



Maximum : 27°C
Minimum : 15°C
Humidity : 57%

SUNSET
Today 07:42 PM
SUNRISE
Tomorrow 05:19 AM



EARTHQUAKES HOW TO MINIMISE DAMAGE

The recent earthquakes in Delhi and nearby places have possibly originated on a NE-SW trending active fault system that is 400 km long. And at north it could crosscut the Main Himalayan/Frontal Thrust, which is the megathrust fault and accounts for most of the earthquakes at the Himalayan front. The earthquake distribution in the region (Figure on right) suggests a strong pattern that could reflect strain accumulation on -NE-SW oriented fault system. It could host a major earthquake in the future, which is based on the extent and pattern of seismicity, and the existence of faults in the region. However, the earthquake prediction is not possible, and therefore the best remedy is to prepare for the worst case scenario, which is to prepare for a magnitude 7 and above....

.....PANORAMA
P5

News Digest

IED Attack Foiled In Baramulla: Police

Srinagar: Government forces averted a militant attack by timely detection of an improvised explosive device (IED) in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said. A patrol party of the Army noticed the IED planted by the militants by the roadside at the Saidpora crossing in the Dangi-wacha area of Baramulla early in the morning, a police official said. He said a bomb disposal squad was rushed to the **P-02**

Youth Found Dead In Uri

Srinagar: A youth on Tuesday was found dead under mysterious conditions in Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. 21-year-old Sohail Ahmad Lone was found dead inside his room by his family members early this morning, reports said. The family instantly informed the police who reached the spot and took the body in custody for medico-legal formalities. The body, reports was later handed to the family for last rites. Meanwhile, police **P-02**

Police Trace 3 Covid-19 Suspects

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Tuesday claimed to have traced three primary contacts of a Covid-19 patient in a swift action in Harwan area of the city. The three non-locals had been working as masons at a house in Tailbal area of Harwan and had left the work days before the house owner tested positive for coronavirus, a police spokesperson said today. The family, he said had no clue about the whereabouts of the three non-locals. "Therefore it became a **P-02**

Budgam Youth Mowed Down By Tipper

Srinagar: A youth on Tuesday was killed after being hit by a tipper in Chadoora town of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. 23-year-old youth Waseem Farooq of Monchwa Chadoora was crossing the road in Chadoora town this afternoon when a tipper (JK01K-6814) hit him, officials said. The youth, who is said to be mentally unstable, died before he could be taken to hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigations in this regard.

Minor Drowns In Baramulla Stream

Srinagar: A minor girl on Tuesday died of drowning in Wagoor area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Two-year-old Ifrat Jan slipped into the Khalari nallah near her house in Wagoor area of the district, reports said. After the incident, her family and neighbours made an effort to save the girl. However, after hours of hectic searches, the body of the girl was found from Vizir village, around two kilometres from her house, reports said. **P-02**

Pulwama Gunfight Aftermath: Lecturer, 16 Others Detained

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Government forces have arrested over a dozen people in nocturnal raids in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on charges of stone pelting during last week's encounter in Kangan village that left three militant's including a top commander dead, reports said Tuesday.

According to the locals, police carried out a series of raids in Murrana area of the district to nab the protesters who pelted rocks at the government forces during Thursday's encounter in which Jaish commander and IED expert Ikram alias Fauji Bhai and two of his associates were slain. A lecturer is among the 17 people arrested by police on the allegations of stone pelting. The lecturer identified

as Majid Yousuf Yattoo was picked up by police in lieu of his brother.

Locals identified the arrested youth as Ajaz Darzi, Abdul Rashid Darzi, Mehraj Dhoobi, Nazir Dhoobi, Mukhtar Sheikh, Bashir Sheikh, Showkat Sheikh, Ali Muhammad Sheikh, Rizwan Sheikh, Muhammad Shafi Sheikh, Abdul Latif Sheikh, Muhammad Ismail Sheikh, Muhammad Yousuf Yattoo, Mehraj Ganaie, Khazir Ganaie, Shabir Wani, Abdul Rasheed Wani, Hilal Malyar, Muhammad Abdullah Malyar, Adil Ganaie, Bashir Ganai, Mohsin Sheikh, Muhamamd Ashraf Sheikh, Irfan Yattoo, Irfan Rather, Ajaz Sheikh, Abdul Salam Sheikh and Tawseef Sheikh.

