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## News Digest

### 255 UAPA Cases Filed In J&K In 2019

Srinagar: As many as 255 cases were registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act-1967 in Jammu & Kashmir during 2019, an official report reveals. These details have been laid bare in the report- Crime in India-2019- released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) last week. According to the report, J&K has the third highest number of cases registered under the UAPA after Manipur and Tamil Nadu where respectively 306 and 270 FIRs were lodged under the law. It also means that 20 percent of 1226 cases lodged across India under the law were registered in J&K. The data reveals that not a single case was registered under the law in 11 states and six Union Territories. It was enacted in 1967 to provide for the more effective prevention of certain unlawful activities of individuals and associations and for dealing with militancy-related activities and for matters. **● P-02**

### SKIMS Paramedics Protest Three-Tier Shift

Srinagar: Nursing staff of the SK institute of medical sciences Soura here on Monday staged protest against administration for 'forcing' them to follow newly introduced three-tier shift system. Scores of nurses assembled at Press Enclave Srinagar and staged protest against the administration accusing them of preparing duty roster against their will and without their consent, eyewitnesses said. The protesting nursing staff said that they don't agree with the new roster as it will affect them badly. They said they are already overburdened in this pandemic and now to force them to perform duties at a stretch is sheer injustice towards them. The protesters said that they will hit to roads on daily basis in case roster system is not changed. (KNT)

### Missing Woman Found Dead In Reasi

Jammu: A 27-year-old woman was found dead in a stream in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday, a day after she had gone missing, police said. The woman had left her home on Sunday morning to appear for an examination but she did not return, a police official said. The body was fished out from a stream near Sair Baba waterfall in Talwara area of the district and was taken to a hospital for post-mortem. Police have initiated inquest proceedings to ascertain the cause of her death, the official said, adding that her body would be handed over to her family on Tuesday after completion of legal formalities.

### 44 More Test Covid-19 Positive In Ladakh

Leh: Forty-four new cases of coronavirus were detected in Ladakh, taking the infection tally in the Union Territory to 4,521, officials said on Monday. With 39 more patients cured of the contagion, the number of active cases in the region stands at 1,106 773 in Leh district and 333 in Kargil district, the officials said. They said 37 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in Leh district and another seven in Kargil district during the past 24 hours. Ladakh had reported 61 COVID-related deaths, while 3,354 patients had recovered from the infection till Sunday evening. The officials said 33 COVID patients were discharged in Leh and six others in Kargil on Sunday after their treatment.

### Minor Girl Goes Missing In Rajouri

Jammu: A minor girl went missing on Monday after getting separated from her father in a village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Shahida Kouser, a resident of Bhangai village, was accompanying her father Mohammad Azam when she went missing from Gazali Chowk in Thanamandi area in the morning, a police official said. Efforts are on to trace the girl, the official said, and sought help from people in locating her.

## PAGE 1 Anchor Over 90 Percent of People In J&K Do Not Have Health Cover

Swati Joshi

An overwhelming majority of people in Jammu and Kashmir are not covered by any medical expenditure scheme.

It was revealed by National Sample Survey (NSS)'s 75th round of survey conducted—from July 2017 to June 2018—on household consumption related to health titled 'Health in India'.

The objective of the report was to gather quantitative information on various aspects of the health sector like morbidity, profile of ailments including their treatment,

role of government and private facilities in providing healthcare, expenditure on medicines, expenditure on medical consultation and investigation, hospitalization and expenditure thereon, maternity and childbirth, the condition of the aged, etc.

#### Population with health expenditure coverage

97.6 percent and 94.6 percent of person's health expenditures in rural and urban areas respectively are not covered by any scheme in Jammu and Kashmir.

Only a meager 0.4 percent (rural) and 0.9 percent (urban)



person's health expenditure is covered by the government-sponsored insurance scheme.

The health expenditure of the government and Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) employees are

covered by their respective departments.

