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News Digest

2 OGWS Held In Handwara: Police

Srinagar- State forces on Friday claimed to have arrested two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant associates in north Kashmir's Handwara. In a statement, the police said that on the basis of specific information regarding the movement of suspicious persons, Handwara Police along with 21RR and 92 Bn. CRPF established Nakas at different locations in Handwara areas and started searching of vehicles and pedestrians, reported news agency GNS.

"During checking at Chinar Park Handwara two persons riding on a bike bearing Registration number JK09B/1827 ● P-02

BOSE Employee's Body Recovered From Jhelum

Srinagar: Police on Friday recovered body of a J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) employee from river Jhelum in Chattabal area of Srinagar. 48-year-old Tahir Ahmad Masoodi's body was recovered from river Jhelum at Veer Chattabal on Friday morning by a police team, officials said. A resident of Narwara Eidgah, Masoodi was employee of JK BOSE and was posted at Sub office Charar-e-Sharief. Officials told news agency KNO that the legal medico-formalities were conducted in this regard while a case has been registered.

Pickup Van Falls Into Gorge, 2 Dead

Reasi: At least two persons were killed while two others were injured on Friday after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge at Arnas area in Reasi district. According to a police statement, around 05:30 am, a vehicle (Mahindra pickup) (JK20A-7503) was on way from Arnas towards Dhanour when it rolled down and fell into a deep gorge near Dharode, resulting in on spot death of two persons and injuries to two others. The deceased persons were identified as Muhammad ● P-02

Militant Hideout Busted In Rajouri

Srinagar: Police on Friday claimed to have busted a hideout in forest area near Gambhir Mughlan in Rajouri district and recovered arms and ammunitions. Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri ChandanKohli said that based on a specific information, joint parties of police and army's 38 RR launched an operation in dense forest area near GambhirMughlan and busted a hideout. Two automatic AK47 rifles, as many AK magazines, 270 bullets, two Chinese ● P-02

KU VC Inaugurates Social Service Camp

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor of University of Kashmir Prof Talat Ahmad Friday inaugurated a special social service camp on the revered occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW). The day-long camp was organised by the Department of Students Welfare (DSW)—in line with its annual practice—in and around the University Campus to serve refreshment to the devotees visiting the Hazratbal shrine. In his remarks, Prof Talat said Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) is a ● P-02

Grenade Attack On CRPF Camp In Budgam

BUDGAM: Suspected militants on Friday lobbed a grenade towards Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp in Namtehal area of Chadoora district Budgam. However, no loss of life or injury was reported in the incident, officials said.

Two bike borne persons threw the grenade on the main gate of B&D Coy of 43 battalion CRPF in the area which exploded outside the barrier, officials said Friday. A police officer told news agency GNS that no injury or loss of life was reported in the incident. "The area has been cordoned off to nab the attackers," he added.



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Eid-e Milad Brings Joy To Valley Of Gloom

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Thousands of devotees from across the Kashmir Valley converged at the revered Hazratbal shrine here on Friday to celebrate Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, the day when Prophet Mohammad (SAW) was born.

Reports said that several thousand people alone converged at the Hazratbal shrine

Dr Farooq 'Barred' From Visiting Dargah, NC Aghast

The National Conference (NC) on Friday claimed that authorities in Jammu and Kashmir prevented its president Farooq Abdullah from leaving his ● P-02

in the morning and had the glimpses of the holy relics of Prophet (SAW) after Fajr prayers. The number swelled as the day progressed and thousands of devotees were ● PAGE 02

J&K Reports 5 More Corona Deaths, Toll 1472

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Five more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, taking the number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 1472.

Among the victims, officials said three belonged to Kashmir valley, while two others were residents of Jammu division.

