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SRINAGAR ADMIN SETS UP COVID VACCINATION CENTRES

In wake of rising Covid-19 cases, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Ali Jaz Tuesday took a comprehensive review of the COVID19 control and management measures...

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HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

World Health Day is celebrated annually on 7 April and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The theme for 2021 is "Building a fairer, healthier world"...



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IGNORED BY AUTHORITIES, BANDIPORA VILLAGERS SCRAMBLE TO CONSTRUCT ROAD

Owing to the lackadaisical approach of the administration, residents of Banilpora village in North Kashmir's Bandipora district have donated...



Widom Quote!

Fiction reveals truth that reality obscures.
—Jessamyn West

NEWS DIGEST

CASO Launched In Srinagar Outskirts

SRINAGAR: The government forces on Tuesday launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) in Gulab Bagh area of this capital city. A senior official said that CASO has been launched by the joint teams of police and CRPF in Shah-e-Hamdan Colony of Gulab Bagh area of the city outskirts.

"CASO is on and one or more militants are believed to be trapped in the area. No contact has been established yet," • More On P10

Missing Minor's Mutilated Body Found

SRINAGAR: A mutilated body of a missing minor boy was recovered on Tuesday in a forest area in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district. According to the reports, body parts of four-year-old Nazakat Hussain Khan were recovered on Tuesday afternoon in a forest area of Chowgam in Qazigund by a joint • More On P10

Three Landmines Destroyed In Samba

JAMMU: Three anti-personnel mines were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion by the Bomb Disposal Squad in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The mines, which have gathered rust indicating that they had remained buried for a very long time, were found by a local resident during excavation work adjoining his field in Dera village around 7.45 pm on Monday, a police official said. • More On P10

ACB Nabs Works Supervisor With Bribe

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested a works supervisor for allegedly demanding bribe from a contractor in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. Abdul Rehman Bhat, in-charge supervisor (Works), Block Development Office, Gund in Kangan was arrested by ACB after a case FIR No.08 of 2021, under section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered • More On P10

Unclaimed Bag Triggers Bomb Scare

JAMMU: A security alert on Monday was sounded in Rajouri after a bag, lying suspiciously near an army hospital in Rajouri district was recovered, officials said here. Officials said that a suspicious black coloured backpack was found lying near the main gate of General Hospital of army after which army troops of regiment dealing with town security and • More On P10

AMARNATH YATRA

LG Directs PWD To Complete Ongoing Projects On Twin Routes



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha on Tuesday directed the Public Works Department to complete on priority ongoing projects along the • More On P10

Portal For Infra Monitoring, Management

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday launched an online portal to facilitate e-management and monitoring of infrastructure, an official spokesperson said. • More On P10

Mookerjee's Kashmir Dream Realised: PM



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that his government has realised the dream of Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee by revoking special status of Jammu and Kashmir and integrating the erstwhile state with the country.

Addressing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members on party's 41st foundation day, Modi said that his party's mantra remains "Vyakti Se Bada Dal Aur Dal Se Bada Desh".

"This tradition continues to

this day. We fulfilled Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision (of one India) and scrapped Article 370 to give Kashmir the constitutional rights," he said.

He also lauded former Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and said that despite the fall of his government by just one vote, he did not compromise on party's principles and integrity.

PM Modi also lashed out at the BJP's rivals as he accused them of spreading "false narratives" over issues ranging from the farm laws to the citizenship law to trigger political instability in • More On P10

Only 'Immunised' Pilgrims Allowed In Makkah During Ramadan

AGENCIES

Saudi authorities said Monday only people immunised against Covid-19 will be allowed to perform the year-round umrah pilgrimage from the start of Ramadan, the holy fasting month for Muslims.

The hajj and umrah ministry said in a statement that three categories of people would be considered "immunised" — those who have received two doses of the vaccine, those administered a single dose at least 14 days prior, and people who have recovered from the infection.

Only those people will be eligible for permits to perform umrah, as well as to attend prayers in the Grand Mosque in the holy city of Mecca.

The policy would effectively "raise the operational capacity" of the Grand Mosque during Ramadan, it said, adding that the condition also applies for entry into the Prophet's Mosque in the holy city of Medina.

The ministry said the policy starts with Ramadan, which is due to begin later this month, but it was unclear how long it would last. It was also not clear whether • More On P10

Weather Conditions To Improve From Thursday: MeT

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The meteorological department said on Tuesday that the weather conditions will significantly improve from Thursday, even as it predicted erratic weather with intermittent light to moderate rain in plains or snow on higher reaches of J&K and Ladakh till • More On P10



Highway Closed For Traffic Today

Jammu-Srinagar highway, the vital surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world, shall remain closed on Wednesday in view of inclement weather predicted by the meteorological department, traffic police said Tuesday.

