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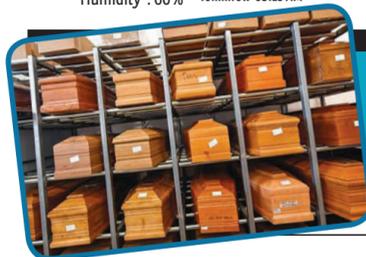
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## WHAT WENT WRONG WITH OUR WORLD

If recent weeks have shown us anything, it's that the world is not just flat. It's fragile. And we're the ones who made it that way, with our own hands. Just look around. Over the past 20 years, we've been steadily removing man-made and natural buffers, redundancies, regulations and norms that provide resilience and protection when big systems — be they ecological, geopolitical or financial — get stressed. We've been recklessly removing these buffers out of an obsession with short-term efficiency and growth, or without thinking at all. At the same time, we've been behaving in extreme ways — pushing against, and breaching, common-sense political, financial and planetary boundaries. And, all the while, we've taken the world technologically from connected to interconnected to interdependent — by removing more friction and installing more grease in global markets, telecommunications systems, the internet and travel....

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## News Digest

### Man Killed After Tractor Turns Turtle

Baramulla: One person was killed while two others sustained injuries on Thursday when the tractor they were traveling in turned turtle in Pattan area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Three persons in a tractor were heading towards paddy fields when the driver lost control near Wanigambala village of Pattan and the tractor turned turtle, officials said. "All the injured were rushed to Trauma Hospital Pattan where one among them was shifted to SMHS hospital in Srinagar," they said, adding that the injured man, however, succumbed to his injuries on way to the hospital. The deceased has been **P-02**

### Power Consumers Get More Time To Pay Dues

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday announced to extend the duration of amnesty scheme for the electricity consumers to pay their pending bills. As per a fresh order issued today, the Power Development Department (PDD) extended the last depositing date of first installment from May 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and that of 2nd installment from June 30, 2020 to July 31, 2020. Similarly, the last date for 3rd installment, fixed as July 31, 2020, has been extended till August 31, 2020. However, the order states that other terms and conditions shall remain the same as mentioned in previous orders.

### Bear Captured In Handwara Village

Srinagar: The wildlife officials on Thursday captured a bear that had appeared in a village in north Kashmir's Handwara. According to the reports, panic gripped Chogal village of Handwara on Wednesday night after the locals spotted a bear roaming in the village. The locals, reports said informed the wildlife department officials and sought their help to capture the bear. In-charge wildlife officer for north Kashmir, Mohammad Maqbool Baba said that the bear was captured after being tranquilized in the village. "The bear would be released in the higher reaches," he said. (KINS)

### Police Files Case After Apple Trees Axed

Srinagar: Police on Thursday filed a case after over three dozen apple trees were chopped in orchards in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. According to reports, unknown persons on the intervening night of Wednesday-Thursday chopped over three dozen apple trees in orchards in Mehanda area of Srigufwara sending shock waves among the orchardists. The orchards belonged to Abdul Rahim Bhat, son of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat, Abdul Rahim Rathar, son of Abdul Samad and Abdul Rashid Rathar, son of Fatha Mohammad Rathar, all residents of village Mehanda in Srigufwara. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started **P-02**

# Ladakh Stand-Off: Army Moves 60 Bofors Guns To LAC

Observer Monitoring Service

SRINAGAR: As the end to stand-off between the two nuclear countries seems nowhere in sight, the Indian army has moved around 60 Bofors guns to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh to meet any 'aggression' by the Chinese troops, India Today reported Thursday.

According to the report, the Indian army has transported 60 Bofors artillery guns from Leh town to the forward positions along the LAC to foil any misadventure by the Chinese troops who have reportedly occupied an area of around 60 sq kms. The army, report said have chosen Bofors guns because of its results in the high altitude warfare, especially during the Kargil 1999 conflict with Pakistan.

