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

FOUZIA 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.

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.

Another Shopian Youth Held In Punjab Punjab: The Punjab police on Saturday claimed to have arrested another Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) operative while he was trying to flee to Kashmir.

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.

Man Found Dead In Baramulla Srinagar: A man on Saturday was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Sheeri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. AkhtarHussain, son of Mehboob Alam of Delina was found dead by villagers in Sheeri area of the district on Saturday morning, officials said.

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.

Srinagar Markets Reopen First Time After Pandemic Outbreak

SRINAGAR: Markets in Srinagar reopened 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 markets was taken by the district administration after deliberations with various trade and business bodies.



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

Swati Joshi Ever since he lost his home to the 2014 devastating deluge, Mohammad Amin, 58, of Srinagar's Rajbagh locality had been making rounds of the consumer commission, until last summer abruptly ended his weary outings with the fall of the institution.

tion Act, 2019, New Delhi closed the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDR) in J&K, and badly jolted Amin and his struggling ilk. The J&K Reorganization Act came after the abrogation of Article 370 by the Bhartiya Janta Party-led Central government which gave semi-autonomous status to the erstwhile state of J&K.



summer sealed its fate," anxious 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

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

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.



'People Fed Up With Militancy In J&K' Army 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

PM Reviews Covid-19 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 ministry figures issued on

Two Militants Killed In Kulgam Encounter

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 surrender, however they fired and lobbed grenades upon the

Militants Give Slip To Forces In Shopian, Tral Unidentified militants on Saturday managed to give slip to the government forces after engaging them in brief joint party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter. "In the ensuing gunfight, two militants were killed. The identity and group affiliation of the slain militants

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IED Attack On Convoys Foiled: Police Police 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

Nepal Parliament Approves New Map As Land Row With India Escalates

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 decades-long 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



It's Untenable, Says India India 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

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

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 officials said. The second victim of the deadly dis-

ease 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

22 CRPF Men Among 148 Test Positive

Coronavirus 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 reported in Jammu and the rest in the Kashmir region.