"Tomorrow on 07-04-2021, no vehicular • More On P10

Govt Places DDC Chairpersons At Par With Mayors

VCs Given Status Of Div Coms, IGPs

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday issued a fresh official protocol list putting the status of district development councils' chiefs at par with those of the mayors of the Jammu and Srinagar municipal corporations.

The J&K General Administration issued the new 'warrant of precedence' nearly a month after the newly elected members staged a protest over the issue of protocol and monthly honorarium.

Nearly a month ago, a delegation of agitators • More On P10

J&K Inks 456 MoUs For Potential Investment Of Rs 23000 Cr

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir has inked 456 memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with different companies to bring in investment worth Rs 23,152 crore.

Documents reveal that 456 MoUs amounting to Rs 23,152 crore have been signed by the J&K administration with potential • More On P10

KPDCL Assures Adequate Electricity During Ramadan

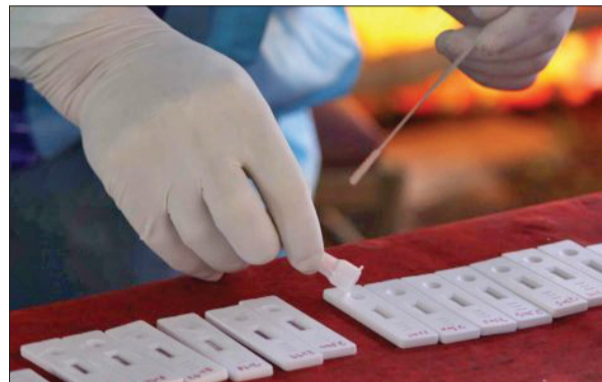
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SRINAGAR: As the winter power schedule continues in view of frequent wet spells across Kashmir, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Tuesday said that it will ensure adequate electricity in the month of Ramadan especially at Sehri and Iftari time.

"To ensure that the people will not suffer in the holy month of Ramadan, we have prepared plans for supplying adequate electricity at Sehri and Iftari time across the Valley," Mir Lateef, In Charge Chief Engineer KPDCL said.

"We had plans to come up with fresh power schedule, but the process got halted due to the frequent wet spells across Kashmir," he said, adding that the load has been increasing soon after it rains, thus the fresh schedule got • More On P10

J&K Reports 561 New Cases, 2 More Corona Deaths



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 561 fresh COVID-19 cases on Tuesday that took its tally to 1,34,015, while two more fatalities pushed the death toll to 2,012, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 384 were reported from the Kashmir division and 177

from the Jammu division, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 222, including 63 travellers, followed by 99 in Jammu and 54 in Baramulla, according to the officials.

Budgam, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Udhampur and Kathy were the other districts • More On P10

Govt Employees Asked To Get Vaccinated

The government on Tuesday asked all employees aged 45 or above to get vaccinated. "In view of the recent spike in COVID-19 infection cases across the Country and the Union territory

Indoor Sports Activities Suspended

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday ordered a temporary suspension of indoor sports activities in view of a surge in coronavirus cases in the Union territory in the last few weeks. An order issued by Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, Alok Kumar, • More On P10

Dr Farooq Getting Better, Says Omar

National Conference (NC) president and Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah, who is undergoing treatment for COVID-19 at SKIMS hospital here, is responding well to treatment and getting better, his son Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday. The 85-year-old NC president had tested positive for COVID-19 on March 30. After initially being in home isolation, he was shifted to the hospital on April 3 • More On P10

A Unique Initiative by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Block Diwas

on every Wednesday

at Locations Specified Below
Speedy disposal of public grievances
on spot at grassroots level.

All are invited to participate

Shri Manoj Sinha
Lieutenant Governor

District wise Locations for Block Diwas

01

Kupwara

› Kupwara
› Handwara
› Lolab
› Tangdhar

02

Bandipora

› Bandipora
› Bankoot
› Aloosa
› Sumbal

03

Shopian

› Shopian
› Zainapora

04

Pulwama

› Pulwama
› Pampore
› Tral

05

Kulgam

› Kulgam
› Davsar
› D.H. Pora

06

Srinagar

› Harwan
› Khunmoh
› Panzinar

07

Ganderbal

› Ganderbal
› Kangan
› Lar

08

Anantnag

› Anantnag
› Bijbehara
› Pahalgam
› Kokernag
› Dooru

09

Budgam

› Budgam
› Beerwah
› Khansahib
› Chadoora

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Baramulla

› Baramulla
› Sopore
› Pattan
› Tangmarg
› Uri

DC, SSP & District Level Officers to remain available by turn at every Location every Wednesday.
All Departmental functionaries to remain available for resolving grievances.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir