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P3 NEWS

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING IN STUDENTS: KU VC

Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir, Prof Talat on Saturday urged teachers to be kind to students and encourage critical thinking in classrooms....

P7 THINK

WINTER GOURMET: PHARI

Phari, the traditional winter cuisine of Kashmir is a reddish-brown smoked fish prepared traditionally during harsh winters and is believed to provide great resistance against diseases such as common cold.



11 SPORTS

JOE ROOT'S 218 HELPS ENGLAND POST 555/8 AGAINST INDIA AT END OF DAY 2

Skipper Joe Root continued to torment the Indian spinners with a majestic double century....

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Quote!

We learn from failure,
not from success!
— Bram Stoker

DIGEST

J&K Logs 65 New Covid-19 Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 65 new coronavirus cases that raised its tally to 1,24,850, officials said. The union territory did not report any death due to the infection in the past 24 hours, they said. Of the fresh cases, 15 were recorded from the Jammu division and 50 from the Kashmir division, the officials said. They said Srinagar district **► More On P10**

NIA Raids Jailed 'Drug Peddler's' House

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at the house of a man who is already facing detention in a drug peddling case in Central Kashmir's Budgam district and seized some documents. NIA sleuths accompanied by Police raided house of Manzoor Ahmad Mir in Kulhama area of Beerwah on Saturday and during searches seized some **► More On P10**

Army Defuses Shell In Poonch

SRINAGAR: Army on Saturday defused an old rocket launcher shell in Surankote area of Poonch district, officials said. They said that at around 1030 hours, Army's 16 RR found the old rocket launcher shell lying at Mohra Bachai (Bella) in Surankote. Later Army's bomb disposal squad rushed to the spot and disposed of the shell, they said. (GNS)

Four Injured In Head-On Collision

SRINAGAR: Four persons on Saturday were injured in a road accident along the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Jaisu Singh from Bhopal, Ganish Singh from Rajasthan, Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh of Handwara and Mohammad Altaf from Budgam were injured when two vehicles had a head-on collision on the highway near Levadora area of Qazigund on Saturday, news agency KNO reported. All the injured, **► More On P10**

Cong Protests Against Farm Laws In Jammu

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Saturday joined farmers' protest here and said it will continue its support to their agitation till the new three farm laws are revoked. Led by J-K Pradesh Congress Committee president G A Mir, the party activists staged a peaceful protest demonstration and blocked the Jammu-Pathankot bypass road at Rajiv Colony Chowk in support of the nationwide protest call by farmers. Congress fully backs the agitation of **► More On P10**

Aim To Employ 80% J&K Youth Within 5 Years: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said his focus is on providing job opportunities to 80 percent of the young population within the next five years. Delivering the keynote address at the Harvard US-India Initiative (HUII) annual conference virtually, Sinha said development has replaced terrorism which was being exported relentlessly by the neighbouring country.

"My goal is to reach out and engage about 80 percent of the young population of Jammu and Kashmir within the next five years and make it possible for them to be an engine of growth for the overall socio-economic transformation of the UT," he said.

"I would like to see each child of J&K prosper into a mature, successful and good human being. The potential of the youth is harnessed in a way that everyone contributes towards the prosperity of the UT. Together we will achieve the desired goal", he added. HUII aims to engage students



around the world in a dialogue about India's most pressing political, social, economic, and environmental challenges, providing the youth an opportunity to hear from inspiring leaders and be a part of the discussion with them.

Speaking on the new dawn of developmental change that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing, the Lt Governor

observed that the narrative has changed now.

"From the very first day in office, I have adopted a targeted approach to address the issues pertaining to poverty, health, nutrition, gender equality, quality education, skill development of youth and have ensured that benefits of government schemes reach the last mile," he said. **► More On P10**

Centre Deputes Five IAS Officers To J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Central government has approved inter-cadre deputation of five Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers to Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved proposals of Department of Personnel & Trainings (DOPT) for deputation of five IAS officers to Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, reports said Saturday.

