



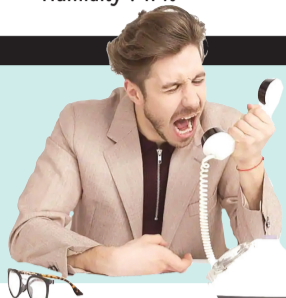
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COVID-19: 147 CORONAVIRUS CASES REPORTED IN INDIA SO FAR

NO 'IDEAL' SOLUTION FOR VIRUS-THREATENED TOKYO OLYMPICS: IOC



News Digest

India, Pak Troops Trade Fire Along LoC

Jammu: India and Pakistan troops on Wednesday exchanged artillery fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir

Advisor Baseer Khan Calls On LG

Jammu: After his appointment as Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Khan on Wednesday met Lt. Governor Girish Chandra Murmu at the Raj Bhavan here.

2 Militant Hideouts Busted In Kashmir

Srinagar: Police on Wednesday claimed to have busted two militant hideouts in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam and Pulwama districts.

Youth Arrested Over Lawaypora Shootout

Srinagar: Police on Wednesday arrested a youth from central Kashmir's Budgam district in connection with Lawaypora encounter in which a trooper and two militants were killed.

Kashmir Reports First COVID-19 Positive Case, Public Transport Suspended



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR - A 67-year-old woman from Khanyar area of Srinagar has tested positive for coronavirus, making her the first confirmed case in Kashmir division, officials said on Wednesday.

A doctor at SKIMS said that she has a travel history to Saudi Arabia on March 16 where she had performed Umrah.

81 Fliers To Be Quarantined At Srinagar Hotel

SRINAGAR: The district administration Wednesday shifted 81 passengers to a local hotel here for quarantine shortly after they arrival in this capital city from Leh.

All Interstate Buses Banned In J&K

JAMMU - The Jammu and Kashmir administration announced on Wednesday banning of all interstate buses and closure of the Vaishno Devi yatra as part of the precautionary measures to arrest the spread of coronavirus.

254 Covid-19 Positive Indians Being Isolated

Fate of J&K Residents Stranded in Iran Uncertain

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Following an unconscionable delay of three weeks the Indian embassy in Iran has finally arranged an isolation facility in Qom for 254 Indian COVID-19 positive patients.

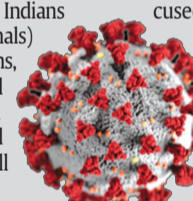
The MEA finally admitted in a Lok Sabha reply on Wednesday that 276 Indians have been infected with coronavirus abroad, including 255 in Iran, something they had been unwilling to confirm until then.

ment refusing to evacuate those who have tested positive for COVID-19, the virus continues to spread among more of its citizens trapped here, outside of quarantine.

There were at least 800 Indian nationals in the city of Qom alone, and since the start of testing two weeks ago, 254 people have contracted the highly-contagious virus, according to the figures released by the Indian embassy in Tehran.

With pilgrims running out of money and no assistance forthcoming from the embassy, they had been camped in 15 empty hotels across Qom, the sick and healthy living together, waiting for news on when they could return home.

The Indian Embassy in Tehran, which received a contingent of doctors from India a week ago specifically for the purpose running more tests quickly on its stranded citizens, has been accused of bungling the tests, not offering quarantine solutions, and washing its hands off the matter by simply dispatching some of the sick to Iranian hospitals that were unable and unwilling to handle



2 More Test Positive In Ladakh, Toll Reaches 8

SRINAGAR: The newly carved Union Territory of Ladakh on Wednesday recorded two more cases of Covid-19, taking the number of infected people to eight

All Travellers To Be Quarantined: Govt

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday appealed foreigners not to visit the Union Territory, warning that all visitors, including

5 Restaurants Sealed In City For Violating Order

SRINAGAR: At least five restaurants on Wednesday were sealed by district authorities for flouting orders issued under the disaster management Act 2005 in wake of the deadly

255 Indian Pilgrims In Iran Covid-19 Infected: MEA

NEW DELHI: As many as 276 Indians have been infected with coronavirus abroad, including 255 in Iran, 12 in UAE and five in Italy, the government

J&K Households Get Rs 5 Lakh Free Health Insurance Cover

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Council Wednesday accorded sanction to the Jammu & Kashmir Health Scheme which provides for free of cost Universal Health Coverage to the tune of Rs five lakh to each family of the recently carved out Union Territory.

The decision was taken at the council meet with Lt Governor Girish Chander Murmu in chair. The insurance cover will be in convergence with Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, an official spokesman said.

Now, around 1.25 crore residents of J&K will be provided the same benefits as are provided under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

At present, 5.95 lakh families numbering 31 lakh persons are eligible



for benefits under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY. Around 15 lakh additional families will be covered under the Jammu & Kashmir Health Scheme.

Release Omar Soon, Or Will Hear His Sister's Plea: SC To Centre

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI - The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre and Jammu and Kashmir administration to inform by next week if it is releasing former chief minister Omar Abdullah, who has been detained since the abrogation of Article 370 in August last year.



matter, is arguing in another court. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioner, said the court should fix a short date for hearing the matter.

Lok Sabha Approves Rs 1 Lakh Crore Budget For J&K

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Wednesday approved over Rs 1-lakh crore Budget for Jammu and Kashmir for 2020-21 with emphasis on the development of newly carved-out Union Territory.

Jammu and Kashmir was made a Union Territory with effect from October 31, 2019.

Since the bifurcation (October 31), as many as 45 lakh beneficiaries have got Rs 1,705 crore disbursed through direct benefit transfers to their accounts directly during this financial year, Finance Minister Nirmla Sitharaman said in reply to the debate on Budget for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Sixty thousand new pension cases shall be covered through the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme in the coming financial year, she said.

coverage under individual beneficiary schemes, particularly under various scholarship schemes," she said.

She also said 355 hectare shall be brought under high-density apple plantation, a new way of cultivating.

With this, farmers can earn three times more than what they have been earning from an apple orchard, she added.

With regard to the tourism development, the finance minister said three religious circuits have been announced in the Budget.

For tourism and culture sectors, an allocation of Rs 706 crore has been made for 2020-21, which is Rs 260 crore more than the previous year's budget allocation, she said.

For improving the employment and skill development, she said that in the traditional jewellery sector, silver filigree works will be promoted apart from funding start-ups in the region.

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