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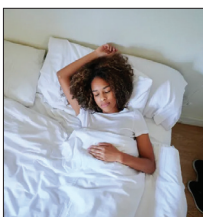
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With limited storage of dumping and treating the solid waste that gets generated in Srinagar, the area is producing...

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WANT TO REDUCE YOUR COVID-19 RISK? GET SOME MORE SLEEP

If there's one thing that's become clear as the pandemic has stretched on, it's that there's a lot to be explored in the relationship between COVID-19 and poor sleep. We already knew the two were linked. An analysis of sleep studies...



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OWNER MOVES COURT AS COPS REJECT VEHICLE PAPERS IN DIGITAL MODE

A private vehicle owner in Srinagar moved to court after police allegedly refused to accept his vehicle documents through the government-recognised mparivahan...



Quote!

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail
—Benjamin Franklin

NEWS DIGEST

Police Officer Arrested For Taking Bribe

SRINAGAR: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has on Friday arrested a Sub-inspector on allegations of him receiving bribe, while on duty, in Srigufwara police station in south-Kashmir's Anantnag district. In a statement issued here, the Bureau maintained that on receipt of a complaint alleging therein that a quarrel took place between complainant and a person who was the resident of village Dupathyar Anantnag - on this the non-complainant filed a complaint (applicant therein) against the applicant (complainant) herein with respect to ACB) in Police Station • More On P10

Travellers To Be Screened At Lakhanpur

JAMMU: Authorities in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday assigned duties to different departments to ensure proper evacuee management of travellers entering the Union Territory through Lakhanpur bordering Punjab. The move followed a surge in COVID-19 positive cases in the neighbouring states as well as in the Union Territory, which recorded five fresh fatalities and 517 new infections on Friday. The order issued by District Magistrate and • More On P10

Hangul Census To Begin Today

SRINAGAR: At least 350 people affiliated with NGOs, Civil Society and others are set to begin a fresh census-2021 of the endangered Hangul or Cervus canadensis Hangul from Saturday to know the exact population of the animal. Pertinently, in the last three consecutive surveys, conducted after every two years, the population of Hangul has shown a bit upward trend. In 2015, the population of (Kashmir Stag), Hangul was 186 while in 2017 and 2019, it was 197 and 237 respectively. The Department of Wildlife Protection is going to conduct • More On P10

3 Schools Closed Over Covid Fears

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Friday announced the closure of three educational institutions in north Kashmir's Baniptara district for the period of three days with effect from Friday as a precautionary measure in the wake of the Covid-19 positive contacts. An official said that as per the communication received from District Administration Baniptara, the schools including Higher Secondary School Gadkhud, High School Chewa and (IDPS) School Baniptara shall remain closed for three days as • More On P10

3 Militants Killed In Pulwama Encounter

Two Of Them Were Involved In Attack On BJP Leader's House: IGP



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Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Three militants, including two who were involved in an attack on a BJP leader's house here, were

killed in an encounter with security forces on Friday in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said. The encounter took place early in the morning • More On P10

Woman Among 8 Injured During Clashes

At least eight people, including a woman on Friday were injured during clashes between protesters and government forces near the encounter spot in Kakpora area of Pulwama district. According to reports, groups of youth hit the streets in Kakpora and clashed with the government forces when the encounter in the area was going on. The state forces, reports said, burst tear gas canisters and fired pellets towards the stone throwing youth in an attempt to • More On P10

VIP Security Cover Being Revamped: IGP

The Jammu and Kashmir Police is mulling revamping the security cover of leaders "vulnerable" to militant attacks along with fresh training to those guarding them in view recent militant incidents, a top official said on Friday. The remarks came a day after four militants attacked BJP leader Anwar Ahmad's residence in Nowgam here and a policeman, Rameez Raja, • More On P10

Hira Nagar Jail Turned Into 'Holding Centre' For Rohingyas

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory denotified Hira Nagar sub-jail as a prison last month before declaring it as a holding centre for lodging Rohingya refugees there.

Documents reveal that Home department of J&K issued a notification on March 5 to denotify Hira Nagar sub-jail as prison. "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of section 3 of the Prison Act, 1894(Act No. 9 of 1894), the Government hereby denotifies the structure(s) raised over land bearing Khasra No. 159 village



Dhangroli, Tehsil Hira Nagar, district Kathua as prison with immediate effect," reads the notification.

On the same day, another notification was issued by the Home department to declare the erstwhile jail as holding centre under • More On P10

ED ATTACHMENT CASE

HC Refuses Relief To Dr Farooq For Now

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has said that Enforcement Directorate's order, attaching National Conference President Farooq Abdullah properties in a case of alleged money laundering was just provisional and as such it does not consider it to be "an appropriate case to pass any interim order at this stage."

