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SUNSET Today 07:45 PM  
SUNRISE Tomorrow 05:25 AM



**News Digest**

**HC Resumes Functioning In Srinagar**

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Geeta Mittal, was today given ceremonial guard of honour by contingent of CRPF on opening of Main Wing of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court here in accordance with the Bi-annual Darbar Move for the summer season at Srinagar. Judges of High Court, Registrar General, Registrar Vigilance and other officers and officials of the Registry ● P-02

**2 SSB Men Kill Each Other In Kulgam**

Kulgam: Two Sashstra Seema Bal (SSB) men were on Monday evening killed in a fratricidal incident in a court complex in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. Media reports said that a SSB man resorted to indiscriminate firing from his service rifle at his colleagues, which left two SSB men severely wounded. Superintendent of Police (SP), Gurinder Pal said that ● P-02

**Grenade Lobbed At Police In Baramulla**

Baramulla: Suspected militants on Monday evening lobbed a grenade towards Police Post Delina in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Baramulla, Abdul Qayoom said that the grenade exploded on the road, adding that no casualty was reported in the incident. Soon after the attack, the search operation was launched in the area to nab the attackers.

**Lone, Raza Appointed PSC Members**

Srinagar: Six days after his retirement as secretary General Administration Department, Dr Farooq Lone (IAS) was on Monday appointed as Member JK Public Service Commission. Also Zubair Ahmed Raza, district Judge Doda has been appointed as Member JK PSC, officials said. On June 29, chairman of the Commission, B.R. Sharma, administered oath of office to the four newly appointed Members. ● P-02

**Pandita Appointed JKBOSE Head For 2 Yrs**

Srinagar: Veena Pandita was on Monday appointed as Chairperson Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education for two more years, till June 30 2022, officials said. Earlier the government had extended her term as the Chairperson JKBOSE for a period of two months beyond her date of superannuation on April 30 this year.

**Man Fires Upon Wife, Arrested**

Jammu: A man from Dool of district Kishtwar on Monday fired upon his wife with 12 bore rifle at his home, resulting into serious injuries to her, officials said. According to reports police arrested Arif Hussain son of Akhter Hussain of Khanpora Dool soon after he fired upon his wife namely Rubina Begum (25) with 12 bore rifle. The injured was shifted to District Hospital Kishtwar and later referred to GMC Jammu for further medical treatment. SHO Kishtwar Aijaz Wani said the husband has been arrested and the rifle was seized. (GNS)

**India, China Start Partial Pull Back From Galwan Valley**

Agencies

NEW DELHI- In the first sign of de-escalation of tension in eastern Ladakh, the Chinese Army has removed tents and started to withdraw its troops from Galwan Valley as decided during high-level talks between the two militaries, government sources said on Monday.

Galwan Valley was the site of a violent hand-to-hand clash between the two militaries on June 15 that left 20 Indian soldiers dead.

China's Liberation Army was seen removing tents and structures at patrolling point 14, the sources said, adding rearward movement of vehicles of Chinese troops was seen in the general area of Galwan and Gogra Hot Springs.

They said disengagement of Chinese troops in the area has begun as per decisions arrived at during the Corps Commander-level talks.

The sources said there was clear sign of withdrawal of structures and troops from the patrolling



Image for representation

**China Talks Of Progress In Talks**

China on Monday said the front-line troops are taking "effective measures" and making "progress" to disengage and ease the tensions in the Galwan Valley along the Line of Actual Control with India. The remarks of China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian came after government sources in New Delhi said the Chinese Army was seen removing tents and moving back from certain areas of the Galwan Valley, in a first sign of

point 14 in Galwan Valley and that they are likely to move back more than a kilometre in the area.

The sources said it would not be possible to know immediately how much distance the Chinese

troops are going back and that there will be clarity only after a proper verification process is conducted.

The clashes in Galwan Valley took place after Indian

**THE FIRST ROUND OF THE LT GENERAL TALKS WERE held on June 6 during which both sides finalised an agreement to disengage gradually from all the standoff points beginning with Galwan Valley.**

**Govt Allows Universities To Conduct Exams**

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Monday allowed universities and other academic institutions to conduct examinations during the ongoing 'Unlock 2' phase.

