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News Digest

Weather To Remain Dry Till Nov 4: MeT

Srinagar: The Meteorological department on Thursday said that weather will mainly remain dry till November 04 in Kashmir; there may be isolated rains from Oct 31 to Nov 01. A Met official told news agency KDC that there are chances of isolated rains on 31st Oct and 1st Nov in hilly areas, but overall weather is likely to remain dry till November 04.

India Sans Kashmir On Saudi Banknotes

New Delhi: India has conveyed its serious concern to Saudi Arabia over "gross misrepresentation" of its external territorial boundaries in a banknote issued by the Gulf nation last week, and asked it to take "urgent corrective steps", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. The global map printed on the new 20 Riyal banknote, released to mark Saudi Arabia's presidency of the G20 grouping, does not feature Jammu and **P-02**

LG Greets People On Eid-I-Milad

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday extended his greetings to the people of the Union Territory of J&K on the auspicious occasion of Eid-i-Milad-un-Nabi. In his message of felicitations, the LG hoped that the auspicious occasion would spread the message of oneness, peace and universal brotherhood among all the sections of the society, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said prayed for **P-02**

Man Shot Dead In Kathua

Kathua: A man was shot dead after an altercation with his friend over repayment of money borrowed by him in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Thursday, officials said. Sanjeev Sharma went to the house of his friend Banu to get back his money borrowed by his friend in Kathua, they said. An altercation between the duo ensued and Sharma was **P-02**

Newborn Among 2 Die In Ramban Mishap

Srinagar: Two persons including a baby were killed while six others received injuries in a road accident that took place in Ramban district on Thursday. An Ecco vehicle was moving on a road near BagliharHydel power project in Ramban when it skidded off the road on Thursday evening, officials said. A few days old baby and another unidentified person were killed in the accident while six passengers have received injuries, **P-02**

6 Gamblers Held In Bandipora: Police

Srinagar: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested a group of six gamblers in a raid in Sumbal area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. Acting on an input, a police team carried out at raid in Check Ganastanarea of Sumbal and arrested six gamblers from the spot, a police spokesperson said Thursday. He said that playing cards and an amount of ₹7600 was recovered from the gamblers. "They have been **P-02**

3 BJP Workers Shot Dead In Kulgam



Pic courtesy Social media

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Suspected militants on Thursday shot dead three Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers, including party's youth wing General Secretary in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Around 8:15pm on Thursday, suspected militants opened fire upon three BJP workers, including party's Yuva Morcha General Secretary for Kulgam Fida Hussain Ya-

too and his associates Umer Rashid Beigh and Umer Ramzan Hajam near Eidgah Y K Pora, officials said. The trio, they said were critically injured in the militant attack and were removed to the emergency hospital Qazigund for treatment.

However, before the doctors could operate upon them, all the three BJP members succumbed to gunshot wounds.

"All three of them were brought dead," Dr Asima Medical Superintendent Qazigund **PAGE 02**

Militant Arrested In Pulwama: Police

Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested a militant in Below area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. A senior police officer said that a joint team of Police, army's 44RR and CRPF during Naka duty arrested a militant affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF) outfit in **P-02**

NIA Continues Raids On Trusts In Kashmir For Second Day

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The NIA carried out fresh raids for the second day on Thursday on some more organisations as part of its investigations into NGOs within and outside Jammu and Kashmir that are allegedly being used as modes for "militant funding".

In continuation of the searches carried out on Wednesday, seven more locations in Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag and Kulgam in the union territory and two locations in Delhi were raided, National Investigation Agency (NIA) spokesperson and Deputy Inspector General Sonia Narang said in a statement.

She said the searches were conducted in connection with a case pertaining to certain registered and unregistered NGOs and Trusts raising funds in the name of charitable activities and then using those funds for carrying out "secessionist and separatist" activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case was registered by the NIA on receipt of "credible information" that certain NGOs and Trusts are collecting funds domestically and abroad through donations and business contributions in the name of various welfare activities such as public health and education.

