

News Digest



19 Booked For Lockdown Violation

Srinagar: Acting tough against the violators of Government prohibitory orders, Police in a series of actions have arrested 19 persons in Sub Division Sadder, Srinagar. Thirteen persons were arrested in the jurisdiction of PS Sadder for defying Govt orders. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at PS Sadder and further investigations into the cases have been initiated. In the jurisdiction of • P-02

Handwara Complaint **Against Arnab**

Srinagar: Jammu Kashmir Zamindar Forum Saturday registered a complaint against TV Anchor Arnab Goswami at Police Station Handwara for relating Palghar mob lynching incident to Muslim community The forum has requested police to register an FIR against 'communal' anchor Goswami for trying to create a wedge between Muslims and Hindus in India. "Please lodge a case against Arnab Goswami, co-founder • P-02

'Rancho Khan' **Detained For FB Post**

Amid Pandemic, This Survivor is Becoming Kashmir's Mental Help

Jyotsna Bharti

mental health specialists and **uffering from bipolar** averted the possible mental disorder, Faisal Shafi escalation case in Srinagar. Jwas going through a "We're doing our bit by terrible time in lockdown. serving at the psychological

The man in his mid-forties front in these testing times," availed therapies until he Nida told Kashmir Observer. "A could. But once his supsound mind plays a vital role in port system collapsed and maintaining a healthy body." threatened to further derail The aim, she said, is to help his already unsound mind- in whatever way "we can and set, his daughter sought we will keep doing that to the help from a friend, who's best of our capabilities".

nected her friend's father to

actively arranging mental Nida's NGO has been workconsultations in the valley. ing for a cause, mental health awareness, which, she believes, Founder of 'Ittifaaq- United We Stand', Nida Rehman con- has not been given as much



mportance as it deserves. from people currently grap-"We keep getting calls pling with mental stress," them a patient hearing, we importance as it deserves.

connect them with mental health experts."

Nida's mental awareness campaign started in the year 2014, when flood of biblical proportion unleashed a great mental distress in the valley. Then, as a student of University of Kashmir, she started a few campaigns and programs with the help of her friends for

programs, she started getting children's education. texts from Kashmiri teenagers "Kashmir is not a normal place like any other city or on Facebook asking for help.

state," Nida said, when asked "I remember, one evening about the motivation behind when I opened my Facebook account, I saw messages

the NGO. "People feel suffocated and flooding from **PAGE 02**

COVID-19 Claims 6th Victim **2 Pregnant Women, 3 Cops Among 42 Test Positive**



Observer News Service tested rising to 1071. SRINAGAR: A 72-year-old man test barrier- 1071 samples tested became the sixth COVID-19 fa- in the last 24 hours. But that also tality in Jammu and Kashmir means more positives," Principal new cases of novel Secretary Information and

"Finally J&K breaks the 1000

DISTRICT WIDE CASES Bandipora 115

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Srinagar

PSA Against 27, Yasin Khan **Revoked**

Srinagar: Authorities on Friday evening revoked the Public Safety Act (PSA) detention orders of 28 persons lodged in prisons within and outside J&K. Sources disclosed that Home Department has revoked PSA detentions of 21 persons lodged in different jails outside J&K and seven others in Central Jail Srinagar.

The prominent in the list includes Muhammad Yasin Khan, who heads Kashmir Economic Alliance and Kashmir Traders and Manufactures Federation (KTMF). Khan was detained by the J&K administration following the downgrading state of I&K into two UTs.

Apart from others, the detention orders of two close associates of Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone have also been revoked. Ahead of abrogation of Article 370, police also rounded up activists of NC, PDP, PC from different parts of Kashmir. **PAGE 02**

Attack on Healthcare Workers Now A **Non-bailable Offence**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Government has ordered strict action "including and not limited to Disaster Home department. Management Act or Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance" against anyone who attacks any healthcare worker in Jammu and Kashmir.

In this regard, the Government has made the IGsP of Jammu, Kashmir and the District Superintendents of Police as Nodal Officers within their respective jurisdictions for ensuring adequate protection to the healthcare professionals, medical staff and frontline workers. The nodal officers have been asked to augment their safety and security cover.

"The Nodal Officers shall also take immediate and strict action in case them, including and not limited to amongst the entire **PAGE 02**

the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020," reads an order issued by

want to run away. Maybe be-

continuous hindrance in edu-

cation, people here still lack

the understanding of mental

health issues which made a

lot of children comfortable

having a conversation with

In 2017, when Nida was doing well with the NGO

me, than their parents."

cause of orthodox society and

The order comes two days after MHA asked states and union territories to ensure adequate protection to healthcare professionals, medical staff and frontline workers by augmenting their safety and security cover.

"You are aware that the wholehearted and untiring services rendered by the entire medical fraternity, while even risking their lives, has enabled the country to resist the spread of the highly infectious CO-VID-19 virus, that has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO). At this time, any single incident of violence against healthcare professionals is of any incident of violence against likely to create a sense of insecurity

NECESSARY POLICE SECURITY BE ALSO extended to Doctors and other medical staff who visit places to conduct screening of people to find out symptoms of disease."

