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GOC Joshi Briefs LG On Situation

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu on Wednesday discussed security situation in Jammu and Kashmir with a senior army commander at the Raj Bhavan here. According to an official spokesperson, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) Northern Command, Lt Gen Y K Joshi today called on LG Murmu and briefed him about the overall security situation along the

Truck Crushes Biker To Death

Srinagar: A motorcyclist on Wednesday was crushed to death by a truck in Sangam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. 25-year-old Subzar Ahmad Koka of Melhora area of Shopian was killed on the spot after a truck (JK02AP-7455) hit his motorbike near Sangam on Jammu-Srinagar national Highway this afternoon, officials said. "The motorcycle of youth was crushed under the wheels of the truck, resulting in his on spot

Teenage Girl Hangs Self

Srinagar: In a shocking incident, a teenage girl hung herself to death on Wednesday in Bemina area of Srinagar city. The 15-year-old was found hanging by her parents in her room this morning in Bemina area of the city, reports said. She was shifted to the SMHS hospital where the doctors declared her brought dead on arrival. The reason of the alleged suicide was not immediately known. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

SSB Personal Injured In Misfire

Srinagar: A paramilitary man was injured after his gun went off accidentally in Baghat area of the city, reports said Wednesday. Sunil Yadav of Sashastra Seema Bal, 18 Battalion was cleaning his pellet gun when it went off accidentally in Baghat area of this capital city. He was injured after scores of pellets hit him in his right arm. The injured paramilitary man was rushed to Bone and Joint Hospital Barzulla for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to SMHS Hospital Srinagar, reports added.

Nawa Kadal Gunfight: Boy Injured In House Collapse Dies



Srinagar: A minor boy injured in a house collapse at the encounter site in Nawa Kadal area on Tuesday, succumbed to his injuries at a hospital here on Wednesday. 12-year-old Basim Aijaz of Chota Bazar succumbed to his injuries at the SMHS hospital here this evening, reports said. A class 7th student,

STUDY: WORLD CARBON POLLUTION FALLS 17% DURING PANDEMIC PEAK

Maryland — The world cut its daily carbon dioxide emissions by 17% at the peak of the pandemic shutdown last month, a new study found. But with life and heat-trapping gas levels inching back toward normal, the brief pollution break will likely be "a drop in the ocean" when it comes to climate change, scientists said. In their study of carbon dioxide emissions during the coronavirus pandemic, an international team of scientists calculated that pollution levels are heading back up — and for the year will end up between 4% and 7% lower than 2019 levels. That's still the biggest annual drop in carbon emissions since World War II.....

Militants Kill 2 BSF Men In Ganderbal, Escape With 2 Rifles



A GROUP OF SOLDIERS inspecting Pandach area of Ganderbal on Wednesday after a militant attack left two BSF men dead. Pic Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In an audacious attack on Wednesday, unidentified militants shot dead two BSF personnel in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and escaped with their two assault rifles.

Two-three motorcycle borne militants opened indiscriminate fire upon the personnel of BSF 73 battalion when they were manning a checkpoint near old road Pandach in the district this evening, a police spokesperson told Kashmir Observer. In the broad day militant attack, he said two BSF personnel were critically injured.

They were rushed to the SKIMS hospital Soura for treatment.

NIA Claims Arrest Of Hizb Militant

A Hizbul Mujahideen militant allegedly involved in the killing of an RSS functionary and his PSO was arrested by the NIA in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district.

Police Arrests 4 OGW's

Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested four militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Muzaffar Ahmad Dar

ment. However, one of the BSF man was declared dead on arrival while another died before the doctors could start operating on him.

According to Medical Superintendent SKIMS Dr Farooq Jan one of the paramilitary men was brought dead while another succumbed to his injuries before the doctors could start his treatment.

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Meanwhile, the surprise militant attack triggered panic and forced people to run towards safer places after the gunshots resonated in the area, reports said. Additional reinforcements

Cabinet Gives Ex-Post Facto Nod To Domicile Law In J&K

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Tuesday gave ex post facto approval to a law on specified domicile criterion for employment in the public sector in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its ex post facto approval for the Jammu & Kashmir (Adaptation of State Laws) Second Order, 2020 issued under section 96 of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, an official statement said.

