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## SPENDING TIME IN NATURE MAY LOWER STRESS, ANXIETY: STUDY

Spending as little as 10 minutes in a natural setting may help college students feel happier, and reduce the effects of physical and mental stress, according to a review of studies. The research, published in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology*.....

05 NEWS.....



## CAN'T SAY REPEATEDLY PEOPLE HAVE RIGHT TO PROTEST BUT WITHOUT BLOCKING ROADS:

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that it cannot say repeatedly that protesters at Shaheen Bagh in Delhi has the right to protest but they cannot block roads. The top court said it had tried to find an out-of-the-box solution.....

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## ICC RANKINGS: STEVE SMITH RETURNS TO NO.1 SPOT AS VIRAT KOHLI DROPS TO 2ND

India skipper Virat Kohli lost the top spot in the ICC Test Player Rankings after managing only 21 runs in the first Test which his side lost to New Zealand by 10 wickets in Wellington. Kohli, who has 906 points, slipped to the second position.....



## News Digest

### Pak Announces 1,600 Scholarships for Kashmiri Students

Islamabad: Imran Khan led federal government in Pakistan plans to reserve 1,600 scholarships for Kashmiri students from the Indian controlled part. This was disclosed during a meeting of the Pakistani National Assembly's Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training here on Wednesday. The government move is a 'show of goodwill for Kashmiri brethren', officials informed the parliamentary panel, according to the Express Tribune. During the session, the committee.....

### LG, GoC 9 Corps Discuss J&K situation

Jammu: Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GoC 9 Corps on Wednesday met Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu here at the Raj Bhavan. The LG and the GoC discussed about the current security situation and issues relating to the security management in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The LG appreciated Army's role in maintaining peace and security and stressed the importance of maintaining a sustained coordination between the Army and other security forces to meet the security challenges in the J&K.

### 11 Gamblers Arrested in City: Police

Srinagar: Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested eleven gamblers in a raid in Nehru Park area of this capital city. Following a tip-off, a police team raided a gambling site at Tang Bagh Nehru Park here and arrested eleven gamblers, a police spokesperson said. Playing cards, mobile phones, golden chain and a cash of Rs 55,210 were recovered from the gamblers, he said. All the accused were shifted to the police station. Meanwhile, a case FIR No.13/2020 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Ram Munshi Bagh and further investigations into the matter has been initiated, the police spokesperson added.

### Gbl Traders Imposed Fine of Rs 1, 13,000

Srinagar: The court of Additional Deputy Commissioner- Adjudicating Officer, Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Baba on Wednesday imposed a fine of Rs 1, 13,000 under the Food Safety Act on traders for violating the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act-2006, Rules and Regulations -2011. The ADC directed the Food Business Operators to correct the deficiencies found during the course of adjudication in processed and packaged food products. He said that the district administration will take stern action against traders found involved in adulteration of food, medicines and other essential commodities.

# Delhi Death Toll Mounts To 27, Court Slams Police For Inaction

AGENCIES

**NEW DELHI** – The death toll in Delhi communal violence rose to 27 on Wednesday, even as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal flagged that the situation has become "alarming" and the Army should be called in as police was "unable to control it". The number of injured has crossed 200.

Communal violence over the amended citizenship law escalated in northeast Delhi on Tuesday as police struggled to check the rioters who ran amok on streets, burning and looting shops, pelting stones and thrashing people.

Streets that had been a battle zone were much quieter on Wednesday, with a few sporadic attacks reported but no large-scale mayhem.

Many Muslims have accused the police of standing passively by while their homes and businesses were attacked by mobs.

Government sources said that the National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval has been given the charge of bringing



NORTHEAST DELHI REMAINED TENSE For The 4Th Day On Wednesday- By Arrangement

normalcy in the capital.

The weapons that police officers were carrying had been upgraded to assault rifles from sticks. The whiff of char, from scores of burned-out build-

ings, clung to the air.

Twenty-seven deaths were reported from the Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital and Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital. Many of the injured

admitted in GTB were reported to be critical.

These patients have several kinds of injuries, including from gunshots, many sustained trauma from jumping.....

## 4 Videos That Court Made Cops Watch

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday reprimanded the police in the national capital for not taking action against Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders accused of giving provocative hate speeches. After police claimed it has not watched videos of the provocative speeches given by leaders, four videos were played in court for the benefit of Delhi Police Deputy Commissioner of Police, several lawyers, and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. "This is really concerning," Justice S. Muralidhar said,.....

## Inshallah, There Will be Complete Peace Here: Doval

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval said on Wednesday said that the situation in the riot-hit northeast Delhi "is under control" and peace will soon return to the affected areas. "People have a sense of unity among them, there is no enmity. A few criminals do things like this (spread violence) and people are trying to isolate them. Police is here and doing its work. We're here.....

## PM Modi Appeals For Peace

In his first reaction to incidents of violence in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday appealed for peace and brotherhood, and said he has held an extensive review of the prevailing situation in various parts of the National Capital. He also said it was important that calm and normalcy was restored at the earliest. "Had an extensive review on the situation prevailing in various parts of Delhi. Police and other agencies are working on the ground to ensure peace and normalcy,".....

## Army Chief Asks Troops To Remain Alert

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**SRINAGAR:** Army Chief General M M Naravane on Wednesday exhorted the troops deployed along the Line of Control in the Kashmir Valley to remain alert and be prepared to meet any emerging security challenge.

