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SUNSET
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SUNRISE
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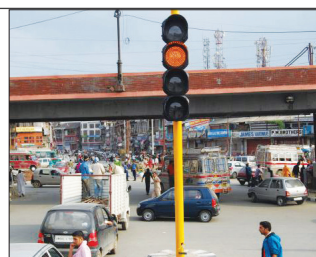
ANIL AMBANI LANDS IN SRINAGAR, DRIVES TO GULMARG

Anil Dhirubhai Ambani, a well known business tycoon arrived in Srinagar on Friday and later drove to the ski resort of Gulmarg....

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NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH

Traffic Police City Srinagar recently inaugurated the National Traffic Month which will be observed for one month from 18th Feb 2021....



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STUDY SAYS CHILDHOOD NEGLECT LEAVES

Early life experiences can have an outsized effect on brain development and neurobiological health...



Widom Quote!

To know you are ignorant is the beginning of wisdom.

— Marion Zimmer Bradley

NEWS DIGEST

KAS Officer Reinstated After Two Years

SRINAGAR: Syed Muriel Hussain Shah, KAS, has been reinstated and posted as Additional Secretary to Government, ARI and Training Department as per an order issued in this regard by Lieutenant Governor-led dispensation on Friday. The order reads that "Syed Muriel Hussain Shah, KAS, the then Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu, who was placed under suspension vide ● More On P10

Scuffle Leaves Sore Man Dead

SRINAGAR: A 55-year-old man was killed during a scuffle with relatives in Tarzoo village of Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reported a local news agency, Kashmir News Observer (KNO). Mohammad Khaleel was critically injured during the scuffle with his relatives following which he was shifted to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sopore for treatment. However, the man succumbed to his injuries later at the ● More On P10

CASO Carried Out In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: Government forces on Friday launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in south Kashmir district of Kulgam, reports said. On a tip-off about the presence of militants Rashtriya Rifles (RR), Special Operation Group (SOG) of police and CRPF launched a joint search operation at village Braigam Devsar on Friday, news agency UNI reported. Quoting sources, the report said that all the exit ● More On P10

NC Accuses Govt Of 'Witch-Hunt'

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Friday sought an end to the political witch-hunt in Jammu and Kashmir and called for an immediate release of all political detainees, saying the unjustified and prolonged detentions reek of fear and repression. In a joint statement issued here, the party's Members of Parliament Mohammad Akbar Lone and Hassanain Masoodi said the unwarranted intimidation and

Man Killed In Kulgam Road Accident

SRINAGAR: A man was killed in a road accident in Yaripora area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday. Abdul Rehman Bhat was critically injured after being hit by a speedy three-wheeler near Badroo village of Yaripora on Friday afternoon, news agency KNO reported. Bhat, the report said, was immediately rushed to Yaripora hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead on arrival. ● More On P10



Fresh Snow Spell In Kashmir From Today

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley is likely to get relief from the intense cold wave conditions as the weather department predicted another spell of light to moderate snowfall in the valley and the upper reaches of Jammu division from Friday night.

According to a meteorological department official, light to moderate snowfall scattered to widespread,

is expected in Jammu and Kashmir from Friday night. The light snowfall, according to the official will commence from north Kashmir and move towards south eastward towards central and south Kashmir and Jammu region, with main activity on Saturday. The weather, he said, will gradually improve from January 24 forenoon.

"Possibility of heavy snow at isolated places of Kashmir can't ● More On P10

One Way Traffic On Highway Today

After remaining closed for traffic movement on Friday for maintenance on Srinagar-Jammu national highway, traffic authorities have decided to allow traffic from Jammu towards Srinagar on Saturday. "The traffic will ply from Jammu towards ● More On P10

POSSIBILITY OF HEAVY SNOW at isolated places of Kashmir can't be ruled out. This spell is lower in terms of intensity & magnitude than the previous spell of January 4-5"

Govt Approves J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy Initial Land Lease For 40 Years, Extendable To 99; Allotment In 45 Days

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor administration on Friday approved adoption of Jammu & Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-2030, paving way for investments in health institutions, medi-cities, educational institutions and edu-cities in the Union Territory with land lease to investors to begin for an initial period of 40 years, extendable to 99 years.

