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News Digest

4 Militants, 5 OGWs Held In North Kashmir: Police

Srinagar: Police on Friday claimed to have arrested four Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants and five of the militant group's over-ground workers from Jammu and Kashmir's Handwara and Sopore areas. State forces launched a search operation in GundChogal village in Kupwara district's Handwara area after receiving information about the presence of militants there, a police official said. "During the search operation, four militants linked to the militant outfit LeT were arrested," he said. They were identified as Parvaiz Ahmad Chopan, Mudasir Ahmad Pandith, Mohammad Rafi Sheikh and BurhanMushtaqWani. ● P-02

Police Files Case After Leopard Lynched

Srinagar: Police on Friday registered a case against many people in south Kashmir's Kulgam district for lynching a leopard before the beast attacked and injured seven villagers. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K UT, Suresh Gupta said that he has directed concerned officials to file a case against the people who lynched the leopard in broad-daylight in DamhalHanjpora village of Kulgam. "Action will be taken against them as per the law," Gupta added. On Thursday, a leopard appeared in KhudHanjpora village of the district and pounced upon a group of ● P-02

Landslide Damages 6 Houses In Teetwal

Srinagar: A landslide damaged two houses completely while four others suffered minor damages due to a landslide in Teetwal area of the frontier Kupwara district on Friday. The residential houses belonging to Zameer Ahmed and Shakeel Ahmed atGundiGujran village of Teetwal were heavily damaged while as four other houses suffered minor damages due to a landslide triggered by constant rains, reports said. The locals appealed the administration to make speedy assessment of the damages and take necessary mitigation measures to prevent further damages due to continuous landslides in the area

During Pandemic, Dialysis is a New Deadly Distress in Kashmir

BhatZubair

SRINAGAR: A decade-long harrowing tryst with bad kidneys had ended in December 2019 for BasharatHussain—when he got a golden card promising Rs 5 lakh medical insurance to him per annum.

But a year later, as the card stands blocked, he's back to square one — seeking a desperate help for survival from the people themselves grappling with the covid-19 lockdown and stress.

Hussain, 41, was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2008, the year when Kashmir was out on streets against the controversial Amarnath Land Deal.

Since then, his tolling and taxing treatment has consumed his family's lifetime savings, his shop at FatehKadal and countless hours of sleep. "But last year, when I got the golden card through an Aanganwadi worker, my family, including four sisters, sighed in relief,"



Hussain, a resident of Braripora, Nawakadal in Srinagar, said. "The card was a big relief to well-off as well as underprivileged section of the society. Thing is, even if you're a fortune, it will get consumed in dialysis treatment."

Everything was going fine for him, until his dialysis centre refused to acknowledge his golden card 14 days ago. "They told me it's no longer valid," said Hussain, an Antyodaya (AAY) ration card-holder.

The AAY ration cards are issued to "poorest of poor" households, making Hussain an eligible for all the government schemes. ●PAGE 02

TO PLEAD MY CASE, I EVEN VISITED SMHS, WHERE THE CARD IS BEING CHECKED,"
Hussain continued his anguish. "But officials told me that nothing can be done right now."

Pak Firing Injures 6 Soldiers In Rajouri

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four Army soldiers and two Border Security Force (BSF) personnel were injured, as the skirmishes between India and Pakistan troops escalated on the fourth consecutive day Friday along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Six soldiers, including four army men were injured when Pakistani troops resorted to heavy mortar shelling along the Sunderbani sector of the border district Rajouri this morning, reports said. Pakistani troops used small arms and mortars to target Indian



posts in Dadal and Malla areas, prompting retaliating from the Indian army, reports said. The injured soldiers, reports said have been removed to the hospital for treatment. The situation along the LoC was tense when the last reports came in.

Suspended DySP's Custody Extended Till April 10

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Suspended Jammu and Kashmir police officer Davinder Singh, who was arrested while ferrying two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militants in a vehicle on the Srinagar-Jammu Highway earlier this year, was on Friday sent to further custodial interrogation by a Delhi court till April 10.