In rural areas, 1.7 percent of the expenditure is covered by government/PSU, while in urban areas, it is 2.7 percent.

#### Proportion of ailing persons

In the rural area of J&K, 1,331 children aged between 0-5 years and 756 persons aged more than 60 years were surveyed for chronic ailments. 1,447 persons were hospitalized during the last 365 days.

The number of persons surveyed in urban areas was less. 802 children aged between 0-5 years and 580 persons aged more than

60 years were surveyed for chronic ailments. 994 persons were hospitalized during the last 365 days.

According to the report, persons reporting ailment during last 15 days for which they were hospitalized and not hospitalized was 15 and 604 respectively in rural areas and 13 and 639 respectively in urban areas.

#### Treatment seeking behaviour

A majority of people in urban and rural parts prefer government/public hospitals for treatment. 77 percent of people in the rural area chose government/public hospital for treatment and in urban areas, it was 50.5 percent. **►PAGE 02**

## 2 CRPF Men Killed, 3 Injured In Nowgam Militant Attack



Militants first fired upon a paramilitary forces party near Kandizal Bridge on Nowgam bypass.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two motorcycle-borne militants opened indiscriminate fire on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) party in Nowgam area of the city here on Monday, killing two paramilitary and injuring three others, police said.

The injured include an assistant sub-inspector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), they said. Militants fired upon a security forces party near Kandizal Bridge in Nowgam, Srinagar this afternoon, a police official said.

He said five CRPF personnel, including an ASI, were injured in the firing.

The injured personnel were taken to the Army's 92 base hospital,

### Search Operation Launched In Sopore

State forces Monday launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in apple township of Sopore in north Kashmir, official sources said.

They said on a tip off about the presence of militants, **● P-02**

### Shopian Youth Held With Grenades: Police

A man was arrested with two hand grenades in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Monday, a police officer said. On specific information, a police team conducted checking of a passenger vehicle at Der Ki Gali (DKG) in **● P-02**

where the doctors declared two of them -- Constables Shalinder Pratap Singh and Devendra Kumar Tripathi -- brought dead, the official said. He said the other three person-

nel -- ASI Gorakh Nath, Constable Kirgain and Constable James -- are undergoing treatment and their condition is stated to be stable. The militants fled the **►PAGE 02**

## 10 More Covid-19 Deaths In J&K, Toll 1255

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least ten more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, taking the number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 1255.

While five more people succumbed to the deadly infection in Jammu division, as many, officials said also died of Covid-19 in the Kashmir valley.

Among the victims in the Valley, the officials said included a 60-year-old man from Baramulla, who died at SMHS hospital here;

### 54 Security Men Among 632 Test Positive

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday 632 fresh cases of coronavirus, including fifty four army and paramilitary personnel besides thirty-eight travelers and **● P-02**

nine days after he was admitted there after being diagnosed with bilateral community acquire pneumonia and hypertension. **►PAGE 02**

### WINTER WOES

### Govt Seeks Traffic Plan For Kashmir Highway From NHAI

JAMMU: The J&K administration Monday directed the National Highways Authority of India to submit a traffic management plan of agencies to ensure a hassle-free movement on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway during the ensuing winter season.

It asked the NHAI to detail an action plan on how the construction agencies will clear landslides, snow and deal with any other emergency to make sure the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country remains open during the coming winter. **►PAGE 02**

### Indian Army Officer Killed In Pakistani Firing

JAMMU: A junior commissioned officer (JCO) of the army was killed in heavy shelling by Pakistani troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

This was the fourth casualty army suffered in the past five days along LOC in Kashmir.

"A JCO was killed in unprovoked Pakistani firing and shelling in Nowshera sector of Rajouri, the officials said, adding that further details were awaited.

According to the reports, the slain officer has been identified as Subedar Sukhdev Singh of army's 16 Grenadiers.

Earlier, a defence spokesperson said Pakistani troops opened fire and shelled mortars in forward areas in two sectors along the LoC in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region.

