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**DELHI VIOLENCE: POLICE REGISTERS 11 FIRS**  
The Delhi Police on Tuesday said 11 FIRs have been registered in connection with the violence in northeast Delhi, in which 11 people were killed, and the force is responding to incidents involving anti-social elements. Delhi Police spokesperson Mandeep Singh Randhawa.....

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**DON'T THINK BEING CAUTIOUS WILL HELP US: VIRAT KOHLI TO TEAMMATES**  
Indian captain Virat Kohli has exhorted his batsmen to shun ultra-defensive approach heading into the must-win second Test against New Zealand, saying it "never pays off" on overseas tours. India were thrashed by 10 wickets.....



## News Digest

### CASO Carried Out In Pulwama

Srinagar: Government forces on Tuesday carried out a cordon and search operation in several villages of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. A joint team of Army, CRPF and police laid a siege around Murran, Miatregam, Drubgam and Rajpora villages in Pulwama district this morning and launched a search operation, a local newsgathering agency CNS reported. During the daylong operation, forces paraded the people of these villages and checked their identity cards, the report said. Forces also conducted house to house searches; however there was no information about any arrests from these villages.

### School Boy Drowns In Dal Lake

Srinagar: A school boy died of drowning in the interiors of Dal Lake when he was on way to his school on Tuesday morning. The tragic incident occurred this morning when 8-year-old Faizan Hussain slipped from the veranda of his dilapidated house in Kand Mohalla locality and fell into the Dal Lake, a local newsgathering agency KNT reported today. The report said that the efforts of the locals to save the boy from drowning did not yield any results. His body was fished out from the Lake after half an hour. Meanwhile, Police visited the spot and registered a case in this regard.

### JK Cong Dissolves Baramulla Unit

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Tuesday dissolved its Baramulla district unit, a party spokesman said. President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Ghulam Ahmed Mir has dissolved the District Congress Committee Baramulla (Kashmir) with immediate effect, he said. Fayaz Ahmed Mir has been appointed as interim district president to carry on the day-to-day activities of the party, the spokesman said.

### Police Claims Arrest Of 2 OGWs

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested two alleged militant associates from Pulwama district of south Kashmir. A police spokesperson in a statement issued here, identified the arrested youth as Aquib Maqbool Lone of Ratnipora and Naseer Ahmad Hurra of Gulbugh Pulwama. "As per police records they were involved in assisting the active militants operating in the areas of Pulwama," the spokesperson said. He said incriminating materials including explosive substance and ammunition were recovered from their possession. "Accordingly to the investigation they were conspiring to facilitate the carrying out of militant attacks in the areas of" ● P10

## 13 Killed As Delhi Burns Over CAA

Anti-CAA Protest Site In Northeast Delhi Cleared By Police, Shoot At Sight Order Issued



Mobs lynching a man during a clash in New Delhi on Monday.



A man seen escaping a riot zone in northeast Delhi- Pic-Reuters

**OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE**

**NEW DELHI: As street violence continued for the third day running on Tuesday in Delhi, harrowing pictures have emerged from the riot-hit areas of the capital.**

While mobs went on rampage in Northeast Delhi, burning houses and vehicles and even targeting places of worship, the death toll in the communal violence rose to 13.

Journalists too were brutally attacked for covering the riots. NDTV's Arvind Gunasekar and Saurabh Shukla, who had to be admitted to hospital for their injuries, were beaten up reportedly because they tried to take videos of a mob burning down a mosque. A journalist from JK24, identified as Akash, received a bullet injury.

The worst hit areas include Bhajanpura, Chandbagh, Yamuna Vihar, Maujpur and

Ashok Vihar. Videos from the area showed smoke billowing out as the arson continued.

The Wire reported that a mosque was set on fire in Ashok Vihar on Tuesday and a Hanuman flag was put on top of it.

The report said that while shops around the mosque were looted, a mob paraded around the mosque shouting "Jai Shri Ram" and "Hinduon ka Hindustan".

Riots broke out in Delhi on Monday as mobs went on a

rampage through many areas of north east Delhi. Police had to resort to firing tear gas shells and lathicharge, said reports.

Photos and videos from the area, that continued come in over night showed shops burning, there were religious places that were set on fire by what seemed like Hindu mobs.

**'GO AHEAD AND THROW STONES'**

According to Reuters, its reporters saw multiple vehicles set on fire, metal ●PAGE 10

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## 2 Civilians Injured In Cross-LoC Firing

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**JAMMU:** At least two civilians were injured on Tuesday after India and Pakistan troops exchanged heavy gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said.

Pakistan army shelled forward posts and civilians areas along the LoC triggering panic in border areas in the district, they said.

Pakistani troops lobbed mortars and fired from small arms targeting Kirni, Qasba and Shahpura areas along the LoC, the officials said, adding ●PAGE 10



File Pic.

