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News Digest

Soldier Shoots Self Dead In Ganderbal

SRINAGAR: An army man committed suicide by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in Chittergul Kangan area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Monday night, officials said. They said the soldier identified as one Jagjeet Singh of 24 RR from Haryana, committed suicide inside an army camp in the district. A police officer confirmed the incident and said that the proceedings have been launched in this regard.

2 Quakes Hit Ladakh

Leh: A moderate-intensity earthquake of magnitude 5.1 shook Ladakh on Tuesday morning, officials said. There was no report of any casualty or damage to property due to the quake that struck at 5.13 am and lasted for a few seconds, the officials said. Another tremor of 4.4 magnitude hit the Union territory at 11.43 pm, according to the National Center for Seismology. Both the quakes were at a depth of 10 km, it added.

Forest Fire Triggers Blasts Along LoC

Jammu: A forest fire triggered several landmine explosions along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said here. The fire started in a forest area across the border and rapidly spread to this side in Mendhar sector, the officials said. They said several landmines planted by the Army to prevent infiltration of terrorists from across the border exploded due to the heat. The fire was still raging and efforts are on to control it, the officials said, adding there was no report of any casualty.

Man Falls From Walnut Tree, Dies

SRINAGAR: An elderly man died on Tuesday after falling from a walnut tree in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. 65-year old man Muhammad Yousuf Shah was plucking walnuts from the tree in Banali area of Boniyar on Tuesday when he lost balance and fell on the ground, police sources said. The elderly man died on the spot due to the impact of the fall.

Woman Injured In Bear Attack

SRINAGAR: A woman was attacked and injured on Tuesday by a bear in Mattan area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. 58-year-old Naseema Begum was walking in an apple orchard in Mattan on Tuesday when a bear appeared from behind and attacked her, witnesses said. On hearing her screams, some people raised an alarm and managed to rescue her. **● P-02**

Biker Knocked To Death

SRINAGAR: A young motorcyclist on Tuesday was crushed to death by a speedy truck in Khudwani area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. 26-year-old Ishfaq Ahmad Khan-dan of Sarandnoo was critically injured when his bike was hit by a speedy truck (JK03C-7004) near Khudwani on Tuesday, officials said. The injured youth was removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. **● P-02**

Modi Govt Brings 11 More Central Laws To J&K

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre has notified two orders specifying that 11 central laws will immediately come into effect in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir while nomenclature of 10 state laws will be changed in view of the change of status of the erstwhile state.

In a 136-page notification, the home ministry said the two orders will be called as the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of Central Laws) Second and Third Order, 2020.

The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - on August 5, 2019 through the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

Article 370, which gave special status to the erstwhile state, was also abrogated on that day.

Till then, the central laws were not implemented in



Jammu and Kashmir unless they were ratified by the state assembly. Besides, there were many state laws which were exclusively applicable only in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 96 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Central Government hereby makes the following Order in respect of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the notification, signed by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, said.

Among the central laws

which will now come into effect in Jammu and Kashmir are: The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019, The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, The Factories Act, 1948, The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1947.

Other central laws which will also be applicable in the union territory are: The Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, The Pharmacy Act, 1948, **►PAGE 02**

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE ACTS MENTIONED IN the schedule to this order shall, until repealed or amended by a competent legislature or other competent authority, have effect, subject to the adaptations and modifications directed by the said schedule, or if it is so directed, shall stand repealed.



A HEALTH WORKER taking nasal swab of a boy for Coronavirus test in Srinagar on Tuesday. Pic, Abid Bhat

NHPC To Suffer Rs 84.41 Cr Loss Due To SEWA-II Plant Shutdown

NEW DELHI: State-run hydro power giant NHPC on Tuesday said it will suffer a loss of Rs 84.41 crore due to the shutdown of 120 MW Sewa-II power station in Jammu and Kashmir till March 31, 2021.

"Anticipated financial loss due to shutdown will be Rs 84.41 crore," a BSE filing said.

Last week, the company had informed that the Sewa-II power station (120 MW) in the union territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir has been under complete shutdown from September 25, 2020, to March 31, 2021, for damage of head race tunnel (HRT).

The HRT carries water from intake to a power house for electricity. **● P-02**

Pak, China Building New Missile Sites Along Western Border

Agencies

NEW DELHI: The Chinese and Pakistan armies are reconnoitering the areas along the disputed India-Pakistan border to set up additional military infrastructure.

Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria, had said on Monday that Pakistan and China have increased their bilateral exercises in the recent past.

"There is nothing to suggest collusive threat," he said on Monday during an annual press conference in Delhi and added that India is keeping a close watch.

The Indian military has for long flagged the threat of two-front war.

Soldiers Deployed Along LAC To Get American Rifles

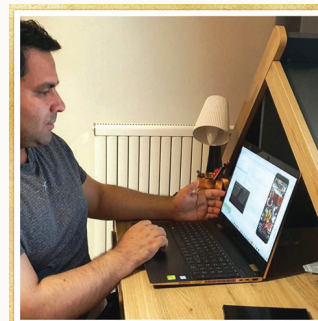
Having already received and deployed the first lot of around 72,500 Sig Sauer assault rifles from the US for counter-terrorists operations, the new batch of these assault rifles would be given to the soldiers deployed on the front with China in **● P-02**

With the disputed borders with China and Pakistan active at the same point of time, the armed forces are stretched to the maximum.

