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TRAVEL BANS, BUSINESS CLOSURES **'COULD HURT GLOBAL ECONOMY'** Travel restrictions and business closures aimed at stopping the spread of a new virus that has killed more than 300 people in China could end up causing ripple effects that harm the global economy, experts say..



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IS A THREAT TO ALL OF US The outbreak of coronavirus has hit quickly and with dramatic effect. It has become the dominant story on all the front pages and is leading the news bulletins around the clock. Yet only a few days ago, it might have struck some of us as a news story of something happening

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MESSI AND FATI TAKE BARCA THROUGH LEVANTE

Ansu Fati became the youngest player ever to score a brace in La Liga on Sunday by capitalising on two brilliant Lionel Messi assists to give Barcelona a 2-1 victory over Levante.



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News Digest

4 OGWs Held From **Pulwama: Police**

Srinagar: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested four over-ground workers (OGWs) of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) from the Awantipora area of Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district. "Awantipora police arrested four militant associates linked to proscribed outfit JeM," a police spokesperson said. The arrested persons were identified as Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Rafiq, Fayaz Lone, residents of Khrew, and Magbool Dar, a resident of Awantipora, he added. According to police records, the arrested persons were involved in assisting the active JeM militants operating in Awantipora, the police spokesperson said. • P06

GoC 9 Corps Calls On LG

Jammu: Lt. Gen. J S Nain, GoC, 9 Corps on Monday called on the Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmuhere at the Raj Bhavan. The LG and the GoC discussed several issues relating to the security management and other important issues to meet the security challenges in J&K. The LG stressed on the high importance for maintaining close and effective synergy between the Army and other forces for ensuring a secure environment for the people.

Mysterious Disease Kills

200 Animals In Kupwara Baramulla: About 200 animals, mostly cows, have died due to mysterious disease in the frontier district of Kupwara, official sources said. They said hundreds of animals, mostly cows, fell ill due to mysterious disease in Kupwara during the past few days. About 200 animals have so far died, they said. Meanwhile, Animal Husbandry department has rushed teams to affected villages, they said, adding the deaths have occurred as the animals were not vaccinated by the farmers. However. exact cause of their death was being ascertained, they

Rs 23700 Fine Realized From Bandipora Traders Bandipora: The district

authorities on Monday realized a fine of Rs 23700 from erring shopkeepers during a market checking drive here. The Department of Legal Metrology led by Assistant Controller conducted inspection of various business establishments

including vegetable, fruit sellers, poultry, mutton sellers, kiryana, bakery, LPG distributors and fuel dispensing pumps at Bandipora, Madder and Sumlar area of the district. "During the inspection, 26 traders were booked under different laws for violation of various legal metrology Acts and a fine of Rs 23700 was imposed on erring traders,' an official spokesperson said.

'Goli Marna Bandh Karo': Oppn Creates **Ruckus in Parliament**

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday raised slogans against **Union minister Anurag Thakur** in the Lok Sabha over his controversial remarks during a recent election rally in the national capital.

While Opposition members, mainly from the Congress, were protesting against the amended citizenship law, they raised their pitch when Thakur started replying to questions.

Thakur, who is the Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, had made controversial remarks during a recent poll rally here.

Congress Belligerent members, who were in the Well, shouted slogans against the minister and asked 'Aapki goli kahan hai? (where is your bullet?), an apparent reference to the minister's controversial remarks. Some members also shouted 'Goli maarna band karo (Stop shooting)'.

When Thakur was responding supplementaries during Ouestion Hour, the members began sloganeering >> PAGE 06



'Political Design' **Behind Anti-CAA Protests: PM**

The anti-CAA protests in Delhi's Seelampur, Jamia Nagar and Shaheen Bagh are not a coincidence but a political design aimed at harming the harmony of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday while accusing the AAP and the Congress of fuelling the demonstrations. Addressing a rally in Karkardooma in east Delhi, Modi alleged that the AAP and the Congress • P06

Wrestler Who Supplied Pistol To Jamia Shooter Held

The Delhi Police's Crime Branch has arrested a wrestler for supplying a weapon to the youth who had opened fire on anti-CAA protesters outside Jamia Millia Islamia last week, officials said on Monday. Ajeet (25) hails from Sahajpura village in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh district and is a wrestler by profession, they said. "We have arrested the accused from whom the juvenile • I

Indo, Pak Troops Trade Fire On LoC, **Civilian Killed**

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SRINAGAR: A civilian was killed and four others were injured on Monday, as the estranged armies of India and Pakistan traded heavy gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Tangdhar sector.

The deceased was identified as Mohammed Saleem Awan, 60, officials said.

Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing this morning. The Indian Army retaliated in adequate measure, the officials said. Four civilians sustained injuries in the firing by Pakistani troops, they said.

