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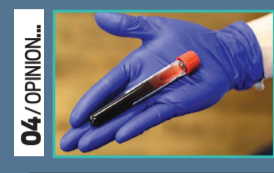
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IF I BECOME INFECTED WITH THE COVID-19, WHAT ARE MY ODDS OF SURVIVAL? Left unchecked, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 could infect billions of people. By one estimate, up to 70% of the world's population may contract the disease. That means there's an excellent chance that, sooner or later.....



COVID-19: IMMUNITY TESTS MAY HELP FASTER RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE US President Donald Trump isn't the only one who wants to reopen the country as quickly as possible as it deals with the coronavirus pandemic. Everyone wants that - we want to get businesses and schools up and running again.....

WHO REITERATES WARNING THAT KIDS ARE HIT BY CORONAVIRUS TOO The World Health Organisation on Thursday reiterated its warning that children can also be affected by the new coronavirus, which has claimed the lives of several young people. "The very notion that 'COVID-19 only affects.....



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Youth Shot Dead In Anantnag Srinagar: Unidentified gunmen on Thursday shot dead a youth in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, a day after two people were killed in neighboring Kulgam district. 28-year-old Mohammad Saleem Dar of Larkipora village of the district was fired upon by unknown gunmen near his house this evening, news agency GNS reported. Dar, received four bullet wounds and was taken to Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag, a police official said. Medical Superintendent GMC Anantnag, Dr Abdul Majeed Mehrab said the youth with critical bullet wounds was declared brought dead in the health facility. oon after the incident, P-02

Oswal Takes Oath As J&K High Court Judge Jammu: Rajnesh Oswal took oath as a judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Thursday, the first one to do so under the Indian Constitution. High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal administered the oath to Oswal in the central hall of the court complex in Jammu. All previous judges of the high court had taken oath under the state constitution. Following the abrogation of Article 370 and reorganisation of the State into two Union Territories, judges have to take oath under the Indian Constitution. The oath-taking ceremony was broadcast online due to the COVID-19 outbreak. High Court Registrar General Sanjay Dhar read out the Warrant of Appointment issued by the President. P-02

Kashmir Highway Opens For Stranded Vehicles Banihal/Jammu: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was partially restored on Thursday after being closed for a week to facilitate passage of trucks carrying essential supplies to Kashmir valley, officials said. A single stretch has been cleared on the arterial highway to allow passage of the trucks carrying essential commodities which were stranded there for many days, they said. Over 1,000 trucks are stranded on the highway. Work shall restart again after clearing the stranded vehicles carrying supplies to Kashmir as the road is not opened yet, Deputy SP (Highway) Ramban Ajay Anand said.

Shooting stone Kills Minor In Poonch Poonch: A minor girl on Thursday was killed after she was hit by a shooting stone near her house in Markote village of Poonch district. 5-year-old Iqra Mukhtar was outside her house in Markote when a shooting stone fell upon her leading to her on spot death, news agency KNO reported. Police have started the process of necessary legal formalities into the matter, the report added.

Tabligh Member Booked for Hiding Travel History

Bandipora: Police on Thursday registered a case against a man, associated with Tablighi Jama'at, for concealing his travel history in north Kashmir's Bandipora district. The man hailing from Alooosa village of Bandipora had attended the congregation at Jama'at Markaz in Nizamuddin area of Delhi. An official said that a member of Tablighi Jama'at, who had attended an event at Nizamuddin Markaz in Delhi last month, had returned to Valley on March 21st, however, he had P-02

324 More Walk Home After Quarantine

Srinagar - Authorities here on Thursday released another batch of 324 people from various quarantine facilities in the city, taking the total number of those who successfully completed the isolation period to 638, officials said. "About 324 more persons who had returned from overseas countries being discharged after completing their P-02

Chattabal Declared As 'Red Zone'

Srinagar: The district administration Thursday declared Chattabal area of Srinagar as 'Red Zone' after positive cases of Covid-19 were reported from the area. In a tweet, the district administration Srinagar informed that Chattabal area of Srinagar has been declared 'Red Zone'. "Chattabal has been declared Containment (Red) Zone in view of cluster of 4 positive cases. Containment zone: Administrative boundary of the residential colony and a buffer zone of additional 5 Km radius," District Administration Srinagar tweeted