Special Judge MunishMarkan extended Singh's custody after the Delhi Police said that he was required to be further confronted with three other accused persons -- JavedIqbal, Syed NaveedMushtaq and Imran Shafi Mir -- arrested in the case to unearth their respective roles.

The court also extended the custody of Iqbal, Mushtaq and Mir till April 10 on a plea by the police.

The Delhi Police said that the accused were required to be interrogated further to identify the other persons involved.

The custody was required to ascertain the identity of other handlers, the police told the court.

The police said that further interrogation was required to unearth the larger conspiracy and role of the accused, to trace the details of financial transactions, verify and trace other offenders.

Defence advocate PrashantPrakash opposed remand on the ground that there were ●PAGE 02

Will Arrest Those Inciting People On Domicile Law: IGP

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police have tasked its cyber wing to identify social media users trying to incite people over the newly introduced domicile law, reports said Friday.

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According to the report, IGP said that the police has decided to arrest such people and the task to identify them has been assigned to the cyber wing.

On Wednesday, Modi-led government at the Centre introduced new domicile law for J&K under which anyone who has resided for 15 years



IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar has said that certain elements were trying to incite people on the new domicile law and many "anti-social elements" were using various social networking platforms to instigate people.

in Jammu and Kashmir or has studied for seven years and appeared in Class 10 and Class 12 examinations in an educational institution located in the Union Territory is a domicile. According to the ●PAGE 02

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J&K At Risk Of Becoming Police State: NC

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is at the risk of becoming a police state, the National Conference said on Friday, a day after a senior police official warned of action against anyone found instigating people on the new domicile law announced by the Centre for the union territory.

"It would appear that along with everything else we also lost the fundamental right to free speech and the right to dissent last year. J&K may not be a 'state' but we risk becoming a police state (if we aren't already one)," the NC said on its official Twitter handle.

A report in a local daily has quoted Inspector General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar as saying that "some miscreants are instigating people on the new domicile law by misusing social media. FIR will be filed and action will be taken against those found involved". Taking a dig at the IGP's remarks, NC's provincial spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar said police should ●PAGE 02

Police Officer Tests Negative To Covid-19

Srinagar: A senior police officer, who went into isolation after his mother-in-law tested positive to Covid-19 on Friday, was found negative to the deadly infection.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Crime Branch, Intiaz Ismail Parray was today found negative to Covid-19 after his test was repeated today by the doctors, new agency KNT reported.

"Earlier, his first test turned out to be negative and for re-confirmation his samples were taken and again his test was found negative," Head of Department Chest Disease Hospital DrNaveed Shah said.

Parray, whose mother-in-law from Khanyar area of Srinagar city, became the first positive case of Coronavirus in the Valley on March 18 last month had ● P-02

5 Booked For Friday Prayer Assembly

SRINAGAR: Police on Friday booked five people for assembling in a Masjid in Baramulla district to offer congregational Friday prayers in violation of prohibitory orders.

The five people, whose identity is not yet known, assembled in Jamia Masjid in Vizer village of the district after an announcement for prayers was made by a local, news agency CNS reported.

Following the alleged violation of government orders, police station Kreeri registered a case FIR No 27/ 2020 under sections 188, 269, 270 of the Indian Penal Code against the five unidentified locals.

Covid-19: 5 More Test Positive In J&K, Tally Reaches 75

Observer News Service

JAMMU- Five more persons including four from Valley tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, taking the total number of cases across the Union Territory to 75, officials said.

Among the four fresh cases detected in Valley today is a man, who had fled from SMHS hospital after doctors took his swab for examination, reports said. The 38-year-old resident of Chattabal, declared as "red zone" by the officials, was brought back to the hospital by police after his test report came positive to Covid-19. He was later sent to Chest Diseases hospital for treatment.

"He had mentioned his name wrongly in the hospital registry," news agency GNS quoted a doctor as saying.

The second case from this capital city is a resident of Eidgah. He had come into contact with a minor boy who had tested positive to Covid-19 early this week.

