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News Digest

DG CRPF Calls On LG

Jammu: Dr. A P Maheshwari, Director General, CRPF on Thursday met Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu and discussed about the prevailing security situation and various other issues relating to the overall security environment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The DG and the LG also discussed about the current security deployment and their interface with public, an official spokesperson said. Murmu advised close surveillance on all fronts to meet the security challenges and ensuring safety and security of the people.

Lashkar Associate Arrested From Pulwama: Police

Srinagar: An associate of Lashkar-e-Toiba militants was arrested from Awantipora area of Pulwama district in Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Thursday. "Police arrested a militant associate of proscribed outfit LeT in Awantipora," a police spokesman said. He has been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Dar alias Maheed resident of Dangerpora-Padgam-pora in Pulwama district, the spokesman said. "As per police records he has been assisting the active militants of proscribed outfit LeT operating in the areas" P10

Avalanche Warning Issued In Higher Reaches

Srinagar: Authorities have issued fresh avalanche warning in higher reaches following heavy to very heavy snowfall in Kashmir valley, where six soldiers and five civilians were killed during the past 72 hours. About 100 houses and other structures were damaged due to snowfall during the period in the valley, where a number of Water Supply Schemes (WSS) were also badly affected. Officials said that in view of P10

Restrictions In Doda On Hizb Militant's Funeral

Jammu: The district administration on Thursday imposed restrictions under section 144 in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir amid fears of protests against the killing of a Hizbul Mujahideen militant. "We were apprehending unrest after Wednesday's encounter in which one HM militant was killed, so section 144 was imposed as a precautionary measure," Deputy Commissioner Sagar Doifode here said. The police and Army had in a joint operation on Wednesday P10

Girl Found Alive Under Pak Avalanche

Islamabad: A 12-year-old girl has miraculously survived after remaining buried for 18-hours after a massive avalanche hit her house in Pakistan-administered Kashmir's Neelum Valley, officials said. Samina Bibi lived with her family in a three-storey house in Neelum Valley when the building was hit by an avalanche and got engulfed by snow on Tuesday. She was found alive during the rescue operation by the P10

\$453 Bn Investor Cuts India Exposure On CAA, Kashmir

NEW DELHI: The Western Asset Management Co is reducing its Indian government bond holdings on concerns over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the Jammu and Kashmir region clouding the economic outlook.

The \$453 billion investor, an affiliate of Legg Mason Inc, is diverting some of its funds into longer-dated Malaysian and Chinese debt, according to Desmond Soon, head of investment management for Asia ex-Japan, according to reports. It has an "overweight" position in India bonds.

The fund's view is that the protests over the controversial CAA may have temporarily taken the government's attention away from economic reforms. "It certainly distracts Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government from making the necessary economic policy and



reforms to focus on the economy," Soon told Bloomberg, adding: "We are in the process of reducing India somewhat." Foreign holdings in Indian sovereign bonds have slipped to their lowest in three years, the report said. The initial market euphoria from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's re-election last year is wearing thin as economic growth stutters and a policy making it harder for Muslim migrants to get citizenship stirs protests. Foreign holdings of Indian sovereign debt have dropped to near a three-month low, Bloomberg said in the report. (IANS)

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Admin Pumps Rs 4 Crore To Strengthen Power Infra

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SRINAGAR: The Srinagar administration Thursday released Rs 4 crore to the Power Development Department for strengthening power distribution network in various areas of the district.

The funding was released for creation of new sub-stations and augmentation of existing ones at various places across the district, an official spokesperson said.

"The new sub-stations which include a total number of 30 are being set up at an aggregate cost of over Rs 2 crore. Most of these also include setting up of HT and LT networks," he added.

The funding has been provided under the Special Area Development Programme of Government of India.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary said that in addition to creation of new sub-stations the existing infrastructure of divisional workshops of electric divisions 1st and 4th are also being upgraded. "The upgradation of these P10

Heaviest Snowfall In 40 Years Paralyzes Life In Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Life remained affected for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday due to fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours in Srinagar, heaviest after 40 years.