The victims from Valley, officials said included a 55-year-old woman from Chogul Handwara, a 50-year-old man from Noorbagh here and a 60-year-old man from

7 Soldiers, 28 Travelers Among 566 New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 566 new cases of coronavirus, including 28 travelers, two cops and seven soldiers, taking the total number of infected people in the Union Territory to 94330. ● P-02

Krankshivani Colony Sopore. Two of those who died ● PAGE 02

President Gives More Powers To LG Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: The President of India has empowered Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh to discharge powers and functions exercised by the State Government under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

"In pursuance of clause (1) of article 239 of the Constitution, the President hereby directs that the powers and functions of the State Government under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (35 of 2019) shall, subject to the control of the President and until further orders, be exercised by the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh within that Union Territory," reads the notification issued by Union Home Ministry.

Under section 239 of the Constitution of India, the President of India is empowered to delegate powers to administrators of UTs.

"Save as otherwise provided by Parliament by law, every Union territory shall be administered by the President acting, to such extent as he thinks fit, through an administrator to be appointed by him with such designation as he may specify," reads the provision of the Constitution.

The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 protects interests of consumers and provides for establishment of authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of their disputes.

It states that every state government shall, by notification, establish State Consumer Protection ● PAGE 02

KAS Officer Shifted Over Notice To IAS Officer's Family In Jammu

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JAMMU: A Kashmir Administrative Services (KAS) officer leading the Custodian Evacuee Property, Jammu, was abruptly transferred after he sent a legal notice to the family of a senior IAS officer allegedly involved in a corruption case in Jammu.

KAS officer Ravinder Sharma was transferred without any reason or assignment of any further duty after he sent a notice to Bhupinder Singh, senior IAS officer in the J&K administration.

Bhupinder Singh has been accused of claiming Rs 5,50,000 allegedly by fraud, as the first installment of the Central government scheme payable to refugees who came from Pakistan after the partition.

A notice was sent to the family of late Sardar Singh, Bhupinder Singh's father, who originally belonged to West Pakistan, but migrated to India during the Partition of 1947 as a displaced person from West Pakistan and settled in village Kodwa Khurd, Tehsil Shahzadpur/Narayangarh, district Ambala, Haryana.

A PIL was filed by Jarnail Singh and Paramjit Singh, both residents of Ramgarh, Samba, against Bhupinder Singh (IAS), son of late Sardar Singh.

The petition claims that late Sardar Singh was never the resident of Jammu and Kashmir as he was actually the resident of village Dhalli, Tehsil Bhimber, district Mirpur, which is now in Pakistan.

And despite the allotment of land by the government to late Sardar Singh and other family members in Ambala, Sardar Singh managed ● PAGE 02

THE RESPONDENT HAS MANAGED TO GET THE FIRST instalment of Rs 5,50,000 allegedly by fraud from the office of PRO Jammu. However, neither the respondent nor his late father were entitled to any such claim as they were actually the residents of village Kodwa Khurd in Ambala.

Darbar Move

Civil Secretariat Closes In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The civil secretariat, which is the seat of Jammu and Kashmir government, closed here on Friday as part of the biannual 'Darbar move', a practice started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872, officials said.

Civil Secretariat and other Darbar move offices, which observe a five-day week, closed here on Friday, while the offices observing a six-day week will close on Saturday, they said.

All the offices will reopen at Jammu on November 9. The civil secretariat and other Darbar move offices function in Srinagar for six months of summer and in Jammu for the remaining six months of the year.

The practice was started by the maharaja 145 years ago to escape the extreme heat of Jammu during summers and biting cold of winters in Srinagar.

However, the practice was continued by elected governments post-Independence in order to provide access to people of both regions -- by turns -- to the seat of power in the state.

The government spends crores of rupees every year to shift voluminous records between the two capital cities twice a year, besides paying similar amounts as allowance for the several thousand employees who shift base with the government.

There have been demands from various quarters to abolish the practice and set up ● P-02

Police: Lashkar Hand In BJP Workers Killing

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was behind the killing of three BJP leaders in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar said on Friday and appealed to the protected persons in the valley not to move around without their security.