The NIA alleged that these funds are sent to Jammu and

Amnesty Calls For An End To 'Suppression Of Dissent'

Expressing concern over the continued raids by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on the homes and premises of civil society groups, human rights defenders and journalists in Jammu and Kashmir, global **P-02**

Kashmir Media Bodies Condemn 'Continuous Harassment'

Several media associations on Thursday condemned the "continuous harassment" of media institutions and journalists of the Valley saying that such acts were aimed at silencing reporters and curbing the **P-02**

Kashmir through various channels such as hawala and cash cour-

riers and are used to carry out and sustain secessionist **PAGE 02**

40% In Srinagar Have Covid Antibodies, Shows Sero Survey

SRINAGAR: Over 40 per cent people living in Srinagar district have developed COVID-19 antibodies, according to a latest sero-prevalence study which suggests a large fraction of the population in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir may have been infected by the novel coronavirus.

The results of the study conducted by the Government Medical College Srinagar (GMC) reveal a quantum jump from 3.8 per cent sero-prevalence recorded in a similar study conducted in the city in June.

A sero-survey involves testing the blood serum of individuals to

Corona Claims 11 More Lives In J&K

At least eleven more people died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, taking the number of fatalities in the Union Territory due to the pandemic to 1467. **P-02**

9 SF Men Among 551 New Cases

At least nine security men and six minors were among 551 new cases of coronavirus detected in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, taking the total **P-02**

check for the prevalence of antibodies against an infection.

"We have conducted a sero-survey in Srinagar district which has revealed that over 40 per cent

of the 2,400 persons tested negative but had developed antibodies," said Dr Muhammad Salim Khan, head of community medicine at GMC Srinagar. **PAGE 02**

Kangri takes 10 days which the group finished in just three days! To make trekking and mountaineering a leisure activity for Kashmiri youth, Danish Dhaa, back in 2018, had started JKMF as Har-mukh Adventures. Since then, he has hosted many peak summits in Kashmir frozen heights.

His group, in July 2019, climbed the Sunset Peak which is the highest mountain of Pir Panjal Range. With an elevation of 2,745 metres, the peak is also known as Ramesh Thong.

The duo-led group has already climbed the Mahadev Peak, which is Srinagar's highest peak, with an altitude of 3,966m in 2019, in a

India, Pak Troops Exchange Fire Along LoC

JAMMU: India and Pakistani troops on Thursday exchanged heavy gunfire and mortars along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Pakistan army violated ceasefire by resorting to heavy firing and shelling along the LoC in Poonch district, prompting Indian troops to retaliate befittingly, an official said.

At 1710 hours, the Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and shelling mortars along the LoC in Shahpur sector in Poonch district, a defence spokesperson said.

He said the Indian Army retaliated befittingly.

Pakistan has violated **P-02**

In FOCUS

Zeenish Imroz

Danish Dhaa and Amir Lateef, two GST—Goods and Services Tax—practitioners from Srinagar have started a non-profit club by the name of Jammu and Kashmir Mountaineering Foundation (JKMF) to make climbing accessible to youth for exploring the undiscovered treasures of Kashmir.

Along with their members, the duo is holding Sunday treks to make mountaineering a leisure activity for the adventure lovers.

So far, the duo has hosted groups to 50 different alpine lakes, out of the total 200-plus lakes in Kashmir

including that of Nundkol, Gangabal, Tala sar, Sundarsar and have a forethought of exploring all the alpine lakes unravelled.

So far, the highest elevation the group has reached is that of Stok Kangri in Ladakh—the part of pre-August 5, 2019 Kashmir.

The summit was undertaken in late 2019 summer, when the atmosphere was very grim for adventure sports due to post abrogation lockdown in the valley.

Amid communication blockade, nine JKMF members left home and eventually climbed the highest mountain in the Stok Range of the Himalayas in Ladakh with an altitude of 6,153m.



The peak, notably, is just 2,695m short of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

The essence of Ladakh, Amir says, is spiritual and relaxing. The prayer flags, he mentions, equally uplifts

the natural beauty of the place.

"We started trekking in the cold desert at 8am to reach the first camp called Manakorma at 5 in the afternoon," he recalls. The temperature steps to minus 8-degrees at night in late summers.

The next day, the duo's group reached the basecamp and left for summit push at 11pm so the ice is trekkable and the crevices aren't dangerous, Amir continues.

"It was a beautiful night of full moon and the headlights weren't needed," he recounts his adventurous journey. "We trekked the whole night and reached the summit at 9 in the morning."

The climb to the summit of Stok

With Everest On Mind, Young Hikers Sparking Adventure In Kashmir Heights