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## News Digest

### Engineer Booked In Assets Case

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday registered a disproportionate income case against a junior engineer, whose six bank accounts have so far yielded Rs 3.30 crore against a net salary of Rs 10.08 lakh, an official spokesperson said. The accused, Tariq Ahmad Ganie, worked in the Housing Board, Bemina, Srinagar, the official added. "Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srinagar, registered a case. **● P-02**

### Lt Gen Kumar Takes Command Of 16 Corps

Jammu: Lieutenant General M V Suchindra Kumar took over as the General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's elite 16 Corps, known as White Knight Corps, here on Tuesday, a defence spokesperson said. He succeeds Lt Gen Harsha Gupta. Lt Gen Kumar said it was an honour to command such an elite formation with a rich history of Jammu and Kashmir. He exhorted all ranks to continue working with utmost **● P-02**

### Mortar Shell Defused Near LoC

Jammu: A mortar shell, which did not unexploded during cross-border shelling by Pakistan, was on Tuesday safely defused by army experts near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The shell was noticed lying in an open field at KhariKarmara by villagers, who informed the army, the officials said. They said the army's bomb disposal squad immediately rushed to the spot and the mortar shell was safely defused

### Man Dies After Falling From Tree

Srinagar: A middle-aged man on Tuesday died after falling off a walnut tree in north Kashmir's Bandipora district. 50-year-old Doda Khan Awan was plucking walnuts from a tree in Zeban Chuntumilla area of the district when he lost balance and fell on the ground, police sources said Tuesday. Due to the impact of the fall, Awan received serious injuries. He was taken to the nearby hospital for treatment where doctors declared him brought dead, sources added.

### 4 Youth Held With Arms In Chadoora: Police

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested four youth along with arms and ammunition in Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. A police official said that it arrested four persons and recovered two Chinese grenades, a pistol magazine, eight pistol rounds, 30 AK-47 rounds and a flag of militant outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba from their possession. **● P-02**

### CASO Held In 5 South Kashmir Villages

Srinagar: The government forces on Tuesday launched a massive cordon and search operation (CASO) in five villages of three south Kashmir districts. Army, police and CRPF laid a siege in Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama villages and conducted search operations after inputs about the movement of militants in these hamlets, sources said. **● P-02**

## China Repeats Again: 'We Don't Recognise UT Of Ladakh'

Says Border Infra, Military Deployment 'Root Cause Of Tension'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Terming the infrastructure building and military deployment along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) as a 'root cause of tensions', China on Tuesday reiterated that it does not recognise the 'illegally established' Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that Beijing does not recognise the union territory of Ladakh or the state of Arunachal Pradesh. He also claimed that the stepping up of infrastructure building by India and military deployment along the border with China was the "root cause of tensions".

India has been strongly maintaining that both Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh are integral part of the country and that China should refrain from commenting on its internal matters.

Spokesman Zhao was replying to a question at a media briefing in Beijing by a western media journalist on India's construction of a number of bridges in border areas of Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. The spokesman said **►PAGE 02**



### Talks End In Deadlock

The seventh round of military talks between India and China was "positive and constructive", a joint statement by the two armies said on Tuesday, but there was no breakthrough in sight for speedy disengagement of troops at friction points in eastern Ladakh. As the two sides agreed to earnestly implement **● P-02**

**WE URGE THE INDIAN SIDE TO EARNESTLY IMPLEMENT the consensus reached by the two sides, refrain from taking actions that will complicate the situation, and take concrete measures to safeguard peace and tranquility along the border,"**

### Health Insurance Scheme Benefits All: LG

SRINAGAR: Asserting that the government wants the healthcare system in of Jammu and Kashmir to be the best in the country, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed officials to ensure that the benefits of the JK Health Insurance scheme reaches all the people in the Union Territory.

Chairing a meeting on Tuesday to review the core features of the JK Health Insurance scheme and the process of approvals of golden cards, Sinha stressed on extending the benefits of the scheme to all the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said directed the concerned officers to take **● P-02**

### Zahid Tiger's Killing A Huge Success: DGP

SRINAGAR: J&K's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Tuesday termed the killing of Lashkar-e-Toiba commander Zahid Tiger in an encounter in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on October 10, a big success for forces and stated that every militant trapped in cordon is given an opportunity to surrender.

