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LOCKDOWN! SOME QUESTIONS REMAIN

It was evening hours. Sun was about to set. People were preparing for Iftar. My neighbour Gulam Mohammad opened his shop to sell Iftari items like semolina (suji), sugar, basil seeds, juice, fruits etc. There were not many people at his shop. Suddenly a police jeep on petrol duty came, caught hold of the elderly poor shopkeeper, thrashed him and ransacked his merchandise. Not only that they threw juice crates on the road and then ran their jeep over them. A scene that should send chills down ones spine. The incident took place on International Labour Day and irony just died a thousand deaths.....

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Shooting Stones Block Kashmir Highway

Jammu: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained closed for heavy traffic on Monday due to intermittent shooting of stones from a hillock overlooking the arterial road in Ramban district, officials said. The 270-km highway is the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country. The sliding of rocks from a hilltop started at Cafeteria Morh

CRPF Officer Shoots Self

Srinagar: A CRPF officer on Monday allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself dead with his service weapon in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Sub-Inspector Fateh Singh of Akhnour in Jammu province, shot himself dead with his service weapon at his camp in Mattan area of the district this evening, reports said. The officer was lying in a pool of blood when his colleagues rushed to the spot from where the gunshot was heard. He was taken to the nearby

Burglar Held In Baramulla

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday claimed to have arrested a thief in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. In a statement issued today, police said that a burkha clad man made an attempt to break the ATM Machine and steal the cash at the old hospital Baramulla but thwarted timely action by cops foiled his designs. The burkha clad man was held from the spot and taken to the police station for questioning. The accused has been identified as

Lightning Strike Kills Soldier

Jammu: An Army man was killed on Monday after lightning struck him at a forward location along the line of control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu region. Sepoy Mohammad Asif of 6 JAKLI, attached with army's 40RR, died when lightning hit Sabzian in Mandi area of Poonch this evening, reports said. A resident of Bhatadurian in Mendhar, the soldier died on the spot, officials said. A police officer confirmed the death of soldier and said that a case has been registered

SC Refuses To Restore 4G Internet In J&K

Directs Govt To Appoint Committee For Examining The Issue

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court of India on Monday refused to restore 4G internet connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir but instead ordered the central government and UT administration to form a committee to take a call after reviewing the ground security situation.

The local administration in J&K, which is ruled directly from New Delhi, is opposed to the restoration of 4G services in Kashmir.

During the hearing, J&K administration had informed the Supreme Court that the internet speed has been reduced in the Union Territory to protect the sovereignty, integrity, and security of the country.

The Supreme Court has now directed the setting up of a committee to be headed by the Secretary, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and comprising of the Secretary, Communications and the Chief Secretary of the



Low Speed Internet Restored After 5 Days

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday restored low speed internet in parts of the Kashmir Valley, five days after it was snapped after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Riyaz Naikoo's and three other militants in two separate gunfights in south Kashmir. The 2G mobile internet was restored around 10:00 pm today, hours after Supreme Court of India refused to order restoration of high speed internet in the Union Territory suspended since August 5 last year when government of India revoked Article 370 and Article 35-A, besides

PM Discusses Covid-19, Economic Activities With CMS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday chaired a fresh round of consultation with chief ministers on ways to strengthen the COVID-19 containment strategy and stepping up of economic activities in a calibrated manner as the 54-day nationwide lockdown nears an end.

Large-scale movement of migrant workers from urban to rural India and the problems their return to home states may cause in restarting the economy was also being discussed during the fifth virtual interaction between the prime minister and chief ministers since the outbreak of the deadly virus in the country.

There will be an effort to ensure that all participating chief ministers get an opportunity to air their views during the interaction, as some of the CMS had complained that they were not allowed to put forth their views during the last interaction on April 27.

The interaction is attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Health Minister Harsh Vardhan among others.

Chief ministers - Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy (Andhra Pradesh), Amarinder Singh (Punjab), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh) and Pema Khandu (Arunachal Pradesh) - were also among those who attended the virtual conference.

At a meeting on Sunday

4 Days After Son's Death, Hawal Man Dies Of Covid-19

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four days after his young son died of Covid-19, a resident of Old City's Hawal became the fresh victim of the dreaded disease in the Kashmir Valley on Monday, taking the death toll in Jammu and Kashmir to ten.

Official sources said that the man, with underlying serious comorbidities like coronavirus, died at the CD hospital where he was shifted soon after his test report came out to be positive for the novel Coronavirus on May 8.

"He was suffering from pancreatic cancer and had other comorbidities. He died at the

hospital this afternoon," said Dr Salim Tak, Medical Superintendent CD Hospital Srinagar.

With this fatality, 10 persons have died due to the disease so far in Jammu and Kashmir, 9 of them in Kashmir and one in Jammu division.

The man's death has also taken Srinagar's toll to 4, highest in any district followed by Baramulla with 3 deaths, one each in Bandipora, Anantnag and Udhampur.

The 32-year-old son of the deceased had died on May 7 and he had contracted the disease while attending to his father who was admitted in the Oncology ward of Super Speciality Hospital, Shireen Bagh. (GNS)

18 More Test Positive, 44 Recover; J&K Tally At 879

Eighteen more people tested positive for the novel coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, taking the number of the Covid-19 patients in J&K to 879, said an official.

