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Toni Morrison famously cites racism's greatest achievement as distraction. Like the resonating tones of a standing bell, this quote only appears to ..



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REAL KASHMIR CAPTAIN MASON ROBERTSON APPEALS TO AIFF TO REVOKE BAN

Real Kashmir FC (RKFC) captain Mason Robertson on Monday appealed to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for an immediate revocation of his four-match ban and.



office Karan Nagar. Amir reviewed all the 35 SMC administrative...



A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned — Benjamin Franklin

NEWS DIGEST

J&K Reports One More Corona Death Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus claimed the life of one more person in Jammu and Kashmir, while 70 fresh cases of Covid-19, including twenty-one travellers were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. The death caused by coronavirus has been reported from Jammu division, taking
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Soldier 'Commits Suicide' Along LoC

SRINAGAR: An army man allegedly committed suicide along the Line of Control (LoC) in Keran sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, reports said Monday. Triverd Prakash of army's 6 RR committed suicide by shooting himself death with his service rifle at Shakti post in Keran sector around 2145 hours Sunday, news agency GNS reported while quoting an unnamed official. "It was not
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Misfire Injures Cop In Jammu

SRINAGAR: A policeman on Monday was injured when his service rifle went off in Bhalwal area of the Jammu city outskirts. Constable Abid Ahmad was performing his duty inside the sentry post of seventh battalion headquarters of Jammu and Kashmir armed police in Balwal area when his Insas rifle went off injuring his hand, reports said. A resident of
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20 Shops Gutted

80% Students Qualify 12th Exam, Girls Outshine Boys

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SRINAGAR: Girls dominated top positions in all four streams as 80 percent students passed 12th class examinations, the results of which were declared bv the I&K Board of School Education on Monday. In all 46987 out of 58397

students who appeared in the examination have been declared successful, said a BOSE official. Among the total students who appeared included 30960 boys and 27437 girls. Of these, 24291 boys and 22696 girls passed the examinations with overall pass percentage of 80.46%. In all 155 students have secured top ten positions in all fours streams–Science, Commerce, Arts and Home Science and of them 125 have been bagged by the girls and 30 by the boys.

The results of the examinations held last year amid covid-19 pandemic were declared by the Board this morning. The first
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Snowfall In Upper Reaches, Rains In Plains

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Snowfall in upper reaches and rains in plains of the Kashmir Valley on Monday brought a fresh cold wave as the mercury slipped seven degrees below the normal tem-perature for this part of the year, officials said.

Gulmarg tourist destination in north Kashmir received nearly two feet of fresh snow since Sunday night while many other hilly areas of Kashmir received
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Stranded Traffic To Ply On **Highway Today**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir valley with the outside world, shall remain open for stranded vehicles on the thoroughfare on Tuesday, officials said.

"In view of inclement weather prediction issued by the MeT department for the next few days, there are chances of blockade of the highway. Peoples are advised to avoid journeys on the thoroughfare," the traffic authorities said.
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J&K Govt Amends Warrant Of Precedence

DDC Chairpersons Given Status Of Admin Secretaries/IGPs

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SRINAGAR: The administration in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory on Monday amended its warrant of precedence, placing chairpersons of district development councils equal to administrative secretaries and inspector generals of police.

According to the warrant of precedence issued by J&K's Hospitality and Protocol department, DDC chairpersons have been placed at serial number 26.

They have been placed alongside administrative secretaries, divisional commissioners, IGPs, joint secretaries to the Government of India and officers of equivalent rank, officers of the rank of Major-General or equivalent rank. Their deputies, who figure

at serial number 27 in the revised warrant of precedence, will have protocol equivalent to the vice -chancellors of universities within the state/UT. The DDC members have been placed at the bottom

in the warrant of precedence and have protocol equivalent to the block development council chairpersons, presidents of municipal councils and municipalities, district magistrates, officers of the rank of brigadier and equivalent, major head of departments and district and sessions judges. They figure at serial number 28 in the list.

The warrant of precedence of J&K UT is the protocol list (hierarchy of important positions) in which the functionaries, dignitaries and officials are listed according to their rank and office.

The government amended the warrant of precedence nearly two weeks after the constitution of district development councils in all 20 districts of the UT.

Meanwhile, sources said that the government has also finalized honorarium for DDC chairpersons, vicechairpersons and members.

According to them , chairperson will get honorarium of Rs 35000 per
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LG Announces Super-75 **Scholarship Scheme For Poor Girls**



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In Midnight Blaze

SRINAGAR: At least 20 shops were damaged in a massive midnight blaze in the Watergam area of Rafiabad in Baramulla district. Fire broke out in a two-storey shopping complex in the Watergam area during the intervening night of March 7-8 leaving goods worth lakhs completely damaged, an official said. The fire, he said, broke out in one of the shops before spreading to others inside the complex.
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Cattle Thief Nabbed In Kulgam: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday claimed to have solved a cattle theft case by arresting a man from south Kashmir's Kulgam district. Acting on several complaints of cattle theft, police filed a case FIR No. 27/2021 under relevant sections of law and constituted a special investigation team to investigate the matter, a police spokesperson said Monday. During the course of investigation using
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Women Entrepreneurs To Receive Super-75 scholarship scheme to sup-Rs 5L Under Tejaswini Scheme

Observer News Service

government on Monday announced

port education of meritorious girls belonging to poor families while a financial Assistance Scheme of Rs 5 lakh under 'Mission Youth' to girls from 18 SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir years to 35 years to start their business Keeping in view of this • More On P10

HC Notice To MEA, CID On Mehbooba's Passport Plea

Says Police Not Barred To 'Expedite Verification' While Petition Is Pending Before It

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Monday issued



Farooq's Plea Listed

Jammu and Kashmir High Court Monday heard and listed on March 18 again a petition filed by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's against an Enforcement Directorate's order For March 18 attaching his properties in a case of alleged
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Bukhari Threatens Stir Over Statehood

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SRINAGAR: Stating that Article 370 can be restored only by the parliament, J&K Apni Party chief Syed Altaf Bukhari Monday said that they will not hesitate to hit the streets, if New Delhi fails to restore the Statehood to J&K UT.

Addressing reporters on the occasion of the first foundation day anniversary of the party, J&K Apni party chief said that much was promised in 1947, but nothing was given back.

"We have to fight for the restoration of statehood to J&K. Our demand also is to hold Assembly elections as soon as possible," Bukhari said, adding that "This is the pledge Apni Party is taking on the eve of first foundation of the party."

J&K Apni Party was floated on



March 08, 2020. He said the agenda framed by the Apni Party on the day of its birth was pursued in letter and spirit but certain things like prolonged shutdown in the wake of Article 370 revocation

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5 Bank ACs Of 'Drug Cartel' Frozen: ANTF

Press Trust Of India

a petition filed
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JAMMU: The Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) on Monday froze five bank accounts amounting to over Rs 54.27 lakh of a drug cartel in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

"We have got five bank accounts frozen by a drug cartel in Kashmir. The head of this cartel is Masood Ahmed Dar of Bijbehara of Anantnag," Superintendent of Police (ANTF) Jammu Vinay Sharma told reporters here.

Three cases have been registered against him, he said.

"The total amount of these accounts is Rs 54.27 lakh. All the amount has been proven to be proceeds of the narcotics," he said.

These orders are a first of its kind in which bank accounts have been frozen by the
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