Srinagar: Ganderbal police has arrested a man for posting an 'abusive comment' on the official Facebook page of the District Police. "A case FIR number 74/2020 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Ganderbal and investigations were initiated." a police spokesman said. The spokesman said that "during the investigation of the case, the Facebook account named as Rancho Khan was tracked • P-02

LG Says Ramzan-ul-Mubarak To People

Jammu: Lt. Governor Girish Chandra Murmu has greeted the people on the commencement of the holy month of Ramzan and hoped that this auspicious period would be a harbinger of peace, amity, brotherhood, progress, and prosperity in J&K. In a message, the Lt. Governor said that the holy month of Ramzan is a period dedicated to fasting, service, and pravers and it underscores the values of austerity, patience, tolerance, • P-02

coronavirus were confirmed on ernment spokesman Rohit Kansal Saturday in the Kashmir Valley, the biggest one day spike since the outbreak started.

Among the fresh cases include two pregnant women besides mother and her two minor sons as well as three policemen. The spike is attributed to in-

one from Kupwara district. The bulk of the cases-28-were crease in the number of tests as J&K broke 1000 test barrier on Satconfirmed at the COVID-19 testing urday with the number of people laboratory at **PAGE 02**

17 Recover, Discharged from 3 Hospitals

eventeen persons, who were hospitalized after testing positive for Coronavirus last month, were discharged from three Kashmir hospitals today after repeatedly testing negative for the infection they had contracted.

Among these 17 persons, one is a non-local from Kerala who was tested positive after coming in contact with a Tablighi Jam'at • P-02

Mosque in Bandipora Hotspot Sealed

uthorities Saturday sealed Central Mosque in a Bandipora area that is being declared as hot spot for Covid-19 infection.

Reports said that on the directions of district administration, Tehsildar Bandipora, sealed Markazi Masjid Sharif at Gund Qaisar village. The village has been declared as hot spot for the spread of Covid-19 infection. • P-02

tweeted. Officials sources said of the among 42 cases, 28 were confirmed at Viral Diagnostic Lab of SKIMS Soura and include seven from Bandipora, three from Shopian as many as from Baramulla and

 Shopian 63 55 Baramulla Kupwara 46 38 Anantnag • Jammu 26 Udhampur 20 Ganderbal 14 14 Budgam 6 Kulgam Rajouri 4 Samba 4 • Pulwama 3

Kathua, Kishtwar and Ramban districts have one case each.

Militants Killed In Awantipora Quietly Buried In Sonamarg

certained.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday said three persons, including two militants were killed in an encounter with the government forces in Goripora area of Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

According to the Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar two militants and their "hardcore associate" were killed in the gunfight.

He however said the identity of the slain militants was yet to be as- to ensure health and security of the ceased prior to their burial **PAGE 02**

The encounter had ensued after joint team of army's 50 RR, SOG and CRPF launched a cordon-and-search operation in Goripora in the early hours of Saturday amid specific information about the presence of some militants there.

cols of lockdown thereby endangering the health and well-being of the All the three were quietly buried at community at large," he added. Sonmarg in Ganderbal district by the police as per new norm to prevent

The administration have been following a proper procedure for such burials such as conducting of postmor-A police officer said that in order tem and taking DNA samples of the de-

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people during pandemic period, the

administration has decided to conduct

places of killed militants would lead

to the breakdown of the strict proto-

"Allowing funerals at the native

burial of militants at isolated places.

Amid Prayer And Penance, Ramazan Starts In Kashmir

large funerals for slain militants.

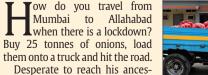


SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has formally accorded sanction to renaming of the Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control Department as the 'Jal Shakti Department'.

It ordered inclusion of the 'Jal Shakti Department' at serial No. 27-A in the first schedule of the J&K government business Rules and deletion of sub-entries (2) and (5) appearing at serial No. 27 (Public works) in the first schedule of the J&K government business.

The decision was taken at the Administrative Council, which met under the chairmanship of Lt Governor G C Murmu, on 5 February this year. The Administrative Council had also accorded sanction to the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission • P-02

'Only One Way Open': Man Buys Truckload **Of Onions To Drive To His Village** On April 17, Pandey hired a



tral village on the outskirts of Allahabad, Prem Murti Pandey, who works at Mumbai airport, says he did just that.

He spent the first phase of the lockdown in Mumbai, but then it seemed that the restrictions could go on for a while.

"Actually Azad Nagar in Andheri East, where I live is a very congested area and there is a bigger risk there of coronavirus spreading," he told PTI.



Buses and trains don't run and flights are grounded during this lockdown to stop the spread of coronavirus.

" I realised that the government had left one way open,"

Pandey said, referring to the relaxation on the movement of essential commodities like fruit and vegetable

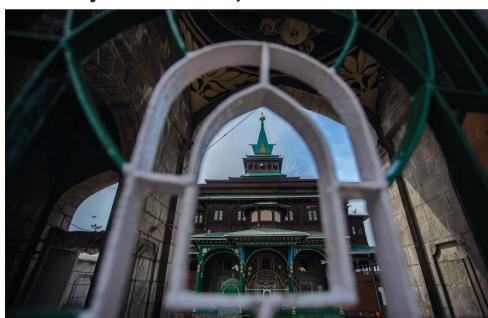
His plan also involved watermelons -- 1,300 kilos of them.

he bought the watermelons for Rs 10,000 and sent the vehicle back to Mumbai with the consignment. He had already struck a deal with a buyer in Mumbai

Next, he studied the Pimpalgaon market for a good deal in onions

Pandey said he bought 25,520 kilos of onions at Rs 9.10 per kg, shelling out Rs 2.32 lakh. He then hired a truck for Rs 77,500 and set off on April 20 with the onions on a 1,200-km

journey to Allahabad. **PAGE 02**



Holy month of Ramazan began here Saturday as Muslims in Kashmir started their daily fasting period under a raging pandemic with mosques and shrines shut. KO Photo by Abid Bhat