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**FAMILY CONFLICT INFLUENCES
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS IN KIDS**

Family conflict and parental monitoring are significant predictors of suicidal thoughts in children as young as 9- and 10-year olds, says a study. The majority of children surveyed



**DELHI POLICE STOP ANTI-CAA
MARCH FROM JAMIA TO PARLIAMENT**

Scores of Jamia Millia students and residents of Jamia Nagar on Monday got into a scuffle with police after they were stopped from carrying an anti-CAA march towards Parliament.....

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**PAKISTAN CRUSH BANGLADESH
BY INNINGS IN 1ST TEST**

Pakistan completed a crushing innings-and-44-run victory over Bangladesh on the fourth morning on Monday, taking a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series. Bangladesh were bowled out for 168.....



News Digest

**NIA Takes Over Nagrota
Gunfight Probe**

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken up the investigation into the January 31 encounter in which three Jaish-e-Mohammed militants were killed on the outskirts of the city, officials said on Monday. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification on Monday directing the agency to carry out a thorough probe into the circumstances in which the three militants had sneaked into Jammu and Kashmir through International Border at Samba. Jammu and Kashmir Police has arrested ● P10

**CASO Conducted
In Ganderbal**

Srinagar: Government forces on Monday evening launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in central Kashmir district of Ganderbal. Official sources said that following specific information about presence of militants, a joint CASO was launched by Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K police, 5 RR and CRPF at Kondibal, Mansabal in Ganderbal on Monday evening. They said security forces were conducting house-to-house searches in the area. "Searches were also being conducted in nearby fields," they said, adding ● P10

**Train Chugs After
Day-Long Suspension**

Srinagar: Train service was on Monday resumed after remaining suspended for a day due to security reasons in Kashmir valley. A railway official said that train service has been restored on Srinagar-Budgam and Baramulla in north Kashmir track. Similarly, he said train is running normally on Budgam-Srinagar-Anantnag-Qazigund in south Kashmir to Banihal in Jammu region track. Train service was on Sunday suspended for security reasons in Kashmir valley, where life was crippled due to strike on the seventh death anniversary of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru, who was hanged in Delhi's Tihar jail on this day in 2013.

**Under-Construction
Hospital, Resto sealed**

Srinagar: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) officials on Monday sealed under-construction Paras Hospital building at Sonwar and a restaurant for violating norms. According to an official spokesperson, on the directions of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Ahmad Khan, Commissioner SMC and SHO Ram Munshi Bagh reached the under-construction Paras Hospital building at Sonwar and took swift action in the matter and against those involved. Four persons were also detained for being involved in it. The team also re-sealed the Samci restaurant at Polo View which was operating in violation of earlier orders. he Divisional Commissioner ● P10

**Ability To Garner Votes,
Twitter Clout Land Omar
Abdullah In Trouble**

The Govt Dossier Says Former CM Favours Radical Thoughts

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SRINAGAR - Former chief minister Omar Abdullah's "considerable influence" over people, including the ability to attract voters to polling booths despite poll boycott calls and the potential for channelling energies of public for any cause, has been cited in support of his detention under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).



The PSA dossier prepared by the police against the 49-year-old Omar, who had served as minister of state for external affairs as well as commerce

and industries, states his ability to convince electorate to vote in huge numbers ● PAGE 10

**Omar's Sister
Challenges PSA In SC**

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah's sister Monday moved the Supreme Court challenging his detention under the J&K Public Safety Act, 1978 saying the order of detention is "manifestly illegal" and there is no question of him being a "threat to

**No Basis To Charge Omar,
Mehbooba: Priyanka**

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday said it is "pretty clear" the government has no basis to charge Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti under the Public Safety Act and the two former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers must be freed. Since when becoming a " ● P10

**Sunny Day In
Kashmir Ahead Of
Fresh Snow Spell**

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SRINAGAR: Ahead of another spell of light to moderate snow under the influence of a fresh Western Disturbance (WD) predicted from Tuesday, the temperature during the day remained several degrees above normal as bright sunshine greeted people since Monday morning in Kashmir valley.

Even though there was slight improvement in the night temperature across the valley, it was still several degrees below freezing point.

A Met department spokesperson said that weather is expected to remain dry during the next 24 hours in the valley.

However, he said a fresh WD, which originated from the Arabian Sea and is approaching the region through Afghanistan and Pakistan, will hit J&K on Wednesday.

"Under the influence of this WD which will gain movement on Wednesday, light to moderate snow could occur at some places in J&K for three days from February 12," he added.

Despite improvement of about a degree in the night temperature, world famous health resort of Pahalgam, about 100 km from here ● P10

...LOC TENSION

**Poonch Residents
Told Not To Venture
Out During Shelling**

Indian Envoy Summoned After 10 Civilians 'Injured' in Pck

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JAMMU: The district authorities on Monday issued advisory to the residents of Poonch to avoid unnecessary movement during shelling, even as Pakistan today summoned Indian Charge d'Affaires over the alleged ceasefire violation by Indian troops that left 10 civilians in Pakistan-controlled-Kashmir (Pck) injured.