In a statement, the MHA said it has sent a letter to the Union Higher Education Secretary permitting universities and institutions to conduct examinations.

"The final-term examinations are to be compulsorily conducted as per the UGC guidelines on examinations and academic calendar for the universities and as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare," the statement said.

Various examinations ● P-02

**8 Lakh Indians May Be Asked To Leave Kuwait: Report**

DUBAI- A total of 8 lakh Indians could be forced to leave Kuwait as its National Assembly committee has approved a draft expat quota bill seeking to reduce the number of foreign workers in the Gulf country.

The National Assembly's legal and legislative committee has determined that the expat quota bill is constitutional.

According to the bill, Indians should not exceed 15 per cent of the population. This could result in 800,000 Indians leaving Kuwait, as the Indian community constitutes the largest expat community in the country, totalling 1.45 ● P-02

**BSF Trooper, 4 Others Die Of Covid-19 In J&K**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Border Security Forces personnel was among five persons who died due to Covid-19 in the Kashmir Valley on Monday, taking the fatality count due to the coronavirus in the J&K to 138.

The trooper from 33 Battalion died at BSF Sector Headquarters in Panthachowk due to Covid-19, official sources said.

Previously, four persons died, including a 55-year-old woman from Uri Baramulla along with two other persons— 90-year-old man from Tangmarg and 75-year-old man from Rafiabad— from the north Kashmir's district besides a 56-year-old man from Budgam.

Professor Farooq Jan, Medical Superintendent SKIMS Soura, told GNS the woman from Soura passed away at 8 a.m. today. "She was case of Rheumatic

Heart Disease Associated with Congestive Cardiac Failure and Respiratory Tract Infection," Professor Jan said. The woman, he said, was in "IDB on high flow oxygen and was very sick."

Regarding the 56-year-old man from Budgam district, Professor Jan said that he was suffering "HTN, CKD and bilateral Community acquired pneumonia."

"The patient was also on dialysis as well. He expired today early morning at 4 am," he said.

As regards the nonagenarian, a resident of Tangmarg area of Baramulla, Medical Superintendent CD hospital, Dr. Saleem Tak, said that he was admitted on June 26 and died at 2:00 a.m. today.

"He was suffering from hypertension, cardiac ailments and bilateral pneumonia," he said.

Meanwhile, the 75-year-old man from Rafiabad died at SMHS hospital here, ● PAGE 02

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**246 Covid-19 New Cases In J&K, Tally Rises To 8675**

Among Fresh Cases Include 5 Form CRPF, 3 Police, 1 Army; 63 More People Discharged Jammu and Kashmir on Monday reported 246 Covid-19 infections, taking the overall tally of the cases to 8675 in J&K. Officials said that 36 cases were reported from Jammu division while 210 from Kashmir Valley and includes five ● P-02

**Davinder Singh Groomed By Pakistan As Info Conduit: NIA**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Investigation Agency filed a chargesheet against suspended DySP of J&K Police Devender Singh, Hizbul-Mujahideen militant Naveed Mushtaq, and four others on Monday.

NIA said in the chargesheet that Davinder Singh, who was caught travelling in a car with Hizb militants in January this year, "was being groomed by Pakistani officials for obtaining sensitive information."

The NIA said Singh was also in touch with certain officials of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi through secure social media platforms.

Besides Singh and Syed Naveed Mushtaq alias Babu, the NIA filed Charge-sheet



File pic

against Irfan Shafi Mir alias Advocate, Rafi Ahmad Rather (Hizb militant), Tanveer Ahmad Wani (ex-LoC trader) and Syed Irfan Ahmad (brother of Naveed Babu) ● PAGE 02

**Durbar Reopens In Srinagar After 2 Month Delay**

SRINAGAR: Amid heightened security, the Durbar move offices formally re-opened on Monday in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

The reopening of move offices got delayed by nearly two months this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

For the first time in the last several decades, the government organized a traditional folk music event to welcome the annual Durbar move in Kashmir.

The folk music show was organized by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to revive the rich and old-aged cultural activ-

ity and attract dignitaries of Durbar move. SMC Secretary General, Mohammad Akbar Sofi said that the folk music was organized by SMC to welcome the Durbar move officers and employees.

