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Age is a hell of a price to pay for wisdom

— George Carlin

NEWS DIGEST

Moderate Intensity Quake Hits J&K

SRINAGAR: An earthquake of 3.6 magnitude shook parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday night but there were no reports of any damage due to the moderate intensity tremor, officials said.

LG Greets People On Guru Jayanti

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh Guru.

Jaish Militant, OGW Arrested: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a newly recruited Jaish-e-Muhammad militant and an associate of the outfit in Anantnag district of South Kashmir.

3 CRPF Men Among 4 Injured In Mishap

SRINAGAR: Three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) troopers and a driver of another vehicle were injured after a CRPF vehicle collided with an Oil Tanker in Qazigund area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Tuesday morning.

Body Found In Shopian Orchard

SHOPIAN: An unidentified male body was found in orchards of Awaneera area of Zainapora in South Kashmir's Shopian district on Tuesday.

No Let-Up In Cold Wave Conditions In Kashmir

Srinagar Freezes At Minus 7.0 Degree Celsius



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Minimum temperatures across Kashmir stayed several degrees below the freezing point as an intense cold wave sweeps the region, a meteorological department official said on Tuesday.

including the surface of the famous Dal Lake here, have frozen, while a thick layer of ice has formed on several roads in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley, affecting vehicular movement.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 8.6 degrees Celsius and was the coldest place in Jammu and

No Fresh Traffic On Highway Today

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Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only road link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world, shall be closed for fresh traffic on Wednesday, officials said.

One More Covid-19 Death In Kashmir

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley reported on Tuesday one more coronavirus death, while 112 fresh cases of virus, including 12 travelers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

A 60-year-old man from Uri area of Baramulla district became one more victim of Covid-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

...ROSHNI SCAM

CBI Books Former DC Pulwama, Others

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NEW DELHI: The CBI has booked former Deputy Commissioner of Pulwama and 12 others in connection with conferring of land ownership rights under the Roshni Act in alleged violation of provisions, officials said.

It is alleged that Kakapora-residents Ghulam Ahmed Pandith, Ghulam Nabi Naikoo, Mohammad Amin Pandith and Farhat Pandith, Abdul Majid Sheikh and Ghulam Rasool Wani had occupied six kanals, 10 marlas and four sirsai.

The committee had allegedly acted on a recommendation of the then Tehsildar Pulwama Mohd Hussain Mir, Naib Tehsildar Kakpora Mohd Maqbool Ahanger,

Team of 31 MP's Visiting Valley Today

Agencies

Srinagar: A Parliamentary delegation comprising 31 delegates will arrive in Kashmir on Wednesday to review the tourism, culture, road and transport sectors in the valley.

Special Secretary to the Government and Secretary Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez said the visiting Parliamentary delegation will meet the officials from the Tourism department and other stakeholders associated with the department.

The Parliamentary Panel is scheduled to meet with

People's Conference 'Divorces' Gupkar Alliance There Has Been A Breach Of Trust Beyond Remedy: Lone



KO File Photo: Abid Bhat

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SRINAGAR: People's Conference chairperson Sajad Lone on Tuesday announced his party's exit from the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, citing a breach of trust and saying some constituents of the seven-member grouping had fielded proxy candidates in the recent district development council (DDC) elections.

People know that blinded by political greed we fielded candidates against each other," Lone said in a strongly worded letter to PAGD head and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah.

The People's Conference is the first party to quit the PAGD, an alliance of seven Kashmir-centric mainstream parties, including the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party, formed for the restoration of Article 370.

"On the face of it, PAGD won these elections unambiguously having won the maximum number of seats. We can't hide statistics and apart from the number of seats that PAGD won, other important statistical variable in the context of August 5 (Abrogation of Article 370) is the number of votes polled against the PAGD, Lone said in the letter released to the media here.

He said he believes the

Bukhari Mocks Split In Alliance

Says Fall Of PAGD Has Started 'Swiftly Than Anticipated'

Observer News Service



Calling the exit of Peoples Conference from PAGD a formal beginning of the collapse of an 'unprincipled and an opportunistic alliance', Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday

PC Exit Not A Setback: NC, PDP

Senior National Conference leader and Parliament member Hasnain Masudi said on Tuesday that the exit of Peoples Conference from People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) was not a setback to the alliance of mainstream parties.

"In a democracy, everyone has the right to stay in any alliance or pull out of that at his will. If Sajad Lone thinks it was a right decision to pull out of the alliance so be it, however, this is not a setback to the

Tarigami 'Hurt' By Lone's Decision



CPI (M) State Secretary Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami on Tuesday said that he felt 'hurt' by Sajad Lone's decision to quit People's Alliance For Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) and urged the People's Conference President to reconsider his decision.

"This is very sad and unfortunate. The situation as it persists demands more unified efforts, there can be some degree of disagreement but legitimacy should not have been compromised of the various basic structures of which all pledged to be together," Tarigami said. Tarigami, who is also convener PAGD, said that when DDC elections took place, the leaders were in Jammu to meet civil

...Lawaypora 'Encounter'

Distraught Father Promises Son's Quiet Burial

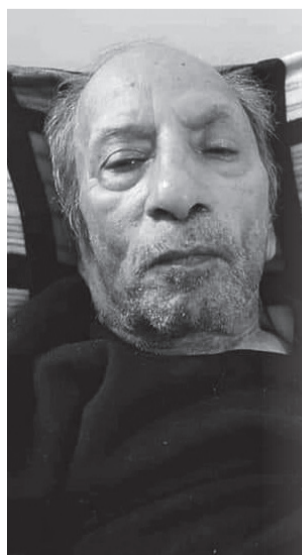
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SRINAGAR: A day after Inspector General of Police Kashmir (IGP) Vijay Kumar ruled out returning the bodies of three alleged militants killed in Lawaypora to their families, the father of one of the slain youth on Tuesday promised a quiet burial of his son in the grave he has dug in his native village a fortnight ago.



Photo: Syed Shahmir

"Hand over the body of Athar to me in the dead of the night. I promise, I will lay him to rest



G N Shaida: 'Wadi Ki Awaz' Falls Silent

Mir Faizan

Back in the day when Kashmir was witnessing a tumultuous political campaign, Minister of State (MoS) Information, Bashir Ahmad Nengroo once sought an urgent audience of Kashmiri journalists for some quick briefing.

When the word reached an unbending editor—whose rise from Pulwama's obscure political circles to a popular penman position in Srinagar's Press Enclave made him a cult—he famously sent a terse reply

for the minister: "Who're you to dictate terms to Press?"

"Ghulam Nabi Shaida of Wadi Ki Awaz even refused to acknowledge Nengroo as MoS Information during his active editing career," recalls Tahir Mohiuddin, editor of Chatan.

"He would later fight pitched battles with the Information Department in the High Court over some ban. The bold editor loved to take the system head-on."

Back then, Shaida's paper was seen as anti-establishment and had its own niche readership in Kashmir.

"In times of Aftab and

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