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HERE'S HOW WATCHING COOKING SHOWS  
MAY MOTIVATE KIDS TO EAT HEALTHY FOOD

Making a picky kid eat healthy food is a hell of a task. However, to make the task easier, a study suggests making kids watch more healthy cooking shows. ....



## 09 BUSINESS.....

**JK BANK Q3 NET DIPS 52PC TO RS 49CR AS SPECIAL STATEHOOD STATUS REVOCATION DISRUPTS CASH FLOWS**  
Jammu & Kashmir Bank on Friday said its standalone net profit fell by 52 to Rs 49.64 crore in the third quarter of 2019-20 as the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K impacted business activities and cash flows.....

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## AIZAWL SET TO BATTLE REAL KASHMIR

Hero I-League returns to the home of the "People's Club" – Aizawl FC as they take on the "Snow Leopards" – Real Kashmir FC in what could be seen as a match to revive their season campaigns. The match which will be played at .....



## News Digest

Canines injure  
4 in Kupwara

Srinagar: At least four people, including a minor girl on Friday were attacked and injured by stray dogs in the frontier district of Kupwara. According to reports, stray dogs attacked and injured four people, including a minor girl in Nuthnusa village of the district today. The injured identified as Saniya, 12, Mehreen, Muhammad Amir and Owais Pandith were rushed to Handwara District hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there referred Saniya and Mehreen to Srinagar hospital for advanced treatment.

Joshi To Take Over As  
GOC Northern Command

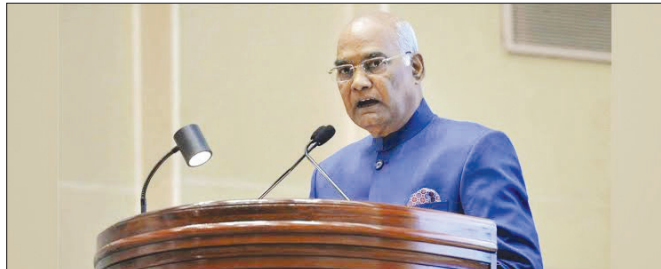
Jammu: Lieutenant General Yogesh Kumar Joshi, who is presently Chief of staff of the Northern Command, would be taking over as new Army Commander of strategically crucial Command at Udhampur on Saturday. Lt Gen Joshi would be replacing Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, who is superannuating on Friday. General Joshi was earlier the commander of Leh based Fire & Fury Corps. On January 24, 2020, he was appointed GOC-in-C Northern Command succeeding Lieutenant-General Ranbir Singh upon the latter's retirement on January 31.

Khrew Man Held After  
Twin Gunfights

Srinagar: A man was arrested from Khrew area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district for allegedly providing shelter to the militants. Muhammad Amin Mir of Zantrag area of Khrew was arrested by government in the aftermath of two consecutive encounters that left a militant, a soldier and an SOG man dead. A local newsgathering agency KNT quoting official sources said that forces believed that militants had taken shelter in Mir's house. He has been detained for questioning. A police official while confirming the arrest of the house owner to the KNT said that that is being questioned with regard to the two gunfights that raged in Zantrag area.

Jamia Imam Seeks  
Mirwaiz's Release

Srinagar: Expressing concern over the prolonged detention of Hurriyat Conference Chairman Mirwaiz Molvi Umar Farooq, Imam Hai of Jamia Masjid and Vice President Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid Maulana Ahmad Sayed Naqashbandi Friday demanded his immediate release. "Mirwaiz is under arbitrary continued house detention since August 5 2019 by the state authorities,"

Abrogation Of  
Art-370 Historic  
Decision: President  
'Security Forces Given Free  
Hand To Deal With Militancy'

## AGENCIES

**NEW DELHI: President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday described the central government's decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution from Jammu and Kashmir as a historic one and said that it has paved the way for equal development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.**

Addressing the joint session of Parliament here ahead of the Budget Session, Kovind said, "The abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A of the Constitution by Parliament is not only historic but it has also paved way for equal development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh."

The President stressed that rapid development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, protection of culture and traditions,

transparent and honest administration and empowerment of democracy are among the priorities of his government.

The government had abrogated the Article 370 of the Constitution from Jammu and Kashmir, that gave special status to the erstwhile state on August 5. The government also bifurcated the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The President said that the government was working with "full force" to rid India of militancy and security forces have been given a free hand in taking the "strongest" measures possible to deal with the menace.

He said the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff and creation of a Department

**THE ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370 and Article 35A of the Constitution by Parliament is not only historic but it has also paved way for equal development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh."**

Cold Wave Intensifies  
Across Kashmir Valley  
Kargil freezes at minus 23.7 degree

## AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Chilly weather conditions have further intensified with night temperature further dipping and settling below normal across Kashmir valley, where sun played hide and seek though ice cold winds continued on Friday.