Pertinently, every year authorities organize inaugural functions on the annual Durbar move at the Civil Secretariat. But, this year due to the COVID threat authorities organized folk music event to welcome officers. Unlike previous years, the media persons were not allowed inside the Civil Secretariat to cover the reopening ● PAGE 02

**Doctor Couple Plans Kashmir Cultural Centre In New York**

KO Web Desk

SRINAGAR:- A Kashmiri doctor couple living in USA are in the process of setting up a library and museum of Kashmiri art, history, and culture in New York using over 1500 books, paintings, and other artefacts collected by them over the years, Buffalo News reported.

Dr Khurshid Guru, a noted Robotic Surgeon, and his wife Dr Lubna Guru are in the process of buying a 97-year-old vacant, historic stone church at 650 Park Place in Niagara Falls, and convert the same into their new museum, which they believe will serve as the Centre for Kashmir



Drs. Khurshid and Lubna Guru- Photo credit: Buffalo News

culture and studies.

Originally from Sopore in north Kashmir, Dr Guru is the son of famous cardiologist of Kashmir, late Dr Abdul Ahad Guru.

According to Khurshid, the collection, valued at about \$2 million, is potentially the largest such collection outside of Kashmir itself. "The collection is decent to a level

that you could create a nice little museum," Guru said. The couple is buying a vacant 97-year-old stone church, located in Niagara Falls, which they plan to convert into their new museum — the Centre for Kashmir. Additionally, they are also purchasing two houses to provide residential space for visiting Kashmiri artists, scholars and other contributors. Born and raised in Kashmir, Khurshid graduated from medical school in India, where he met his wife. The duo came to the United States for further training and residency in Detroit and then to Buffalo. Guru acknowledged that the venture is risky, especially at the time when ● PAGE 02

Government of Jammu and Kashmir (UT)  
**DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KASHMIR**

Organising  
**KISAN PAKHWADA**  
An initiative by the UT of J&K

w.e.f **07-21 July, 2020**

Dedicating 15 days to the farming community  
in collaboration with the department of  
**HORTICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, SHEEP HUSBANDRY, FISHERIES AND J&K BANK (CONVENOR BANK, JKUTLBC)**

Event to be launched by  
**His Excellency the Lt. Governor UT of JK**  
on 7th July 2020

**MAIN OBJECTIVES**

- 100% coverage of farmers under KCC Scheme
- Farmers include those engaged in Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairy, Fisheries Sheep Rearing etc.
- Data rectification of PM KISAN beneficiaries.
- Removal of all bottlenecks for farmers in obtaining loans against KCC in order to grow credit flow by 2.5 times this year.
- Massive push to packaging, grading and other logistic will be the corner stone of the awareness programme.
- Massive awareness campaign regarding various schemes available, technological upgradation required, new seeds and new technologies of cultivation by wayorganising **Kisan Melas** as part of **KISAN PAKHWADA**.

**DISTRICT-WISE KISAN-MELA SCHEDULE DURING KISAN PAKHWADA**

S.No	Date	District	Venue	Contact Person
01	07-07-2020	Kulgam	Kulgam	9419032219
02		Budgam	Khansahib	9858839577
03	08-07-2020	Kulgam	Quimoh	9419032219
04	09-07-2020	Shopian	Shopian	9797665764
05	10-07-2020	Shopian	Keller	9797665764
06	11-07-2020	Anantnag	Mattan	7889329308
07	12-07-2020	Anantnag	Dooru	7889329308
08	14-07-2020	Pulwama	Tral	9419458960
09		Pulwama	Haal Pulwama	9419458960
10	15-07-2020	Bandipora	Bandipora	9419040056
11		Ganderbal	Ganderbal	9697918511
12	16-07-2020	Bandipora	Sumbal	9419040056
13		Ganderbal	Kangan	9697918511
14	17-07-2020	Srinagar	Harwan	9419195832
15		Baramulla	Tangmarg	9419063283
16	18-07-2020	Budgam	Budgam	9858839577
17		Baramulla	Baramulla	9419063283
18	20-07-2020	Kupwara	Handwara	9622459771
19		Srinagar	Srinagar	9419195832
20	21-07-2020	Kupwara	Kupwara	9622459771

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