



## P3 NEWS

## GOVT TO RESTORE KHUSHALSAR, GILSAR LAKES

The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Saturday...

## P7 THINK

## BREAK THE SILENCE: ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IS A HUMAN RIGHTS IMPERATIVE

"There is a global epidemic of violence against women – both within conflict zones and within societies at peace – and it is still treated as a lesser crime and..."



## P11 SPORTS

## CHRIS GAYLE RETURNS TO WEST INDIES SQUAD AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS

Veteran batsman Chris Gayle has returned to the West Indies squad for the first time in nearly two years for the three-match T20 International series against Sri Lanka...



## Widom Quote!

You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down  
— Charlie Chaplin

## NEWS DIGEST

## J&amp;K Reports 97 New Corona Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 97 new COVID-19 cases, taking the infection tally to 1,26,383, officials said. No fresh COVID-19-related death was reported in the past 24 hours, they said. Of the new cases, 24 were from the Jammu division and 73 from the Kashmir division, officials said. Srinagar district recorded the highest 44 cases followed by 11 each in Jammu and ➔ More On P10

## Kulsuma Named SKIMS Spokesperson

SRINAGAR: Director Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, Dr A G Ahanger on Saturday appointed Kulsuma as spokesperson for print/electronic and social networking media. "In supersession to all previous orders on the subject matter, Mrs. Kulsuma (4903), Asst. Director Public Relations shall henceforth function as SKIMS Spokesperson for Print/ Electronic ➔ More On P10

## CASO Launched In Bemina

SRINAGAR: The special operations group (SOG) of police and army on Saturday launched a cordon and search operation in Bemina area of this capital city. A contingent of SOG personnel joined by the soldiers of army's 2 RR laid a siege around Hamdania Colony in Bemina and started a search operation, reports said. The search operation was in progress when the last reports came in.

## Burglars Loot Cash From Gurudwara

SRINAGAR: Unidentified burglars broke into a Gurudwara in north Kashmir's Bandipora district and looted cash and other valuables, reports said Saturday. Unknown burglars struck into a Gurudwara in Ward Number 1 of Nowpora village of the district and decamped with unaccounted cash and valuables from the donation box, news agency KNT reported Saturday. The incident came into the notice of authorities after ➔ More On P10

## Rare Coin Fetches Rs 56L In Auction

BENGALURU: A rare 10.9 gram gold coin of Kam Bakhsh, the fifth son of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, went under the hammer here, fetching Rs 56 lakh. Marudhar Arts, a leading numismatic auction house here, held the auction at a price ranging between Rs 45 lakh and Rs 50 lakh, but it was sold for Rs 56 lakh. Rajendra Maru, the CEO of Marudhar Arts, told PTI the gold 'Mohur' of Bijapur Daruz-Zafar mint has ➔ More On P10

## No Bearing Of LoC Truce On Anti-Militancy Ops: Army



Press Trust Of India

UDHAMPUR: The Army's northern commander Lt Gen Y K Joshi on Saturday said the agreement between India and Pakistan to strictly adhere to the ceasefire pact along the

Line of Control (LoC) would have no bearing on the counter-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir. He said the northern command, which looks after the security of the twin union territories of ➔ More On P10

## Ready To Move Forward To Resolve All Issues: Pak PM

Says Onus Of Creating 'Enabling Environment' For Further Progress Rests With India

Press Trust Of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday welcomed the ceasefire agreement with India but said the onus of creating an "enabling environment" for further progress in bilateral relations rests with New Delhi. In his first comments since



the militaries of India and Pakistan jointly ➔ More On P10

## Will Show 'Max Restraint' If Pak Violates Truce: Army

Days after the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, the Army on Saturday said it will exercise maximum restraint in case of any violation of the understanding by the other side. Welcoming the agreement arrived at between the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two countries, a top Army officer said the decision was significant as it would bring relief to the people living near the LoC. "We will not retaliate as long as it is possible and we hope that the Pakistani side will also uphold the agreement," General Officer Commanding (GoC), 28 Infantry Division, Major General V M B Krishnan told reporters in Kupwara, about 100 km north of Srinagar, when asked about the ➔ More On P10

