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## CONFUSION, SEIZURE, STROKES: HOW COVID-19 MAY AFFECT THE BRAIN AND NERVOUS SYSTEM

A pattern is emerging among COVID-19 patients arriving at hospitals in New York: Beyond fever, cough and shortness of breath, some are deeply disoriented to the point of not knowing where they are or what year it is. At times this is linked to low oxygen levels in their blood, but in certain patients the confusion appears disproportionate to how their lungs are faring. Jennifer Frontera, a neurologist at NYU Langone Brooklyn hospital seeing these patients, told AFP the findings were raising concerns about the impact of the coronavirus on the brain and nervous system.

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## News Digest

### 93 Lockdown Violators Arrested: Police

Srinagar: Nearly a hundred people were arrested on Monday by police from north Kashmir's Handwara for allegedly violating prohibitory orders imposed to contain spread of coronavirus. 47 people were arrested while a vehicle was confiscated in Handwara town for defying orders issued under section 144 CrPC, a police spokesperson said today. "Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered and investigation into the cases have been initiated," he said. In Qalamabad, nine people

### Heart Attack Kills Para Trooper In Uri

Srinagar: An Army man died of a heart attack on Monday in the border town of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Havaldar Kapil Dev posted with 6 Para of 12 Infantry Brigade suffered a massive heart attack while he was attending his duty at his camp in Uri this morning, news agency KNO reported. A resident of north India's aranya state, Dev was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Hospital authorities also confirmed the para trooper died of heart attack. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigations.

## As Pandemic Persists, Stranded Kashmiris Scream For Homecoming

Jyotsna Bharti

SRINAGAR: On April 19, 2020, a former union minister received frantic calls from stranded Kashmiri labourers in Gadda and other areas of Himachal Pradesh for help to return to their homes in Kupwara and other districts of Kashmir.

The callers introduced themselves as labour leaders named Mohammad Shafi and Fayaz Ahmad Mir.

The duo sounded stressed and, in an anxious voice, explained their ordeal — that since lockdown got imposed, they got unemployed and were exposed to hardships of life.

Shafi and Mir informed that over 300 labourers could walk up to Pathankot, wherefrom they should be taken to their home districts of Kupwara and elsewhere.

Many more, they said, are stranded in other parts of the Himachal Pradesh.

Following this call, Prof. Saifuddin Soz urged the J&K union territory government to organize a sizeable effort to help stranded Kashmiri labourers in Himachal Pradesh.

"It's a matter that needs to be taken up with the Himachal Pradesh Govt. on war-footing," Prof stressed.



Kashmiri Students At Airport. File Pic

## 40,000 Labourers Stranded Outside J&K: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor G C Murmu said over 350 students and nearly 40,000 labourers are stranded outside the Union Territory due to the nationwide lockdown imposed in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

He said all those returning to the Union Territory (UT) will be

tested and home quarantined.

Meanwhile, the first batch of 1,200 people were brought back from Punjab on Monday.

"We have decided that all those who will be brought back will have to undergo testing. They will be sent to home quarantine, Murmu told PTI on the strategy formulated by his administration to deal with the large number of people stranded

outside the UT.

"If they have not been screened and tested in those places, then they will come back here and affect the families and people around them. So testing is must, he added.

On the steps taken for the safe return of those belonging to the UT and stuck in various countries due to the pandemic, the Lieutenant Governor said,

## 700 Soldiers Reach Jammu Through Special Train



Representation Image

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Nearly 700 army personnel reached Jammu on Monday through a special train from Bengaluru to join their units in the union territory after completing their professional courses in southern India, officials said.

In the prevailing security scenario along the Line of Control in

Jammu and Kashmir, it has been a necessity to boost the strength of security personnel in units deployed in operational areas, a defence spokesperson said.

The train had left the Bengaluru railway station on April 17.

The army personnel had completed their professional courses in Bengaluru, Belgaum and Secunderabad training centres

## Use New Technology To Neutralize Militants: DGP tells Officers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Three days after police claimed to have killed two militants responsible for killing a cop, the Director General of police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh on Monday asked forces to take strict security measures to root out the residual mili-

tancy from Kishtwar district.

On Friday, police had claimed to have shot dead two alleged militants Basharat Hussain and Ashiq Hussain, responsible for killing an SPO Pashid Iqbal and injuring another SPO Vishal Singh in Dachan area of Kishtwar.

Chairing a security

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## Female Photojournalist In Kashmir Booked For Social Media Posts

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday booked a female freelance photojournalist under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for "uploading anti-national posts" on social media, evoking sharp criticism and condemnation from media fraternity, political parties and trade bodies.

26-year-old Zahra was booked by the cyber wing of police under section 13 UA (P) Act and 505-IPC for "uploading posts that tantamount to



File Pic.

glorify the anti-national activities and dent the image of law

## KPC Slams Police 'Harassment'

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Press Club Monday condemned the recent cases of harassment and summons to journalists by police in Kashmir.

While journalism in Kashmir has never been easy, challenges and hardships have multiplied for journalists since August 05, 2019.

"Even in this time of Coronavirus pandemic journalists in Kashmir

## Covid-19 Cases Cross 300 Mark In Kashmir, 14 More Test Positive

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus cases in Kashmir crossed 300 mark, as 14 more people, including six members of a family, tested positive to virus on Monday raising the tally of infected people across the Union Territory to 368.

"14 new cases reported. All from Kashmir. Total number of cases now 368. Jammu-55 and Kashmir-313. Detailed bulletin follows," government spokesperson Rohit Kansal Tweeted.

Out of the 14 fresh cases

today, seven are from Bandipora, five from Anantnag and two others from Kupwara district. The reports of nine of the infected were confirmed by SKIMS authorities while the officials at the Chest Disease hospital here confirmed five others.

In Bandipora district, six of a family were among seven fresh cases detected today from Gunj Jehangir area of the district. Among them are three brothers.

A wife of a cleric is the seventh case from the area

## BJP Leader Demands Deportation Of Rohingyas, Bangladeshis

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Monday urged the central government to take immediate steps for the deportation of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis as they are "most vulnerable" to the spread of coronavirus.

Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta said, "As Rohingyas and Bangladeshis are mainly associated with the Rehri and hawking business, there is every likelihood of their spreading the virus to the localities they visit to sell their products."

"The central government should take immediate steps for the deportation of Rohing-



File Pic.

yas and Bangladeshis, who are illegally settled in Jammu, as they are most vulnerable to the spread of the deadly coronavirus," he added.

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the central government should forthwith work out for deporting illegally settled Rohingyas and

## In Covid-19 Crisis, This Doctor Is Kashmir's New Hope

Mrinal Pathak

As Covid-19 health crisis is deepening across the world, a crucial medical intervention evolving in America has Kashmir written all over it.

And the man playing an important role in it is a Kashmiri physician-turned-entrepreneur.

Coming across as a quintessential commoner of the valley, Junaid Nabi defies the image of a global soldier fighting the invisible enemy.

The young doctor is currently supporting a Harvard-MIT team working with local doctors and engineers to design and develop affordable ventila-



tors to increase the capacity of respiratory therapy in Kashmiri community.

As someone who believes that machine learning has an important role in Covid-19, Ju-

naid works as a public health researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

The health professional is presently working to detect useful patterns in the large inflow of public health data generated across the world by the current crisis.

Much of his insights and acumen, he says, comes from his growing up experience in Kashmir, a society marred with social, economic, and healthcare disparities.

Junaid, who hasn't been able to get back to Kashmir since 2017, has a vast experience of working with the health systems in the