"The district administration has advised people to remain cautious and avoid unnecessary movement during shelling," a police official said, adding that the local residents have also been directed not to touch the mortar shells lying scattered in different localities.

Nearly a dozen shells failed to explode during the cross-border shelling and are being defused by experts, he said.

"We are lucky to survive the intense shelling by Pakistan on Sunday. Life has become a virtual hell for the border residents due to frequent cross-border shelling," Mohammad Aslam, 68, a resident of Darna village of Mendhar said.

He said the situation is peaceful today but nobody knows when the guns start roaring again. "We appeal to the government to speed up the work on the community and individual bunkers for our safety. The 15 community bunkers and a few individual bunkers have been sanctioned for our village ● PAGE 10

**13 Army Men, 2 BSF Troopers
Killed In 2019 CFVs: Rajnath**

The Pakistan army was involved in a total of 3,479 ceasefire violations along the Jammu and Kashmir border in 2019, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday. In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, he said 13 Indian Army personnel and two soldiers of the Border Security Force (BSF) were killed in action in 2019 due to ceasefire violations (CFVs) and cross border ● P10

**9 Cases Of Fratricide In
Armed Forces In 5 Years: Govt**

Nine cases of fratricide occurred in the armed forces between 2015 and January 2020, according to data shared by the government on Monday. Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik shared the figures in a written reply in Rajya Sabha in response to a question. As per the data shared, the number of cases of fratricides in year 2015-2019 are -- one in Army (2015); ● P10

**Media Curbs: Journalists In Kashmir Break Silence
'Stop Practice Of Summons And Attacks On Journalists'**

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Press Club on Monday convened an urgent meeting to discuss physical attacks, threats, intimidation being meted out to the journalists in Kashmir by J&K Police.

The meeting in which representatives of all journalists as-

sociations took part noted with concern that from first day since Article 370 was removed on August 5, the government is not enabling journalists and media to operate freely from the Valley, Kashmir Press Club said in a statement released on Monday.

"This is evident from the prolonged six-month internet shut-

down in the region since August 5. As if that was not enough, physical attacks, threats and summons to journalists are being employed by security agencies to intimidate journalists. In fact, the summons and harassment to journalists to Police's counter-insurgency centre (Cargo) in Srinagar has ● PAGE 10



NC MP's Son Slapped With PSA

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday slapped the Public Safety Act (PSA) against Hilal Lone for being the "brain child" behind his father National Conference leader Mohammad Akbar Lone's "seditious and anti-national" statements, officials said.

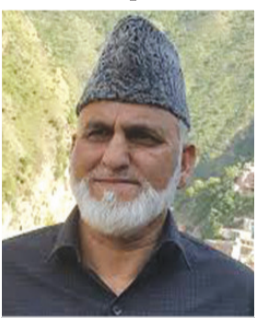
Hilal Lone, 47, had been under preventive detention since August 5 last year when the Centre announced the nullification of Article 370 and bifurcated it into union territories.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bandipore served him a dossier informing him that he had been booked under the PSA as the ● PAGE 10

**NIA Summons Cong Leader
Over Kishtwar Militancy Cases**

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JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has summoned senior Congress leader and former minister G M Saroori to appear before it on February 11 for questioning in connection with the militancy incidents in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. ● P10



Another Batch Of Foreign Envoys To Visit J-K Tomorrow

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SRINAGAR: A fresh batch of foreign envoys including many from the European Union will visit Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday to get first-hand information about the ground situation after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, officials said on Monday.

The envoys will be here on a two-day visit during which they would interact with civil society, security officials and politicians,



who were not detained by the administration in August last year. The delegation will comprise

envoys mainly from the European Union as well as from Gulf countries. The visit comes ahead ● PAGE 10

In A First, Outside Companies Earn 100 Percent Mining Rights In Kashmir

ATHAR PARVAIZ

SRINAGAR: As mineral blocks in River Jhelum and its tributaries in all the 10 districts of Kashmir valley have been opened for non resident bidders, for the first time, bidders from outside Kashmir have earned 100 percent sand mining (and other minerals) rights in Srinagar and Budgam districts, over 60 percent rights in Pulwama and 67 percent in Baramullah (so far).

Bidding for other districts is yet to be started.

This year, the bidding for mining of mineral blocks in Kashmir's



rivers and streams was opened for bidders from outside Jammu & Kashmir following abrogation

of Article 370 under which no outside company was able to operate in Jammu and Kashmir un-

less the government desired so, through lease agreements.

The applications for competing for the mining rights were invited electronically and the aspirants had to fill up and submit forms online at a time when internet was not available in Kashmir (in December and first three weeks of January). Internet connectivity in Kashmir remains very weak following the government's decision to restore 2G mobile data only on post-paid mobile numbers.

Nonetheless, many local contractors have managed to submit the forms at the internet touch points set up by the ● PAGE 10

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