Quarantine Centre, Screening Post Set Up In Kargil

KARGIL - With the strategically important 434-km Srinagar-Leh National Highway set to reopen later this month, authorities in this border district have set up a 50-bedded quarantine centre and a full-fledged screening post to counter the spread of Coronavirus, an official said on Thursday. The quarantine centre has come up at Tourist Dak Bungalow at Drass, while the screening post with trained medical staff consisting of doctors and paramedics was made. P-02

Plea In SC Seeks High Speed Internet Restoration In J&K

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir administration to restore 4G internet speed in the Union Territory in light of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. The plea, filed through "Foundation for Media Professionals", has assailed an order of the UT administration of March 26, by which internet speed has been restricted to 2G only in the state. The plea, while seeking restoration of 4G internet services, alleged that the action of the government was violative of Articles 14 (right to equality), 19 (freedom of speech) and 21 (right to life) of the Constitution. Terming 2G telephone services as "outdated", the plea said 4G internet speed would be useful in ensuring information flow to the citizens in view of the COVID-19. "The advent of the COVID-19 global pandemic has fundamentally altered the existing situation. At present, the following facts exist: first, COVID-19 exists in India, and is a highly infectious and communicable disease. Research into its origins and the best ways of tackling this disease is ongoing, and there is a continuing flow of new information about how best to contain the fall out of the virus, and limit its spread and impact," the plea said. It said the plea has been filed to ensure flow of information to citizens during these "extraordinary times when the number of cases of Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") in Jammu and Kashmir has already reached 33, with 2 reported deaths". "In these conditions -- a pandemic and a lock-down - the restriction of mobile internet speeds to 2G P-02



A GIRL CHECKS HER PHONE, WHILE TWO OTHERS LOOK ON, at a quarantine centre in Srinagar on Thursday: Pic Abid Bhat

COVID-19: Discharged from Hospital Elderly Tests Positive

'First Patient At CD Hospital Tests Negative, Others Responding To Treatment' Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir recorded eight fresh cases of coronavirus, including three from the Valley on Thursday, taking the number of cases to 70. Those tested positive to the disease included a resident of Sopore who was discharged after three days from a Srinagar hospital on March 24 as he tested negative. According to doctors the 70-year-old had returned on March 15 from Saudi Arabia after performing Umrah. Following an announcement by the administration that those who returned from abroad should report for tests, the elderly turned up at Sopore health facility on March 21 where from he was advised to visit GMC, Baramulla. He was P-02 First COVID-19 Patient Recovers, Returns Home Meanwhile Kashmir's first positive case, the 65-year-old woman from Khanar area of Srinagar has recovered and has been discharged from Sher-e-Kashmir institute of medical sciences (SKIMS) Srinagar. Doctors at SKIMS said that the woman was discharged from the hospital on Wednesday after she tested negative for the virus twice. Doctors have advised her to follow the mandatory quarantine P-02

Amid Unbridled Media Trial, Tablighi Jama'at Faces 'Identity Crisis'

Omer Farooq his somber voice. "This relentless campaign is there despite most of us belonging to a Shu'ra faction that strictly followed all the advisories of the WHO or Health Ministry of the Govt of India. Our Ameer, Maulana Amir Ahmed Khan aka Pervaz Sahib, based in Baramulla told all his subordinates a week before a positive case of TJ associate [who would later pass away], to suspend all religious gatherings - or face music". Mostly, Irfan informed, the members of Nizamuddin faction were found Covid-19 positive till date. In 2015, TJ, founded by Maulanallyas in Mewat in 1927, on the six principles, including 'Tabligh' (inviting people to Islam by preaching), got divided into two factions; one led by Maulana Saad stationed at Nizamuddin Markaz and the other by a few other activists, popularly called Shu'ra, stationed in Faizlaha Mosque at Turkmangate, in old Delhi. Owing to its huge international base and many of the foreigners coming and going from Nizamuddin Markaz, many critics blame and accuse TJ of being negligent during the pandemic time. A longtime adherent of TJ's Nizamuddin faction, Irfan Ahmed, a teacher by profession, P-02

