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P3 NEWS

ADVISOR BASEER KHAN UNFURLS
TRICOLOR AT SRINAGAR

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan, today unfurled the Tricolor and took salute at the march-past during Republic Day celebration....

P5 THINK

PARENTING: ROLE
AND RESPONSIBILITY

Children are blessings for the parents in this world and a gift of God to mankind. The joy and jubilation of a child's birth in our societies is limitless. Those who are devoid....



P6 NEWS

WORLD LOST EQUIVALENT OF
255M JOBS LAST YEAR: UN

The coronavirus pandemic took a huge toll on global jobs last year, the United Nations said on Monday, with the equivalent of more than....

Widom
Quote!

Wisdom is having things right in your life and knowing why.

— William Stafford

NEWS DIGEST

One Way Traffic On
Highway Today

SRINAGAR: Traffic will play from Srinagar towards Jammu on Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only road link connecting Kashmir with the outside world, on Tuesday, the officials said. "Tomorrow (January 27) subject to fair weather and better road condition only one way traffic shall be allowed from Srinagar towards Jammu including Banihal-Ramban (local traffic) on Jammu-Srinagar NHW," traffic officials said, adding, "No vehicle including live stock/ fresh perishable shall be allowed in the opposite direction. TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic." (GNS)

Co-Pilot Of Crash-
Landed Chopper Critical

JAMMU: The condition of a co-pilot continues to be critical on Tuesday after a Dhruv helicopter crash-landed in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district the previous day, officials said. A pilot was killed after the Indian Army's advanced light helicopter, which was coming from Pathankot, made a crash-landing in Basholi belt, police had said. The co-pilot, Captain Anjani Kumar Singh, is still critical, a Northern Command spokesperson said. The mortal remains of Lt Col Rishubh Sharma is shifted to Delhi by service aircraft, accompanied by his wife, five-year-old son and parents who were incidentally at. ● More On P2

Grenade Recovered
In Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Government forces on Tuesday recovered a grenade in Baramulla district of north Kashmir, reports said. A joint team of Special Operations Group (SOG) of police and the personnel of CRPF 53 Battalion recovered the grenade at Sherpora Nallah in Chandoosa area of the district on Tuesday, news agency GNS reported while quoting unnamed officials. The grenade, the report said, was recovered during patrolling by the joint team.

131-Foot High Tricolour
Unfurled At IB

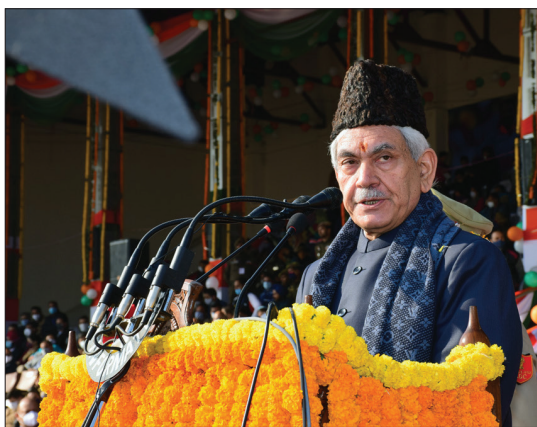
JAMMU: The Border Security Force unfurled a 131-feet-high tricolour along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu district on R-Day on Tuesday, officials said. The flag measuring 30x20 feet is the tallest in the Jammu region, flying at a 131-feet-high pole, which can be seen even from a distance in Pakistan, the BSF officials said. Inspector General of BSF Jammu frontier NS Jamwal hoisted one of the largest tricolours along the International Border (IB) at Octroi border out post (BoP) in the R S Pura belt with great fervour and. ● More On P2

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Invoking the ancient text "Rajtarangini" by terming Kashmir as a holy and beautiful place on earth, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said all the people living in villages and towns have started building a new Jammu and Kashmir to fulfil their ambitions and those of the nation.

