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Travellers' Torment Raises ' Time for Home Quarantine' **PITCH IN KASHMIR**

OUZIA and her husband Basheer Ahmad lived the life of nomadic merchants in West Bengal, where her husband would sell shawls and clothing embroidered with Kashmiri artistry to earn a few rupees for sustenance. Their travels in the land of the roshogolla was the sole means of their daily bread but the announcement of the Covid-19 lockdown on March 24 brought their livelihood to an abrupt halt. Such was the fate of many Kashmiris who had departed from their homeland in search of a 'better something' but were now increasingly anxious to figure their way back to their families. After several weeks of hardships and agony – some of which was well documented by the news media, the Indian state decided to allow the interstate travel of migrant workers on April 29 by running special 'Shramik' trains.

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News Digest

Army Officer Slips To Death In Gurez

Srinagar: An Army officer died after he fell into a deep gorge while patrolling along the Line of Control (LoC) in Gurez Sector of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. Subedar Yamuna Prasad Paneru (36) was leading a patrol along the LoC on Thursday. He slipped and fell down around a hundred meters on a one-foot wide ridge with the deep gorge on the sides, they said. According to the officials, the officer was immediately ● P-02

Another Shopian Youth Held In Puniab

Punjab: The Punjab police on Saturday claimed to have arrested another Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) operative while he was trying to flee to Kashmir. His arrest came two days after two alleged LeT operatives AamirHussainWani and Wasim Hassan Wani were caught trying to smuggle weapons to the Valley to carry out attacks. The third suspect has been identified as Javed Ahmed Bhat (29), a resident of Shopian in J&K. Bhat was intercepted • P-02

Mattu To Face Floor Test On Tuesday

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation Mayor JunaidAzam Mattu will have to prove his majority in the civic body here on Tuesday, even as National Conference and Congress have distanced themselves from being part of any move to unseat him. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation Gazanfar Ali said that floor test would be held on Tuesday at Banquet hall Srinagar. The floor test is being held after "43 councilors" submitted a no-confidence • P-02

Man Found Dead In Baramulla

Srinagar: A man on Saturday was found dead under mysteri ous circumstances in Sheeri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. AktharHussain, son of Mehbob Alam of Delina was found dead by villagers in Sheeri area of the district on Saturday morning, officials said. The locals informed the police who reached the spot and took body into their custody for legal formalities. After legal-medico formalities, the body was handed over to the family for last rites. Meanwhile, P-02

Teacher Suspended For Misbehavior

Srinagar: The district authorities in central Kashmir's Budgam on Saturday suspended a teacher for misbehaving with quarantine staff. District Development Commissioner Budgam who is also the chairman of District Disaster management Authority had received a complaint about a teacher posted in Beerwah Zone that he has misbehaved and assaulted officials at a Quarantine Centre located at DIET Beerwah, reports said. Taking strong note, DC issued an order, • P-02

SRINAGAR: Markets in Srinagar re-

for the opening of various sectors.

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Files Are Waiting, So Are People: Where's J&K's Consumer Commission

Swati Joshi

Ever since he lost his home to the dressal Commission (SCDRC) in 2014 devastating deluge, Mohammad Amin, 58, of Srinagar's Raibagh locality had been making rounds of the consumer commission, until last summer abruptly ticle 370 by the Bhartiya Janta Parended his weary outings with the

fall of the institution. Like several flood-affected peohis relief case in the commission. But with the introduction of the

tion Act, 2019, New Delhi closed the State Consumer Disputes Re-J&K, and badly jolted Amin and his struggling ilk.

The J&K Reorganization Act came after the abrogation of Arty-led Central government which gave semi-autonomous status to the erstwhile state of J&K. The ple in Kashmir, Amin was fighting move supposed to benefit the people has only escalated their woes.

"I was pursuing my case in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganiza- SCDRC for many years before last



Amin told Kashmir Observer. "The commission ceased to exist even before pronouncing any order. Where do I go for justice now?"

As a quasi-judicial body meant to ensure the protection of consumer rights, SCDRC—which came under Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department (FCCD)—was dissolved along with other eight commissions, including State Human Rights Commission, State Information Commission, State Electricity Regulatory

summer sealed its fate," anxious Commission, State Commission for Protection of Women and Child Rights, State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, State Vigilance Commission, State Backward Classes Commission, and State Accountability Commission.

"I don't know what will happen to my case now, as and when the new commission would be established," Amin continued.

"Commoners like me have no hope now. It's futile to even count on justice in Kashmir anymore." No Way To Go → PAGE 02

Everything Under Control At China Border: Army Chief

Press Trust Of India

DEHRADUN- Army chief General M M Naravane on Saturday said everything was under control on the country's borders with China and expressed hope that the ongoing dialogue will settle all the perceived differences between the two countries.

"I would like to assure everyone that the entire situation along our borders with China is under control. We are having a series of talks which started with Corps Commander level talks which was followed up with meetings at the local level between commanders of equivalent ranks," Naravane told reporters on the sidelines of the Indian Military Academy's Passing Out Parade here.

He said the ongoing dialogue will sort out all the perceived differences between the two countries.

"As a result a lot of disengagement has taken place and we are hopeful that through the continued dialogue that we are having, all perceived differences that we (India and China) have will be set to rest," the Army chief said. He said both sides have begun to **PAGE 02**



'People Fed Up With Militancy In J&K'

rmy Chief General M M Naravane on Saturday said the state forces in Jammu and Kashmir have had a lot of successes recently as people there are fed up with militancy and want normalcy to return in J&K.