The report further says that army wants the issue to be resolved through negotiations but at the same time they maintain that construction activity in the areas close to LAC won't be stopped. **PAGE 02**



A File photo of Bofors guns in Kargil, courtesy India Today

### Chinese Troops Wanted Deeper Incursion, Says Report

The Chinese troops wanted to do a further deeper incursion into Eastern Ladakh before the Indian troops foiled their attempt, reveals a report submitted by the security agencies to the government. Security agencies have submitted a detailed report to the Modi-led government on the Chinese military build-up in Eastern Ladakh, news agency ANI reported today. The official report has given out details about the Chinese **P-02**

## Bar To Challenge Mian Qayoom's Detention In SC

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar association on Thursday decided to file a special leave petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court of India to challenge the detention of its incarcerated President Mian Abdul Qayoom and also the judgment passed by the High Court in his case.

The decision to move an SLP before the Supreme Court challenging the detention of Qayoom under PSA and the judgments of single and double bench of J&K High Court was taken during a meeting of Bar's Executive Committee today, a spokesperson said.



The meeting attended by several senior advocates discussed the fallout of judgment passed by LPA bench comprising Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul and Justice Ali Mohammad Qayoom in the detention case of Mian Qayoom. Qayoom was detained **PAGE 02**

## HC Seeks Details On Manner Of Covid-19 Testing

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has sought details from the government as regards the manner in which Covid-19 samples are being collected, the time taken for transporting them to the laboratories and the schedule on which test reports are obtained.

Hearing a petition on its own motion Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Rajesh Oswal took cognizance of a news report dated May 25 May which the court observed discloses a time gap between the taking of samples for COVID-19 infections and the receipt of the test reports.

"Some of the security personnel who were tested and found infected were deployed in discharge of public functions," the court observed, adding, "For instance, there is reference to a police constable of the 19th Battalion of the Indian Reserve Police who was on duty at Lakhampur in Kathua District, a BSF constable and an Army jawan."

Before proceeding in the matter, the court issued notice to the Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir to place on record, in a tabulation, the manner in which samples for COVID-19 testing are being collected, the manner and the time taken for **PAGE 02**

### Medical Officer Suspended For 'Negligence'

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Thursday suspended a medical officer for his alleged negligence in handling coronavirus situation in the frontier district of Kupwara.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Handwara ordered suspension of the Medical Officer Dr. Irfan, in-charge of RRT Handwara who has been accused of "creating problems for the administration." "The Block Medical Officer Handwara directed (you) to explain your position within six hours, as you were frequently creating problems for the administration," the order reads.

The officer had been accused of "releasing several inmates without seeing their **P-02**

### No Link Between IAF Airstrip And Ladakh Stand-Off: Div Com



CONSTRUCTION WORK in progress on IAF airstrip in south Kashmir's Bijbehara on Thursday. Pic Shah Junaid

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Construction of a 3.5-kilometre air strip along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in Anantnag district has fuelled speculations that the emergency landing strip was being

constructed in response to the stand off between Indian and Chinese armies in Ladakh region.

However Divisional Commissioner Kashmir P K Pole Thursday said that the work on the runway in Bijbehara area by the Indian Air Force (IAF) is not **PAGE 02**

### Transporters Meet Officials, Defer Strike

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Private transporters in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday night postponed their proposed strike after holding a meeting with some government officials here.

Earlier during the day, the private transporters had announced the suspension of tanker and truck services in the union territory, saying their doors are open if the J-K administration is interested in addressing their genuine demands through negotiations.

We have decided to postpone the proposed strike after an hour-long meeting with Transport commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Jammu. We are holding another meeting tomorrow with Commissioner Secretary Transport and got an assurance that all our genuine demands **P-02**

## Covid-19 Claims Life Of Elderly Srinagar Man, Toll Reaches 35



HEALTH WORKERS carrying the body of a Covid-19 deceased in Srinagar outskirts. KO File Photo, Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two days after he tested positive for coronavirus, a 60-year-old man from Srinagar's Noorbhag area on Thursday died of Covid-19, taking the death toll due to the virus in Jammu and Kashmir to 35, officials said.