Addressing a press conference in Pulwama after reviewing the security situation in the district, DGP said that every single militant is given an opportunity to surrender during encounters. "Recently, we managed to save the life of a newly recruited militant at Dadoora, Pulwama," **● P-02**

## Pakistan Sets 5 Preconditions For Talks With India

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Pakistan on Tuesday set five pre-conditions for the resumption of "meaningful dialogue" with India to resolve all outstanding issues, including the longstanding dispute over Jammu and Kashmir.

In a first ever interview by a Pakistani official since India revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and divided the state into two Union Territories, Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Dr Moeed Yousaf told Karan Thapar in an exclusive interview that India had communicated a desire to open dialogue with Pakistan after a hiatus of more than six years. He said that Pakistan desired peaceful ties with India and wanted to resolve all issues through dialogue.



However in the 75-minutes video broadcast on The Wire, Yousaf asserted that for any meaningful dialogue to take place between the two neighbours, India has to release all political prisoners in Kashmir, end inhuman blockade and restrictions, rescind domicile law that allows non-Kashmiris to settle in the disputed territory, stop human rights abuses and end terrorism in Pakistan.

"Pakistan would be ready for dialogue with India if the Modi government accepts those preconditions," Yousaf said.

Interestingly, Yousaf did **►PAGE 02**

## Thrashing Of Youth Sparks Protests In Rawalpura

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Anti-army protests broke out Tuesday in Rawalpura area of the city outskirts after the soldiers allegedly thrashed two youth to 'pulp without any reason or rhyme'.

Shahid Ahad Bhat and Aqib Ashraf Dar were allegedly beaten up by soldiers near Rawalpura Chowk on Tuesday morning when an army convoy was passing through the area, witnesses told Kashmir Observer. The soldiers, they said abused the two youth while beating them with sticks and guns.

Due to the severe beating, eyewitnesses said, the youth suffered serious injuries and were let off by the soldiers



only when their wounds bled.

According to the eyewitnesses, Bhat had sustained cervical injury while Dar suffered injuries in his leg and foot due to the alleged thrashing by soldiers. Both of them were removed to the hospital by locals.

The incident set off massive anti-army demonstrations in the locality. Scores of people, including women took **►PAGE 02**

### J&K Sees 8 More Coronavirus Deaths, Toll 1343

SRINAGAR: At least eight more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the number of Covid-19 fatalities across the Union Territory to 1343.

Kashmir valley reported five more deaths due to Covid-19 while three others were confirmed by officials from the Jammu division.

Among the five victims in Valley, officials said two were residents of Srinagar and included a 72-year-old man from Bemina, who died two days after being admitted to CD hospital, one of the exclusive facilities for the management of the covid-19 patients in the Valley.

Also, a 77-year-old man from Natipora Srinagar **● P-02**

### 40 Travelers Among 677 More Test Positive

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday 677 new cases of coronavirus, including forty travelers, taking the number of people infected by virus in the Union Territory to 84708.

Among the new cases, 313 were reported from Jammu division and 364 from Kashmir Valley, officials said.

Giving the district wise details, they said, Srinagar reported 145 cases, Budgam 35, Baramulla 53, Pulwama 43, Kupwara 18, Anantnag 14, **● P-02**

## Mehbooba Mufti Released After 14 Month Detention

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president and former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti was set free on Tuesday after being in preventive detention for more than 14 months following the abrogation of Article 370 last year.

"In exercise of powers conferred under section 19(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978, the Government hereby revokes the detention order bearing No. DMS / PSA / 147 / 2020 dated 05-02-2020 issued by District Magistrate. Srinagar which was last extended for a period of three months vide Government Order No. Home / PB-V / 1449 of 2020 dated 31-07-2020 of Ms. Mehbooba Mufti D/o Late Mufti Mohd Sayed R/o Bijbehara A/P



Nowgam, Srinagar, with immediate effect," reads an order issued by the government on Tuesday.