The LG assured all citizens that the political conspiracies and nefarious designs of a neighbouring country will never be allowed to succeed in this land of great persons and warriors.

Amid tight security arrangements, the 72nd Republic Day was celebrated with traditional



fervour across Jammu region on Tuesday with the Lt Governor unfurling the national flag at the main function in Jammu.

Wearing a black Karakul cap and black suit, Sinha unfurled the tricolour at a jam-packed Maulana

Azad Stadium in the heart of the city, inspected the parade and took salute at an impressive march past of J&K Light Infantry.

"With the Constitution of India in one hand and the Tricolour in the other, all the people ● More On P2

'Every Inch Of
Your Land Is Safe'

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has assured people about safety of every inch of land in Jammu and Kashmir saying that the newly introduced land laws were meant for the agricultural and industrial development since the old laws were a hindrance.

In his address on the eve of Republic day, Sinha allayed the fears of people saying that the new land laws have been introduced for agricultural and industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The old laws were a hindrance to the development and hence, have been abolished. In order to promote industries, a land bank is being created at a massive level and we are proud that two big and five small industrial ● More On P2

R-Day Held
Amid Tight
Security

The 72nd R-Day was celebrated in Kashmir on Tuesday amid tight security, with the main event in the valley being held at SK Cricket Stadium. The lieutenant governor's advisor Baseer Khan presided over the function. Advisor Khan took the salute ● More On P2

Mobile
Internet
Suspended

Internet services on mobile phones were restored in Kashmir after remaining suspended for over 12 hours as a precautionary measure for ensuring smooth passage of Republic Day celebrations on Tuesday, officials said. However, the calling service on mobile phones had remained ● More On P2

Statehood To
J&K Soon: BJP

SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday said that the Statehood will be given back to Jammu and Kashmir soon, adding that the report about the delimitation process should be submitted at earliest.

Pertinently, BJP observed 72nd R-Day in Srinagar today where party's General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul hoisted the tri-color.

Koul told media persons here that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have on the floor of the house promised that Statehood to J&K will be given ● More On P2

India Displays Military Might At R-Day Parade

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The newly inducted Rafale fighter aircraft was the show-stopper as India displayed its military might and vibrant cultural heritage on Rajpath on the 72nd Republic Day on Tuesday, with the ceremonial event this year being drastically scaled down in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

India also displayed its key assets from the Army, including T-90 tanks and BrahMos missile system, BMP-II, two Pinaka multiple launch rocket system, two bridge laying tanks, electronic warfare equipment Samvijay' and one upgraded Schilka air defence weapon



system, the last one being Captain Preeti Choudhary from 140 Air Defence Regiment (Self Propelled).

The Rafale fighter aircraft featured for the first time in the Republic Day flypast as it carried out the 'Vertical ● More On P2

Farmers Storm Into
Barricaded Delhi,
Hoist Flag On Red Fort

NEW DELHI: Wielding sticks and clubs and holding the tricolour and union flags, tens of thousands of farmers atop tractors broke barriers, clashed with police and entered the city from various points to lay siege to the Red Fort and climb the flagpole on Republic Day on Tuesday.

While farmer leaders, who have been spearheading the two-month protest at the

national capital's border points to demand a repeal of the farm laws, disowned the protesters, one young man was seen hoisting a yellow Sikh religious flag at the flagpole the centrepiece of the country's Independence Day celebrations.

The protesters were later removed from the premises of the Red Fort.

Eclipsing the ● More On P2



Internet Snapped In Parts Of Delhi

The government Tuesday ordered suspension of internet services in parts of Delhi-NCR as a tractor parade by protesting farmers turned violent at several locations in the national capital, officials said. The internet shutdown will be ● More On P2



Amit Shah Briefed On Situation

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Tuesday briefed Home Minister Amit Shah about the situation in Delhi where the farmers' tractor rally against the agri laws turned violent, officials said. The meeting came after a large ● More On P2

Tableau Row: Kargil
Celebrates R-Day Separately

Agencies

KARGIL: Amid bone-chilling cold, the Anjuman Jamat-e-Ulama Isna Asharia Katat on Tuesday celebrated the 72 R-Day separately as a mark of protest against the administration.