Pakistan initiated the unprovoked ceasefire violation in Nowshera sector of Rajouri around 6.30 pm.

The Indian Army retaliated befittingly and the cross-border firing between the two sides continued for quite some time, the spokesperson said.

Later at around 8.20 pm, **● P-02**

## India Ready For Two Front War: IAF Chief

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: IAF chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria on Monday said Chinese air power can't get the better of the capabilities of his force in any conflict scenario in eastern Ladakh, asserting India is "very well positioned" to meet any threat from China.

Stressing that the country's sovereignty and interests will be fiercely protected under all circumstances, Bhadauria also said the Indian Air Force (IAF) is fully prepared to deal with any two-front war.

He said the IAF has made "very strong" deployments in all relevant areas in view of the five-month-long border standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, and it is in a firm position to handle any contingency along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The Chief of Air Staff, addressing a press conference here on the eve of the Air Force Day, said China has



its areas of strength and the IAF has evolved plans and strategies to deal with all scenarios.

"Of course we are," he said replying to a question on whether the IAF was fully ready to deal with any challenge from China.

"There is no question of not taking on the threat there (eastern Ladakh). We are very well positioned and there is no question that in any conflict scenario there, China can get the better of us," Bhadauria said. He said "swift and rapid" **►PAGE 02**

**■ IT IS NOT ONLY LADAKH. LADAKH IS a small area. We have some airfields there where we have deployed our assets. That is a very small part of our deployment. We have deployed across all operational locations that are required to access this area (Ladakh),"**

## Peace In J&K Impossible If August 5 Actions Not Reversed: Farooq

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the objectives of peace, economic progress and development in Jammu and Kashmir cannot be achieved unless the Centre reverses all the decisions taken on August 5 last year.

Abdullah, who is also the MP from the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency, made these comments at a private function here.

The central government had on August 5, 2019 abrogated Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir. It also

### Soz Quotes Chomsky To Attack Modi Govt

Says 'Symptoms Of Fascism' Visible, Terms Mehbooba's Detention A 'Revengeful Measure'

Terming the continued detention of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti as a "revengeful measure", senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Prof Saif-ud-din Soz on Monday endorsed **● P-02**

bifurcated the erstwhile state into union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

"The goal of inclusive development in J-K can be turbo-powered only by empowering the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the real

sense and by reversing the August 05, 2019 actions," the NC chief said.

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### Panchayat By-Polls Likely Next Month

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory is likely to hold panchayat by-polls in nine phases next month, media reports said on Monday.

Quoting highly placed sources, the report said that the government is contemplating to hold electoral exercise in the month of November to fill 13000 Panch and Sarpanch seats.

"The notification would be issued on 10th or 11th of this month, which will pave the way for imposition of model code of conduct in all poll-bound villages," they said, adding **● P-02**

## J&K Govt Deputes 54 Employees To Serve Ladakh Admin

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday deputed over fifty officials from different departments to serve the administration in the Union Territory of Ladakh "in the interest of the administration and as a provisional measure"

In an order issued on Monday by the Jammu and Kashmir government's General Administration Department, 54 government employees have been placed at the disposal of the Union Territory of Ladakh, on deputation basis with immediate effect.

Among those deputed to the newly carved Union Territory include Assistant Professors, Assistant Executive Engineers, Junior Engineers, Works Supervisor, Lab assistant, Draftsman, Technician, Account cum Store Keeper, senior and junior assistants and at least 14 helpers.

"The deputation of above officers/officials shall be for a period of two years or till final allocation is made in terms of Section 89(2) of J&K Re-Organisation Act, 2019, whichever is earlier," reads the order issued by Commissioner/Secretary to the government, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi.

The order further says that the lien and promotion prospects of the officers/officials shall remain with their respective parent departments during the **►PAGE 02**



SKIMS nursing staff holding a protest at Srinagar's Press Colony on Monday against the administration's newly introduced three-tier shift. Ko photo Abid Bhat