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## News Digest

### Girl's Body Found After 103 Days

Srinagar: The body of a teenage girl on Monday was recovered from Jhelum in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, over a hundred days after she drowned in the river. The decomposed body of 13-year-old Nighat Jan was recovered from river Jhelum near Jafarpora Marhama area of the south Kashmir district on Monday, officials said. The girl and her mother Saleema Bano had drowned in Jhelum on June 16 this year. While Bano was found on the same day, her daughter remained untraced till today when her body was recovered.

### LeT Militant Held In Pampore: Police

Srinagar: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant from Pampore area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. A police spokesman said that police along with 50 RR and 185 CRPF arrested Faisal Ahmad Dar of Khankah Bagh Pampore. Dar, he said had recently joined militant ranks and was affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The spokesperson said that according to police records, Dar went missing from 11th September and on 13th September uploaded his audio on social media wherein he claimed to have joined. **● P-02**

### Police Traces Missing Youth In Ganderbal

Srinagar: Police on Monday claimed to have traced a missing youth in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. According to a police spokesperson, a woman reported to police on September 27 that her son Irshad Ahmad, a labourer by profession has gone missing since September 21. Police, he said filed a missing report at police station Gund and started investigations. "It is revealed that Irshad Ahmad had a heated argument with his mother and he **● P-02**

### Over 5 Lakh J&K Residents Brought Back

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has so far brought back more than 5 lakh residents of the Union territory stranded in other parts of the country due to the COVID-19 lockdown, official data showed. As many as 5,13,157 residents of Jammu and Kashmir, who were stranded in other parts of the country, have been brought back home through trains and buses amid strict observance of all necessary COVID guidelines and standard operating procedures, it said. So far, 1,40,292 passengers have arrived on 155 trains while 3,72,865 people **● P-02**

### Ladakh Reports 10 New Cases, One Death

Leh: One more patient succumbed to coronavirus in Ladakh, taking the death toll to 58 in the Union Territory, while the infection tally reached 4,103 with 10 fresh cases, officials said on Monday. Fourteen patients were discharged after being cured of the contagion during the past 24 hours, they said. With the death of one more patient from COVID-19 in Kargil district, the total number of fatalities in Ladakh has gone up to 58 -- 34 in Kargil and 24 in Leh district. Five residents each in Leh and Kargil tested **● P-02**

## Indian Army Moves Tanks To Forward Areas In Ladakh

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Army has deployed tanks at forward areas like Chumar, Depsang and Chushul sectors along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh to meet any threat from the Chinese army.

According to the reports, India has deployed T-90 and T-72 tanks along with BMP-2 infantry combat vehicles at Chumar-Demchok sector which is crucial for the defence of the Ladakh sector.

The Indian Army has brought T-90 tanks to the Depsang plains in sub sector north (SSN) where Chinese troops are preventing patrols from going to patrolling points (PPs) 10-13.

The army is preparing to stay put at forward posts in the winter. These tanks have the ability to operate even at minus 40 degrees Celsius.

"The Fire and Fury Corps is the only formation of the Indian Army and also in the world to have actually deployed mechanised forces in such harsh terrain. The maintenance of tanks, infantry combat vehicles and heavy guns is a challenge in this terrain. To ensure crew and equipment readiness, adequate arrangements are in place for both man and machine," Fire and Fury Corps chief of staff Maj. Gen. Arvind **►PAGE 02**



Photo Credit: The Print

### Nirbhay Missiles To Counter China Threat: Report

As border tensions in eastern Ladakh continue to escalate, India has deployed homegrown subsonic missile Nirbhay to counter China's missile deployment along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), India Today reported Monday. According to the report, the Nirbhay missiles developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have been deployed in a limited number for now along the LAC. The report says that the surface-to-surface missile has a **● P-02**

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### Solider Injured In LoC Shelling

SRINAGAR: A soldier was injured on Monday as Pakistani troops opened fire and shelled mortars at forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara and Rajouri districts, officials said.