"Snowfall during the past 24 hours was heaviest after 40 years in summer capital, Srinagar," officials said on Thursday. This was the first winter

in Srinagar after Jammu and Kashmir became Union Territory (UT) in August. Very less people and vehicles could be seen on the roads today, when entire city was under a carpet of snow. Srinagar had turned white due to fresh over one foot of snowfall as people woke up on Thursday morning. Roof of houses and vehicles and treetops besides roads and open field P10

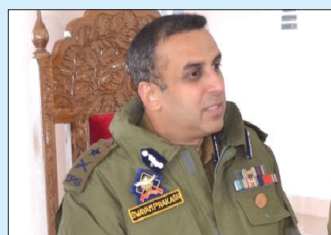
Soldier Killed, Many Injured In Drass Avalanche

A soldier was killed and several others injured on Thursday when a Avalanche hit an Army camp at Drass, the second coldest place in the world, in Union Territory Ladakh. A massive avalanche engulfed an Army camp at Mushkoo valley in Drass. Immediately, a search and rescue operation was launched to find the missing soldiers missing, official sources said. P10

7000 Vehicles Stranded On Banihal Highway

Fresh landslides have struck the Jammu-Srinagar Highway which remained closed for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday, leaving over 7000 vehicles stranded. Landslides have hit the highway at five places in Ramban district, a police officer said. On the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, P10

SP Pani Shifted To Cabinet Secretariat



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New Delhi: In a reshuffle in Jammu and Kashmir, Swayam Prakash Pani, IGP, Armed Kashmir has been appointed as Director in the Cabinet Secretariat on deputation basis for a period of four years.

According to an order by the J&K Home Department signed by Shaheen Kabra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Pani, IPS officer of J&K P10

CDS Wants India To Mimic US While Dealing With Terror

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NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat on Thursday pitched for strong global action against states sponsoring terrorism, saying there is a need to take the bull by its horns and strike at the root cause.

In an address at the Raisina Dialogue, Gen Rawat also said there is a need to take a hardline approach in dealing with terrorism, the way the US went after terror groups after the 9/11 terror attacks.

"As long as there are states which sponsor terrorism, we will have to live with the menace. We need to take the bull by its horns and strike at the root cause," he said in an oblique reference to Pakistan. "If we think war on terrorism is going to end, we are wrong,"



Gen Rawat said.

He said the countries which are sponsoring terrorism cannot be part of global fight against terror networks.

"You cannot have partners who are partnering global war on terrorism and yet sponsoring terrorism... There has to be diplomatic isolation of those sponsoring terrorism. Any country which is sponsoring terrorism has to be taken to task," he P10

Ministers' Mission Kashmir: 51 Visits To Jammu And Only 8 To Srinagar

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NEW DELHI: As per an idea that came to Union home minister Amit Shah, no less than 36 Union ministers will visit Jammu & Kashmir, including sensitive areas, in a week-long blitz starting January 18.

The purpose of the visits is to tell the people of Jammu & Kashmir that the effects of the August 5 curtailment of special status have been positive. People in both parts of the Union territory will be told of the development measures taken by the government for the good of the people.

While sources said both parts of the state, Hindu-majority Jammu and Muslim-majority Kashmir, will be visited

Why Send 36 'Propagandists' If Everything Normal: Cong

The Congress on Thursday slammed the government over its decision to send 36 Union ministers to Jammu and Kashmir and said if everything was "normal" there, what was the need to send "propagandists". A group of Union ministers will visit Jammu and Kashmir later this month to spread awareness about the positive impact of abrogation of Article 370 provisions P10

by the ministers, they added that there will be 51 visits to Jammu and only 8 to Srinagar, PTI reported.

The Union Home Ministry is coordinating the visits. Amit Shah's junior minister G Kishan Reddy has written to Jammu & Kashmir chief secretary B V R Subrahmanyam informing about him about the impending visits.