A police official declined to comment on the subject, however, sources said that these people **PAGE 02**

...LADAKH FACE-OFF

Indian, Chinese Army Commanders To Meet Today

Both Armies 'Disengage' In Galwan, Hot Spring Areas

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India and Chinese armies are set to hold Major General-level talks on Wednesday on the eastern Ladakh standoff even as the two sides are initiating a "symbolic disengagement" in a few patrolling points in the region to display their resolve to end the row peacefully, people familiar with the development said.

They said both the armies remained engaged in an aggressive posturing in areas like Galwan Valley, Pangong Tso, Daulat Beg Oldie and Demchok and that there will be a series of negotiations in the next few days to explore a solution to end the confrontation.

Military sources said the two armies have begun "disengagement" around two patrolling areas in Galwan Valley **PAGE 02**



Rahul, Rajnath Trade Barbs Using Ghalib's Couplet

A day after his "everyone knows the reality" of border situation jibe, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday asked Defence Minister Rajnath Singh whether China has occupied Indian territory in Ladakh. "Once RM is done commenting on the hand symbol. **P-02**

Skirmishes On LOC Continue In Poonch

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: For the second running day Tuesday, India and Pakistan troops exchanged heavy gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a defence spokesman, Pakistan army resorted to heavy shelling along the LoC in Poonch district today, prompting strong retaliation by the Indian Army.

"At about 0630 am today, the Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and intense shelling with mortars along the LoC in Mankote sector in Poonch district." The Indian Army is retaliating befittingly, he said.

Till last reports came in, shelling exchanges were still going on in the area.

Meanwhile, government forces defused three mortar shells that had landed in Dardkote village of Uri sector on Sunday last after an exchange of fire between the India and Pakistan armies. According to the locals, several houses had suffered damages after shells landed in Hajipoor and Kamalkote sectors of Uri.

Fear has heightened among **P-02**

High Speed Internet Ban

Contempt Plea Filed Against Union Home Secretary, J&K CS



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against Union Home Secretary and Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir for their alleged "wilful disobedience" in complying with the apex court's order for setting up a "special committee" to consider restoration of 4G internet services in J&K.

On May 11, a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana had ordered setting up of a "special committee" headed by the Union Home Secretary to consider pleas for

restoration of 4G internet services in Jammu and Kashmir, saying national security and human rights needed to be balanced in view of the fact the union territory has been "plagued with militancy".

The contempt plea, filed by Foundation for Media Professionals, has alleged that the concerned authorities have not yet constituted the special committee in line with the top court's order.

"It is respectfully submitted that such a lax attitude, especially during a health pandemic (COVID-19) and humanitarian crisis, violates both the letter and the spirit of this court's judgment **PAGE 02**

Sacked DySP Davinder Moves Delhi Court For Bail

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Suspended Jammu and Kashmir DSP Davinder Singh, arrested while ferrying two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militants in a vehicle on the Srinagar-Jammu Highway earlier this year, moved a Delhi court on Tuesday seeking bail.

Singh and two other accused in the case - Irfan Shafi Mir and Sayed Naveed Mushtaq - moved the applications, claiming they are not required further custodial interrogation.

The court is scheduled to hear the matter on Wednesday.

Advocate M S Khan, appearing for the three accused who are lodged in Tihar jail, told the court that no pur-



pose will be served by keeping his clients in further custody.

Plea stated that Singh, Mir and Mushtaq were arrested on March 14, 19 and 27 respectively and are no longer required by the police for the purpose of investigation. **PAGE 02**

5 More Deaths In A Day Take Covid-19 Toll In J&K To 51

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus on Tuesday claimed five more lives, two from north and three from south Kashmir, raising the total number of fatalities due to the deadly disease in the Union Territory to 51.

Professor Farooq Jan, medical Superintendent SKIMS, said that a 31-year-old man from DH Pora Kulgam who was admitted on June 5 died at 5:50 pm, reports said.

"He was a case of HTN, CKD. He was on Haemodialysis with

61 More Test Covid-19 Positive

A paramedic and two expecting mothers were among 61 more people, who tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the number of cases in J&K to 4,346, officials said. "61 new COVID-19 cases were detected in J&K. While 44 of them are from Kashmir, 17 are from Jammu," the officials said. Among fresh cases, 13 were reported from Srinagar, nine from Budgam, seven from Kupwara, five from **P-02**

right sided lung consolidation. After testing positive he was admitted in infectious disease block," he said.

Meanwhile, a 70-year-old cancer patient, who had tested

positive for the covid-19 a week ago, died at CD hospital.

However, his latest swab sample, taken before his death, returned negative for the covid-19 this afternoon. **PAGE 02**

Low Intensity Quake Jolts Valley

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A low intensity earthquake with its epicentre in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district hit the Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, officials said.