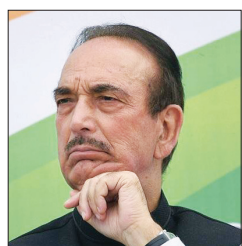
## Azad Vows To Continue J&amp;K Statehood Battle

Says Retired From Rajya Sabha Not Politics

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Asserting that he had retired only from Rajya Sabha and not politics, Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad Saturday expressed a resolve to continue his fight for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and its residents' special rights over jobs and land.

The former chief minister also stressed the importance of unity among



the residents of the Union Territory to fight the threats from China and Pakistan and said "we need to stand with our forces against the enemies". ➔ More On P10

## Army Probes 'Data Breach' In Northern Command

Agencies

UDHAMPUR: The Indian Army has ordered a probe into an alleged case of a data breach in the northern command after a soldier was found to be passing data to Pakistani operatives.

The data breach took place when the soldier from Punjab and posted under the Northern Command was caught by officials dealing with the alleged ➔ More On P10

## Travellers Raise Coronavirus Graph In J&amp;K Weekly Cases Up By 40 Percent, 66% Of them Travellers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After showing a considerable decline over the past months, coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed forty percent increase in weekly cases with over 60 % of the infected comprising travellers who are visiting the



Union Territory. These details were given by J&K Chief Secretary,

B V R Subrahmanyam during a high-level meeting chaired ➔ More On P10

## Vaccine Jab Capped At Rs 250 In Pvt Hospitals

Private hospitals can charge up to Rs 250 per dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the Union Health Ministry said on Saturday as India prepares to vaccinate people aged above 60 years and those over 45 with comorbidities from March 1. The ministry also specified 20 comorbidities among people aged between 45 and 59 years who will get the vaccine -- heart failure with hospital ➔ More On P10

## Determined To Fulfil Vision Of New, Healthy J&amp;K: LG

Jointly Inaugurates First Batch Of GDC Doda With Jitendra Singh



Observer News Service

DODA: Jammu and Kashmir government is taking several reformative measures for the advancement and upgradation of health

infrastructure, besides providing affordable healthcare services to all, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Saturday. Inaugurating the first batch of 100 MBBS ➔ More On P10

## ...CCTVs In Police Stations

## Govt Finally Forms Panels Ordered To Be Set Up By SC

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has constituted two committees regarding CCTVs in police stations which on December 2 last year were directed by Supreme Court of India to be set up within six weeks.

First committee is Union territory Level Oversight Committee and the second District Level Oversight Committee (s).

The UT level is headed by Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department and its members include Director General of Police, J&K, Member Secretary, Mission Director, ICPS/SCW, Social Welfare Department and Additional Secretary to the Government, Finance Department. Its terms of reference ➔ More On P10

## Cold Returns To Kashmir After Fresh Snowfall



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Fresh snowfall in Kashmir on Saturday brought back cold wave-like

conditions in the valley where the day temperature for the past week was several degrees higher than normal for ➔ More On P10

## Landslides, Shooting Stones Block Highway

The authorities on Saturday suspended the vehicular movement on Srinagar-Jammu national highway due to landslides and shooting stones at several places of Ramban district. ➔ More On P10



March 1, 2021 (11:00 am)

Venue: SKICC, Srinagar

1<sup>st</sup> CONVOCAATION 2021

Chief Guest



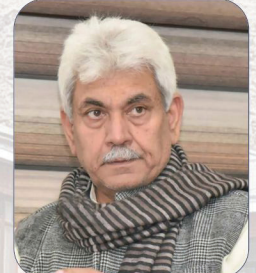
Professor D. P. Singh  
Chairman, UGC

Vice Chancellor



Professor Mushtaq A. Siddiqi

Chancellor



Shri Manoj Sinha  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor  
UT of J&K

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