According to orders issued by DOPT, these officers have been deputed to the newly carved out UT for period ranging between two to three years. Those deputed include **► More On P10**

...DDC ELECTIONS

JKAP Chairpersons In 2 Districts, PAGD In One



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) led by former finance minister

Altaf Bukhari has won the elections to the post of chairperson of two of the three District Development Councils (DDCs) in **► More On P10**

Disqualify Members Who Switched Sides: NC To SEC

National Conference on Saturday sought disqualification of DDC members under the anti-defection law for swapping sides after contesting and winning polls from a particular party ticket, manifesto and symbol. NC raised the issue of defections of elected DDC members with the state Chief Election Commissioner J&K, KK Sharma **► More On P10**

JK Reports Increased Cold Waves In Recent Years: Govt



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh report increased number of cold waves during the recent years, ministry of

earth sciences said. Responding in affirmative to a question by member Lok Sabha E.T. Mohammed Basheer if the Government was aware that the extreme climatic events have increased "significantly" across India **► More On P10**

Kashmir Bound Traffic On Highway Today

The 270-km Srinagar-Jammu highway will remain open for vehicular movement on Sunday and Valley bound vehicles will be allowed to ply on the vital road link, officials said Saturday. "Tomorrow (February 7), subject to fair weather and better road condition, only one way traffic shall be allowed from **► More On P10**

Gulmarg Freezes At -10.4 Degrees

Press Trust Of India

Minimum temperatures across Kashmir dipped again on Saturday after a few days of respite from the intense cold wave conditions even as the mercury settled above freezing point in Srinagar, the Met office said. According to meteorological department's forecast, mainly dry weather would prevail in the valley over the next week. **► More On P10**



Security personnel inspect shootout site in Chanpora area of the city on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

Militants Strike In Srinagar, CRPF Jawan Injured

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable was injured in a militant attack in Chanpora locality of uptown Srinagar on Saturday.

Constable Manoj Kumar Yadav of CRPF 29 Battalion was injured on Saturday afternoon when militants opened fire towards a road opening party (ROP) in Chanpora area of the city, officials told Kashmir Observer. Yadav, who received a bullet in his leg, was removed to the hospital for treatment.

The surprise militant attack triggered panic in the area prompting the shopkeepers to down their shutters and run for the safety of their lives. The movement of transport was also affected in wake of the shootout.

Shortly after the attack, a huge posse of state forces personnel reached the spot and cordoned off the area to nab the attackers.

CRPF spokesperson, OP Tiwari told Kashmir Observer that unknown militants opened fire on ROP in which a CRPF man was injured

"The jawan was rushed to hospital **► More On P10**

Wanted Militant Arrested In Jammu: Police

Press Trust Of India

A wanted militant and commander of Lashkar-e-Mustafa, believed to be a frontal organisation of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, was arrested on Saturday after police intercepted a car on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said. A pistol and a grenade was seized from the possession of Hidayatullah Malik, an 'A' category militant from Shopian district, officials said, adding that he is being interrogated. Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Shridhar Patil **► More On P10**

4G Restoration Will Boost J&K's Economic Recovery: Trade Bodies



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Trade bodies and tourism players on Saturday welcomed the restoration of 4G mobile internet services in Jammu and Kashmir, saying it will boost economic recovery in the union territory.

High-speed mobile internet services were restored last

midnight in 18 districts. The services were there in two districts - Ganderbal and Udhampur - since August last year.

"It is better late than never. The government has realised how much losses our economy has suffered. This move will give a boost to the economic recovery now," president, Kashmir **► More On P10**

Yarn And Yearning Of Young Kashmiri Crocheter

Auqib Javeed

When 21-year-old Nazar Nasir shared the idea of crocheting with his family members, he was bluntly told not to pursue the women line of work.

But despite his family resistance, this Literature student from Lalbazar had made-up his mind to live his dream.

Crocheting has been a well-known art amongst Kashmiris but it has been mostly pursued by the women for decades. It's quite rare that a male while breaking some rigid stereotypes has made a name in it.

As a matter of fulfilling routine, Nazar mostly kept himself busy with crocheting—a process of creating fabric by interlocking loops of yarn, thread, or strands of other materials using a crochet hook.

It first started in 2016, when Nazar's sister brought a crochet hook and some yarn from her aunt.

While she was wiggling the hook with the yarn strand, Nazar was so fascinated that he bought himself a hook and some yarn and started experimenting.

"I stayed up till 2 AM that night trying to figure out how it worked and ended up creating a tiny flower

in the process," he says.

That year as Kashmiris faced lockdown due to the protests over the passage of the popular militant commander, Nazar firmly took to crocheting as a blend of boredom and curiosity.

"To begin with, I made a band and a hand warmer without even knowing the name and the way of the craft that summer," he recounts.

Months later, as the internet was restored, he did some research online and explored possibilities in the craft.

That curiosity is still there making his craft journey rewarding and innovative.

"I've started to learn and practice Paper Art now and my next target is Embroidery," Nazar says.

Today, while many of his classmates are still finding themselves at the crossroads due to the uncertainty in their homeland, Nazar is showing the way.

His creative and curious mind is making many believe that they can create their own niche without waiting for their degrees to complete.

"For me, **► More On P10**