Earlier, JK government spokesman Rohit Kansal tweeted about PDP President's release.

Mehbooba Mufti, who **►PAGE 02**

### I'M PLEASED TO HEAR THAT @MehboobaMufti

Sahiba has been released after more than a year in detention. Her continued detention was a travesty & was against the basic tenets of democracy. Welcome out Mehbooba," Omar tweeted.

### Iltija Relieved

Iltija Mufti who was managing the twitter handle of her incarcerated mother heaved a sigh of relief and tweeted: "As Ms Mufti's illegal detention finally comes to an end, I'd like to thank everybody who supported me in these tough times. I owe a debt of gratitude to you all. This is Iltija signing off. May allah protect you."

## Embarrassment For BJP Party Leader Moves NHRC Seeking Security To Sarpanches

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: In what could cause a major embarrassment to the BJP-led government at the Centre, a party leader from Jammu and Kashmir has approached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to seek its intervention to ensure security of sarpanches facing militancy threat in Kashmir.

The NHRC has taken note of the matter and has forwarded it to the Union secretary for home affairs and Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary, calling for an action taken report within four weeks, J-K BJP

### Sarpanch Found Hanging In Bandipora

A sarpanch was found hanging on Tuesday morning at his home in Zurimanz village of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. Official sources said **● P-02**

spokesperson on Kashmir affairs Ashwani Kumar Chrun-go said in a statement here.

The BJP leader, citing a communication from the human rights panel, said the **►PAGE 02**

## In A First, Family Questions Eerie Silence On Er Rashid's Convicted Fate

In **FOCUS**  
Auqib Javeed

MAWAR, Langate – Just like his weebegone mother, two long-faced siblings and old grandparents, 19-year-old Abrar Rashid is unable to make sense of his father's condemned fate for being a flag-bearer of unionist politics in Kashmir. Ever since his father became a captive, the junior Rashid is haunted by a question: "How will I face those who took an oath with my father that they will not pelt stones and seek peaceful means to address the issues?"

The first year college student is the son



of former legislator from the north Kashmir's Langate area, Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid.

Rashid was arrested by the National

Investigation Agency (NIA) on August 9—four days after New Delhi revoked special status of the erstwhile state—in connection with a "terror funding" case in Kashmir.

The former Langate legislator was the first unionist politician to have been arrested by the NIA in the case. He's still under detention in New Delhi's Tihar jail.

Before his arrest, Rashid remained in news for his vocal advocacy of Kashmir issue. Despite being a legislator, he pitched the demand of the "right to self-determination" and faced music.

As an independent candidate, with back-to-back assembly election wins, Rashid floated his own political outfit, Awami Ittehad Party (AIP). He contested parliamentary elections from Baramulla after former Governor Satya Pal Malik dissolved the State's Legislature. Rashid ended up bagging 102168 votes in a closely-contested affair. He only fell short of small vote margin against National Conference's **►PAGE 02**

## CANCER SOCIETY OF KASHMIR



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### Notice

All the founder & life members of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are informed that the election for the following honorary Office-Bearers of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are scheduled to be held on 02-NOV-2020 at the office of the society 4-Bagh-i-Islam Colony Lal Nagar, Chanapora Srinagar:-

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|----|-------------------|------|
| 1. | Chairman          | One. |
| 2. | Vice-Chairmen     | Two. |
| 3. | General Secretary | One. |
| 4. | Joint-Secretary   | One. |
| 5. | Treasurer         | One. |

### The Dates For Process Of Elections Have Been Fixed As Under:-

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| 1. | Filling of Nominations Papers                       | :- 14-10-2020 TO 20-10-2020 |
| 2. | Scrutiny of Nominations Papers                      | :- 22-10-2020.              |
| 3. | Last date for withdrawal of nominations             | :- 27-10-2020.              |
| 4. | Issue of Notification for final list of contestants | :- 28-10-2020.              |
| 5. | Date of Voting (From 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM)            | :- 02-11-2020.              |
| 6. | Counting of votes and declaration of results        | :- 02-11-2020.              |

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