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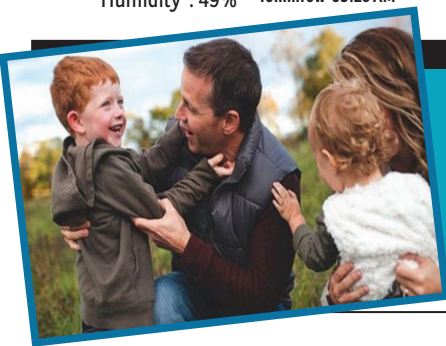
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PRESENCE OF SPOUSES WHO ARE CO-PARENTING CAN ALTER EACH OTHER'S BRAIN ACTIVITY: STUDY

When spouses, who are co-parenting, are together, they show higher similarities in brain responses to the infant stimuli than when they are separated, suggests a novel study. The study led by researchers at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore), was published in the journal Scientific Reports. The researchers analysed how the brain activity of 24 pairs of husband and wife from Singapore changed in response to recordings of infant stimuli such as crying, when they were physically together and when they were separated. This effect was only found in true couples and not in randomly matched study participants.....

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LG Visits Udhampur Railway Station

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu visited the Udhampur railway station on Tuesday to take stock of the facilities being provided to stranded people brought back in special trains. LG Murmu and his wife, Dr Smita Murmu, were briefed by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, who is the nodal officer for management. ● P-02

India, Pak Troops Trade Fire Along LoC

Jammu: India and Pakistan troops exchanged gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir. "At about 0730 hours today, Pakistan Army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by small arm firing and mortar shelling along LoC in Sunderbani sector", a defence spokesperson said, adding the Indian Army retaliated befittingly. This is second ceasefire violation. ● P-02

Militant Aide Held In Baramulla: Police

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a militant associate in Kreeri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that a joint team of police, army's 29RR and 176 Battalion CRPF nabbed a militant associate at a checkpoint in Kreeri area of the district this morning. "From his possession one Chinese pistol, one pistol magazine, eight pistol rounds and a matrix sheet were recovered," a. ● P-02

Doctor, 4 Others Suspended

Poonch: The authorities in this mountainous district suspended five Health Department officials including a medical officer for "negligence" in connection with work of COVID-19 management in SDH Surankote. The employees include Dr. Amir, Medical Officer, deployed at JNV Surankote, Mushtaq Hussain, (lab Asst.), Hayat Khan (Jr. Asst.), Yasir Ahmad (Lab Technician) and Naseem Aftab (Lab Asst.). "The employees of Health Department Poonch are placed. ● P-02

Hizb Commander Junaid Sehrai Killed In Srinagar Encounter



A LAYER OF THICK SMOKE EMANATING on Tuesday from the debris of houses damaged during overnight gunfight in Nawa Kadal area of Srinagar. Pic Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Junaid Sehrai, son of Hurriyat leader Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai, was among two militants killed in an encounter with government forces in downtown Srinagar on early Tuesday.

The second militant was identified as Tariq Ahmed Sheikh, a resident of Pulwama.

The encounter began at

around 2 AM Tuesday after a joint team of the CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a cordon and search operation in Kani Mazar locality of Nawakadal area in Srinagar city.

Shortly after the area was brought under siege, mobile internet and mobile telephony services, except on BSNL postpaid, were snapped in Srinagar.

A police official said militants trapped in the house, fired upon

search party and there was intermittent exchange of fire.

Addressing press conference in Srinagar DGP Dibagh Singh said that in the operation Hizbul Mujahideen's divisional commander for Central Kashmir Junaid Sehrai was killed. "Sehrai was assigned the task of heading Central Kashmir areas," Singh said. The DGP said that Nawa Kadal operation was a clean one as only one residential house caught. ● PAGE 02

Nawa Kadal Locals Allege Arson, Loot

Cops Taking Rs 50,000 Salary Can't Resort To Loot: SSP

Auqib Javed

SRINAGAR: The residents of Kani Mazar in Nawa Kadal area of Downtown Srinagar on Tuesday accused government forces of arson and loot during the pre-dawn gunfight that left

two militants, including a commander of Hizbul Mujahideen dead, a charge strongly contested by police.

