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News Digest

Headless Body Found In Sumbal

Srinagar: Police on Saturday recovered a headless body from river Jhelum near Sumbal area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. Official sources said that the remains were also without legs and right-hand and some passerby first spotted it who subsequently alerted the police. Confirming the recovery of the body, Station House Officer Muneeb-ul-Islam said the body is decomposed and "seems that it's around 30 days old." "The body without head, right hand and legs was recovered and investigations have been started," he said, adding, "it is a decomposed one and it" ● P-02

Another Quake Jolts Kashmir Valley

Srinagar: An earthquake of magnitude 4.2 was reported near Hanley in Jammu and Kashmir this evening, according to India's National Center for Seismology. The epicentre of the earthquake was 427 km northeast of Hanley, Jammu and Kashmir, the agency said. The earthquake struck at 5:42 PM at a depth of 150 km from the surface.

Pak FM Tests Positive For COVID-19

Islamabad, Jul 4 (PTI) Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was shifted to a military hospital in Rawalpindi on Saturday, a day after he tested positive for the coronavirus and went into self-isolation. Qureshi on Friday announced that he had tested positive for the coronavirus, joining a long list of Pakistani lawmakers who have contracted the deadly virus. "I have now tested positive for Covid-19. By the grace of Allah, I feel strong and energetic. I will continue to carry on my duties from home. Please keep me in your prayers," he said in a tweet. Qureshi has been moved to Com-bined Military Hospital in ● P-02

Missing Youth's Body Found In Canal

Ganderbal: Body of a youth who was missing for the last three days was found in power canal in Ganderbal on Saturday evening. An official said that one Mudasir Ahmed Khan son of Late Sarfaraz Khan, a resident of Khyber Mohalla Gutlibagh Ganderbal had gone missing three days ago. He said that today his body was found in a power canal. He further added that the youth was mentally unsound and body will be handed over to family after legal formalities—

Aarogya-Setu For Ganderbal Shopkeepers

Ganderbal: As the government of Jammu and Kashmir has classified district Ganderbal as red zone, the District Magistrate (DM) Ganderbal, Shafqat Iqbal on Saturday issued an order for imposition of restrictions under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and under section 144 CrPC in district Ganderbal. The order has been issued to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and break the transmission chain of the virus. For operating shops and establishments of the district the schedule and timing has ● P-02

1703 Passengers Arrive In Srinagar In 13 Flights

JAMMU: On Day 41 of resumption of routine domestic operations in Jammu and Kashmir, 21 domestic flights with 2,405 passengers on board today arrived at Jammu and Srinagar Airports.

A total of 702 passengers aboard 8 regular commercial flights arrived at the Jammu Airport while 13 domestic flights with about 1703 passengers on board landed at Srinagar Airport today. After arrival, all the passengers were tested for the COVID-19 virus and transported to their destinations at both the airports amid strict observance of all necessary preventive protocols.

The Government has made elaborate arrangements for the arrival, screening, sampling and proper transportation of the passengers to the quarantine centers taking special care of guidelines and ● P-02

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Kupwara's Killer Well And A Wedding Tragedy

Auqib Javeed

ZAHIDA was looking forward to be swarmed by her happy kin who now take turns to console her.

But as the thirty-year-old soon-to-be bride remains inconsolable, a horde of villagers walk in with long faces, only to make her home a packed house of mourners.

The dead brothers had gone to make wedding preparations for their sister.

"In Kashmir, happy occasions are known to become mourning events," said Zahida's cousin. "But

losing your affable brothers just days before your dream day in life is worse than thousand deaths!"

The tragic incident took place on July 2, when Zahida heard a shrilling noise outside her home. Soon as her dead siblings were brought amid sobs and shrieks, she saw her lifelong cherished moment collapsing in a jiffy.

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The incident occurred in the Dard Hari Sangdan area of Kupwara's Kralpora area. The four villagers including Zahida's



two siblings had left home to clean a disused well.

Among them, Mohammad Altaf Sheikh first went inside the well. While cleaning, he had suddenly collapsed. The other three—Mumtaz Ahmad, Altaf Khan and Showkat Khan—were working outside. They soon went inside, one by one, on a rescue mission.

None of them came out alive.

By the time villagers learned about the tragic event, lot of time had already elapsed. Amid hue and cry, it took hectic efforts from locals, police and other allied departments to retrieve the trapped bodies from the well. They were evacuated to a nearby health facility.

"The deceased were brought dead to the hospital," Dr. Kousar Amin, Chief Medical Officer Kupwara, told Kashmir Observer. "They apparently died due to suffocation. A post-mortem report is still awaited."

As per the villagers, some "inert

gas" leaked by the weathered walls of the well choked the four men to death. While only an investigation will clear the picture, the loss has already numbed the hamlet.

Among the deceased, Altaf Khan and Showkat Khan, residents of Dard Hari Sangdan, were preparing for the marriage of their sister for months.

"Everything was going well, but we had water scarcity in the village," Nisar Khan, brother of the deceased siblings, told Kashmir Observer. "One has to travel 3 kilometres to fetch water here."

The family had ● PAGE 02

2 Militants Killed, 3 Soldiers Injured In Kulgam Encounter

120 Militants Killed This Year So Far: Police



File Pic

KULGAM: Two unidentified militants were killed while three soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were injured in an encounter that broke out Saturday afternoon in Arreh Mohanpora village of south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

According to reports received here, joint teams of police, Army's 34 RR and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation following inputs about the presence of militants in the village.

As the joint team of forces approached the house where militants were present they reportedly came under fire from inside.

An encounter ensued which ended late in the evening. In the initial bout of firing one militant was killed and three soldiers were injured. As the encounter progressed, one more militant was killed in the evening.

Police on its official Twitter handle confirmed that two militants have been killed in Kulgam encounter and the search operation was on in the area. Authorities have snapped the mobile internet services in the area as a precautionary measure. Police however had not revealed the identity of the slain militants when this report was filed.

This is the 17th such encounter in the southern districts since ● PAGE 02

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IGP Visits Slain Civilian's Family In HMT Area

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of police Kashmir Vijay Kumar along with other senior police officers on Saturday visited the family of a civilian who was killed at Sopore earlier this week.

"IGP Kashmir along with other senior police officers visited the family of a civilian who was killed during #militant incident at Sopore. IGP #condole the family members and prayed for the #departed soul," police said in a tweet.

"I heard their grievances and I cleared all aspects. I also assured them an impartial investigation (into the incident)," Kumar said. "I also assured family to show CCTV footage if they wish to see the same," he added.

The civilian, Bashir Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Mohammad Khan of Mustafa Colony HMT Srinagar, was killed in a firing incident near

Nowpora crossing Model Town Sopore on July 1.

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