Dr Salim Tak, Medical Superintendent CD hospital said that the sexagenarian was referred from SMHS hospital here two days ago after he tested positive for the novel coronavirus. "He died today at CD hospital.

He had pleural effusion (sometimes referred to as 'water on the lungs')," he said.

With the latest fatality, the death toll due to the virus in J&K has gone upto 35- 31 in Kashmir, 4 in Jammu.

So far Srinagar district with eight deaths due to the virus has highest fatalities, followed by Baramulla seven, Anantnag five, Kulgam four, two each from Shopian, Budgam and Jammu while one death each has been reported from Bandipora, Kupwara Doda and Udhampur. (With GNS inputs)

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## Single-Day Jump Of 285 Cases In J&K, Tally Crosses 3000 Mark

Coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday crossed 3000 mark after recording biggest ever single day spike of 285 new cases, raising the total number of infected persons in the Union territory to 3142. "285 new COVID-19 cases were detected in J&K. While 222 of them are from Kashmir, 63 are from Jammu," the officials said. Among fresh cases, 49 cases were **P-02**

## Muslims Help Cremation Of Kashmiri Pandit Woman

Agencies

BANDIPORA: Keeping the age-old tradition of communal harmony and brotherhood alive, Muslims Thursday performed the last rites of a Kashmiri Pandit woman who passed way this morning in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Amid the coronavirus lockdown, scores of Muslims including women assembled at village Kuloosa of Bandipora district to perform the last rites of KP woman Rani Bhat wife of Moti Lal Bhat. Witnesses said that Muslim women could be seen mourning the death as the deceased was close to them for years together.

Soon after the news of death spread in the village, Muslims made special arrangements to performing last rites of deceased. They also managed firewood for helping the KP family to cremate the deceased.

"It is our duty to help neighbours



irrespective of their religion," Abdul Rehman, a villager said.

He said that the KP woman passed away in the wee hours. "Keeping social distancing norms in mind, we visited the bereaved family one by one and expressed our condolences," he said, adding that, "We have not helped them today. We have been helping them for centuries and they have been helped us too. We will always help them and always live with them and keep out age old tradition of communal harmony intact." **PAGE 02**

## J&K Govt Notifies Rules For Appointment To Class IV Jobs

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The General Administration Department (GAD) of the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday notified rules for the appointment to Class IV posts under the accelerated recruitment process in the Union Territory.

According to a notification issued here today by the General Administration Department of the Union Territory of J&K, the Government has notified Jammu and Kashmir Appointment to Class-IV (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020 for appointment to Class IV posts in the UT of J&K.

As per the notification, these rules

shall apply to all Class IV posts borne on the establishment of any department or service of the Government or any Government Company, Organisation, and Body specifically owned or controlled by the Government and, for which the Accelerated Recruitment process is to be adopted as may be notified by the Government from time to time.

The Rules state that all Administrative Departments shall frame an indent of vacancies of Class-IV posts, by way whatever nomenclature called, as they exist, on a cutoff date to be notified by General Administration Department, under direct recruitment quota in different cadres. The Administrative **PAGE 02**

## Poor And Pestering: 2G-Online Classes 'Killing Curiosity' In Kashmir

Sajad Bhat | Jyotsna Bharti

EVERY morning, as clock strikes 10, Sameena, 16, becomes alert, as her Budgam-based teacher appears on her mobile screen for an online lecture. With a fresh gusto, she keeps looking forward to it — mainly as an escape route from her weary routine.

Holding a marker in his hand and standing in front of his white board, her teacher delivers lecture on high notes, seeking reassurance, every now and then: "You get my point, Beta?" Even as she joins the online class

from her home, said.

"The entire process driven by the slow-internet merely makes us teachers as some talking heads. We can't even read the proper facial expressions and body language of our students on mobile screens. This is pathetic. We're running these on-line classes for the heck of it, as 2G internet defeats the very purpose of the learning process."

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