On Sunday, a soldier, identified as SandeepYadav, was injured when Pakistan violated ceasefire and resorted to shelling, targeting forward posts at Bakhtoor in Gurez. Pakistani troops also violated ceasefire in Tanghdar

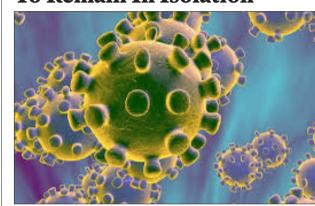
sector in Kupwara on Sunday. Official sources said that Pak troops are violating ceasefire, reached between India and Pakistan in 2003, to facilitate militants to infiltrate into Kashmir valley.

"A large number of militants are waiting at launch pads in Pakistan controlled-Kashmir (PcK) to sneak

into this side," they said.

However, they said despite facing severe cold and other odds, troops remained on high alert along the Line of Control (LoC) to foil any militant attempt to infiltrate into this side.

15 People Arrive In J&K From China, Bangkok; Asked **To Remain In Isolation**



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JAMMU: Fifteen people, including 5 doctors who arrived in Jammu and Kashmir during this week with travel history from China, are being kept under observation and have been being monitored. They have asked to remain in isolation been asked to remain in **as a precautionary measure.** isolation and take necessary

According to a report, out of 15, eight arrived in Kashmir and seven in Jammu region during this week. Fourteen established 33 of them have arrived from isolation China but none of them Government Medical College from Wuhan province, the Jammu for Coronavirus cases epicentre of Coronavirus.

studying in China and five

The Nodal Officer for J&K

who had flu like symptoms have been taken and they have been sent for analysis. Out of them, three have been taken from Kashmir and seven from Jammu.

these people under observation and are precautions. However, no one has been hospitalized," he said.

Government bedded ward and 22 bedded such facility One of them has arrived at GMC, Srinagar, SKIMS from Bangkok. Eight of Soura and Maternity Hospital them are students who are Sanatnagar in Kashmir valley. The sample taking facility has of them arrived in Srinagar been kept at GMC Srinagar and GMC Jammu.

The Government ordered to deal with the Coronavirus, the establishment of a control Dr Shafgat Khan was guoted room in the State Surveillance by a local newsgathering Office in Srinagar and Jammu, agency KNT as saying that the quarantine of suspected samples of 10 of these people patients, besides »PAGE 06

DAK Asks Hospitals To Remain Prepared

n the wake of World Health Organization's declaration of China's Coronavirus outbreak as an international emergency, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Monday advised hospitals in the valley to prepare for dealing with potential cases of the deadly infection. "If the virus sneaks into the valley, public safety will depend on hospital preparedness,' DAK President Dr Nisarul Hassan said in a statement issued here on Monday. He said hospitals should be prepared • P03

Army Chopper Crashlands In Reasi, Pilots Safe

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NEW DELHI: An Army Cheetah helicopter, flying from Udhampur on a training sortie, crashlanded at Rudkhud near Reasi in Jammu Indian Army said that the

incident took place at 11.30 a.m. "Both the pilots are safe and out of danger," said Army, adding that enquiry into the whole incident has started. Last year in October, a helicopter of the Indian Army carrying then chief of the force's Northern Command Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh and other

officers • P06

Over 30 KAS Officers Shifted In Middle Rung Reshuffle is transferred and posted as Director,

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administration on Monday JAKEDA of the additional ordered large scale reshuffle charge of the post. in the middle rung of administration involving more than 30 officers, some of them at the level of Secretary and Special Secretary to the

government. According to two separate orders issued by the General Administration Department, Kumar, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir State Vigilance Commission,

Commissioner, Corporation, Transport

Cazanffer Ali KAS Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, is transferred and posted Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu. KAS. Special Secretary to the Government, PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control

Department, is transferred and posted as Managing

JAMMU: The Jammu and J&K, relieving Owais Ahmed, Shamim Ahmad Wani of the Kashmir Union Territory IAS, Chief Executive Officer, additional charge of the post. Shabnam Kamili, KAS,

Mission Director, ICDS, J&K, is transferred and posted as Mission Director, ICPS, J&K, relieving Mir Tariq Ali, KAS, Director General, Women Child Development, J&K of the additional charge of the post. Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma.

KAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, >> PAGE 06

NIA To Quiz Ex-MLA DSP Case: NIA Raids Continue For 2nd Day In South Kashmir **Er Rashid Over 'Militant Links'**

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SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) will question former JK MLA Sheikh Abdul Rashid for his alleged links with Hizbul Mujahideen commander Naveed 'Babu', arrested along with suspended Jammu and Kashmir Police DSP Davinder Singh, officials said here on Monday.

contested as an Independent candidate in the 2014 Assembly constituency from Langate in North Kashmir.