A top official said: "Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops were also seen in joint reconnaissance in forward areas at Deolian and Jura in Pak-con-

trolled Kashmir along with Pakistan's 12 infantry brigade as well as the Minimarg-based forces under Force Commander Northern Areas (FCNA), the division size formation of the Pakistan Army."

The official said that construction work for installation of surface-to-air missile **►PAGE 02**



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Covid-19 Crosses 80K Mark With 738 New Cases

Coronavirus cases zoomed past 80,000 mark in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, as 738 more people, including forty-four travelers tested positive for the deadly infection taking the total number of people infected by the virus in the Union Territory to 80476. While Jammu division reported 290 new cases of Covid-19, the remaining 448 were detected from the Kashmir **● P-02**

Covid-19 Claims Mother-Son Duo, 15 Others In J&K, Toll 1272

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: As many as seventeen more people, including a mother-son duo succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the number of fatalities due to the virus in the Union Territory to 1272.

According to the officials, a 75-year-old woman and her 34-year-old son from Dalgate died, days after they were admitted to the CD hospital here, one of the exclusive facilities for the management of covid-19 patients in the Valley. They said that a 54-year-

old man from Bolachipora Srinagar, who was admitted on September 11, died at SKIMS Saura.

Also, officials said that a 65-year-old man from Batamallo, who was admitted to SKIMS Saura on October 2 died at the hospital. Besides him, a 45-year-old woman from Aalikadal Srinagar who was admitted to the SKIMS Saura hospital on 25 September died this evening.

A 74-year-old man from Hazratbal Anantnag also died at tertiary care hospital here, 11 days after he was admitted there. **►PAGE 02**

How Can Someone Just Trespass Your House And Ransack It: Bhasin

KO NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR: Well known journalist and Editor-in chief of the daily Kashmir Times Anuradha Bhasin Jamwal on Monday accused a political family of forcefully and illegally occupying her government flat allotted to her late father Ved Bhasin at Wazarat Road Jammu.

Bhasin took to her social media page on Facebook to detail her ordeal saying that residence was ransacked when she was away.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Bhasin said the government flat belonged to her family for the last 50 years.



"I have been an authorised allottee of the government flat since 1999-2000. Before me, the flat was allotted to my father in 1969. Both allotments were done under the journalist category," she said. **►PAGE 02**

Jammu Admin Orders Survey To Identify Auqaf properties

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday ordered a detailed survey of all Auqaf properties in the Jammu division.

According to an official spokesperson, Divisional Commissioner, Sanjeev Verma in a virtual meeting on Tuesday asked the Deputy Commissioners of Jammu province to conduct a detailed survey of all Auqaf properties and submit the list of the assets within their respective districts.

The DCs, he said were asked to provide the detail of the assets in a prescribed format being provided to them. The Deputy Commissioners attended the meeting through a Video Conference.

"The meeting discussed in detail the procedure to be adopted for the exercise and the DCs were asked to include attestation of mutations, encroachments, recovery of arrears, acquisition and possession of Specific Auqaf properties in the survey report," the official spokesperson said.

"While instructing the DCs to identify and remove unauthorized construction/ encroachments of any nature, the Div Com said illegal structures built on the state land by way of encroachment should be removed expeditiously," he added.

Meanwhile, Verma also sought feedback from on B2V3 program from the DCs, the Official spokesperson said.

"The Div Com said that Back to Village programme is devised **►PAGE 02**

In FOCUS Meet Budgam Brothers Who Developed Alternative To Tiktok—Nucular

Swati Joshi

Two brothers Mohammad Farooq Wani and Tipu Sultan Wani from Chadoora, Budgam has developed a mobile application for short video clips.

The mobile application named 'Nucular' is an alternative to Tiktok, a popular Chinese app that was blocked by the government of India owing to "security" reasons amid LAC faceoff.

The application derives its name from the nuclear fission process.

In nuclear fission, nucleus of an atom splits into two or more small-

er nuclei and the chain goes on. Like nuclear fission, the application is made to go viral.

"This is not just a TikTok clone," said Tipu, adding, "We could have gone with the same design as TikTok and other clones in the market, but we opted for a more unique design to mark our product as an alternative and not as a clone to the blocked app."

Tipu told Kashmir Observer that they've used video compression and cache to load a video faster and quicker.

"This helps those who use this app in slow internet networks like 2G/3G as we have in Kashmir," he added.

He said that they've tried their

mask and beauty filters. Currently, it is the only application in the Indian market with several filters and Virtual Reality (VR) backgrounds with its first release, claimed Tipu.

The brothers plan to add more filters and editing tools as the application would grow.

A user can upload, edit and add music to any video file between 5 seconds to 60 seconds in Nucular.

To advertise the application further, the owners are planning to run a contest in coming days wherein people with more than 5000 followers could get a chance to earn Rs. 2000 worth voucher. **►PAGE 02**