Private Hospital Acquired By Govt Runs Smooth Business

2 Senior Officials Served Notice, Case Filed Against Owners Observer News Service an official spokesperson said. The senior health officials were put on notice for allowing private practice at the requisitioned hospital amidst looming public health emergency. The administration said that role of anyone involved shall be explored for allowing this blatant violation. The private hospital Zenith along with all its resources was acquired by the authorities under section 34 and 65 of Disaster Management act 2005 (vide order no : DC/PA 6128-38 dated 28-03-2020) and was placed at the disposal of CMO Pulwama for converting the same into an isolation facility in P-02 Pulwama: The district authorities here on Thursday issued show cause notice to two senior health officials after a private hospital acquired by the administration for isolation facility, was found doing business as usual. CMO Pulwama and Medical Superintendent, District hospital were issued showcause notices over their sheer negligence over senior officials visited the administration acquired private hospital and found the management carrying out private practice including caesarean sections in violation of the government orders,

Clear Violation of International Law: Pak

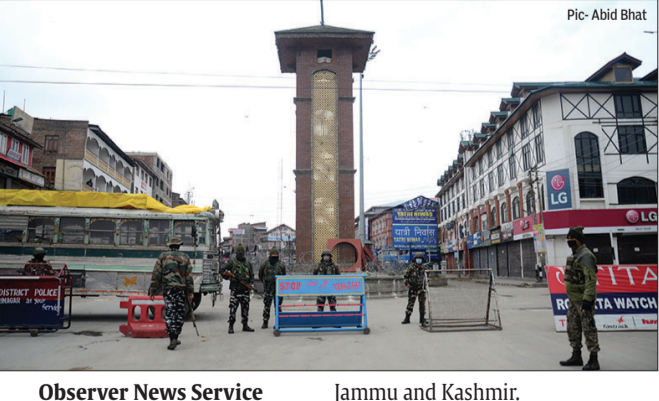
Press Trust Of India Islamabad: Pakistan on Thursday accused India of "illegally changing the demographic structure" of Jammu and Kashmir, saying the new domicile rules were in "clear violation of international law". The Indian government on Wednesday laid down rules for domicile which can now be given to anyone who has resided in the Union Territory for 15 years. This is "another illegal step by India to settle non-Kashmiris" in the region, the Foreign Office said in a statement. "This is a clear violation of international law, including the 4th Geneva Convention, it said. The FO urged the UN and the international community to "take immedi-

Jammu Parties Fume Over New Domicile Law BJP Betrayed Trust Of People: Panthers Party

Observer News Service Nearly eight months after withdrawal of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the central government on Wednesday laid down Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (De-centralisation and Recruitment) in which a clause for domicile category was introduced under which Jammu: Several Jammu based political parties on Thursday lashed out at the BJP government at the centre alleging that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been 'betrayed'. "By throwing open the J&K employment avenues, except a part of Class-IV jobs, to the outside states, the BJP-led government has caused the greatest disappointment to the educated unemployed. They have betrayed the trust of J-K people," JKNNP chairman Harsh Dev Singh told reporters here. Singh staged a dharna against the domicile law and demanded its revocation. The Centre amended the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (De-centralisation and Recruitment) in which a clause for domicile category was introduced under which Jammu: Launching straight attack on the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) for cheating people of Jammu region, J&K Apni Party has accused the Union Government of reducing status of people to fourth class who voted them to power in assembly as well as parliamentary polls. "The honour of people of Jammu has been compromised and downgraded by the leaders who claimed to be the champion for the cause their case in the region. BJP climbed political ladder rising voice against discrimination with the people of this region. P-02 rules for domicile which can now be given to anyone who has resided in the Union Territory for 15 years. Under the new law, anyone who has resided for 15 years in P-02

'Systematic Demographic' Change, Says Hurriyat

Observer News Service Srinagar: All Parties Hurriyat Conference led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Thursday accused BJP-led government of 'systematically' changing the demographic character of Jammu and Kashmir. Reacting to the recent domicile law brought by Modi-government, a Hurriyat spokesperson said that the process to 'change the demographic character' of J&K started in August 2019, was being systematically P-02



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