"Eighteen new cases have been reported from Jammu and Kashmir in the last 24 hours," the officials said adding that forty-four patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals.

Of fresh cases, twelve were reported from Kashmir and six from Jammu division. In Kashmir, eleven cases were reported from Kulgam and one from Baramulla district. Three each cases were reported from Jammu and Kathua districts. The total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir has now risen to 879.

Dispatch from Dubai: 'I'm Pregnant, Have an Expired Visa'

Jyotsna Bharti

Most of them had left home to flip their fate and fortune in Gulf, but now have no active income during pandemic lockdown.

Stranded in Dubai and grappling with high living costs, they've fared in the emergency list prepared to support the stranded Kashmiris.

Some of these distressed Kashmiris are battling health ailments, while others are losing their mental calm over their lost jobs, and some medical emergencies in their home. Some dispatched details in the distressed database are telling:

"I'm falling to mental depression, as I don't have any job..."

"I recently lost my wife due to Covid-19..."

"I'm pregnant and have an expired visa..."

"I was here on a job visit and now I am stranded..."

"My diabetes mother is sick since pandemic lockdown..."

"My visa has been cancelled..."

"I got an injury in my back and need emergency medical treatment..."

"I am a PCOD patient. I've to consult my doctor..."

"My company terminated my contract..."

"Help me, I've a medical emergency at home..."



These SOS messages are pouring in at a time when pandemic has created a hostage-crisis kind

Jamia Sends Stranded Hostellers Back To J&K

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Jamia Millia Islamia on Sunday sent its students from Jammu and Kashmir back to their native places in a special bus arranged by it.

Two university guards, who are former army men, are also accompanying students in the bus, the varsity said. These students were stranded in hostels due to the nationwide lockdown to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the university said.

The bus was properly sanitised before leaving for Delhi Pharma-



ceutical Sciences and Research University for medical screening of students, guards and drivers for fever and other symptoms related to the coronavirus, it said.

The university is making arrangements for hostellers

Admin Orders Strict Action Against Red Zone Violators

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The district administration on Monday ordered strict action against the locals of Mala Mohalla along the Foreshore road here for violating Red Zone guidelines after a positive case was reported from the area last week.

According to an official spokesperson, the locals of Mala Mohalla neighborhood move in and out of the area in late evening and early morning hours to sell vegetables along Foreshore road posing a serious risk of transmission to people buying from them. He said there

were concerns that these vegetable sellers could be carriers of the coronavirus infection.

"Despite notification of the area as containment zone and instructions for adherence to relevant guidelines repeated violations have been reported from the area necessitating passing of orders for strict actions against violators," the official spokesperson said.

Following reports of repeated violations, the official spokesperson said that the District Magistrate Srinagar Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhury today visited the area to inspect adherence to

Bar Demands Release Of Jailed President

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Executive committee of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association on Monday demanded immediate release of its incarcerated President Mian Abdul Qayoom.

In its meeting held in virtual mode today to discuss the emerging situation, which has cropped about threat of COVID-19 looming large upon inmates of Tihar Jail as reported a section of media, the Bar members expressed their anguish and grave apprehension about association president and Advocate Mian Abdul Qayoom becoming a victim of COVID-19 in the face of the underlying ailments he is suffering from due to his advanced age



which includes diabetes, coronary heart ailment, lower lumber fracture while being in custody, a statement issued here said.

The handout further said that the Bar Association in its meeting resolved to impress upon the administration to direct his immediate release from custody to prevent any harm being caused to person of Qayoom endangering his life.

Kashmiri Doctor At AIIMS Takes 'Highest Covid-19 Viral Load' To Save Patient

'He Took Full-Blown Aerosol Exposure From The Critical Patient'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A senior resident doctor of AIIMS has been advised 14-day quarantine after he took off his protective gear and put himself at grave risk to save a critical coronavirus patient while shifting him to the Intensive Care Unit, a senior official said.

Zahid Abdul Majeed, a native from Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, was not even able to break his (Ramazan) fast when he was called for shifting a COVID-19 intubated patient to the ICU in the AIIMS Trauma Centre, which has been converted as a dedicated COVID-19 hospital, Srinivas Rajkumar T., General Secretary, AIIMS Resident Doctors' Association, New Delhi said.



The incident took place inside an ambulance around 2am on

Stranded Kashmiris Start Home Journey By Trains

Over a thousand people from Jammu and Kashmir stranded in Bangalore and Agra have started journey towards their homes in the government operated trains, officials said Monday. According to an official statement, a train from Bangalore carrying about 1000 people started its journey and is likely to take about 48 hours to reach its destination.

"The entire process of boarding was organised while strictly adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Migrants Workers Advised Not To Visit Hospitals

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday asked the stranded migrant workers in Kashmir to avoid visiting hospitals for Covid screening in connection with their travel to their home states. In a statement issued here today, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir PK Pole said that the labourers belonging to other states and presently stranded in Kashmir shall be informed beforehand about when and where they have to undergo health check up and that they should avoid visiting hospitals