

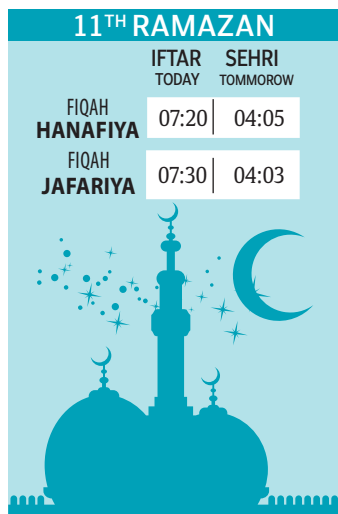
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COVID-19: BLOOD CLOTTING SIGNIFICANT CAUSE OF DEATH IN COVID-19 PATIENTS

Clinician-scientists have found that Irish patients admitted to hospital with severe coronavirus (COVID-19) infection are experiencing abnormal blood clotting that contributes to death in some patients. The research team from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland found that abnormal blood clotting occurs in Irish patients with severe COVID-19 infection, causing micro-clots within the lungs. According to the study, they also found that Irish patients with higher levels of blood clotting activity had a significantly worse prognosis and were more likely to require ICU.....

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SMC Refutes Home Quarantine Orders

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Monday refuted media reports claiming that the city's civic body has issued directive to officials to go for home quarantine after a corporator's brother tested positive for coronavirus. Commissioner, SMC, Gazanfar Ali said today that the news that surfaced after the brother of a corporator was tested positive for Covid-19 was factually incorrect. "No such directives were received by my office neither have

Covid-19: 80-year-old Woman, 11 Others Recover

Srinagar: An octogenarian woman and three non-locals were among twelve people on Monday discharged from a hospital here after recovering from the deadly coronavirus infections. According to an official spokesperson, twelve people, including three non-locals were discharged today from SKIMS Medical College Hospital Bemina after recovering from the contagious disease. Five of them are residents of Baramulla, two each from Srinagar and Bandipora, one from south

10 CRPF Men Hurt After Vehicle Turns Turtle

Srinagar: At least ten CRPF personnel on Monday were injured after the vehicle they were travelling in, turned turtle in Beerwah area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. A vehicle carrying personnel of CRPF 159 Battalion met with an accident this morning near Ohangam village of Beerwah after the driver reportedly lost control over his vehicle before it turned turtle, reports said.

Ex-Militant's Brother Held With Arms

Srinagar: An alleged militant associate carrying arms was arrested in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reports said Monday. A joint team of army's 46 RR, special operations group (SOG) of police and the personnel of 53 BN CRPF detained an alleged militant associate and recovered hundreds of round of AK 47 rifle and one grenade at a checkpoint near Sheeri Police station, news agency KNS

3 CRPF Personnel Killed In Militant Attack In Handwara

Physically Challenged Teenager Dies In Cross Fire

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two days after five security personnel were killed in an encounter in Handwara, a militant strike left three CRPF personnel dead in Qazilabad area of the same town falling in the frontier Kupwara district.

According to reports, unidentified militants fired upon the personnel of CRPF 92 battalion at Wangam area around 5:32 pm Monday. The paramilitary troops, returned the fire triggering off an encounter.

In the exchange of fire, two CRPF men were killed and three others injured. One among them succumbed before he could be taken to the hospital for treatment, reports said.

When the gunfire ceased, body of a teenager was spotted around half a kilometre from the shootout site. He was identified as a 14-year-old boy Hazim Shafi Bhat, a student

of 7th standard, of Khipora village.

"He along with other boys in the area had taken animals for grazing. While others fled, he could not as he was physically handicapped. He could not even properly talk and would occasion-

CISF Man Hurt In Srinagar Attack

A Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) personnel on Monday was injured after militants lobbed a grenade towards the Power Grid station in Nowgam area of the city outskirts. A police officer confirmed the incident and said one CISF man received minor splinter injuries in

ally fell down," Mohammad Ray-ez, his immediate neighbour told local news agency GNS.

Govt Says 4G Can't Be Restored In J&K: SC Reserves Judgement

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre and the UT administration justified in the Supreme Court on Monday the restriction on 4G service in Jammu and Kashmir saying high speed internet might be used for sending information about troop movement, and referred to Saturday's encounter between militants and security personnel in Handwara.

The top court, dealing with PILs seeking restoration of 4G services in the UT, said it has to deal with the legal question of ensuring balance in view of health and security concerns raised by the petitioners and the governments.

