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Minum : 09°C  
Humidity : 45%

SUNSET  
Today 07:09 PM  
SUNRISE  
Tomorrow 05:49 AM



**PEOPLE MAY KNOW  
THE BEST DECISION FOR THEMSELVES  
AND MAY STILL NOT MAKE IT**

**W**hen faced with a situation that requires decision-making skills, people may know which choice gives them the best chance of success, but still take the other option, suggests a new study. People may choose based on a "gut feeling", a habit, or what worked for them last time, rather than on what they have learned will work most often, said Ian Krajbich, co-author of the study and associate professor of psychology and economics at The Ohio State University. The results run counter to the belief that people make the less optimal choice because they just don't know....

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## News Digest

### Ramazan Moon Not Sighted, Holy Month From Saturday

Srinagar: Ramazan moon was not sighted in the region and the holy month will begin in Kashmir on Saturday. The Ramazan crescent was sighted in Saudi Arabia, however, where the fasting month will begin on Friday, Arab News reported. It was also not sighted in Iran where Ramazan will begin from Saturday. This year, the holy month will be observed amid the coronavirus pandemic, which **● P-02**

### 22 Held From A Truck On Highway

Udhampur: Twenty-two people travelling in Kashmir-bound trucks under the disguise of cleaners were nabbed on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district and sent to a quarantine facility on Thursday, officials said. During a checking, the district administration and the police caught 22 people disguised as truck cleaners on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway **● P-02**

### Employee Booked For Group Prayers

Bandipora: Acting tough against the violators of prohibitory orders in the district, Bandipora Police on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Shabaz Mirza, booked a government employee who tried to violate the restriction orders, on Thursday. Mohammad Shaban Wani a government employee was booked on the charges of trying to organize congregational prayers in the area thereby risking lives **● P-02**

### Woman Booked For Lashkar Poster

Handwara: Jammu and Kashmir police have filed a charge-sheet against a lady who was earlier held along with posters of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant outfit at main town Handwara during a naka checking. Woman, according to reports, was held last year along with threatening posters of banned militant outfit based in Pakistan. In a statement police said the FIR pertains to the incident dated October 26, 2019, **● P-02**

### 13 Year Old Boy Drowns In Canal

Ganderbal: A thirteen year old boy lost his life after drowning in a canal in Ganderbal district on Thursday. A thirteen year old boy drowned in Shekhpura irrigation canal, while he was taking bath. The boy is said to have jumped into the nallah and when he did not resurface, another boys present nearby alarmed people, who fished out the boy out of water in an unconscious condition and rushed him to Primary Health Center Kachan, where he was declared brought dead by the doctors. A class 5th student was **● P-02**

# 27 More Test Positive, J&K Tally Reaches 434

Ramban Records First Case, Bandipora Nears 100; 64876 People Under Surveillance

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Twenty six more persons tested positive for the novel coronavirus in the Kashmir Valley on Thursday taking the total number of cases to 434 in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to officials 27 persons tested positive in J&K of which 26 are from Kashmir and one from Jammu division. They further added that among 434 total positive cases, 377 are from Kashmir division and 57 are from Jammu province.

Officials from Kupwara said that new positive four cases are contacts of already positive patients and 84 samples were tested negative in district today. They further added that total number of positive cases in district are now 41 with 6 recoveries.

Officials from Baramulla said that wife of already tested positive doctor besides a woman from old Town Baramulla and a resident of Uri are among three tested positive from Baramulla on Thursday.

Nodal officer for Covid-19 at SKIMS said that 18 persons were tested positive at SKIMS on Thursday while four persons were discharged from the Institute after their complete recovery.

Nodal Officer Dr Saleem Khan said that in last 24 hours eight persons have been tested positive at CD hospital Lab, among them one is from Baramulla while seven are from Shangus, Anantnag. He further added that 235 samples were tested at the Lab in last 24 hours and on Thursday 300 more samples were received.

According to Dr Tabasum, Deputy Medical Superintendent ten more patients from Shopian district are being shifted to hospital and with that total number of positive patients at JNM has reached to 35.

Chief Medical officer Shopian Dr Ramesh Malla said that among nine new patients, 8 are from Hirpora and one from Bemmipora Shopian.

The total number of positive cases in Shopian has reached to 55 out of whom 6 have recovered, he said adding that total number of positive cases in **▶▶PAGE 02**

## Lockdown Completes 30 Days, Police Maintains Vigil



File Pic Abid Bhat

The lockdown continued for the 30th consecutive day in Kashmir with all the markets, educational institutions and the private offices barring essential sectors remaining closed. Contingents of police and paramilitary forces are deployed on the roads to enforce the lockdown imposed in the wake of the deadly virus, which has claimed five lives so far and **● P-02**

## Did Covid-19 Positive Doctor Treat Patients at GMC Baramulla? MS GMC Baramulla Says Allegations Baseless

**BARAMULLA:** Panic has gripped the residents of Baramulla district after a junior doctor posted at GMC tested positive for novel Corona-virus. He is believed to have attended hundreds of patients even after his sample was collected for Covid-19 testing on Sunday afternoon.

Official sources said that a junior doctor who tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday was working as per the routine roster at GMC Baramulla even after his sample was collected.

A health official posted at GMC Baramulla said that the said doctor was attending Covid-19 patients admitted in

isolation ward and was also attending other patients on daily basis as per the routine roster.

He claimed that the doctor has come in contact with many health workers and other hospital staff at GMC. "He was also offering joint prayers with the staff posted there."

This has caused fear **▶▶PAGE 02**

**ACCORDING TO THE BULLETIN, 44,940 PERSONS HAVE COMPLETED SURVEILLANCE** period and 13,283 persons are under home surveillance besides that so far results of 10,977 samples are available.