The decision about



adoption of J&K Industrial and Allotment Policy 2021-2030 to evolve a highly structured industrial land bank for promoting equitable industrial growth in the UT was taken

during an Administrative Council (AC), meeting here under the chairmanship of LG Manoj Sinha, an official spokesperson said.

The new policy ● More On P10

Govt Decides To Open Jammu Schools From Feb 1

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered physical opening of all educational institutions including recognized private schools in a staggered manner for academic activities, first time after March last.

As per an order issued by the school education department, the educational institutes in the summer zone areas of Jammu division shall

open for Class 9th to 12th from February 1.

Similarly, in case of elementary classes, the teachers have been asked to attend from February 1 for preparation and students have been asked to attend physically from February 8.

In case of schools in Kashmir Valley and Winter Zone areas of Jammu Division, the orders said that they will open as per their schedule.

Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) ● More On P10

JKBOSE Not To Hold Postponed Class-XI Exams

Agencies

Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education has decided not to conduct examination for the theory papers and external practical of 11th class, postponed in Kashmir valley and Warwan area of Kishtwar district on January 3 and 6 due to snowfall. However, the Board has decided that the marks in leftover Theory ● More On P10

NEP To Help Gen Next To Take Up New Challenges: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that the New Education Policy (NEP) will ensure that the coming generation is given opportunity to leave the old, fixed path and take up new and innovative challenges to create Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. ● More On P10

PSAJK Moves SC For 4G Internet Restoration

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK), which represents the interests of over 3800 schools in the region, has filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court seeking restoration of 4G mobile internet services, reports said Friday.

The Association, as per a statement issued here Friday

Parliamentary Panel Meets Gulmarg Hoteliers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The 31-member Parliamentary delegation Thursday visited the world famous ski-resort Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district to take stock of the tourism activities and to meet hoteliers, tour operators and the picturesque tourist destination.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee along with the top officials of Tourism Department including the Principal Secretary Tourism Sarmad Hafeez met the Hoteliers in Gulmarg to have an

Covid-19 Claims CRPF Man, 3 Others In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Four more people, including a CRPF jawan died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir, while 88 new cases of infection were detected during the last 24 hours.

A resident of ● More On P10

on the spot assessment of the Tourism facilities, infrastructure and problems being faced by the tour operators.

"We have presented a five-point memorandum to the delegation. We expressed our concerns and put forth demands before the delegation which included the extension of lease agreements to the hotelier whose leases have expired," Secretary General Hoteliers Club Gulmarg, Tariq Gani said.

While raising the issue of Srinagar-Jammu National Highway Hoteliers club Kashmir ● More On P10

Govt Extends 4G Internet Ban In J&K Till Feb 6

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday extended ban on high speed mobile data services across J&K barring twin districts including Ganderbal and Udhampur till February 6.

The internet speed is restricted to 2G only in Jammu and Kashmir except in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur.

"Whereas, considering that the Union territory ● More On P10

J&K Govt Lifts Ban on Import Of Poultry

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The government has lifted the ban on import of live birds including poultry and unprocessed poultry meat for any purpose in Jammu and Kashmir from "non-infected areas and beyond the 10 kilometres radius of Bird Flu infected zone w.e.f 19 January, 2021," reads an order issued earlier this week.

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Kashmiri Bird Watcher's Rare Avian Sightings Giving Wings to Passion

Badar Bashir

As the first Kashmiri snapper to discover White Breasted Water-Hen, Steppe Gull, Rufous Napped Niltawa with photographic evidences, Ansar Ahmad, 28, from Nishat Srinagar, has a poetic introduction about himself: "Mountains are my home, birds are my family and photography is a bond between me and my family."

Three years ago, when a sudden

ruffling of leaves occurred outside his window, a bird watcher took an abrupt birth in Ansar.

That day, he recalls, he tirelessly waited for an avian guest behind the ruffling of leaves. It took him some time to spot a bird eating an apple.



He grabbed his camera, zoomed in, into the bird and pulled his first ever photo of a rose-ringed parakeet.

Next time, as an eager bird-watcher, he was sitting on Srinagar's Foreshore area—in an apparent dubious manner behind the bushes.

He was quietly picturing a white-breasted water hen paddling its way in the serpentine water body.

"I was very excited and called my friend Riyaz," Ansar recalls. "He immediately responded in ● More On P10