"In view of the facts and circumstances and looking to the fact that presently the petitioner (Farooq) has only been served with a show cause notice in which we are told 20th April, 2021 is the next date

fixed and the fact that the order of attachment is provisional in nature which is valid for a period of 180 days only, we do not consider it to be an appropriate case to pass any interim order at this stage particularly when the laundering of Rs 43.69 crores of the amount is not in dispute which in all fairness ought to be returned to the public body i.e., JKCA," said a bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mishra and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul. The court directed officials to file their counter affidavit to the Farooq's petition within a period of three weeks and also allowed one • More On P10

Panel Formed To Resolve Seniority Issues Of Employees

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor-led dispensation has on Friday granted assent to the constitution of a committee to resolve issues vis-à-vis seniority of employees appointed under Prime Minister's Special Package in different departments in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Administrative Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction will act as Chairman and Administrative Secretary, • More On P10

Barring Gulmarg, Mercury Up Elsewhere In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amid forecast for a wet spell next week, the night temperature hovered around below normal in Kashmir Valley with Gulmarg recording a low of minus 2.5 degree Celsius, weatherman said on Friday.

A meteorological department official said that the mercury settled at 4.8 degree Celsius against previous night's 4.4 degree Celsius in Srinagar. The temperature



was below 1.6 degree Celsius normal for this time of the year in the summer capital of J&K, the official said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 4.7 degree Celsius against 3.0 degree Celsius on the previous night. It was • More On P10

J&K Reports 517 New Cases, 5 Corona Deaths



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Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday breached 500 mark while five more people succumbed to the virus in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours, taking the fatality count since the outbreak of pandemic to 2003.

According to the officials, five more people lost battle with the

deadly disease, four among them from Kashmir Valley and one from Jammu division, taking the death toll to 2003-738 in Jammu region and 1266 in Kashmir.

The victims from Valley included an 80-year-old woman from Vailoo in Anantnag, a 50-year-old female from Bijbehara, a 90-year-old man from Lalbazar Srinagar and an 80-year-old female Ganderbal. • More On P10

DMs To Take Call On School Functioning

Amid a spike in Covid-19 cases in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory administration has asked district magistrates to • More On P10

Fast Track Vaccination In 4 Districts Soon

As coronavirus cases continue to shoot up rapidly, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday announced to carry out a fast-track vaccination drive four districts of the Union Territory showing maximum number of cases. This was announced by Chief Secretary, B V R Subrahmanyam in a high-level meeting of • More On P10

2014 FLOODS

Compensation Yet To Be Disbursed To Many Victims: CAG



Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Comptroller and Auditor (CAG) of India in its report revealed that a compensation amount of Rs 5.48 crore for 2014 flood victims is lying undisbursed while out of 58 DDOs eight

have communicated wrong details to the bank.

The information was shared by the Comptroller Auditor General (CAG) of India in its report stating that victims of the 2014 flash floods have not been compensated.

The CAG said • More On P10

Machine Supremacy Crippling Kashmir's Celebrated Golden Hands

Swati Joshi

When Shameem Magray was young he happily chose workshop over school. He along with his bunch of friends learned embroidery at his neighbor's house. Since then Magray has been working in this field and is a master of all hand-made embroidery techniques. "You tell me what you want and I will make it," says the confident artisan who has been in the field for 35 years. "It may take some time but the product will be everlasting." But while he put in a lot of hard work in the work, he only earns about Rs. 500 per day for



his 12-hour work.

Kashmir's embroidery popularly known as Kashida embroidery is one of the most

popular needleworks from the subcontinent.

Be it Pashmina shawls with exotic Sozni embroidery designs,

or the crewel embroidered curtain in Kashmiri houseboats, or the embroidered rugs or the chain stitch cushions, all these



embroideries techniques have been followed by Kashmiri people for a long time.

For summers, the base material

used for Kashida is light-colored wool or cotton cloth. It's a thick-black wool cloth for winters.

Birds, animals, trees, leaves, and many other motifs are embroidered with colorful threads and beads on the cloth by artisans.

Kashmir was ruled by different regimes for centuries, whose influence can be seen on Kashmiri textiles.

During 1420-70 AD, a paper by Deborah Emmet notes, Zain-ul-Abidin, the eighth sultan of Kashmir, brought shawl and carpet weavers to the valley from Turkestan and Samarkand respectively. It is believed that crewel and chain stitch embroidery was introduced in the

valley during his reign.

The world-famous Kashmiri Pashmina shawl industry came into existence in the late sixteenth-century under the rule of Mirza Haider Dughlat, claims the paper.

"A patron of the arts of Kashmir," the paper mentions, he [Dughlat] is said to have introduced the concept of using pashm from Ladakh to be woven into shawls by the expert craftsmen of Kashmir who had previously used sheep's wool."

Zamir Naqash, the owner of Naqash Design, deals with Sozni and crewel embroidery techniques for a long time. His father started the • More On P10