Residents alleged that contingents of police and CRPF appeared in Kani Mazar locality on Monday night and. ● P-02

Junaid Sehrai: From MBA To Militant

Thirty two-year-old Junaid Sehrai had closely followed and was inspired by the politics of his father Mohammed Ashraf Khan 'Sehrai' till he finally joined the militant ranks in 2018. Holding a Master

of Business Administration degree from University of Kashmir, Junaid worked with two multinational companies before returning to Kashmir where he actively participated in protests and demonstrations. ● P-02

Sehrai Leads Son's Funeral Prayers

Tehreek-e-Hurriyat chairman Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai on Tuesday led funeral prayers in absentia of his militant commander son who was killed along with his associate in a gunfight in Srinagar's old City. Hundreds of people attended funeral prayers in absentia of Junaid Sehrai at an open ground near his house in Barzulla Tuesday evening.

"Around 6:30 PM, Abba led Gaibana Nimaz-e-Jinaza. Despite curbs, over a thousand. ● P-02

DGP Visits Injured Cops, CRPF Men

Srinagar: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Tuesday visited army's 92 Base Badami Bagh cantonment hospital to enquire about the CRPF personnel and cops injured in Nawa Kadal encounter.

Accompanied by IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, the DGP also met the doctors treating the four injured security men, including three CRPF personnel and a policeman and impressed for all possible treatment for their early recovery, a police. ● P-02

J&K Govt Issues Fresh List Of Red, Orange; Green Districts

Except Ganderbal, Bandipora; All Kashmir Districts Red Zones

Observer News Service

JAMMU- The Jammu and Kashmir Government today issued the fresh classification of districts in order to implement the lockdown 4.0 from May 20, 2020 (Tuesday).

In an order issued by State Executive Committee (SEC) headed by Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, the government announced classification of districts in Jammu & Kashmir as Red, Orange and Green for the purpose of implementing the lockdown, with effect from May 20, 2020.

The order was issued by Chief Secretary, who is also chairman of SEC and it stated that all the districts of Kashmir province, except Ganderbal

and Bandipora are listed as Red zones, while as Kathua, Samba and Ramban districts of Jammu Province have been declared Red zones.

Similarly, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Reasi, Udhampur and Jammu districts have been classified under Orange category. Likewise, Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch and Rajouri districts have been put in Green category.

The order further stated that the Government of India vide its Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 17.05.2020 has authorized States/ UT Governments to delineate districts into Red, Orange and Green category after taking into consideration parameters laid down by the Ministry of Health

RED		
ANANTNAG		
BARAMULLA		
BUDGAM		
SHOPIAN		
SRINAGAR		
KUPWARA		
KULGAM		
PULWAMA		
KATHUA		
SAMBA		
RAMBAN		
ORANGE		
BANDIPORA		
GANDERBAL		
REASI		
UDHAMPUR		
JAMMU		
GREEN		
DODA		
KISHTWAR POONCH		
RAJOURI		

and Family Welfare (Mo-HFW), Govt. of India.

It added that a detailed review of the current COVID-19 situation in J&K was conducted with Financial Commissioner, Health; Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir divisions

and other officers on the basis of "an overall assessment of the situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir; the trend in new cases particularly the recent spread/ spike in new cases in view of the movement. ● PAGE 02

Baramulla Man Dies At SKIMS, J&K Toll 17

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- A 55-year-old man, who had tested positive for COVID-19, died at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura on Tuesday, taking the coronavirus death toll

in Jammu and Kashmir to 17, officials said.

The man from Rafiabad area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district at tertiary care hospital this morning, said Dr Farooq Jan, Medical Superintendent, SKIMS Soura. ● P-02

3 Expecting Mothers Among 28 Test Covid-19 Positive

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday crossed 1300 mark as 28 people, including two expecting mothers and two minors tested positive for virus, taking the total number

of infected people across Union Territory to 1317.

Out of the 28 fresh cases that were reported today, 22 are from Valley and the remaining six from Jammu province, officials said. The new cases in a day brought the tally to 1,317 in Jammu. ● P-02

New Domicile Law for Kashmir Evokes Sharp Reaction

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Parties cutting across ideological lines have flayed the newly introduced Domicile Law for Jammu and Kashmir known as Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Order, 2020 and Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules 2020 with many unionist parties demanding its immediate revocation.