"An earthquake of magnitude 3.9 occurred at 8:16 am, with epicentre at 34.21N, 74.85E, located 7 km South-East of Ganderbal and 14 km North of Srinagar," stated the Disaster Management Department of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

They said no casualty or damage to the property due to the earthquake was reported from any part of the valley. Pertinently, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale hit the Valley **P-02**

Kashmiri Woman Who Tested Covid-19 Positive In NIA Custody Denied Bail

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A Kashmiri woman, who was found COVID-19 positive during her NIA custody, was denied interim bail on Tuesday by a Delhi court in a case of allegedly planning a militant attack in the country during the anti-CAA protests here.

Hina Bashir Beg, currently lodged into Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, was arrested along with her husband Jahanzaib Sami and another accused Abdul Basith earlier this year.

The judge denied her bail saying the allegation against the accused was of serious nature and



that she would be given adequate medical treatment.

The judge also asked advocate M S Khan, appearing for the accused, to suggest any private hospital for her treatment after he claimed that there was a lack of proper treatment facilities in government hospitals.

The accused were arrested for allegedly promoting the Islamic State's ideology and instigating

protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the NIA had alleged.

COVID-19 tests of the accused persons were conducted on June 6, on the directions of the court, while their 10-day custodial interrogation ended on June 7.

The report of COVID-19 test of accused persons namely Jahanzaib Sami and Mohd Abdullah Basith is negative but report of Hina Bashir Beg is found positive, the NIA informed the court.

Thereafter, the court had directed the NIA to shift her to the hospital with immediate effect.

Delhi is struggling to cope up with the rising number of **PAGE 02**

4 IAS, IPS Officers Shifted To Ladakh

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on Tuesday ordered the transfer of four IAS/IPS officers from J&K to Ladakh. Similarly, one IPS officer has been transferred from Ladakh to J&K.

According to an order issued by MHA, Ajeet Kumar Sahu (IAS), Ravinder Kumar (IAS), Bhim Sen Tuti (IPS) and Rajiv Omprakash Pande shall be transferred from J&K to Ladakh.

The order further states that Sargun Shukla (IPS) should be transferred from Ladakh UT to J&K UT.

According to the order, these transfers have been effected after approval of the competent authority till further orders or till **P-02**

Javed Iqbal Wani Appointed As J&K HC Judge

Wani Is The Son-In-Law Of Bar President Mian Qayoom

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: President of India on Tuesday ordered the appointment of Javed Iqbal Wani as a Judge of Common High Court for the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Wani is the son-in-law of Kashmir High Court Bar Association president Mian Abdul Qayoom, presently lodged in Tihar Jail New Delhi.

"In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Javed Iqbal Wani, to be a Judge of Common High Court for the Union



territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office," reads the notification issued by the Gol.

After he takes the oath, the bench strength of the high court will increase to 13 against the total strengthen of 17 judges include the Chief Justice. **PAGE 02**

'One Ring Phone Scam': Kashmiris Waking Up To 'Saudi' Missed Calls

Sahil Beigh

SRINAGAR: When Syed Musa Ali alias Syber—" I.T Business Analyst by Day, Cyber security ninja at Night"—received a call from a "foreign" number recently, the first thing he heard was a "Hindi" recording where a girl was talking to a boy.

"This thing spooked me a bit, because this was an international number," Ali shared his experience on social media, currently witnessing a barrage of comments on the midnight missed call storm in Kashmir.

"When I called it back, I was charged local charges. No international call rates were deducted."

It's definitely a bot, Ali, an IT expert, said, because when he called the number back, it was received instantly.

"My advice is, don't worry," he continued. "It's just a noobish scam. Also if you receive any such calls, don't call back."

What Musa experienced has now become a pan-Kashmir phenomenon.

"Several people complain that they're getting miss calls from numbers allegedly from Saudi Arabia," Dr Mairaj M Akram, a Srinagar-based Chemistry lecturer wrote on his social media handle.

"I also got few." "I got a call yesterday from a different number and the place



name displayed was Saudi Arabia," wrote Asif Shafi, another Facebook user.

As more and more people are getting these so-called 'Saudi' calls, many tech-savvies are cau-

tioning Kashmiris not to respond to them. "Responding to such calls means you're allowing your mobile operator to collect the charges from you for payment," they argued.

"In this case, there's no chance to register International call complaint, too."

These missed calls are coming when mobile phone operators in Jammu and Kashmir are already sending warning messages—every now and then—to their users about the unknown international numbers.

But after receiving these calls, many Kashmiris have come to believe that these midnight scandalous calls are being **PAGE 02**