Three BJP workers -- Fida Hussain, Umer Hajam and Umer Rashid Beigh -- were shot dead by militants in the Y K Pora area of Kulgam district in south Kashmir late on Thursday evening.

The Resistance Front (TRF), which is believed to be a shadow group of LeT, claimed

responsibility for the killings.

IGP (Kashmir) Kumar said police have seized a vehicle used in the attack and that such killings were being executed at the behest of Pakistan.

"Three militants came in a local car belonging to a local militant identified as Altaf Fida (Hussain) was with his two colleagues in a car and the militants fired indiscriminately on them from close range. They received grave injuries and succumbed on the way to the hospital," the IGP told reporters.

Kumar said after the attack, the militants fled in the same car towards Achbal area, from where the car was seized this morning.

A team of forensic science laboratory (FSL) ● PAGE 02

BJP Puts Onus Of Killings On Police

The BJP leaders on Friday alleged that Deputy Commissioner and SSP of Kulgam district were responsible for the killing of three BJP men including Yuva Morcha General Secretary. "We contacted DC and SSP many a times ● P-02

Lone Sons Of Their Parents

The killing of three BJP workers in Qazigund on Thursday has taken the number of total BJP workers/leaders killed by militants in three months to nine. On Thursday evening, four BJP workers Fida Hussain (BJP's Yuva Morcha ● P-02

FIGHT FOR SPECIAL STATUS

Kargil Parties Announce Support To People's Alliance

Agencies

KARGIL: In a significant development, the newly formed People's Alliance for Gupkar declaration (PAGD) on Friday joined hands with the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) to fight for the restoration of Article 370 and reunification of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the media men outside the Circuit House Kargil, former Chief Minister and NC leader Omar Abdullah said that



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the PAGD and KDA will continue to fight for the restoration of ar-

ticle 370 and 35-A politically and legally in every peaceful manner.

He said that both PAGD and KDA have the same agenda, "We don't accept the decision of last year's August 05 neither the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and creation of two separate UTs."

Responding to a question about the participation of Kargil leadership in PAGD meeting, Omar said that they expect the participation of Kargil leadership in the meetings of People's Alliance of Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).

To a question about ● PAGE 02

...Peoples' Alliance Ups Ante Over Special Status

We Will Not Step Back In Our Fight, Says Omar In Kargil

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Asserting that the fight for special status will be taken to its conclusion, former Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) Vice-President Omar Abdullah on Friday urged the people to put up a united face to defeat the designs of putting the land of Jammu and Kashmir on sale.

Omar made these remarks during an interaction with the people in Drass on Friday. The former CM is leading a delegation of Peoples' Alliance to Kargil to gar-

Police Foils NC Rally In Jammu

The National Conference on Friday took out a rally against the new land laws in Jammu and Kashmir and said it will oppose all anti-people and anti-youth policies, and work towards ensuring that the rights and privileges of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh are safeguarded under the Constitution of India. ● P-02

ner support from the leadership for the fight for special status.

"Warmly received by the people of Drass, who in one voice endorsed the agenda of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration," Omar tweeted.

"People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration is heading to Kargil to hold consultations with the people to chart out the road ahead," he said on Twitter.

Commenting on the Ladakh visit of the PAGD ● PAGE 02

Sharma Sworn In As Election Commissioner

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday administered the oath to Kewal Kumar Sharma as State Election Commissioner.

Sharma, an advisor to LG, resigned from his post earlier today and was appointed the State Election Commissioner, an official said. Speaking on the occasion, the LG congratulated Sharma for his new appointment.

Sharma, a 1983-batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, was appointed advisor to the Lieutenant Governor in November last year.

During his service career spanning around 30 years, ● P-02



MEMBERS OF BATAMALOOO TRADERS ASSOCIATION shout slogans during a protest against the publications of a cartoon of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in France and French President Emmanuel Macron's comments, in Srinagar.. KO Photo Abid Bhat