All the waterbodies, including lakes and streams, were frozen as the mercury remained several degrees below sub-zero in Ladakh region, where people are mostly dependent on hot water springs during winter months. Border town of Kargil was the coldest place in the region at minus 23.7 degree, followed by Leh, where the mercury dipped and

settled at minus 14.9 degree.

A Met department spokesperson said that weather will remain mostly dry to rain and snow at some places in the valley. However, he said the weather will again turn dry from Saturday onwards, which cloud result in further dip in the minimum temperature though the maximum temperature is expected to improve.

After witnessing a dip of 3 degree in the night temperature, people woke up to a chilly Friday morning in the summer capital, Srinagar. However, as the day progressed, sun came out from behind the clouds, resulting in some improvement in the maximum temperature though ice cold winds

Obscene Content  
Found On Suspended  
DySP's Phone

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**SRINAGAR:** Obscene content has been found on disgraced Jammu & Kashmir DSP Davinder Singh's mobile phone, sources said.

Davinder Singh's phone was sent to forensic experts for examination by the NIA. A team of National Investigation Agency officials is currently interrogating him in Jammu.

Last week DG NIA, Y.C. Modi, reviewed the investigations in the case. On January 11, police arrested Davinder Singh on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway when he was transporting two Hizbul Mujahideen militants including top commander Naveed Babu and his accomplice and a lawyer to Jammu.

After initial investigations

3 Jaish Men Killed, Cop Injured In Jammu Gunfight  
Choppers, Drones Inducted To Track Down Fourth Militant

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**JAMMU:** Three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) militants on Friday were killed in a pre-dawn gunfight with government forces at a toll plaza along the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Nagrota area here.

A group of three-four militants were intercepted at the Bann toll plaza, about 28 km from Jammu city, when they were trying to enter the Kashmir Valley on a truck, officials said.

Police suspect the militants might have infiltrated through the International Border in Kathua district to carry out an attack.

One of the militants was killed in the ensuing gunfight while the others managed to escape to the nearby forest area, Director General of Police

Juvenile Board Sends Shooter  
To 14-Day Protective Custody

**T**he youth who fired a pistol at a group of anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) protesters near the Jamia Millia University, in which a student was injured, was sent to a 14-day protective custody by the Juvenile Justice Board on January 31, police said. The shooter was presented before the Board in the afternoon, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Rajesh Deo said. The police said they have also urged the Board to form a medical panel to conduct a bone ossification test that will verify the age of the youth. On January 30, the shooter fired a pistol at a group of anti-CAA protesters, injuring Jamia student Shadab Farooq, before walking away while waving the

tion in the varsity.

It also appreciated the restraint shown by the students after the incident.

"Given that this elected representative violated both our constitution and law by exhorting the public to violence, we acknowledge and record our appreciation of the restraint shown by our students in the face of the grave provocation of their batchmate being injured in a shooting before their very eyes.

"It is a shame and irony that the cult of the bullet continues to predominate the national discourse in the world's largest democracy," it added. Condemning the firing, the JTA said the unprovoked firing was under the eyes of Delhi police whose men looked on casually while the bullet was fired and only one uniformed policeman walked over to gently guide the shooter away

who is also the country's Minister of State for Finance. "Nothing can be more anti-national than a Minister inciting citizens to violence from a public platform, and we severely condemn his words and action," JTA said in a statement following a general body meeting called to discuss the situation in the varsity.

Teachers Blame 'Goli Maro'  
Minister For Jamia Shooting

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**NEW DELHI: Jamia Teachers Association on Friday blamed BJP MP Anurag Thakur for the firing incident outside the varsity, saying nothing can be more "anti-national" than a minister inciting citizens to indulge in violence from a public platform.**

The teachers' body also appealed to the protesters at Shaheen Bagh to allow passage of traffic on one side of the road as an act of "civic responsibility" and "sensitivity".

During an election rally held earlier, Thakur egged on the crowd to raise an incendiary slogan -- "shoot the traitors" -- after he lashed out at anti-CAA protesters.

On Thursday, protesters and police personnel faced off against each other near the Jamia Millia Islamia after a man

fired a pistol at a group of anti-CAA protesters, injuring a student before walking away while waving the firearm over his head shouting "Yeh lo Aazadi".

