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**News Digest**

**LG Visits Shopian, Takes Stock Of Situation**

SRINAGAR, JULY 16: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu today observed that the Government has put in place robust mechanism at all administrative levels for the redressal of public grievances, besides carrying out developmental activities in right earnest with active public participation. ● P-02

**8 Recovered Patients Donate Plasma**

Srinagar: Seven days after the institute conducted first-ever Convalescent Plasma Therapy in COVID patients, the authorities at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) on Thursday said that only seven to eight recovered COVID patients have so far donated their blood plasma. ● P-02

**Non-Local Found Hanging From Tree**

Srinagar: A non-local labourer allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree in Anantnaga Chatergam area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. An official said that a labourer (name withheld) of Jehangeer Pur Chhat-tisgarh was found hanging from a tree by some locals near ● P-02

**IGP BSF Briefs LG About Security Scenario**

Srinagar, July 16: Rajesh Mishra, IGP, BSF, Kashmir today called on the Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu here at the Raj Bhavan and briefed him about the security situation in the area of his responsibility. The Lt Governor and the IGP discussed about issues concerning effective ● P-02

**PAGE 1 Anchor Dead Mother, Helpless Sons And A Samaritan: 'Viral' Scenes From SKIMS**

Mir Faizan

**A**S their departed mother lied unattended and wrapped in a loose sheet, two grieving sons broadcasted their agony on social media through a harrowing video

Decrying the hospital apathy and a 'new protocol' denying plywood coffin box to COVID victims, they expressed helplessness over the decent farewell to their mother.

Over the phone, Srinagar magistrate was trying to console the

sorrowing siblings, while a police officer on the spot was fighting tears over their plight.

But when everyone seemed helpless, a volunteer from Srinagar's Bemina stepped forward with the much-needed compassionate support.

By the time Sajad Khan who heads a group volunteers for COVID burial in Kashmir received a call for help, the viral issue had already shocked the valley.

His group of volunteers isn't unknown to anyone, as since the



beginning of COVID health crisis in Kashmir, they've been acting on distress calls and helping quarantined families to bury their boxed "martyrs".

But what happened at SKIMS on July 15 even shocked them.

The dead body was lying in a loose sheet and to carry that, a dirty and dented stretcher was provided.

"These volunteers act promptly on these cases," said a medico, who previously sought the group's help in burying a COVID victim.

"Even SKIMS ambulance drivers know these volunteers. If some mindless protocol was indeed making it impossible for them, they could've easily averted the crisis by simply dialing the group's helpline number and come to the rescue of the mourning brothers."

But as the situation became a distressing crisis, Sajad Khan mounted on his bike and arrived in SKIMS for playing his routine role.

Between his arrival and the siblings' viral torment, the family's nine-day long ordeal at ●PAGE 02

**Virus Claims 14 More**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The deadly pandemic claimed 14 more lives in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, the highest ever spike in 24 hours since the outbreak of virus, taking the total number of people who died due to the novel Coronavirus to 222.

According to the reports 14 deaths included 65-year-old man from Khawjabagh, Baramulla, 65-year-old man from Sirhama, Anantnag, 60-year-old woman from Sanbari, Kokernag, 67-year-old male from Bathra, Budgam, 75-year-old male from Batamaloo, Srinagar, 60-year-old male from Karnah, Kupwara, 75-year-old male from Nishat Srinagar, 62-year-old male from Khanka-e Moula, Srinagar, a woman from Shopian, 75-year-old woman from Sonwar, Srinagar, 62-year-old male from

**33 Travellers Among 490 Fresh Positive Cases**

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded another spike in the Covid-19 related cases as 490 more people were tested positive for the Covid-19. They included 33 newly arrived people taking the total number of cases in J&K to above 12000 mark. With 490 fresh cases, the tally of ● P-02

Mallabagh, Soura, 50-year-old woman from Banglow, Bagh Srinagar, 62-year-old male from Baramulla and 80-year-old an from Sanbari, Kokernag was male from Sopore. Officials from Baramulla said that a 65 year old man from Baramulla who was suffering from Hypertension, B/L CAP, type I Respiratory failure, severe ARDS died at SKIMS at 6:40 am. Officials from Anantnag said that a 65-year-old male from Sir-



**Illegally Acquired Rs 39.69 Lakh Recovered From IAS Officer**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has recovered Rs 39.69 lakh from a senior IAS officer he allegedly took from an organisation and recommended a probe into his alleged "illegal" monetary benefits, sources said on Thursday.

The Lt Governor administration put a notice to the senior IAS officer for allegedly getting illegal monetary benefits from the organisation and asked him to remit the amount worth several lakhs to it, they said.

The officer remitted an amount of Rs 39,69,359 back to the organisation recently, the sources said.

The officer further submitted that Rs 20,86,120 has been deducted as TDS and deposited with the Income Tax department, they added.

A senior officer of the administration has recommended ● P-02

**Committee Constituted To Consider Restoration Of 4G In J&K: SC Told**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI- The Centre and Jammu and Kashmir administration told the Supreme Court on Thursday that a special committee has been set up as per the court's directive to consider the issue of restoration of 4G internet services in the Union Territory.

Attorney General K K Venugopal, while claiming that incidents of militancy are on the rise there, told a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana that no contempt is made out against the authorities as they have complied with the directives of the apex court.

On May 11, the top court had or-



dered setting up of a "special committee" headed by the Union Home Secretary to consider pleas for restoration of 4G internet services in J-K, saying national security and human rights need to be balanced in view of the fact that the UT has been "plagued with militancy".

High speed internet in J-K has been suspended since ●PAGE 02

**ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR INDIA** undertakes to file reply affidavit to the contempt petition within a week's time. He is permitted to do so. List the matters after one week, the bench said in its order.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

Help us to help you

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### Are you washing your hands regularly? Soap and water work best!

**Wash your hands with soap and water**

After coughing or sneezing

Before and after caring for a sick person or treating a cut or wound

After using or cleaning the bathroom

After touching an animal, its food or waste

Before and after eating or preparing food

After touching garbage or anytime your hands appear visibly dirty/greasy

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds

**Use hand sanitizers when**

If soap and water is not available, use sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol

Any other public place or situation where soap and water isn't available

Before and after visiting a hospital, nursing home or any health facility

## Together we can fight COVID-19!

Help Line No.s 1075 (National Toll Free ), 0191-2549676 (UT level Cell for J&K)  
Jammu Division- 0191-2520982, 0191-2674444, 0191-2674115 ,  
Kashmir Division- 0194-2440283 & 0194-2430581.

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