He is at present in judicial custody at the Tihar Jail after he was arrested by the NIA on August 9 in connection with a funding case in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The officials said the agency would soon approach court for Rashid, popularly known as seeking a production warrant 'Rashid Engineer' and leader of for summoning Rashid and the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), question him about >> PAGE 06

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SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) continued raids for the second successive day on Monday in NIA teams on Monday south Kashmir in connection morning raided the residence with case involving a police of a Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) officer, who was arrested along with two top Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) last month.

The series of raids come after a 20-member NIA team arrived places in Shopian. "Raid was in Kashmir on Saturday to also conducted at the resident collect more evidence against of DySP Singh »PAGE 06

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Davinder Singh whose arrest shook the security agencies in J&K and centre. Official sources said that

militant, identified as Omar Dobi in Pinjora, and another militant Farooq Ahmad in Dhargrah and some other

NPAs Of Public Sector Banks Stand At Rs 7.27 Lakh Cr, Govt Tells Lok Sabha

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NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said the Non crore as on March 31, 2018. Performing Assets (NPAs) of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) stood at Rs 7.27 lakh crore as on September 30, 2019.

in Lok Sabha that scheduled 2019," he said. commercial banks and select of the current financial year.

transparent recognition of global operations, rose from Rs perpetrated over >PAGE 06

2.79,016 crore as on March 31, 2015, to Rs 6,84,732 crore as on March 31, 2017 and Rs 8,95,601

"As a result of Government's strategy recognition. of resolution, recapitalisation and reforms, have since declined by Union Minister of State for Rs 1,68,305 crore to Rs 7,27,296 Finance Anurag Thakur also said crore as on September 30,

The minister said systematic financial institutions have and comprehensive checking, reported frauds to the tune of including of legacy stock of Rs 1,13,374 crore in the first half NPAs of PSBs,for frauds under the framework has been taken Thakur said during Question note of by the Reserve Bank Hour that as a result of of India (RBI) in its Financial Stability Report of December stressed assets as NPAs, gross 2019, where it has observed that NPAs of PSBs, as per RBI data on this has helped unearth frauds

Cold Wave Grips Kashmir

Pahalgam Freezes At Minus 12.5 Degree

SRINAGAR: There was still no dependent on hot water springs respite from chilly weather during winter months. Despite condition as the mercury on slight improvement in the night Monday remained several degree temperature, border town of below normal across Kashmir Leh was the coldest place in the valley, where world famous health region at minus 16.4 degree. resort of Pahalgam was the coldest

place at minus 12.5 degree. hide and seek though ice cold winds continued.

All water-bodies remained frozen due to extreme chilly the night temperature, »PAGE 06

weather conditions in Ladakh region, where people are

A Met department spokesperson said that skies will be mainly However, the maximum clear during the next 24 hours temperature witnessed some in Kashmir valley, where the improvement as sun played night would further dip due to dry weather though maximum temperature would improve.

After witnessing further dip in

VPN Apps In Demand To Make Up For Low-Speed 2G

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of low speed 2G mobile Internet last month, VPN, or the virtual private network, applications are much in demand in the Kashmir Valley.

People are installing VPNs only access the social media by VPN," said a Srinagarbased businessman who has successfully installed a VPN application on his phone. In January, the government

issued a list of 301 white-listed

nearly six months generated little hope due to extremely slow speed.

internet 2G in Kashmir after

to enable them to access the videos," Zahoor, a photo provide complete access to all social media sites. "We can journalist said. "The speed is extremely slow."

For broadband restoration security agencies. the businessmen are signing bonds committing not to allow IP address for accessing social media.

The bond also bars use of

websites which can be accessed. VPNs, Wifi, encrypted files, All other websites, including social videos and uploading of photos. **SRINAGAR:** After the restoration media platforms remain blocked. All USB ports of the computer

But the restoration of mobile will have to be disabled also. The business units or the company will be responsible for the breach or misuse of the internet. The business "We are not able to upload house is also required to its content and infrastructure as and when required by

> A MAC (minimum access control) will ensure restriction to the use of internet access to registered devices through a single PC. »PAGE 06

Plea Seeking To Prevent J&K MPs From Entering Parliament Dismissed

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a court that the plea was not plea which alleged that MPs from maintainable and the petitioner the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir were continuing such a petition. to hold their seats illegally after the bifurcation of the state into Union territories and sought to prevent them from entering Parliament.

Justice Brijesh Sethi rejected the petition filed by a retired professor, central government's standing counsel Anil Soni, who appeared for the Ministry of

Parliamentary Affairs, said.

Earlier in the day, during the arguments, Soni told the did not have the locus to move

professor, Abdul Gani Bhat, ought to have first made a representation to the ministry, before approaching the court.

He also contended that the

The court had reserved its judgment earlier in the day after hearing both sides.

Bhat, who appeared in person before the court, had >> PAGE 06