The submissions of the Centre and the UT were opposed before a bench, headed by Justice N V Ramana, by senior lawyers Salman Khurshid and Huzefa Ahmadi who were representing parties seeking restoration of 4G, on grounds such as



right to access doctors is an inherent under article 21 (Right to Life) of the Constitution and it's deprivation should be judged in view of the coronavirus or Covid-19 pandemic.

They also alleged that the right of children to access schools through the high speed internet

service have been hampered.

The bench, which also comprised Justices R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, heard arguments of both sides including that of Attorney General K K Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre and the Union Territory re-

spectively, and reserved the verdict.

During the over 2-hour hearing, held via video conferencing, Venugopal said the government's policy decision should not be questioned as the restriction was meant to protect the entire population of the state and not only patients.

Militants are being pushed into the country. Yesterday, there were some tragic incident, Venugopal said, adding that videos of the troop movements can be shared with the enemy by using 4G and there was no denial of the fact that security of the state was considered while taking such a decision.

He said that fixed line internet was already permitted in the UT and the authorities can keep a check on any militant propaganda and urged the court that the PILs be examined by keeping the larger public interest of national security in mind.

The law officer said sovereignty of the nation and the state

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Civil Secretariat Reopens In Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The Civil Secretariat, seat of the Jammu and Kashmir government, started functioning from the summer capital of Srinagar on Monday, as part of a nearly 150-year-old biannual practice known as the Darbar Move.

Lt Governor Girish Chander Murmu inspected the ceremonial guard of honour at the civil secretariat lawns here in the morning as offices opened here after closing in Jammu in the last week of April.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, employees from Jammu region will be working from their homes, while only a limited number of employees will be attending

Govt Declares Kashmir Valley, 2 Jammu Districts As Red Zones



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JAMMU- The Jammu and Kashmir administration has declared the entire Kashmir valley and three district of Jammu region as "red zone" based on overall

assessment of the coronavirus situation and expected movement of stranded persons to the union territory.

The classification of districts was given in an order issued by Chief Secretary BVR

2-Year-Old, ATM Guard And Six Kin Among New Cases

Observer Monitoring Desk

Coronavirus cases continue to show an increasing upward trend in Jammu and Kashmir as twenty five more people, including a 2-year-old boy, a mother-daughter duo and an ATM guard and his

J&K Govt Announces Night Curfew To Tighten Lockdown

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SRINAGAR- The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday announced a night curfew from 7 pm to 7 am everyday during the third phase of the ongoing lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the Union Territory.

"Prohibitions (Curfew) on movement in ALL areas between 7 PM and 7 AM. No movement without passes. Medical emergencies exempted," government spokesman Rohit Kansal said in a tweet.

Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam issued a detailed order on permissible and non-permissible

activities during the lockdown period from Monday to May 17.

"The movement of individuals for all non-essential activities between 7 pm and 7 am is barred. District Magistrates shall issue specific prohibitory orders in this regard under Section 144 of CrPC," the order said.

According to the order, suspension on air travel will continue except for medical services, air ambulances, security purposes and those purposes permitted by the home ministry.

Train services and all road transport services for passengers shall also remain suspended,

India Protests Pak Court's Order On Gilgit-Baltistan Polls

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NEW DELHI: India has conveyed its protest to Pakistan over an order by that country's Supreme Court allowing the conduct of general elections in Gilgit-Baltistan.

The Ministry of External Affairs said Pakistan was told that entire Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, including areas of Gilgit and Baltistan, are an integral part of India and that Islamabad should immediately vacate the areas under its "illegal occupation".

In a recent order, the Pakistan Supreme Court allowed the amendment to the Government of Gilgit-

Baltistan Order of 2018 to conduct the general elections in the region.

"India demarched senior Pakistan diplomat and lodged a strong protest to Pakistan against Supreme Court of Pakistan order on the so-called 'Gilgit-Baltistan,'" the MEA said in a statement.



Pak Rejects Indian Protest, Says GB Disputed Territory

Pakistan on Monday summoned a senior Indian diplomat to convey its rejection of what it called India's "baseless and fallacious contention" regarding a verdict by Pakistan's Supreme Court on the holding of general elections in Gilgit-Baltistan. The move came hours after India said it has conveyed its strong protest to Pakistan over Islamabad's

Army Chief Warns Pak Over Any Cross-Border Misadventure

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NEW DELHI: In a stern warning to Pakistan, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane said India will respond appropriately and with "precision" to any acts of cross-border misadventure unless Islamabad gives up its policy of state-sponsored militancy and coercing people in Kashmir to follow its "Azadi narrative".

