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STUDY IDENTIFIES HOW 'TOXIC PEOPLE' STILL **BECOME PROFESSIONALLY SUCCESSFUL** 

How can that "toxic person" get away with things and still become successful professionally? A recent study has identified social skills as the key to the trick. The study was led by Dr Mareike Kholin, Bastian Kuckelhaus and Prof.



**COVID-19: 147 CORONAVIRUS CASES REPORTED IN INDIA SO FAR** The total number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 147 with 130 active cases as of Wednesday morning, the Union Health Ministry said. These include 11 / Sports.....

NO 'IDEAL' SOLUTION FOR VIRUS-THREATENED TOKYO OLYMPICS: IOC The International Olympic Committee acknowledged Wednesday there was no "ideal" solution to staging this summer's Tokyo Olympics as the deadly coronavirus pandemic swept the globe

ment refusing to evacuate those

who have tested positive for CO-

spread among more of its citizens

trapped here, outside of quaran-

There were at least 800 In-

alone, and since the start of test-

ing two weeks ago, 254 people

have contracted the highly-con-

tagious virus, according to the

figures released by the Indian

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ing from the embassy, they had been

camped in 15 empty hotels across

Qom, the sick and healthy living to-

gether, waiting for news on when

The Indian Embassy in Tehran,

which received a contingent of

doctors from India a week ago

specifically for the purpose run-

ning more tests quickly on its

stranded citizens, has been ac-

cused of bungling the tests, not

offering quarantine solu-

tions, and washing its

hands off the matter

by simply dispatching

some of the sick to

Iranian hospitals that

were unable and unwill-

ing to handle **PAGE 10** 

With pilgrims running out of

embassy in Tehran.

they could return home.



### **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 At about 11.45 am, Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by small arms firing and intense shelling with mortars in Shahpur and Kirni sectors. The Indian Army is retaliating befittingly, the spokesman said. He said there was no report of any casualty on the Indian side in the Pakistani firing so far. The shelling from Pakistan was heavy, causing panic among the border residents, a police official said adding that the firing from across the border forced the people to stay in underground bunkers for their safety. • P10

### **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. Lt. Governor discussed with Advisor various issues relating to the holistic development of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He congratulated Khan for his new appointment and wished him a successful tenure

### **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. "Based on a credible input, Police with the assistance of security forces busted a militant hideout belonging to proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba in Akhal forest area of Kulgam," a police spokesperson said. He said police have recovered incriminating materials including explosive materials used for making IEDs and other documents from the hideout. In another operation, the security forces, acting on a specif ic input regarding the presence of a hideout of Jaish-e Mohammad in Kamala forests of Awantipora in Pulwama district, launched a search operation • P10

#### **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. Zahid Farooq Dar, a resident of Arth Budgam was arrested by police today after the probe revealed that the scooty used by the militants belonged to him, news agency KNT reported. Dar, the officials said was being questioned over his alleged role in the Lawaypora encounter in which two militants, Zia-ur-Rehman of Arth Budgam and Khateeb of Wagam Bijbehara and a trooper Ramesh Ranjan

# **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

A doctor at SKIMS said that that there will be restrictions solutely necessary. »PAGE 10

At Srinagar Hotel

81 Fliers To Be Quarantined

**SRINAGAR:** The district administration

Wednesday shifted 81 passengers to a local

hotel here for quarantine shortly after they

According to an official spokesperson, • P10

arrival in this capital city from Leh.

she has a travel history to Saudi on public transport, assembly tor said that her report was con-row (Thursday). firmed from two places including SKIMS and Pune lab.

hid Iqbal Choudhary, Deputy stay indoors from Thursday morn-Commissioner Srinagar said ing and venture out only when ab-

Arabia on March 16 where she of people and some other meahad performed Umrah. The doc- sures in Srinagar from tomor-

Srinagar Municipal Corporation Mayor Junaid Azam Matoo also Meanwhile, in a tweet Sha- urged people of Srinagar city to

### 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. • P10

## 254 Covid-19 Positive **Indians Being Isolated**

Fate of J&K Residents Stranded in Iran Uncertain

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Following an un- VID-19, the virus continues to conscionable delay of three weeks the Indian embassy in Iran has finally arranged an tine isolation facility in Qom for **254 Indian COVID-19 positive** dian nationals in the city of Oom patients. The situation, however, continues to be grim for the 1400 pilgrims and students stuck in the country, most of whom are from the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh regions.

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. Additional Secretary Dammu Ravi had earlier said, "If Indians test positive elsewhere, we would expect the country they are in to take care of them, like we are doing with the foreign nationals [here]." But compared to the 147 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in India (122 Indians

and 25 foreign nationals) and three related deaths, Iran is fighting a full blown epidemic with over 17.000 confirmed cases and the death toll

With the Indian govern-

### 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 • P10

### 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 • P10

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### **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 • P10

### 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 • P10

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

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.

of J&K will be provided the same benefits as are provided under Ayushman Bharat-PMIAY.

bering 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.

Under this Universal Health Coverage, the beneficiaries shall be entitled to free health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year on ▶PAGE 10

**Observer News Service** 

Now, around 1.25 crore residents

At present, 5.95 lakh families num-



### Lok Sabha Approves Rs 1 Lakh Crore Budget For J&K coverage under individual beneficia-

**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 Nirmala 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 com-

ing financial year, she said.

ry 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

nounced 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

three religious circuits have been an-

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 fund-'We intend to achieve 100 per cent ing start-ups in the region. »PAGE 10

### 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.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah told counsel appearing for the Centre that Abdullah's sister Sara Abdullah Pilot's plea against his detention will be heard on merit if he is not released soon.

"If you are releasing him, then release him soon or we will hear the matter on merits," the bench said.

The observations came after counsel for the Centre and the J-K administration informed the court that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing in the time," the bench said.



Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioner, said the court should

fix a short date for hearing the matter. To this the bench said only six benches are functioning due to the ongoing arrangement in the apex court and it does not know when the next turn will come.

"Probably next week we are sitting and the matter will be taken up at that

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