Other two people, both teachers are residents of border town Uri in Baramulla district. They are said to have contracted the virus from a coronavirus patient from Samba region of Jammu.

Meanwhile, government spokesperson RohitKansal in a news conference held at Jammu said that the number of positive cases in the Union Territory have reached 75. "As we speak, we have a ●PAGE 02



TWO GIRLS BOARDING A BUS AFTER BEING Discharged From A Quarantine Center In Srinagar On Friday. Ko Pic- Abid Bhat

Covid-19 Patients At CD Hospital Recovering

SRINAGAR: All coronavirus patients admitted at the Chest Diseases hospital in this capital city are responding well to the treatment, a senior hospital official said Friday.

DrNaveedNazir Shah, Head CD hospital said today that all the 19 coronavirus patients were recovering and some of them will be discharged soon, after following a proper protocol. He said that the second consecutive test report of the first patient admitted in the hospital has also come negative.

He said that on Thursday, the first test of this patient was found negative and today for re-confirmation, once more the sample of this patient admitted at CD Hospital was collected and report again was found negative.

"The patient was in hospital quarantine from past 15 days ● P-02

Walk From Darkness To Light And Hope: PM Modi

Asks People ToLight Lamps, Candles; Torches On Sunday At 9PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Prime Minister NarendraModi on Friday urged people to switch off the lights at their homes and light up lamps, candles or mobile phone torches for nine minutes at 9 pm on April 5 to display the country's "collective resolve" to defeat coronavirus.

In a video message of over 11 minutes, Modi also asked people to maintain the "lakshmanrekha" of social distancing by staying indoors and not getting together in groups during the exercise.

This message was apparently aimed at ensuring that there is

no repeat of March 22 evening when people assembled in large numbers in many parts of the country to ring bells or bang utensils to show their gratitude to those working on the frontlines during the crisis.

The prime minister told the nation that many people must have felt alone being at home during the ongoing lockdown but they must realise that the collective strength of 130 crore Indians is with each one of them.

It is required for the country's people to experience the "greatness, majesty and divinity" of this shared strength and ●PAGE 02

Faced Problems Because Of Tablighi Jamaat Movement: LG To Prez

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Girish Chandra Murmu on Friday said the UT administration has been keeping intensive surveillance and has identified hotspots to preempt COVID-19 outbreak but "faced problems due to movement of TablighiJamaat" members, a statement issued by RashtrapatiBhavan said.

Murmu was participating in a video-conference of governors, Lt governors and administrators

with President Ram NathKovind and Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on COVID-19 response.

"We faced problems because of movement of TablighiJamaat," he said. Murmu, however, assured that the administration is taking care of migrant workers, students and has also set up adequate quarantine centres.

"We are also ensuring food supplies to far-flung areas," he said while responding to a query from the vice president.

Ladakh Lt Governor Radha Krishna Mathur expressed ●PAGE 02

42 Lockdown Violators Held: Police

SRINAGAR: At least 42 people, including shopkeepers on Friday were arrested by police from several towns of the Valley for alleged violation of prohibitory orders imposed to contain coronavirus.

Here in this capital city, 15 people, five among them shopkeepers were arrested from KursuRajbagh and while five shopkeepers were held by cops in the areas falling under the jurisdiction of police station Sadder, a police spokesperson said.

He said that a case FIR No 27/2020 and FIR numbers 55/2020, 56/2020, 57/2020, 58/2020 and 59/2020 under relevant sections of law have been registered inRajbagh and Sadder and further investigation has been initiated in Ganderbal district. ● P-02

Parents Seek Release Of Jailed Sons

SRINAGAR: Parents of several youth detained last year after revocation of Article 370, staged a protest in south Kashmir's Tral Town on Friday demanding immediate release of their sons over fears of coronavirus pandemic.

Several parents assembled outside the officer of Assistant Development Commissioner Traland staged a demonstration seeking release of their wards lodged in different jails across India, news agency KNT reported. Carrying placards and banners, the protesting parents said that they fear for the lives of their children in view of the rapidly spreading ● P-02