## Freedom of Press In Kashmir Not Curtailed, Says IGP

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** A top police official Thursday said that the freedom of press in Kashmir, as claimed by certain groups, was not being curtailed, urging people to assertion facts before making such broad generalizations.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that only one journalist has been questioned about a journalistic work as only one FIR of instigating people for violence has been registered over an encounter in Shopian at PS Anantnag.

"Remaining two persons have not been booked for any journal-

istic work of their's but because of the reason that they have posted explicitly seditious, incendiary and incriminating texts on social media, challenging sovereignty and integrity of India and attempting to instigate people for violence", IGP Kumar said.

He said one of them in the recent days has also met him along with 3-4 members of Kashmir Press Club Srinagar and "accepted the mistake claiming ignorance of the relevant law and assured not to repeat the same in future". IGP assured that an impartial investigation will take place.

Regarding the other person who has additionally been **▶▶PAGE 02**

## 18 Kashmiri PSA Detainees Set Free

**JAMMU-** Eighteen Kashmiri prisoners, detained under stringent Public Safety Act, were released from different jails in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, while 36 others, whose detention orders have been revoked, are to be freed soon, officials said on Thursday.

In addition, 52 prisoners were released from various jails in Jammu and Kashmir over the past few days, taking the total number of released inmates in the Union Territory to decongest prisons to save them from turning into fertile grounds for COVID-19 to 288, the officials said.

A number of persons were arrested under the PSA and **● P-02**

## J&K's Film City Investor Named In A Massive Bank Fraud Case

Mrinal Pathak

**NEW DELHI:** A prominent UAE-based Indian business tycoon, who last summer pledged a billion dollar investment in the newly created union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, is on the radar of probe agencies for fraud cases.

Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty, once a typical billionaire with a taste for the high-life, has left UAE as legal problems continue to mount in his companies NMC Health and UAE Exchange. Shetty is reportedly under ra-



dar of various Indian probe agencies for his alleged involvement in 'one of the biggest' bank fraud cases of recent times.

The Indian agencies are looking into BR Shetty's exposure to

Indian banks after a UAE-based bank alleged a fraud committed by his business house.

Shetty operates healthcare facilities in India under the name of the BR Life brand.

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) has filed a criminal complaint, alleging 'fraud and forgery' against six people, including founder BR Shetty, and former CEO Prasanth Manghat, linked to the embattled group.

ADCB has the largest exposure to NMC (New Medical Centre) Healthcare, a business group listed **▶▶PAGE 02**

## IUST Creates RUHDAAR, A Low-Cost Frugal Ventilator



Observer News Service

**AWANTIPORA:** Amid COVID outbreak and presuming the shortage of ventilators, the engineers and innovators at Design Innovation Centre (DIC) of Islamic University of Science and

Technology have created a prototype of a low-cost ventilator which is running successfully in the laboratory.

The prototype named 'Ruhdaar' is expected to be handed over to the medical experts in the SKIMS for evaluation purposes which **▶▶PAGE 02**

Jyotsna Bharti

**D**uring present pandemic, doctors hailed as 'knights in shining armour' have bet all ideas of marvel heroes, celebrity love, action and thriller. In this vein, micro-blogging site Twitter over this weekend flagged a Kashmiri doctor, Dr Shahnawaz B Kaloo as 'Superman' in their tweet.

Twitter asked its users to put up their selfies, promising to give them a 'haircut' during this crucial lockdown. Dr Kaloo put out his selfie in his doctor gown with mask and medical goggles resting on his head and red-face.

Twitter responded to his tweet by photoshopping the doctor's photo, giving him the red cape, a big S across his chest and the signature Clark Kent/ Superman hairstyle. Furthermore, Twitter added a cap-

## A Candid Talk with Kashmir's 'Superman' Doctor

tion along with the edited photo. 'You look SUPER'.

Living in Delhi with his wife, two children and mother-in-law, Dr Kaloo had kept his number public for people and patients to contact him smoothly during the current health crisis situation.

But now after Twitter's 'Superman' gesture, he's getting gazillions of calls and messages thanking and greeting him from all over.

In an interview with Kashmir Observer, Dr Kaloo talks about his newfound fame, acclaimed medical career, and current pandemic routine.

**How do you feel about Twitter's gesture on your selfie?**

I was surprised and excited too! You know, doctors hardly get



any appreciation for their work especially on social media, which is mostly used for otherwise. But thanks to twitter, they made my day. This is especially important today when healthcare professionals

around the globe need encouragement and support.

As we cannot do it without community backing, I request all people to be aware of fake news, contact your local authorities in case you need any help and extend a helping hand to your neighbours and people in need.

Media can play a great role in spreading awareness regarding the issues faced by healthcare workers and the need to improve our healthcare system.

**Tell us more about yourself.**

I'm a doctor, a researcher, a speaker and an author.

I was born in Sopore town of Baramulla and became the first Interventional Radiologist from Kashmir when I secured the first rank in the

All India level entrance exam conducted by ILBS in December 2015.

My research project during training at ILBS became the first paper on Trans Jugular Kidney biopsy from Asia to get published in a reputed journal in the USA.

I'm currently working as a Consultant at Max Hospital in Saket, Delhi.

My active area of practice and research is an interventional Radiology in liver diseases and liver transplant. I've presented my research in various countries and have delivered talks on multiple issues.

**What exactly is an Interventional Radiology?**

Well, as an Interventional Radiologist, I take help of medical imaging (X rays/ Ultrasound/ CT scan) to do procedures and surgeries.

It's just like any other surgery. The difference here is we don't open up the abdomen to look **▶▶PAGE 02**