"We are convinced that this shooting, which could have been fatal, was the direct result of the call to 'goli maro' or 'shoot' by an elected Member of Parliament

## Injured Kashmiri Student Discharged

**J**amia Millia student Shahdab Farooq, who suffered injuries after a man fired a pistol at a group of anti-CAA protesters outside the university, was discharged from AIIMS on Friday morning. Al-Ameen, a student of Jamia's Mass Communication department and Farooq's friend, said he was discharged from the hospital around 8 am. "His father reached Delhi on Thursday night, but Shahdab won't go back home in Kashmir. He will stay at the university," Al-Ameen said. Farooq underwent a surgery at the hospital, he said. Tension spiralled in Jamia Nagar on Thursday after a man fired a pistol at a group of anti-CAA protesters, injuring mass communications student Farooq, before walking away while waving the firearm above his

## No Proposal To Annex Pck : Pak

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**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan has rejected reports that the government intended to merge Pakistan-controlled Kashmir with the country, saying there is no such proposal.

Pakistani daily Dawn reported that the speculation about the merger had been doing the rounds for a little over six weeks now. It started with comments attributed to Farooq Haider Khan that he had been told that he would be the last "Prime Minister" of the PCK.

The rumours grew after the government renamed one of the bureaucracy's service group, the daily said.

"There is no such proposal under consideration, Foreign Office spokesperson Aisha Farooqi said on Thursday when asked about the reports.

She also rejected that government was thinking to bring new regulation to change the status of Gilgit-Baltistan. It is media spec-



ulation I, do not wish to comment on it, she said in response to a question.

Such rumours on PCK merger grew often louder ahead of Kashmir related events which are observed in Pakistan. A similar event is scheduled to take place on February 5 which is observed as 'Kashmir Solidarity Day'.

After India revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the state into two union territories, there had been media speculation that Pakistan may follow the same path.

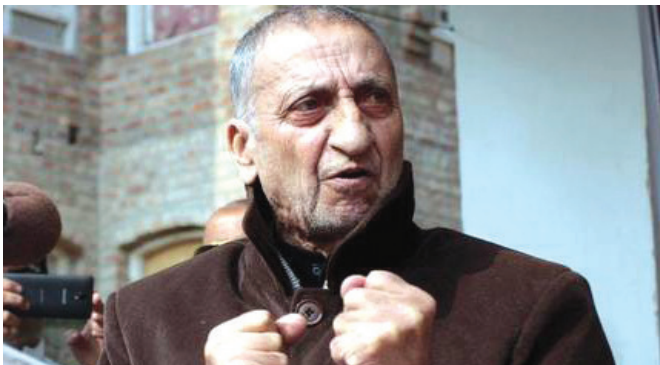
India maintains that Pck is its part and New Delhi expects to have physical jurisdiction over it one day.

Hurriyat Leader Moves Court To  
Stop J&K MPs From Entering Parliament

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**NEW DELHI:** A plea has been moved in the Delhi High Court seeking that MPs from the "erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir", who are allegedly illegally continuing to hold their seats after disbanding of the state, be stopped from entering the Parliament.

The petition alleged that the 10 MPs, four in the Rajya Sabha and six in the Lok Sabha, from the erstwhile state are "illegally" continuing in their seats in Parliament. It also claimed that the MPs, including Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad and Jammu and Kashmir National Conference chairman Farooq Abdullah, are "a drain on public exchequer" as they are enjoying the salary and perks that comes with the position.



tion. The petition, filed by Hurriyat leader Abdul Gani Bhat, seeks directions to the central government not to allow the 10 MPs to enter the Parliament.

It further alleged that "presence of the 10 MPs from the erstwhile state in the Parliament was immoral, illegal and unconstitutional". It also seeks

that they be stopped from enjoying the salary, perks and other facilities granted to MPs. The Parliament on August 5 last year had abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, which granted a special status to the state, and had reorganised it into two Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Internet Service Restored  
For Some Media Houses In  
Kashmir, Suspended Again

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**SRINAGAR:** Internet service, which was restored by private operators for some media houses in Kashmir valley during the last couple of days, was again suspended following "instructions by the authorities".

The high speed mobile internet of all Cellular companies and broadband remained suspended in Kashmir valley since August 5, when centre scrapped Article 370 and 35 A, besides downgraded and divided the state into two Union Territories (UTs).

"We had taken undertaking from some media houses and restored their internet service. We were also in the process of restoring broadband to other media outlets as well in the coming day," an employee

of one of the operators, who wished anonymity, said.

However, he said that they received a communication from authorities asking them to suspend internet services of the media houses, besides automobile companies in the valley.

Some media houses who had breathed a sigh of relief following restoration of their internet were again left high and dry.

Meanwhile, BSNL has said that the broadband internet service will not be restored in the valley till the time they are able to block social media sites. The state-run telecom operator has sought help from experts from other parts of the valley to block the social media sites.

However, experts said that it will be very difficult to stop complete access to social media as there are hundreds