Gen Naravane, who arrived on his maiden visit to Kashmir on Tuesday after taking over as the Army Chief, visited the formations and units deployed along the LoC on Wednesday. "The Chief of Army Staff.....

## J&K 'Was, Is And Shall Forever' Remain Its Integral Part: India At UNHRC Meet

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**GENEVA:** Jammu and Kashmir "was, is and shall forever" remain an integral part of India, a top Indian diplomat asserted at the UN Human Rights Council's meeting here on Wednesday, a day after Pakistan sought the international community's intervention on the Kashmir issue.

Speaking at the 43rd session of the UN Human Rights Council which is being held here in Switzerland from February 24 to March 20, Vikas Swarup, Secretary (West), the Ministry

of External Affairs, described Pakistan as the "epicentre of global terrorism".

He called for decisive action against those who direct,

control, fund and shelter militants, in an obvious reference to Pakistan, which is accused by its neighbours of providing safe havens to terror.....

## Pak Summons Indian Diplomat Over 'Ceasefire Violations'

Pakistan on Wednesday summoned a senior Indian diplomat to protest against alleged ceasefire violations by Indian troops along the Line of Control in Kashmir.

The Foreign Office claimed that a 40-year-old civilian sustained serious injuries in the ceasefire violations by Indian troops in Nezapir Sector on Tuesday.

"This escalation in ceasefire violations by India is continuing from the year 2017 when the Indian forces committed.....

## SC Notice To J&K Admin Over Mehbooba's Detention

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought response of the Jammu and Kashmir administration on a plea challenging former J-K chief minister Mehbooba Mufti's detention under the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA).

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra also asked Iltija Mufti, daughter of the PDP chief, to give an undertaking stating that she has not filed any other petition before other



judicial forum, including the high court, challenging the detention of her mother.

Iltija had filed a habeas corpus (bring the person) petition in the apex court.....

## 24x7 Power Supply In J&K In 2 Yrs: Union State Minister



AGENCIES

**JAMMU:** The Central government is aiming to provide round the clock electricity supply to the Union territory

of Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State R.K. Singh said on Wednesday.

Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy (Independent Charge) R.K. Singh.....

## 37 Central Acts To Apply In J&K After Cabinet Nod



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** The Cabinet on Wednesday gave its nod to issue an order which will allow 37 central laws in the Concurrent List to be implemented in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Union minister Prakash Javadekar said.

Last August, the Centre announced the abrogation of Article 370 provisions for Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the state into two Union territories. The new territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh came into being on October 31, 2019.

An official statement later said all the central laws, applica-

ble to the whole of India except the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir before October 31, 2019 are now applicable to Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir from October 31, 2019.

"...It is necessary to adapt the central laws made under the Concurrent List, with required modifications and amendments, for ensuring administrative effectiveness and smooth transition with respect to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir thereby removing any ambiguity in their application in line with the Constitution of India," it said.

The order will be issued under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, the statement said.

## CISF Takes Over Security Of Srinagar Airport



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**SRINAGAR:** The security of the strategic Srinagar international airport in Kashmir was on Wednesday taken over by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), six weeks after a Deputy

Superintendent of Police posted there was caught ferrying militants out of the valley.

According to officials, the process of the CISF taking over the airport security was expedited after DySP Davinder Singh was arrested on January 11.....

## Nagrota Encounter Aftermath NIA Raids 7 Places In Pulwama

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**SRINAGAR:** A fortnight after having been handed over the case, the National Investigation Agency on Wednesday raided seven places in South Kashmir's Pulwama district in connection with a probe into an encounter along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway last month that left three JeM militants killed, officials said here.

The officials said the raids were conducted at the residence of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) commander Zahid Ahmad Wani

at Karimabad and Sameer Ahmad Dar, a driver by profession and was arrested during Nagrota encounter on January 31.

Dar, cousin of suicide bomber Adil Dar who killed 40 CRPF personnel in a deadly attack last year in Pulwama,.....

## Law & Order Situation In J&K Satisfactory: DGP

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said the law-and-order situation in Jammu and Kashmir was "good and satisfactory", adding that the people in the two regions were cooperating with the security agencies.

Singh said Kishtwar in Jammu region would be free of militancy again as only a "couple of militants" were active in the district. "We are fully alert and are dealing with law-and-order situation on a day-to-day basis for a very long time. I am happy to announce that the people in both the.....

## CS Reviews Progress Of Jammu-Srinagar Four Laning Project

Asks Officers To Adhere To Timelines To Expedite Work

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, B. V. R. Subrahmanyam on Wednesday reviewed progress of four laning of Jammu-Srinagar Highway (NH44) being executed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

CS reviewed section wise progress on the 4- laning of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. Issues related to land acquisition, removal of structures and felling of trees in Right of Way (RoW) and shifting of power transmission towers were discussed in detail, an official spokesperson said today.

Principal Secretary, Revenue, Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Commissioner Secretary, PW(R&B), Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Secretary Agriculture, Secretary Law, Regional Officer NHAI, Project Directors NHAI, Jammu and Ramban besides other senior officers of the concerned departments participated in the meeting. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur and Ramban attended the meeting through video-conference.

The DCs apprised Subrahmanyam with regard to the progress and issues related to the project within their respective.....