In his letter to Subrahman-

yam, Kishan Reddy said his boss Shah has desired that all members of the Union Council of Ministers visit Jammu & Kashmir to disseminate information about the Centre's policies for the development of the Union Territory and the steps taken by the government since the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state on August 5. The schedule for the P10

Police To Probe DySP Davinder's Links With Afzal Guru

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police has decided to probe whether there were any criminal links between arrested Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP), Davinder Singh and 2001 Parliament attack convict, Afzal Guru.

J&K Director General of Police (DGP), Dilbag Singh, told reporters that since Davinder Singh has been accused of being involved in nexus with the militants, his role in the Parliament attack conspiracy would

also be thoroughly probed.

"Nobody will be protected. Whosoever has disgraced his uniform and tried to tarnish the image of J&K Police will get the punishment he deserves.

"The role of Davinder Singh in the Parliament attack and his criminal links, if any, with Afzal Guru will be probed," Dilbag Singh said. In 2013, Parliament P10

Rahul Gandhi Questions PM Modi, HM's Silence

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on Jammu and Kashmir Deputy SP Davinder Singh, who was nabbed for harbouring militants, and asked who was providing the officer protection and why. He also sought to know Singh's role in the Pulwama attack and how many militants he helped, P10

Jaish Module Busted: Police

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday claimed to have busted a militant module by arresting five youth from this capital city.

Addressing a news conference here, DIG (central Kashmir) Vidhi Kumar Birdhi said that the group was involved in a couple of grenade attacks in Srinagar, including the January 8 attack at Habak crossing that left a civilian injured.

"The group was planning to carry out a big attack," said Birdhi, who was flanked by SSP Srinagar Dr Haseeb Mughal.

Birdhi said all of the five were active cadres of P10

India To Invite Pak PM To Attend SCO Summit

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NEW DELHI: Despite the acrimony between the two nations, India will invite Pakistan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit that is scheduled later this year, government said on Thursday.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Raveesh Kumar, said that "as per the established practice and procedure within SCO, all eight members, as well as 4 observer states and other inter-



national dialogue partners, will be invited to attend the meeting."

The SCO is an intergovernmental organisation founded in Shanghai on P10

Funding Case: Court To Hear Arguments From Mar 13

NEW DELHI: A special NIA court on March 13 will hold arguments on charges and conduct scrutiny of documents in the funding case against Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders Yasin Malik, Masarat Alam, Asiya Andrabi, Shabbir Shah and Rashid Engineer.

Malik and Andrabi were produced before special NIA judge Praveen Singh. While Shabbir Shah, Alam and Engineer were produced before the court through video conferencing. Alam is currently lodged in

Delhi's Mandoli Jail and the rest of the accused are lodged in Tihar Jail.

On October 4, the NIA filed a second supplementary chargesheet in the funding case under the new Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against J&K Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Malik, founder chief of the J&K Democratic Freedom Party Shah, Andrabi, All-Party Hurriyat Conference General Secretary Alam and former legislator Engineer. In its chargesheet the P10

Pak Fails To Garner Support On Kashmir At UNSC

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NEW DELHI: The UN Security Council (UNSC) on Wednesday held a close door discussion on the ongoing situation in Kashmir which remains under a communication lockdown since August 5, 2019 when New Delhi revoked its semi autonomous status.

It was the third time the UNSC discussed the Kashmir situation since the revocation of its special status.

Although the UNSC meeting on Wednesday took place



behind closed doors, Chinese Ambassador Zhang Jun spoke to journalists outside the chamber confirming that the P10

5 More Mainstream Politicians Set Free

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday released five politicians including three former legislators after keeping them in preventive detention for more than five months following abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Officials said the five mainstream politicians were released from preventive detention this afternoon.

The leaders who were released include Altaf Kaloo (ex-MLA National Conference), Showkat Ganaie (ex-MLC National Conference) and Nizamuddin Bhat (ex-MLC PDP).

Former mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation Salman Sagar (National Conference) and Mukhtar Bandh (PDP) were also released.

On December 30, five mainstream politicians, including two MLAs were released from detention by the P10