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P3 NEWS SMC DEPUTES 74 SNOW CLEARANCE MACHINES

Srinagar Municipal Corporation on Saturday sent off 74 snow clearance machines from its transport yard for 74 electoral wards....

P5 THINK AN UNCANNY TRIP TO TARSAR AND MARSAR

In the month of July 2019, almost 15 days before scrapping of Article 370 on August 5th, we (an eight-member group) planned to go for a trekking...



P6 WORLD BIDEN TO REVIEW WHETHER ROHINGYA

The incoming Biden administration will launch an interagency review to determine whether Myanmar's...



Widom Quote!

The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

— Andy Rooney

NEWS DIGEST

3-Year-Old Missing Boy Found Dead

SRINAGAR: In a heart wrenching incident, the body of a minor boy was recovered from a water body in Shalteng area of the city outskirts, hours after he went missing, reports said Saturday.

Three-year-old Salim Sofi's body was recovered by the joint team of police and Fire & Emergency department from a stagnant water body behind his house in Shalteng area of the city outskirts on Friday. More On P2

Cab Overturns In Boniyar, 3 Hurt

SRINAGAR: Three passengers were injured on Saturday when the cab carrying them overturned in Boniyar area of Baramulla district. Khadim Hussain, Husan Jan and Ishaq Khan, all residents of Bagna Salamabad in Uri were injured on Saturday morning when the cab (JKDQ-3477) they were travelling in turned turtle at Challan area of Boniyar, reports said. All the injured, reports said, were removed to the nearby PHC for treatment. More On P2

Mentally Unsound Woman Found Dead

SRINAGAR: A mentally unsound non-local woman was found dead on Saturday in Kupwara district of north Kashmir. The body of the woman was found near Regipora Bridge in the district on Saturday morning, reports said. The woman, according to the report, used to wander in the north Kashmir district for the last 7-8 years. Meanwhile, a local news agency GNS quoted an unnamed police officer as saying that the body. More On P2

Teen Girl 'Strangles' Herself To Death

SRINAGAR: In a shocking incident, a teenage girl on Saturday allegedly strangled herself to death at her home in Handwara area of Kupwara district. The 15-year-old girl (name withheld) hanged herself to death at her home in Kenyal village of Handwara on Saturday afternoon, reports said. However, the reason behind her taking this extreme step was not immediately known. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance. More On P2

Hideout Busted In Poonch: BSF

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday claimed to have busted a militant hideout in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition. The hideout was unearthed this afternoon during a search operation in Doba Mohalla forest area in Hadiguda, 10 kms from Mandi town, a spokesperson for the force said. He said the search operation was launched by the BSF. More On P2

Man Steals Rs 10 Lakh On Fake Gunpoint, Held

Press Trust Of India

BANIHAL: A man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly looting over Rs 10.5 lakh from a shop after brandishing a fake pistol in Banihal town in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The fake pistol along with the stolen money was recovered after disclosure by the arrested thief, identified as Syed Zaffer Shah of Yakmanpora-Pattan village of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, a police



spokesperson said. He said the police acted swiftly after shopkeeper Khurshid Ahmed Shah lodged a written report at the Banihal police station, alleging that an unidentified thief struck his shop when he had gone to offer Friday prayers and decamped with a bag containing Rs 10,54,070 after terrorizing his 13-year-old son at gun-point. After the incident, special teams were formed on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban. More On P2

Underground Tunnel Along Pak Border

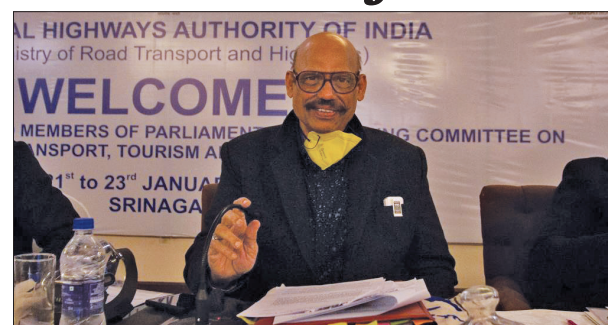
Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday claimed to have detected another underground tunnel, constructed by Pakistan at the International Border (IB) to facilitate infiltration of militants into Jammu and Kashmir, in Kathua district during the past 10 days, a spokesperson of the border guarding force said. The secret tunnel was detected during an anti-tunnelling operation in the border outpost Pansar area of Hiranagar sector, he said. More On P2

Parliamentary Panel Reviews Status Of Rail, Road; Aviation Projects In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The visiting Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) delegation on Saturday reviewed status of rail, road and aviation projects on the last leg of their three day visit to Kashmir. The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) on transport, tourism and culture, headed by its chairman, T G Venkatesh held a meeting with the officers of civil