The chief of the 1.3 million-strong Army said Pakistan is still following a "myopic" and "limited" agenda of pushing militants into Kashmir and called the country a "global risk" to peace and stability.

Referring to the Handwara encounter, Gen. Naravane said India is proud of Col Ashutosh Sharma, the

Commanding Officer of 21 Rashtriya Rifles battalion, and four other security personnel who

India, Pak Troops Exchange Fire On LoC

India and Pakistan troops on Monday exchanged heavy gunfire along the line of control (LoC) in two sectors of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir. "At about 1600 hours today, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and shelling with mortars along LoC in Nowshera sector," a defence spokesperson said

Two Covid-19 Women Deliver Healthy Babies

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Two pregnant ladies who tested positive for coronavirus last week, delivered healthy babies on Monday at the Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sopore town of Baramulla district.

The two COVID-19 patients hailing from Old town Baramulla and Nowpora Sopore today delivered healthy babies at the hospital, news agency KNO reported.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Sopore, Dr Asif said Gynecology department at Sopore Hospital headed by Dr Abdul Wahid, Dr Kashif performed the surgeries of the twin patients, adding that both the babies including

When Trolley Became Bier: Post-Script Of Two Pregnant Kashmiri Women

Auqib Javed

SHERBAGH, ANANTNAG — Old towners stood dazed on their windows on 3 May 2020, as dirges sung by some passing women on street shattered the plagued silence of their strife-battered neighbourhood. Held hostage in homes by pandemic, the weary residents saw a trolley being pushed by a howling family, heading home as pallbearers.

The mourners were carrying their dead daughter, Shakeela Akhtar of Salai Panznulla area of Anantnag, along with the unborn child in her womb. She was 30.

As dawn rose on Sunday, she developed a minor complication in the labour room in the sub-district hospital (SDH) Seer, and was shifted to the Maternity and Childcare Hospital (MCHH), Sherbagh.

Shekeela's inconsolable cousin blamed doctors for delaying her emergency treatment. "By the time she was shifted to MCHH, she was declared brought dead," her cousin said.

And with that, what was supposed to be a merrymaking occasion became a mourning event.

The devastated family shortly stepped out on the streets with their daughter lying pale and lifeless on a



trolley. The family's wailing walk to home was filmed by a resident and put it out on social media, where it became an instant rage.

"The woman had pregnancy at a matured stage with silent labour," Dr Zahoor Ahmad, Block Medical Officer (BMO) Mattan, said.

Soon, as the family protested, the BMO put the medical officer, Dr. Ridwana and staff nurse Zareefa Akhtar, under suspension, with the inquiry pending regarding the case.

"Prima facie, medical negligence that warranted immediate suspensions," additional district magistrate, Anantnag, Syed Yasir said on Twitter. "Further action shall follow after enquiry outcome."

Terming the incident as the "most unfortunate", Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Bashir Ahmad Dar, said the dead body was taken away by relatives, "fearing they will have to wait for

Court Orders Police Probe Into Death Of 2 Pregnant Women

SRINAGAR- District Legal Service Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge Anantnag) on Monday ordered SSP of the south Kashmir district to hold an enquiry into the death of two pregnant women allegedly due to medical negligence. "...this authority cannot watch the proceedings as a mute spectator. This authority is required to initiate an enquiry in the matter and ensure that those found guilty should be brought to book so that the faith which people have lost in the working of the administration is reposed and restored," the judicial officer Pervaiz Hussain Kachroo said in an order.

"In order to hold an enquiry in the matter and to find out the cause which resulted in the death of the

lady who died (on Sunday) and also the lady who died at Bijbhara Hospital who were not apparently provided medical treatment at the hospitals, I direct worthy SSP Anantnag to hold an enquiry into this matter as well as in the earlier matter where a pregnant lady died at Bijbehara Hospital after giving birth to stillborn twins," the court said.

The SSP Anantnag has been asked to either hold an enquiry by himself or by any other officer but not below the rank of SP.

"The enquiry shall be concluded within a period 15 days," the authority ordered.

If on inquiry medical negligence was established, then those responsible for medical negligence must be brought to book and