### Army Chief Arrives In Kashmir

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**SRINAGAR:** Army Chief Gen M M Narvane on Tuesday visited Kashmir to review the security situation in the Valley, Army sources said.

Army chief reached the Kashmir valley on Tuesday to review the prevailing security situation, they said.

The sources said Gen Narvane is likely to be briefed by senior Army officials on the counter-insurgency operations in the hinterland and alertness of the anti-infiltration grid along the Line of Control (LoC). The Army chief's visit ● P10

## Arms License Case: CBI Arrests Gun Manufacturer

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**SRINAGAR:** The CBI has arrested a gun manufacturer, who allegedly worked as a conduit of arms dealers and district officials of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state for procuring pan-India arms licences, an official spokesman said.

The arrested has been identified as Rahul Grover by the agency officials.

Grover was arrested by the Rajasthan Police's Anti-Terror Squad in 2017 for the same

charge and he secured bail after spending a year in jail.

The spokesman said the accused was produced before a designated court here which remanded him in 10 days' CBI custody.

Grover, who filed bail applications numerous times in various courts of Rajasthan including the high court, is accused of facilitating consumers for renewal of arms licences or grant of fresh licences.

The then additional advocate general, appearing on ●PAGE 10

## 2G Internet Services In JK Extended Till March 4

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**JAMMU:** Social networking sites allowing peer-to-peer communication and virtual private networks (VPNs) will remain unavailable in Jammu and Kashmir as anti-national elements and people across the border continue to "misuse" these platforms, the authorities said on Tuesday as 2G mobile Internet services were extended till March 4.

Issuing an order here, the home department of the union territory said that while assess-

ing the impact of the directions relating to regulation of telecom services, it has come to fore that VPNs continue to be misused by the anti-national elements to bypass the Internet restrictions. It said that VPNs come handy for them to coordinate with their operatives within the UT and plan militant acts and scale up anti-national activities.

Jammu and Kashmir Home Secretary Shaleen Kabra, while signing the order, said restrictions would continue till March 4.

As per the order, Internet Ser-

vice Providers (ISPs) have been asked to ensure access to 1,674 white-listed sites only and not to any social media applications allowing peer-to-peer communication and VPN applications, the order said.

The 2G internet facility on mobile phones was restored in Jammu and Kashmir on January 25 after remaining suspended since August 5 last year after the Centre announced abrogation of Article 370 provisions and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into union territories -- ●PAGE 10

### Bomb Scare On Banihal Highway

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**JAMMU:** A suspicious bag was found on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Tuesday, following which traffic was suspended for three hours in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The bag, which contained a few liquor bottles, was spotted by people in an area in the district's Chareel belt and they informed the army and police about it, they said. Security forces were cordoned off ● P10

## Bukhari Calls For End To 'Bureaucratic Approach' In JKB

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**JAMMU:** Former finance minister Syed Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday sought Lt Governor G C Murmu's intervention to end the "bureaucratic approach" at the Jammu and Kashmir Bank, which is harassing the business community over recovering of loans.

He said the kind of approach adopted by the bank to recover loans has put the traders and other business communities on the edge.

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank is one of the most iconic

institutions of the UT but regrettably its "bureaucratic approach" is continuing to plague its functioning, Bukhari said in a

statement issued here. "The government has forgotten that the bank needs to be run professionally and ●PAGE 10

### BJP Welcomes Initiative To Form New Party

The BJP has welcomed the moves to form a new political party in Jammu and Kashmir led by former Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) minister Altaf Bukhari.

Bukhari has said that in the coming days a new political party will be formed, which will consist of former Legislators and will also include new faces. Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said, "Such a move is welcome."

"If a new political party is made after the abrogation ● P10

## Can Political Alternative To NC, PDP Emerge In Kashmir?

**AGENCIES**

**SRINAGAR:** Hectic political activity is going on by "like-minded" politicians of Kashmir to stitch a new party whose agenda would purely be to address the problems of the common man.

The litmus test for such an alternative would be the ability of these "like-minded politicians" to sink differences to emerge as a real challenge to the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Insiders say the new political formation has the blessings of New Delhi that is keen on revival of genuine mainstream



File Pic.

political activity after the over six-month long hiatus that followed the abrogation of Article 370 and downgrading the state

to a Union Territory.

"How long can one go on lamenting for something that is gone and buried? How long

can the common man continue to suffer till we achieve the unachievable?

"There are pressing problems of unemployment, crumbling economy, devastated tourism, industry, trade and other bona fide activities in the state. Can this wait endlessly till we reach a point of no return?"

"Let those who live in the past fight to achieve what they have been promising the people. Our aim is to let education, employment, trade, tourism, agriculture, horticulture, etc., take the front seat and we are committed to work towards a better, peaceful and prosperous ●PAGE 10