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I DON'T THINK STATEHOOD WILL BE RESTORED TO J&K TILL BJP GOVT IS THERE: MIR

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir Thursday lashed out at the BJP led...

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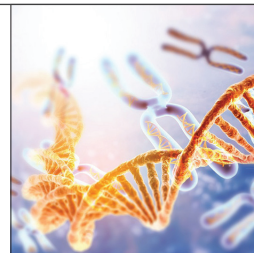
Mental health is an important part of children's overall health and has a complex interactive relationship with their physical health and their ability...



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RESEARCHERS DEVELOP VIDEOS SHOWING HELIX OF 'DANCING DNA'

For the first time, researchers in the UK have developed ground-breaking techniques for visualising in unprecedented detail how small circles of DNA...



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Do one thing every day that scares you.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

NEWS DIGEST

Crime Branch Books Policeman For Fraud

JAMMU: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday booked a policeman here for alleged fraudulent withdrawal of over Rs 5.53 lakh on account of fake medical bills for the treatment of his father who had in fact died a few years ago. The criminal case against selection grade constable Ravi Kumar of the Armed Range Office in Jammu was registered under [More On P6](#)

SSB Barracks Guttled In Midnight Blaze

SRINAGAR: At least five barracks of paramilitary Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) were gutted completely while several weapons were also damaged in a midnight blaze in Batamalo area of the city, reports said Thursday. Around midnight fire raged from one of the barracks of SSB's 110 battalion located inside the Tattoo Ground Batamalo, reports said Thursday. [More On P6](#)

CRPF Man Shoots Self Dead

JAMMU: A 45-year-old Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man allegedly shot himself dead inside a security camp on the outskirts of Jammu city, officials said. Praful Kumar, who originally hailed from Assam, was on guard duty inside his post in Greater Kailash locality when he shot himself with his service rifle, the officials said. They said his colleagues [More On P6](#)

Arms Cache Recovered In Reasi

JAMMU: State forces have recovered a huge cache of weapons from a remote forest in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, a defence spokesman said on Thursday. The recovery included an AK 47 rifle with one sealed box of ammunition, one Self-Loading Rifle (SLR), one 303 bolt rifle and two Chinese pistols with magazines and ammunition, the spokesman said. The search operation was [More On P6](#)

Gunmen Loot Rs 3.50L From Budgam Fuel Station

SRINAGAR: Unidentified gunmen robbed a fuel station in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday and decamped with Rs 3.50 lakh cash, police said. The gunmen struck at the fuel station located at Nadigam in the district late in the evening, a police official said. He said the local [More On P6](#)

HC Orders Eviction Of Illegal Occupants From Govt Quarters

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Thursday said that it was unfortunate that some former ministers, legislators, retired officers, politicians, and political persons etc., have illegally and unauthorizedly managed to continue to stay in the residential accommodation provided to them by the government though they are no longer entitled to such facilities.

Disposing of a Public Interest Litigation filed by it suo-moto in October last year, a division bench of Justices Ali Mohammad Magrey and Vinod Chatterji Koul ordered that the directions passed by the Court from time to time in the matter of eviction of unauthorized and illegal occupants from Government accommodation and recovery of rent shall be strictly implemented by the authorities concerned "in the same spirit in which they were meant to be."

"At the very outset, we wish to observe that it is unfortunate that some former Ministers/ Legislators/ Retired Officers/ Politicians/ [More On P6](#)

Foreign Envoys On Meeting Spree In Jammu

West-Pak Refugees, DDC Members; BJP Leaders Call on Envoys



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Visiting envoys from nearly two dozen countries on Thursday met representatives of various civil

society groups and elected panchayat and urban local bodies (ULB) members here to get a first-hand appraisal of the situation during the recently held DDC elections

-- the first democratic exercise in Jammu and Kashmir post the nullification of Article 370. Representatives of West Pakistani Refugees

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Years Of Sufferings Ended On August 5: LG Tells Envoys

The abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status marked an end to the years of sufferings of the people and brought socio-economic development in the region and empowerment of people due to the efforts of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Territory's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Thursday. "Years of suffering for J&K people ended on 5th August 2019. The efforts of respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi ushered the Union Territory into a new era, which has brought about [More On P6](#)

Govt Working For Development, Growth: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the administration is working on a mission mode for the development of industries and businesses in the union territory as he called upon educational institutions to prepare skilled human capital in growth potential sectors.

He also asked the educational institutions to complement the administration's efforts in identifying the core strengths of the demography for



developing the emerging skill sets to fill the skill gap as per the demand.

He also advised the students to understand human behaviour [More On P6](#)

3 Women Die Of Corona In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Three women died of coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday even as 87 fresh cases of Covid-19, including 44 travellers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

The three victims were—a 70-year-old from Gulshan Nagar Srinagar, two others, both 60 years from Kanipora Chattergam and Pinglish Tral in south Kashmir's Pulwama [More On P6](#)

3-Day Old 'Militant' Arrested

SRINAGAR: A newly recruited militant was arrested amid a cordon-and-search-operation in Pulwama district of south Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

They said based on specific information about the presence of the militants, a joint CASO was launched by police and army's 55 RR. During the search, a police officer said that one youth identified as Vilayat Aziz Mir alias Rasik son of Abdul Aziz Mir of Banpora Kakpora was arrested along with a pistol and a grenade. [More On P6](#)

UN HR Experts Voice Concern Over New Laws in J&K

Say Changes Risk 'Undermining Minorities' Rights' In The Erstwhile State

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At a time when envoys of over two dozen countries conducted two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to assess the ground situation, the United Nations human rights experts on Thursday expressed concern over special status revocation and enactment of new laws saying that the changes in the erstwhile state risk undermining minorities' rights

In a statement put out on its official website, the UN human rights experts Fernand de Varennes, Special Rapporteur on minority issues and Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief expressed concern over India's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's autonomy and enact new laws could curtail the previous



level of political participation of Muslim and other minorities in the country, as well as potentially discriminate against them in important matters including employment and land ownership.

The human rights experts said that the state of Jammu and Kashmir, the only state in India with a Muslim majority, was established with specific autonomy guarantees to respect the ethnic, linguistic and religious identities of its people. They said that on [More On P6](#)

J&K Moves All Transactions, Including Salaries To RBI



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday rolled out e-Kuber payments system of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the Union Territory to replace the existing system for the purpose of

government payments. Financial Commissioner (Finance) Arun Kumar Mehta rolled out e-Kuber payments system of RBI on Thursday here in presence of General Manager RBI Jammu, Sandeep Mittal and Director General [More On P6](#)

NC MPs Skip Delimitation Panel Meet

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Two associate members from Jammu and Kashmir told the Delimitation Commission on Thursday that special

attention be given to the difficult terrain while carrying out the delimitation exercise in the Union Territory.

The commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana [More On P6](#)

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