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aviation, tourism, home, culture, transport, railways here today, an official spokesperson said. The Committee, he

"The committee held a threadbare discussion on initiatives of the Central Govt taken for promotion of tourism, road connectivity, railway connectivity, airport expansion, air travel related issues and BRO projects," he said. As per the official spokesperson, the PSC panel emphasized upon the officers of transport, railways and civil aviation departments to take concrete steps for safety of passengers besides checking the accidents in their respective jurisdictions. More On P2

Fresh Snowfall Grounds Flights, Blocks Kashmir Highways



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Many parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar,

received fresh snowfall on Saturday, the third time this month, even as the minimum temperatures across

the Valley increased due to an overcast sky, officials said. Earlier, Kashmir had received heavy snowfall. More On P2

Flight Operations Halted

Flight operations at Srinagar airport remained suspended on Saturday in the wake of snowfall in the Valley, officials said. The snowfall began early in the morning. No flight operations took place at the Srinagar airport today, an official of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said. He added that the runway at the airport was not available for flight operations due to the accumulation of snow. It snowed for the most part of the day, so it was not possible to clear. More On P2

Hundreds Of Vehicles Stranded On Highway

BANIHAL: Traffic on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway was suspended on Saturday following fresh snowfall in high-altitude areas, including on both sides of the Jawahar Tunnel, the gateway to the Kashmir. More On P2



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Traffic Chaos In Sgr, Elsewhere

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Despite timely prediction of snowfall by the Meteorological Department in Kashmir, authorities yet again failed to clear all the roads in most parts of Kashmir following fresh spell of snowfall. People across the valley had to face huge inconvenience at greater levels as the. More On P2

...From LoC To LAC

India Following Netaji's Footsteps: PM



Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose would have been proud to see that the country has become strong and is following his footsteps from the Line of Control (LoC) to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The LoC divides Jammu and Kashmir between India and Pakistan, while the LAC separates India and China.

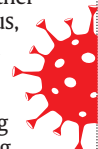
Bose would have also been proud that the government he dreamt of is fighting a pandemic with vaccines developed by it, and gave a befitting reply whenever its sovereignty was challenged, Modi said on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary. More On P2

Kupwara Man Dies Of Covid-19

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley on Saturday reported another death due to coronavirus, even as 94 more fresh cases of Covid-19 were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours, taking the toll cases tally to 1, 23,946, officials said.

An 82-year-old man from Lakreshan village of Kupwara succumbed to coronavirus on Saturday, taking the total fatality count in



Ground, Aerial Survey In Place For R-Day Functions In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amid apprehensions of militant attacks, a multi-layer security arrangement coupled with ground and aerial survey has been put in place for the smooth conduct of January 26 celebrations across the Kashmir Valley.

Government forces have also intensified frisking operations across Kashmir especially in the capital city of Srinagar and on various



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points on Srinagar-Jammu and Srinagar-Baramulla.

A senior police officer said that fool-. More On P2

Govt Confirms Bird Flu In Crows, Migratory Birds In Kashmir

Cases Detected In Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam And Budgam

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The government has confirmed bird flu among crows and migratory birds in four districts of the Valley, days after lifting a ban imposed on the import of poultry items from other states of the country, reports said Saturday.

Bird flu has been confirmed in 12 States -- Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat,



Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab -- for crow/migratory/wild birds,

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying said in a statement.

According to the reports, avian flu has been confirmed among crows and migratory birds in Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam and Budgam districts of the Valley though no such case has been detected in poultry birds. The government has also reportedly notified alert zones around the radius of 10 kms where avian flu cases have been reported. More On P2

FAKE STATE SUBJECT CERTIFICATE CASE

Court Dismisses Bail Plea Of Punjab Resident

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A court here on Saturday dismissed an anticipatory bail application of a man from Punjab who is wanted by the Crime Branch Jammu for his alleged involvement in managing a fake Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) for claiming residential status of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state.

A Crime Branch spokesperson said it strongly contested



anticipatory bail application of Manjeet Singh of Jalandhar and got it dismissed by the court of 3rd additional sessions Judge, Jammu, on merits of the case.

The case was registered against the accused. More On P2

Old Rs 100, 10 & 5 Notes To Be Dumped

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is planning to withdraw the old currency notes of Rs 100, 10 and Rs 5. The notes will reportedly go out of circulation by the end of March or April as the top bank is planning to withdraw them permanently. However, there is no official confirmation from the RBI as yet on the matter.

As reported by several media publications, Assistant General Manager (AGM) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) B Mahesh while. More On P2