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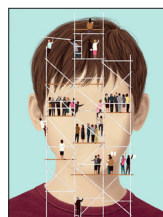
TULIP FESTIVAL: TRAFFIC POLICE CITY ISSUES ADVISORY

Traffic Police City Srinagar Thursday issued a traffic advisory in connection with the Tulip Festival. A spokesperson of Traffic Police said that in connection with the Tulip festival...

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AUTISM DAY: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

In This age of Computers and technology, where every moment we glance at screens the problems of social communication and problems in responding to the stimuli in one's environment has come to forefront. Even though, we keep on...



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HC SEEKS DETAILS ON ACTION TAKEN TO NULLIFY 'FAKE GIFT DEEDS' IN PAHALGAM

Jammu and Kashmir high court has asked Revenue Department and the Pahalgam Development Authority to inform as to what action they have taken to get the...

**Widom Quote!**

Writing is an act of faith, not a trick of grammar

—E. B White

NEWS DIGEST**Highway To Remain Closed Today**

SRINAGAR: Jammu-Srinagar highway, the only road link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world, shall remain closed on Friday for weekly repairs, officials said on Thursday.

"On 02-04-2021, no vehicular movement shall be allowed from either side on Jammu-Srinagar highway between Udhampur and Jawahar Tunnel in ● More On P2

Cop Caught Red-Handed With Bribe

SRINAGAR: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested a policeman from central Kashmir's Ganderbal district for demanding bribe from the families over a marital dispute.

ACB received a complaint through WhatsApp helpline from a man alleging that a Gulzar Ahmad, a head constable ● More On P2

NIT Closed, Students Told To Vacate Hostels

SRINAGAR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has decided to stop offline classes from Friday till further orders in view of spike in Covid positive cases.

"In view of the increasing COVID-19 cases, the students and the staff entering in the institute are hereby informed to follow the already notified SOPs strictly and in letter and spirit. ● More On P2

2 More Boys Go Missing In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: At least two more boys have gone missing from their residential places in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, thus taking the toll of missing kids to three in the district. 10-year-old Roshan Din and 13-year-old Suhail Ahmad Mir, both residents of Nandimarg have gone missing from different places of Kulgam, an official said Thursday. ● More On P2

Rape Accused Held After 3 Year Hunt

JAMMU: A 21-year-old man was arrested on charges of rape after a three year hunt in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said. Qayoom Hussain was booked under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Infant Marriage Reservation Act and Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) in 2018 on the complaint of the victim at Mahore ● More On P2

416 Test Corona Positive As Cases Shoot Up In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus cases continue to show an upward trend in Jammu and Kashmir as 461 more people tested Covid-19 positive on Thursday, while the deadly infection claimed four more lives in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

Among the fresh cases, officials said, Jammu division reported 100 cases and Kashmir 361, taking the overall infection count in J&K to 131421.

Also, four more persons died due to the virus, one from Jammu division and three from Kashmir Valley, taking the total toll to 1998—737 in

Militants Attack BJP Leader's House In Srinagar, Cop Killed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Suspected militants on Thursday carried out an audacious daylight attack on a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader's house in Nowgam area of the city here killing his security guard before fleeing from the scene with his service rifle.

Around 11:30 am Thursday, a group of armed militants appeared outside the residence of BJP leader Anwar Khan in Aribagh locality of Nowgam and opened fire upon the sentry as soon as he opened the



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gate, an official said.

In the attack, they said, the security guard Rameez Raja

was critically injured, while the militants managed to make a quick ● More On P2

Veil And Voice Used In Attack: IGP SAYS 2 OF FOUR LASHKAR MILITANTS IDENTIFIED

The militant attack on the home of a BJP leader in Nowgam area on Thursday that left his police guard dead was carried out by four Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants, a senior police officer said, asserting the attackers would be killed soon. Kashmir Inspector General of Police (IGP) Vijay Kumar said two of the four have been identified, and they are from Srinagar city. Kumar said one of the four militants ● More On P2

No Trade With India Until August 2019 Move Reversed: Pak

Press Trust Of India

ISLAMABAD: In a volte-face, Pakistan's Cabinet on Thursday rejected the proposal of a high-powered committee to import cotton and sugar from India, with Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi asserting that there can be no normalisation of ties until New Delhi reverses its decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

The somersault came a day after the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) under newly appointed Finance Minister Hammad Azhar on Wednesday decided to buy the two key items from India, lifting a



nearly two-year long ban on their import from the neighbouring country.

Qureshi said the issue of import of cotton and sugar from India was discussed during the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"An impression is ● More On P2

J&K Govt Allots 62 Acre Land To Hindu Board For Temple

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday approved a proposal to allot nearly 25 hectares of land on lease basis for a period of 40 years to the Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams (TTD) to build a temple and its allied infrastructures in the union territory.

The proposal was approved by the

Administrative Council (AC), which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha earlier in the day.

An official spokesperson said the leased nearly 25 hectares of land will also have a pilgrim amenities complex, a 'vedapatsala', a spiritual/meditation centre, an office, residential quarters and a parking area. In future, it will also have medical and educational facilities, he said. ● More On P2

20 Youth Held Over Badamwari Ruckus: Police

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested twenty youth involved in ruckus at a tourism department-organised musical event in Badamwari area of the city on Sunday.

According to a police spokesperson, a group of miscreants created ruckus on the stage when the demand of a song from a boy among the audience was not fulfilled immediately by the performing artists. He said that the musical event witnessed huge gathering of people including very large number of women and children.

Police, he said used maximum restraint to restore order as the use of any kind of force would have created a stampede like situation at the venue.

He further said that a case FIR No 11/2021 was registered at the police station Rainawari and during investigation ● More On P2

Jammu & Kashmir Excise Department (Kashmir Province)

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اب کی بار جو خشکاش اگائے گا

یہ ہمارا وعدہ ہے۔

محکمہ ایکسائیز، کشمیر



خشکاش (پوسٹ) کی کاشت قانوناً ایک سنگین جرم ہے۔ جس میں کاشت کار اور مالک زمین دونوں کو دس سے بیس سال کی قید اور ایک سے دو لاکھ روپے کا جرمانہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ پچھلے کئی سالوں سے محکمہ ایکسائیز لوگوں کو یہ تربیت و تئج کرتا آرہا ہے کہ اسکی کاشت سے اجتناب کریں مگر بد قسمتی سے کوئی زیادہ مثبت اثر ہونے کے بجائے ایسے کاشت کاروں کے حوصلے بڑھتے ہی جا رہے ہیں اسلئے محکمہ نے یہ فیصلہ کیا ہے کہ ایسے سماج دشمن عناصر کے ساتھ اب سختی سے پیش آنا لازمی ہے۔ چنانچہ اس بار جو بھی خشکاش (پوسٹ) کی فصل چھوٹے یا بڑے پیمانے پر اگائے گا وہ دس سے بیس سال کی قید اور ایک سے دو لاکھ روپے جرمانے تک کی سزا ضرور پائے گا تاکہ اس بدعت کو سماج سے مکمل طور ختم کیا جاسکے۔

اگر آپ کو کسی ایسے سماج دشمن عنصر کا پتہ چلے تو 7006130639 پر تفصیلات، WHATSAPP, SMS آپ کی شناخت خفیہ رکھی جائے گی۔ یا کال کر کے ذریعہ بھی کریں۔

41 Students, Six Staff Members Test Positive

At least 41 students and six staff members of different government and private schools tested positive for coronavirus in Kashmir on Monday. At least 44 individuals of three educational establishments tested COVID-19 ● More On P2