Prominent leaders and organizations in the Kargil district had expressed their dismay

and termed the first Tableau display in New Delhi a partial representation of the region by ignoring the socio-cultural heritage of Kargil.

President, Anjuman Sheikh Nazir Mohammadi said that Kargil today marked history with the maiden unofficial R-Day celebrations with the participation of ● More On P2

Polls For DDC Chairpersons
To Be Held In February

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The election for the offices of chairpersons of district development councils (DDCs) in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory is likely to take place next month, sources disclosed.

Highly placed sources said that proposal for the reservation of offices of DDC chairpersons is expected to be finalized in the first week of February.

"The State Election Commission is expected to come up with the final

proposal in the first week of February after considering objections, if any, to draft reservation of offices of chairpersons of DDCs," they said, adding that elections would be held within 20 days after the SEC comes up with the final order on the reservations.

Going by the rules governing election for the posts of DDC chairpersons, the deputy commissioner concerned shall call a meeting of all elected members to elect one of its members to be ● More On P2

Kashmir Gets Slight Respite From
Cold As Night Temperature Rises

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: There was some respite from cold wave conditions in Kashmir on Tuesday as the minimum temperature surged at most places in the valley, officials said.

Srinagar city -- the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir -- recorded a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, up from minus 5.2 degrees Celsius the previous night, the officials said. Qazigund recorded a



File Photo: Abid Bhat

minimum temperature of 2.8 degrees Celsius up from minus

5.5 degree Celsius the previous night, they said. ● More On P2

KASHMIR In Capital: South Delhi's Samaritan Shawl-man

Romaan Arora

As home to some proficient Kashmiris, Lajpat Nagar is a specimen of the skilled valley in the capital. One of the upholders of this craft spirit is Basharat Saleem Sheikh, an erstwhile resident of Rawalpindi locality in Srinagar.

Basharat was 24 when he came to Delhi, and it took him 28 years of toiling and tireless efforts to reach the place where he stands today.

In October 1992, he arrived in the capital after braving the brunt of offensive back home.

"I was badly thrashed by security forces in Maharaj Bazar soon after a

firing incident," Basharat recalls. "I was on my scooter and was trying to escape from that mishap. But the government forces got hold of me and started beating me, even though I was innocent."

After this dreadful incident, his father sent him to New Delhi and got him a shop on lease in Hauz Khas locality where he worked for eight years till the year 2000.

His slog and single-minded devotion clicked his capital dream.

"It was a friend of mine who suggested me to buy a shop in Lajpat Nagar as it was emerging as a prominent marketplace during early 2000," remembers Basharat, now in



his early 50s.

"Since the owner was a friend of mine, he gave me five months to pay the complete amount."

At that time the demand for Kashmiri Shawls was at a peak in Europe. He exported a good number of them and paid the complete amount to his buddy landlord.

"Not only that," he adds, "I also bought an adjacent basement at the double rate."

In the span of almost three decades, Basharat has noticed quite a few differences between working in Kashmir and Delhi.

The first difference is of artisans, he says. "I've searched the whole

of India but have never seen anyone matching the craftsmanship of Kashmiri artisans."

Also, he asserts, Kashmiris are more honest. "Be it a businessman, or a customer, they all are honest. In fact, Kashmiris are respected in every part of the world not just in India. We've earned a global image because of our distinct features such as our state of the art handicrafts and our hospitality."

Even the Amritsari shawls, he says, are sold in the name of Kashmir. "Our own distinct identity is responsible for this brand Kashmir fascination and appeal."

Besides honesty, it ● More On P2