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NEWS DIGEST

Army Officer Shoots Self Dead

SRINAGAR: An Army officer allegedly shot himself dead at a forward post in Tangdhar sector along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Major Fayazullah Khan, a company commander of 6 Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, they said.

The officials said the reason behind the officer taking such an extreme step was not immediately known. (PTI)

2 Missing After Truck Falls Into Nallah

JAMMU: Two persons are missing while another was rescued in injured condition after a canter truck they were travelling in fell into a nallah near Ramsoo along the Jammu-Srinagar highway on Monday morning. Official sources said the truck (HR38-1633) skidded off the road and fell down at Sher Bibi area of Banihal in Ramban district. Soon a rescue operation was launched by police and members of quick response team besides locals including members of NGOs. • More On P10

'Explosive Bag' Diffused In Kupwara

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Monday diffused an explosive laden bag in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

A road opening party of army's 338 field regiment detected a red bag containing explosives on the Kralpora-Kupwara road near Harrie on Monday morning, news agency KNT reported while quoting police sources.

The report said that the road was blocked for traffic and a bomb disposal squad reached the spot and diffused • More On P10

IAF Ferries 81 Stranded Passengers

JAMMU: The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday ferried 81 stranded people between the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, a week after airlifting 286 passengers, an official said.

"Eighty-one passengers were airlifted by AN-32, locally known as Kargil Courier. While 53 passengers were airlifted from Kargil to Jammu, 28 others were ferried from Jammu to Kargil," Aamir Ali, Chief Coordinator, • More On P10

Two 'Drug Peddlers' Arrested in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested two alleged drug peddlers from this capital city and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that the officers from Police Station Batalmooloo intercepted two persons identified as Nazir Ahmad Rather of Kakroosa Vilgam Kupwara and Abdul Rashid Dar of Reban Sopore Baramulla at Taxi Stand Batalmooloo. • More On P10

...Jdhampur Infant Deaths

NHRC Recommends Rs 3L Compensation To Each Family

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday recommended a compensation of Rs 3 lakh each to the families of 11 children who died due to consumption of spurious medicines in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district between December 2019 and January last year.



The NHRC ordered the compensation in

favour of the victim families, observing that there is no denial of lapse in the case though the drugs department of Jammu and Kashmir does not want to 'own the responsibility' for it. The complaint with regard to the deaths of the infants, aged between one and four years, due to consumption of spurious drugs was lodged • More On P10

Chinese Constructions Along Arunachal Border India Keeping A Constant Watch, Says MEA

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: In a cautious reaction to a report that China has built a village in Arunachal Pradesh, India on Monday said it keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on the country's security, and takes necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Ministry of External Affairs said India has stepped up the construction • More On P10



KO Lensman Abid Bhat captures a Shikara anchored on the banks of frozen Dal Lake on Monday.

Kashmir Shivers Under Intense Cold Wave

Srinagar Records A Low Of Minus 6.4 Degrees Celsius

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature at most places in Kashmir on Sunday, but there was little respite from the cold wave as mercury remained several degrees below the freezing point across the valley.

Meanwhile, the MET Office said a Western Disturbance is most likely to affect the union territory for a few days from January 22.

Kashmir valley is reeling under an intense cold wave since the heavy snowfall earlier this month. The intense cold has resulted in the freezing of water supply lines and water bodies in several areas, including the Dal Lake here.

The night temperature continues to settle several degrees below the freezing point, but there was some improvement across the valley, barring the ski-resort of • More On P10

Severe Cold Claims Lives Of Siblings

Two minor children of a nomad died due to severe cold after the family refused to shift to a temporary shelter from their tent in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday. 10-year-old Sahil and six-year-old Shazia, children of Zubair Ahmad, died due to severe cold as the family was staying in tented accommodation • More On P10

J&K An Oasis Of Talent, Says LG

Asks Budding Youngsters To Come Forward To Reap Maximum Benefits



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is an oasis of talent and the budding youngsters should come forward to reap maximum benefit from programmes like 'SHAURYA' to channelize their potential in the right direction, Lieutenant • More On P10

Samba Man Succumbs To Covid-19

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday one more coronavirus death while 82 fresh cases of infection, including nine travelers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

A 70-year-old man from Rakh Barothlon area of Samba became one more victim of covid-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. • More On P10

...Lawaypora 'Encounter'

Police Rules Out Returning Bodies To Families



KO File Photo: Abid Bhat

'Militants' Buried In Families Presence, No Logic In Another Burial: IGP

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The three youth killed in a gunfight in Lawaypora last month were involved in militancy; Inspector General of Police-Kashmir Vijay Kumar said on Monday and added that police will soon convince their parents of it with concrete evidence.

"Their involvement has been -- almost 60 per cent -- proved. We are getting the data and we will convince their parents, he said.

He said the police were not sharing the information as yet deliberately as the issue was very sensitive.

"According to the meta data we have collected so far, all the three associates who were killed in the encounter were involved in militancy. They were providing logistic support (to militants). We want to take a few more days so that we collect all the • More On P10

THE PROTOCOL IS FOLLOWED IN CASE OF death of a civilian, but, if we hand over the bodies of militants or associates, people get emotional and attend the funerals in thousands"

Govt Nod For Prosecution of Shabir Shah In 6-Year-Old Case

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir government has given its go-ahead to police for prosecuting jailed separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act-1967 in a six-year-old case.

The Home department of the Union Territory has sanctioned prosecution of Shah, who is chairman of Democratic Freedom Party, for commission of



offences punishable under section 13 ULA(P) Act. "Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section 02 of section 45 ULA (P) Act,

1967, the government hereby accord sanction for launching prosecution against the above mentioned accused for commission of offences punishable under section 13 ULA(P) Act in the case FIR No. 52/2015 of police station Sumbal," reads an order issued by Home department.

According to the order, Bandipora police had received reliable information on March 28, 2015 • More On P10

2 Held With Arms Dropped From Drone: Police

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested two alleged operatives of Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) along with a huge cache of arms and ammunition that were dropped by militant handlers from across the border using drones, from Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir.

They had travelled from Kashmir to the International Border at Vijaypur in Samba and collected the arms and ammunition dropped • More On P10

Transit Accommodation To Come Up For KPs In Bl

Panel Constituted For Conducting Auction Of 13 Structures

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government on Monday constituted a committee for conducting the auction of 13 structures for "facilitating" the construction of transit accommodation for Kashmiri Migrant Employees at Fatehpura (J&F Colony) in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The committee is headed by Additional District Development Commissioner, Baramulla

and its members include Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla- Kupwara, Chief Accounts Officer in Office of Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K-Jammu, Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Baramulla, Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Baramulla, District Mineral Officer, Baramulla and Assistant Accounts Officer (R&B) Division Baramulla.

The seven-member committee has been asked to fix the Reserve Price for the bid as per laid down norms before the auction of the structures. The committee • More On P10

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