This order has further modified the applicability of domicile conditions to all levels of jobs in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir under the Jammu & Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act (Act No. XVI of 2010), it said. "This Order would apply the specified domicile criterion for employment to all posts in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir," the statement said, without mentioning further details. The Jammu & Kashmir

'Domicile Certificate' Replaces PRC For Admissions

SRINAGAR: Government on Wednesday ordered that the requirement of 'Permanent Resident Certificate' wherever prescribed for admission into Educational Institutions shall be replaced with 'Domicile Certificate'. "With the enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, series of

Centre Using Lockdown To Push Domicile Laws In J&K: Sinha Group

SRINAGAR: The Concerned Citizens' Group (CCG) led by former Union Minister and BJP leader Yashwant Sinha said on Wednesday that Modi-led government at Centre was making attempts to incubate artificial political processes in Jammu and Kashmir and implement domicile laws for the Union Territory by using lockdown

'Review, Revoke': Rage Reactions Relentless On New Domicile Order

Sajad Bhat | Mrinal Pathak

SRINAGAR: Reading distressing reactions on her social media handle, Iram Rizvi is getting worried for her three-year-old son. Will things be the same for him when he grows up in Kashmir? The 36-year-old mother wonders, as union territory administration set the new domicile order in motion, almost on a war-footing.

The manner in which non-locals will be made domiciles of J&K on the basis of a ration card, electricity bill or labour card unsettled Rizvi, who runs boutique in Srinagar.

"While these non-locals can easily avail domicile certificates online, I see natives falling in



big lines in near future to prove their resident-ship on the basis of PRCs," Rizvi said. "It's as good, as falling in line for

the NRC process!"

The new controversy reared its head after New Delhi made a turnaround on the notification released on April 02, 2020 regarding the new domicile law in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

"While this law was bound to see the light of the day in Jammu and Kashmir after Article 370 was abrogated last summer, but the manner they're implementing it makes the entire process sinister," Iram continued.

"Sadly, what's equally emboldening New Delhi and its local bureaucratic machinery to toy and tinker with the laws of the erstwhile state is the absence and growing silence of local unionist camp." Even as the beleaguered



Domestic Flights To Resume From May 25: Govt

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Wednesday domestic scheduled commercial passenger flights will resume in a calibrated manner from May 25, two months after the services were shut due to coronavirus.

All scheduled commercial passenger flights have been suspended in India since March 25, when the Modi government

imposed lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. "Domestic civil aviation operations will recommence in a calibrated manner from Monday, May 25, 2020. All airports and air carriers are being informed to be ready for operations from 25th May," Puri said on Twitter.

"SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for passenger movement are also being separately issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation," he added.

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Woman Dies Of Covid-19, Toll Reaches 18

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A 40-year-old woman, who had tested positive for COVID-19, died at Shyer-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura late Tuesday night taking the coronavirus death toll in Jammu and Kashmir to 18, officials said.

The woman from Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district died at tertiary care hospital late last night, said Nodal officer for coronavirus control at SKIMS, Dr G H Yatoo.

He said the woman was admitted from last few days in the isolation ward of the SKIMS Soura and had comorbidity. "She was in isolation after testing positive. She was



Pic by- Shah Junaid

Probe Ordered After Scores Attend Funeral

The district administration in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Wednesday ordered probe into the mishandling of deceased Covid-19 patient after her funeral witnessed large gathering. Defying social distancing norms, scores of people assembled at Veeri village of Bijbehara when the body of the Covid-19 deceased woman was brought to her native village this afternoon, reports said. Dozens of people were

2 Expecting Mothers Among 73 New Cases

Seventy-three more people, including two expecting mothers tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, taking the number of cases in the Union territory to 1390, officials said. "73 cases have been reported from Jammu and Kashmir in the last 24 hours," the officials said, adding that 31 more patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals. Of the fresh cases, 37 are from Kashmir and 36 are from the

Anantnag Emerging Covid-19 Hotspot

Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir is emerging as a COVID-19 hotspot, with nearly one-third of the cases detected from the District Police Lines (DPL). As many as 78 police personnel posted at the Anantnag DPL have tested positive for COVID-19 so far, officials said. The authorities in the district have undertaken a massive drive to trace primary contacts of these policemen, but are facing difficulty given the nature of different tasks assigned to

Hurriyat Puts Off Martyrs Rally At Eidgah Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Hurriyat Conference (M) on Wednesday announced that the commemorative public rally at Srinagar's Eidgah on Thursday to observe the death anniversaries of Mirwaiz Molvi Mohammed Farooq and Abdul Ghani Lone will not be held this year in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

In a statement issued to media, a Hurriyat Conference spokesperson said that the collective Fateh Khawani and commemorative public rally at the martyrs graveyard in Eidgah on May 21 to honour Shaheed-e-Millat Mirwaiz Molvi Mohammed Farooq and Shaheed-e-Hurriyat Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone and Hawal martyrs stands deferred in wake

of the health advisory issued over the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Besides All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq also continues to be under arbitrary house detention since August last year," the spokesperson said.

He urged people to pray individually at home for the martyred leaders and the people, who laid down their precious lives in the Kashmir struggle from 1931 till date.

Describing Mirwaiz as a great preacher and religious scholar, the Hurriyat spokesperson said that his services in the educational and social upliftment of his people will always be recalled with respect.

"A dearly loved and popular leader Shaheed Mirwaiz led his