"As far as Jammu and Kashmir or our western neighbour is concerned, we have had a lot of successes in the last one week or ten days. In the last 10-15 days alone more than 15 militants have been killed there," Naravane told reporters on the sidelines of the P-02

Situation in India

NEW DELHI: Ahead of his meeting with chief ministers next week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reviewed the steps being taken to contain the COVID-19 pandemic in areas with high case load and the roadmap for effective management of the situation.

In view of the challenges being faced in the country's response to the pandemic, particularly by large cities with large number of infections, the meet focused on augmenting testing as well as the number of beds and services to effectively handle the peak surge of daily cases, according to a statement issued by the prime minister's office.

In a tweet later, the prime minister said he reviewed the COVID-19 situation across the nation during the high-level meeting.

"We also reviewed the roadmap ahead, and steps to contain the pandemic in the parts where most cases are coming from," he said. The meeting comes against the backdrop of rising number of coronavirus cases in the country. According to health minis-

try figures issued on P-02

PM Reviews Covid-19 **Two Militants Killed In Kulgam Encounter**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two unidentified militants on Saturday were killed in an encounter with government forces in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

State forces launched a cordon and search operation in Nipora area of Kulgam this morning after receiving specific information about the presence of militants in the area, a police spokesperson said.

During the search operation, he said the militants were given opportunity to and lobbed grenades upon the of the slain militants >> PAGE 02

Militants Give Slip To Forces In Shopian, Tral

nidentified militants on Saturday managed to give slip to the government forces after engaging them in brief • P-02

joint party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter. "In the ensuing gunfight, two militants were killed. The surrender, however they fired identity and group affiliation

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two militants were killed. The identity and group affiliation of the slain militants is being ascertained,"

IED Attack On Convoys Foiled: Police

olice on Saturday claimed to have averted a major tragedy by detecting and diffusing an IED planted by militants to target government forces in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Around 6:30 am Saturday, a road opening party of CRPF 3rd battalion spotted a suspicious wire fitted with ● P-02

Nepal Parliament Approves New Map As Land Row With India Escalates

Agencies

KATHMANDU: The lower house of Nepal's parliament today approved a new map of the country, including areas disputed with India, the speaker of the national legislature said. The move signals a hardening of Nepal's position over a decadeslong border row that has strained ties between the two neighbours.

India has rejected Nepal's new map, calling it an "unilateral act" that is not based on historical facts or evidence. Nepal published its revised map in

May after India inaugurated an 80-km road connecting Uttarakhand with Lipulekh on the border with Tibet that passes through the land that Nepal says belongs to it. The map shows a sliver of land on

the northwest tip of Nepal as the Nepali territory. Agni Prasad Sapkota, Speaker of

Nepal's House of Representatives, said the new map was approved >> PAGE 02

India and Nepal both claim the Kalapani territory Disputed Kalapani region Nepal Kathmandu

It's Untenable, Says India

ndia on Saturday termed as untenable Nepal's lower house of parliament amending the country's Constitution to update its new political map featuring areas which New Delhi maintains belong to it. The ministry of external affairs (MEA) said the artificial enlargement of territorial claims by Nepal is not based on historical facts or evidence."This artificial enlargement of claims is not based • P-02

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opened on Saturday after remaining closed for nearly three months due to the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of coronavirus, officials said. They said the decision to reopen the

Srinagar Markets Reopen First

Time After Pandemic Outbreak

markets was taken by the district administration after deliberations with cosmetics, footwear and jewellery various trade and business bodies. will remain open from 11 am to 5.30 The administration asked the marpm on Monday, Wednesday and Frikets to adhere to the necessary standay, the officials said.

Similarly on Tuesday, Thursday dard operating procedures and has come out with a detailed schedule and Saturday, beauty parlours, service stations and shops selling handi-While chemist shops, book shops, crafts, handloom, hardware, building departmental stores, etc. have been material and furniture would remain allowed to remain open throughout open, they said.

While Prime Minister Narendra the day from Monday to Saturday, shops selling readymade garments, Modi announced the »PAGE 02

Retired Doctor Among 4 Die Of Covid-19, J&K Toll Reaches 57

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four elderly people, including a retired doctor on Saturday died of coronavirus in Kashmir, taking the fatality count due to the deadly disease in Jammu and Kashmir to 57.

A 74-year-old retired doctor, who was Covid-19 positive, died at a hospital here, officials said on Saturday. Hailing from Parray Pora area of the city here, the doctor passed away due to cardiac arrest at SKIMS hospital, Bemina last night.

He was admitted to the hospital on June 2 and was suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). His condition turned critical on June 9 and he was shifted to the ICU of the

hospital where he passed away, the of-The second victim of the deadly disease was a 60-year-old resident from Shopian district, officials said. "The sexagenarian was admitted to

SMHS hospital on Thursday and his swab sample was taken the **>> PAGE 02**

22 CRPF Men Among 148 Test Positive oronavirus cases in

Jammu and Kashmir inched close to 5000 mark on Saturday as 148 more people, including 22 CRPF personnel tested Covid-19 positive, taking the number of infected people in the Union Territory to 4878. Of the new cases, 38 were re-

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