The soldier injured in the firing in Macchil sector of Kupwara was taken to a hospital, and his condition was stable, a defence spokesperson said in Srinagar.

"Pakistan initiated an unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in Macchil sector of Kupwara district this morning by firing mortars and other weapons," the official said.

The Pakistani side resorted to heavy firing and mortar **● P-02**

### KP Leader's Fast-Unto-Death Stir Enters 9th Day

JAMMU: The fast-unto-death by the chief of Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS) Sanjay Tickoo has entered the ninth day on Monday with demands by people from the community living in the valley to provide them jobs under central government employment package apart from relief and accommodation to non-migrant Kashmiri Hindus.

KPSS, which is an organisation looking after the welfare of Kashmiri Hindus who have not migrated from the valley, blamed the Relief and **● P-02**

## 15 More Covid-19 Deaths In J&K, Toll 1148

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least fifteen people, including a young woman succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, taking the fatality count due to the virus in the Union Territory to 1148.

While eleven more Covid-10 deaths were reported from Jammu division of the UT, four others were confirmed by officials from the Kashmir Valley—two from Pulwama and one each from Bandipora and Shopian respectively.

About the victims from

Jammu division, officials said seven were residents of Jammu district and one each from Udhampur, Doda, Samba and Ramban. Among the victims, they said included a 24-year-old woman from Roop Nagar, a 62-year-old man from Simlar Camp, a 60-year-old woman from Kunjwani, a 60-year-old man from Narwal and a 61-year-old woman from Ustad Mohalla.

In Kashmir, among those who succumbed to the infec-

### 52 Security Men Among 824 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday 824 new cases of coronavirus, including 82 travelers and 52 security personnel, taking the total number of people infected by the virus across the Union Territory to **● P-02**

tion included a 60-year-old man from Tral, who died at SKIMS Soura here, a **►PAGE 02**

### RDD Employee Shot Dead In Shopian

SRINAGAR: Unidentified gunmen on Monday shot dead an employee of Rural Development Department (RDD) in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Sabzar Ahmad Naikoo was critically injured when unknown gunmen fired upon him in his native Nildora on Monday evening, officials said. He was removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to Srinagar's SMHS hospital for specialized treatment.

Naikoo, officials said succumbed to injuries before the doctors could operate upon him.

Medical Superintendent SMHS hospital Dr Nazir Choudhary confirmed to local news agency GNS that **● P-02**

### Civilian Injured In Sirhama Blast Dies

SRINAGAR: A civilian, who was critically injured in an explosion near encounter site in Sirhama area of Anantnag on Friday, succumbed to his injuries at a hospital here on Monday.

34-year-old Mohammad Yaseen Rather, who was undergoing treatment at SMHS hospital here from last three days, lost the battle with life in the wee hours of Monday, official sources told Kashmir Observer.

Rather is survived by his widow, two minor daughters aged 5 and 2 besides **● P-02**



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## Probe Into Shopian Encounter In Final Stages: DGP

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The investigation into an alleged fake encounter in Shopian, in which three men from Rajouri district were killed, is in the final stages, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Monday.

"The SSP, Shopian is himself monitoring the investigation process of the case and further details about the case will be shared very soon. Our investigations are in the final stage,"

the DGP told reporters at Awantipora in Pulwama district.

He said both the Army and the police are investigating the case, but refused to share further details.

Security forces had claimed to have killed three militants in an encounter in Shopian's Amshipora on July 18, but three families from Rajouri said the slain men might be their missing members.

DNA tests were conducted and the results, made available after 40 days, showed **►PAGE 02**

**WE HAVE MANAGED TO GET** some clues about the (advocate) Babar Qadri case and hopefully, very soon the Jammu and Kashmir Police will be able to crack it. We have already constituted an SIT in this regard and a probe is on, "

### Army Begins Summary Of Evidence

After indictment of its own men, the army has begun Summary of Evidence, a step before a possible court martial, in July's Amshipura encounter in South Kashmir's Shopian district during which all civilian witnesses would also be cross examined, officials said here. **● P-02**

## 2 Brothers Among 4 Die While Cleaning Sewage Trench

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Four persons, including two siblings, who were cleaning a trench died, apparently due to suffocation, in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said.

