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P4 WORLD

MYANMAR'S TAINTED TORCH
BEARER FOR DEMOCRACY DETAINED
AGAIN IN COUP

US President Joe Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, says dealing with China, Afghanistan

P7 THINK

COMMERCIALISATION

NECESSITIES LIKE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS ETC SHOULDN'T BE VULNERABLE TO PROFIT MAKING

There's a rapid trend of advertisements and banners being raised at every nook and corner. All is well until one....



P11 SPORTS

J&K WINS NATIONAL ICESTOCK
SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 AT GULMARG

The 7th National Icestock Sports Championship 2020-21 concluded here at Ice Rink, Gulmarg....

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Quote!Youth is easily
deceived because it is
quick to hope.

— Aristotle

NEWS DIGEST

VDC Member Held
For Shooting Father

JAMMU: A village defence committee (VDC) member allegedly shot at his father in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. Balkar Singh opened fire from his 303 rifle on his father, Krishan Singh, after an altercation between them over some domestic issue at village Dasanu in Dingaamb area of Hiranagar sector, they said. Krishan (78) was seriously injured in the incident, officials said. [▶ More On P10](#)

Army Rescues British
Citizen In Gulmarg

SRINAGAR: Army on Monday claimed to have rescued a British national from Apharwat slopes in the tourist resort of Gulmarg. In a statement issued here, an army spokesperson said that British national Lachlan Stewart, who was on a ski trip to Gulmarg, lost his track while skiing at Apharwat on January 31. After struggling for two hours in heavy snow, Stewart, the army statement said, [▶ More On P10](#)

Forest Fire
Rages Along LoC

POONCH: A massive fire broke out on Monday in the forest area along the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar area of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, but there were no casualties. Official sources said that smoke filled the air after the forest area caught fire. They said that it seems fire erupted on the side of Pakistan and later spread to the Indian part. Sources added that there were no reports [▶ More On P10](#)

Car Rolls Into
Ravine, 2 Dead

SRINAGAR: Two people, including a young woman on Monday were killed in a road accident in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. An Alto car (HR51-7420) carrying five people skidded off a bridge and fell into a ravine in Kralgund area of Kupwara around 7:10 am on Monday, reports said. Army and locals, the report said, immediately swung into action and started [▶ More On P10](#)

Jackal Injures
Three In Handwara

SRINAGAR: A jackal entered a residential house in north Kashmir's Handwara on Monday and injured at least three inmates before the beast fled away. Abdul Majeed Wani, his son Umar Majeed and daughter Najma Bano were attacked and injured by the jackal at their home in Haril area of Langate on Monday afternoon, [▶ More On P10](#)

Amid 'Lone' Exit And 'Group' Entry, Will PAGD Survive?

Aaqib Javed

When reports came from Delhi that Omar Abdullah has sent his emissaries to North Block for "doing business together", National Conference distanced itself from their vice president's week-long capital engagement.

The denial, however, is being termed as an attempt to cover up some covert parleys by some miffed members of Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), an amalgam of Jammu and Kashmir's unionist parties demanding restoration of Article 370. "Alliance partners are suspicious of some activities of former chief minister Omar Abdullah, who seems to be only working on strengthening the party at ground level," a PAGD leader said.

Even Omar left nothing unsaid about his motives when he addressed party workers at



Nawa-e-Subha soon after the District Development Council (DDC) results. (The six parties in the PAGD had recently fought DDC polls together—"to keep the BJP away"—and swept ballot even in the BJP constituencies of Jammu.) "These elections are not the success of Dr Farooq, Omar, Sagor or any other NC leader, but it's

the victory of our ground level worker," Omar addressed his party convention.

Some reports even suggest that Omar has asked his father Dr. Farooq Abdullah to concentrate more on the party at the ground level.

"Since the day the property of Dr Farooq Abdullah was attached,

No Let Up In Cross-LoC Firing

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: For the consecutive day Monday, India and Pakistani troops traded gunfire and mortar shells along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district.

Pakistan army on Monday violated the ceasefire and shelled forward posts along the LoC in Poonch district, officials said.

The Indian Army retaliated befittingly to the Pakistani

aggression, they said.

"At about 1745 hours today, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and intense shelling with mortars along the LoC in Mankote sector, Poonch," a defence spokesman said.

On Thursday, a 20-year-old man was injured in Pakistani shelling along the LoC in Shahpur sector of Poonch.

Jammu and Kashmir saw over 5,400 instances [▶ More On P10](#)

3 Of Family
Injured In
Rajouri Blast

Three members of a family were injured in a blast in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Monday. A boy picked up an object from a field and it exploded when he threw it on [▶ More On P10](#)

Schools Reopen After
10 Months In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Government and private schools reopened for Classes 9 and 12 on Monday in the summer zone of the Jammu region amid strict COVID-19 protocol, over 10 months after remaining closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration had on Friday last ordered the reopening of all government and recognised private schools for senior classes in the summer zone of the Jammu division from February 1. [▶ More On P10](#)

PAHALGAM LAND USE CHANGE

High Court Seeks 'Outcome'
Of FIR Filed In 2008

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Monday directed government to file status of the investigation into an FIR registered more than 12 years ago against officers and officials allegedly involved in giving

undue benefit to beneficiaries by making "mischievous reports" regarding change of land use under erstwhile Master Plan, Pahalgam. The FIR no.(27/2008) was filed under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat 2006, and Section [▶ More On P10](#)



Bird Flu Cases Confirmed In Srinagar

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The district authorities on Monday confirmed first cases of avian influenza from the samples taken from dead crows at the two different places in this summer capital. Samples from dead crows lifted near the Delhi Public School at Athwajan and the Flood Spill Channel at Peerbagh have tested positive for avian influenza - H5N8 strain - as per a report received from the ICAR-NISHAD Bhopal.

"Now in accordance with

the stipulated guidelines a 10-kilometer radius area around each of the said locations has been declared as alert zone - where among other measures surveillance and sampling will be conducted to ascertain and prevent the spread," the report added.

Earlier, authorities had confirmed Avian Flu (Bird Flu) among the crows and migratory birds in the Valley on 23th of December



in Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam and Budgam districts in Kashmir. The Bird Flu cases were confirmed days after the ban on import of poultry was lifted in the Union Territory.

Acting swiftly, Government has directed for surveillance within one km radius where the cases were reported and asked for samples from Poultry farms also, they said. Meanwhile Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Shahid Iqbal [▶ More On P10](#)

No Covid-19 Death In
J&K, 44 New Cases

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 44 fresh coronavirus cases, raising its tally to 1,24,550, while no death due to the infection took place in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, eight were reported from the Jammu division and 36 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 15 cases, including seven travellers.

Except for Jammu (seven) and Ramban (one) [▶ More On P10](#)



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