Aimed at demographic change: Hurriyat

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq led Hurriyat Conference on Tuesday accused BJP led government in New Delhi of speeding up new ordinances in the midst of a pandemic to change demography of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media, a Hurriyat Conference (M) said that in the garb of coronavirus and the lockdown following it, the govern-



File Pic - Abid Bhat

ment of India was rapidly executing its plan of turning Kashmir into a Muslim minority territory.

"When the world is struggling to deal with a global pandemic, the government of India is sneakily speeding up new ordinances to ef-

fect demographic change in Jammu and Kashmir and turn its residents into a minority in due course of time," the spokesperson said.

"That this is being done at the time of the pandemic which follows the August lockdown. ● PAGE 02

“THAT THIS IS BEING DONE AT THE TIME OF THE PANDEMIC which follows the August lockdown so that people already under duress due to the repeated lockdowns are unable to protest it, makes it more condemnable,”

Srinagar Gears Up To Ensure Medical Facility In Case COVID Cases Rise

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Amid a spike in coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir, the Srinagar district administration has established 3000-bed capacity COVID Wellness Centres at six locations that aim to provide best facilities to mild and asymptomatic positive patients.

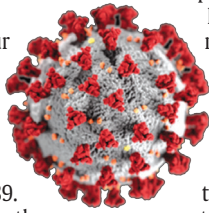
Kashmir recorded four deaths due to coronavirus since Monday, taking the death toll in the Union Territory to 16, while the total number of cases stood at 1,289. There are 1,129 cases in the valley and 160 in Jammu region. "We have readied 3000-bed capacity in Srinagar to respond to any situation so that hospitals are

not overburdened," Srinagar city's Deputy Commissioner Shahid Iqbal Choudhary said.

With the ongoing trend, he said it was imperative to plan for any exigency for the future and accordingly the capacity was created, which was more than the existing bed capacity of hospitals in Srinagar.

He said medical equipment and technical logistics are also being placed for use in these facilities as wellness centres.

Nodal officers have been appointed and trained to activate these centres on demand of COVID hospitals at a very short notice, Choudhary said, adding that the hospitals in Srinagar are likely to get a much-awaited relief with. ● PAGE 02



India Rushes More Troops As Tensions With China Escalate In Ladakh

KO Web Desk

NEW DELHI- Situation in Eastern Ladakh is tense and India has rushed troops to its border with China after Beijing boasted that it had "bolstered" its military presence along the border on Monday, media reports here said on Tuesday.

On Monday, Chinese state media reported that China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) had increased its presence on the border it shares with India in Ladakh. Hours later, India responded to what it viewed as China's "aggressive deployment," rushing in "additional troops" and constructing



Picture for Representation.

"defensive positions" along the Galwan Valley in Ladakh.

Galwan Valley is in the Aksai Chin region which remains under Chinese occupation since 1962 Sino-India war.

China deployed additional troops after a violent clash took place between the troops of both the nations in the Pangong Tso sector on May 5-6. Many of the soldiers were injured. ● PAGE 02

Govt Turns To Clergy For Help To Prevent Shab-e-Qadr, Eid Gatherings

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday sought help from religious leaders to prevent public gatherings in Kashmir on the occasions of Shab-e-Qadr, Jumat-ul-Vida and Eid-ul-Fitr in wake of coronavirus pandemic.

In a meeting with clerics today, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer A Khan said that from the last few days, the number of cases has increased manifold and it becomes obligatory for all, especially religious heads to request people to perform night long prayers, Jumamah and other prayers besides celebrating Eid festival at home to prevent others from getting infected, an official statement released this evening said.

Advisor Khan lauded the role of Imams and Khateeb in mobilizing the masses to pray at home during the holy month of Ramazan and asked them to play pivotal role this time also to make people aware via electronic and print media.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Shahid Iqbal Chowdhary; Secretary Waqf Board, Showkat Ahmad Beigh; Prof. Tayaab Kamili, Khateeb Naqshband Sahab; Moulvi M Hussain Qadri, Imam Syed Yaqoob Sahab (R.A.) Sonwar, Moulvi Mushtaq Ahmad, Jamia Masjid Munawarabad; Moulvi Ab. Hamid Nayimee, Khateeb Syed Mansoor Sahab Zaldagar; Moulvi Gh. Mohiudin, Imam Syed Qasim Shah Nishat besides other religious scholars. On this occasion, DC Srinagar assured the. ● PAGE 02