is a parliamentary resolution that the entirety of Jammu and Kashmir is a part of India. If Parliament wants it, then that area (Pakistan administered Kashmir) also should belong to us. When we get orders to that effect, we'll take appropriate action," General Naravane told media in New Delhi on 11 January.

"The Line of Control (LoC), the military-controlled >PAGE 10



## No Lawyer to Defend 'Free Kashmir' Girl

**OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Mysore Bar Association has decided not to argue for NaliniBalakumar, an alumna of the University of Mysore, who was seen holding the 'Free Kashmir' placard during a protest recently.

Advocate Prithvi..who was ready to represent Nalini in the case has also now decided not to take up her case extending his support to the association, a UNI report said.

Protests were held at the Uni-



draw notice to the internet shutdown in Kashmir Valley. versity of Mysore to condemn The Police had registered suothe attack on JNU students. motu case in connection with Nalini was holding a placard displaying the placard »PAGE 10

# DySP Had Taken Militants To Jammu Last Year for 'Rest, Recuperation'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**SRINAGAR:** Suspended Deputy Superintendent of J&K Police Devinder Singh had ferried Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Naveed Babu to Jammu last year also and facilitated his return to Shopian after "rest and recuperation", officials interrogating him said here Tuesday.

"Meri matimaarigayithi (I must have lost my mind to do what I did)," an interrogator with his theory of catching a big terrorist.

Singh was arrested last Saturday along with Naveed Ba- Rs 12 lakh for smuggling the questioning Singh, said there



quoted Singh as saying after bualias Babar Azam, a resident the DSP failed to impress them of Nazneenpora in South Kash- ing them accommodation for a in his statements and everymir's Shopian district, and his associate Asif Ahmad.

Only A Pawn? Cong **Hints At 'Bigger Conspiracy'** der Singh, a senior police officer arrested for ferrying militants. in the Parliament and Pulwama attacks and asked if he was "only a pawn" in a "bigger conspiracy". "Who is Devinder Singh? What's his role in 2001 Parliament Attack? What's his role in Pulwama Attack, where he was Dy SP DR? (sic)," Congress's chief spokesperson RandeepSurjewala said in a tweet. "Was he carrying Hizbul terrorists on his own or is he only a pawn, as master • P10

couple of months, officials said.

He is believed to have taken spending considerable time fessions of captured militants

two to Chandigarh for provid- have been many inconsistencies thing was being crosschecked The officials, who have been and corroborated with the con-

who have been >PAGE 1

### Calls For Internet Freedom in Kashmir Grow Louder in US

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**WASHINGTON:** The situation in Kashmir violates human rights, a US Congresswoman has said, as she joined as cosponsors to a resolution urging India to end restrictions communications and mass detentions in the newly-created Union Territory.

The resolution No 745 that was introduced in the House of Representatives last year by Indian-American Congresswoman PramilaJayapal



now has 36 cosponsors, of whom two are Republicans and 34 from the opposition Democratic Party.

"The situation in Kashmir

sands have been detained unjustly & millions are without access to the internet & telephones," Congresswoman Debbie Dingell said in a tweet Monday night.

"That's why I signed onto House Resolution 745 so the US can let the world know we will not stand by while these violations happen," she said. Dingell represents 12th Congressional District of Michigan.

The Congressional resolution violates human rights. Thou- is currently before **>>PAGE 10** 

## **Sentry Kills 2CISF Jawans In Udhampur**

UDHAMPUR: Two Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel were killed and another critically injured on Tuesday when a sentry allegedly opened fire inside a camp here, a police official said.

The incident took place at Sui village, five km from Udhampur district headquarters, he said. Quoting preliminary informa-

tion, he said the jawan • P10

## **Indian Havaldar Slips In Snow** At Gulmarg, Reaches Pakistan

The Aggrieved Family Has Demanded The Government For His Safe And Early Return From Pakistan To His Homeland.

Rajendra Singh Negi's family was left in tears after he allegedly slipped in the snow at Kashmir's famed ski resort of Gulmarg dur-

ing duty and reached Pakistan. On January 8, Negi's wife Rajeshwari received a phone call from his unit, which said that Negi was missing. It was

later found that he had slipped

Srinagar: Indian Army Havaldar- crossed the India-Pakistan border in Kashmir, ANI news agency reported.

The aggrieved family has demanded the government for his safe and early return from Pakistan to his homeland.

According to Army sources, the search and rescue operation of Negi was underway and all attempts were being made in the snow and accidentally to bring him back »PAGE 10

#### 'We Cringed in Fear Whole Night'

## **US Troops Describe Terror of Iran Missile Attack**

of fear. No one in the world should ever have to feel something like that.

Al-Asad Air Base, Iraq (CNN): Akeem Ferguson was in a bunker when his team received the bone-chilling radio transmission: Six Iranian ballistic missiles

were headed in their direction. The concrete slab they had taken cover under offered little protection from projectiles that US troops in Iraq were being attacked with. ▶PAGE 10



Chenab Rail Bridge to Withstand 40 Kg-TNT blast, Intensity 8 Quake

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KAURI (REASI): The Chenab Bridge, the world's highest rail viaduct linking Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country by rail route, is designed to withstand 40 kg of TNT blast and earthquake of magnitude eight on Richter Scale, said a Konkan Railway's top engineer on Tuesday. The upcoming "next man-made wonder", → PAGE 10