They had slipped into the sewage trench at Luktipora in Bijbehara

ra police station area of Anantnag district, a police official said.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Rashid Dar, his brother Nazir Ahmad Dar, Sajad Ahmad Wani and Arshid Ahmad Wani, the official said.

The bodies were retrieved from the trench and taken to sub-district hospital at Bijbehara for legal proceedings, he added.

## 'Article 35A Was Against Teachings of Islam' Delhi Decides Politics Of Kashmir: Bukhari

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party President and founding member of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Syed Altaf Bukhari has said that the former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti turned down his suggestion of amending Article-35A before the government of India revoked special status of the erstwhile state.

In an interview to New Delhi based news portal The Print, Bukhari said that he told former J&K CM to modify Article 35A as it was against the teachings of Islam.

"Islam provides property rights to women, but she (Mehbooba



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**“They want people to believe that Apni Party members are agents of Delhi but tell me, since 1947, who has not been an agent of Delhi?”**

### 'Frustrated': NC Hits Out At Bukhari

National Conference on Monday lashed out at Apni Party President Syed Altaf Bukhari for his comments that the mainstream J&K parties were "hoodwinking" the people with its Gupkar declaration aimed to restore special status of Jammu and **● P-02**

Mufti) didn't listen," Bukhari said. Coming down heavily on the mainstream parties for "hoodwinking" the people and "creating a **►PAGE 02**

## In FOCUS CAG Flags Slow Work Under NRDWP, PMGSY In J&K During 2017-18

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the Jammu and Kashmir government for its failure to complete various projects under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2017-18.

In its audit report on social, general, economic (non-Public Sector Undertakings) sectors for the year ended March 31, 2018, the CAG said against the target for completion of 1,067 Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) during 2013-18, only 679 schemes (64 per cent) have been

completed under the NRDWP.

Non-completion of 388 (36 per cent) schemes impacted the process of providing potable drinking water to population of 5.67 lakh, the report, tabled in Parliament recently, said.

It said the year-wise shortfall in achievement of targets for providing water supply in government schools during 2013-14 to 2016-17 ranged between 10 to 29 per cent. Just nine anganwadi centers had been provided with the facility of drinking water during the period 2013-15 and department had not fixed any targets in this regard from 2014-15 onwards.



Image for representation

Under the PMGSY, which was launched in December 2000 to provide connectivity by way of an

all weather road to eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas, the report said, out of sanctioned

1,769 road projects involving road length of 9,383.07 kms under construction during 2013-18, only 810 road projects (46 per cent) having a road length of 4,172.50 kms were completed as of March 2018.

The year-wise completion rate of road projects during 2013-18 ranged between 8 to 19 per cent. Due to problems in land acquisition and forest clearance 467 road projects (road length: 2,577.88 km) sanctioned prior to April 2013 for connecting 175 habitations were still incomplete as of March 2018, the report said.

The NRDWP was launched as a flagship programme for **►PAGE 02**

## Unrecognised Schools Cannot Be Permitted To Function: HC

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Unrecognised schools cannot be permitted to function, Jammu and Kashmir High Court said on Monday.

"Section 11 of (Jammu and Kashmir Education Act, 2002). It enjoins that "no private school shall be established, run or maintained without permission", of the Government or competent authority," a bench of Justice Tashi Rabstan said while dismissing a petition filed by a private school—Kohsar Public High School, Khag Budgam, seeking quashing of the orders by J&K State Board of School Education as regards restricting affiliation and recognition upto academic session 2016-17.

"It should be kept in mind that Section 11 in unequivocal terms stipulates that it is not only for establish-

### HC Seeks Details Of Gulmarg Land, Encroachers

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has directed authorities to provide details of the extent and particulars of the persons encroaching on the state and forest land in Gulmarg, the ecologically fragile area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division **● P-02**

ing a private school that a 'written permission' is required, but it is even after establishing a private school that a "written permission" is required to be had from the government or **►PAGE 02**