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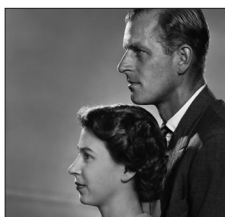
## DIV COM STRESSES ON TIMELY DEMARCATION OF ALL WETLANDS

The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Saturday chaired a meeting of concerned officers on conservation of wetlands in Kashmir.

THINK

## PRINCE PHILIP, THE MAN WHO WALKED TWO PAGES BEHIND THE QUEEN

In 1953, in the rustling, ermined silence of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey, the 31-year-old Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, removed his own coronet, knelt at the feet of the young woman he wed six years before...



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## WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE, FAMILY 'TORCHES' HER IN-LAWS HOUSE IN RAGE

The family of a woman, who hanged herself to death Saturday morning in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, allegedly set the house of her in-laws ablaze....



## Quote!

A fool is known by his speech; and a wise man by silence

—Pythagoras

## NEWS DIGEST

### Union Secretary Tourism Calls On LG

**SRINAGAR:** Secretary, Union Ministry of Tourism, Arvind Singh on Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan. Union Secretary and the LG discussed various initiatives being taken by the Tourism Department for development and enhancing tourism prospects in Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, observed that the UT Government is working on unlocking the vast tourism potential of J&K.

### Teacher Killed As Car Turns Turtle

**SRINAGAR:** A government teacher died on the spot after a car he was driving met with an accident near Mad Mod area of Tanghdar on Saturday evening. A vehicle – Alto K10 – (JK-09B-8560) turned turtle near Mad Mod, resulting in on-spot death of the driver, identified as Tanveer Ahmad Shiekh (38) son of Nazir Ahmad Shiekh, a resident of Chaterkote, Kupwara. The deceased, as per the official, was a government teacher at a local school at Tanghdar. A case has been taken up in this regard and further

### Two Arrested For ATM Burglary Bid

**JAMMU:** Two people were arrested on Saturday for allegedly attempting to loot an ATM in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, police said here. An FIR was registered on April 7 based on a complaint from a J&K Bank official that unidentified people had broken locks and entered the cabin of an ATM and damaged it in an attempt to commit burglary, the police said. No loss was, however, reported, the police said. An investigation was initiated and CCTV footage and other technical evidence were examined and several suspects rounded and

### 2 Killed After Bus Falls Into Gorge

**SRINAGAR:** Two persons were killed and three others injured after a bus, they were on board, fell into a 200-metre deep gorge at Gool Ramban area of Jammu division, reports said Saturday. A bus (JK-02T 4483) of Age-Patel company, working on USBRL Project, met with an accident on Friday evening, resulting in the on-spot death of two on-board workers besides causing injuries to three others. The deceased have been identified as Ranjit Singh son of Kishan Lal, a resident

## Militant Killed, Soldier Injured in Fresh Shopian Gunfight

14 Year-Old Militant Trapped At Encounter Site, Family Brought In To Seek His Surrender



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** An unidentified militant was killed and a soldier injured in an ongoing encounter in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Saturday, even as government forces and unknown militants are locked in another firefight in the neighbouring Anantnag

district of south Kashmir.

Special Operations Group (SOG) of police, army's 34 RR and CRPF personnel laid a siege around Hadipora area of Shopian on Saturday afternoon after receiving information about the presence of militants in an orchard, an official said. He said the search team came under fire

### 6 LeT Workers Held Over Sopore Attack: Police

Observer News Service

**P**olice on Saturday claimed to have busted a network of Lashkar-e-Taiba by arresting six alleged over-ground workers (OGWs) of the outfit involved in last month's militant attack

### Shahid Sent to Tribal Affairs, Batul Land Records



Observer Monitoring Desk

**SRINAGAR:** The government on Saturday ordered immediate effect transfer of Shahid Iqbal Choudhary (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth, holding additional charge of Mission Director, Skill Development Mission.

According to an order by the government, the 2009-batch IAS officer has been posted as Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department.

He has also been asked to hold the charge of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth and Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Rehana Batul (KAS), Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner, Survey and Land Records,

## Govt's Target To Train 5000 Young Professionals This Year: LG

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that the target of his administration was to develop and train 5000 young professionals this year, and equip them with the requisite skill sets of Financial Services Sector.

"Our aim is to bridge the gap between Rural & Urban pockets of J&K, and ensure that easy credit is accessible to all those interested



in starting their own business ventures," Sinha said, while addressing a day-long conference on "Education to

## India, China Agree To Avoid Confrontation Along LAC

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India and China have agreed at their 11th round of military talks to jointly maintain stability on the ground, and avoid any new incidents in eastern Ladakh.

A day after the talks, the Indian Army on Saturday said

the two sides agreed on the need to resolve the outstanding issues in an expeditious manner in accordance with the existing agreements and protocols.

"The two sides had a detailed exchange of views for the resolution of the remaining issues related to disengagement along the

## Rainfall Predicted In Kashmir From April 15

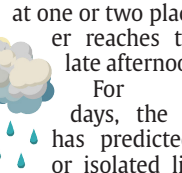
Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Weathermen on Saturday said that the dry weather with possibility of isolated or scattered light showers will continue for now and forecast fairly wide-spread rains on April 15 and 16 in Jammu and Kashmir.

For the next 24 hours, a meteorological department

official said that mainly dry weather is expected in J&K with very light rain or snow at one or two places on higher reaches towards the late afternoon.

For subsequent days, the MeT office has predicted scattered or isolated light rain or thundershowers or snow at some parts while "fairly widespread"



## Srinagar To Jammu Traffic On Highway Today

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The authorities will allow one-way traffic on Saturday on the strategic 274-km Srinagar-Jammu highway, officials said Saturday.

According to a traffic police spokesperson, subject to fair weather and good road condition, light motor vehicles shall be allowed from Srinagar towards Jammu

## 10,000 Surgeries Later, Specialist Eyeing For New Kashmir Landmark

Romaan Arora

Adjusting his phoropter with utmost care, a thoughtful appearing man in his late fifties is trying his best to comfort his visitor. The visitor, though with a little hesitancy, trusts his healer blindly.

"Look straight, and inform me when this blurred vision of yours become crystal clear," he says in a gentle voice.

This is the healing routine of Dr. Sameer Sood, a prominent eye-surgeon from Delhi who calls Kashmiris his brethren.

"I've a special bond with these people," Dr. Sood furnishes rhetorically. "You see, I can see their pain with these eyes. They're my family. I just can't leave them on the mercy of pathetic government hospitals."

As a senior super-specialist eye surgeon for the last 26 years, Dr. Sood visits Kashmir every month for only two days, in which he claims to check more than 100 people within the limited period of 48 hours.

His first such visit came in 2014 following the great floods. "I used to see hundreds of

patients from Kashmir in Delhi before 2014," the surgeon recalls.

"Therefore, I decided to facilitate the entire valley by coming here on a regular interval. They came to me specially and used to put huge efforts, time, and money to meet me. Such was their trust upon me."

His motivation was a simple yet hard-to-digest reality of life, to serve the majority of Kashmiris, as he knew they aren't privileged enough to afford a regular flight from the winter capital of J&K to the

political capital of India.

"I wanted to give these beautiful people world-class eye treatment in their neighbourhood. So you see, here I am, realising this dream."

A Delhiite by heart and upbringing, Sameer has a mini Kashmir fully grown in his hearts which he planted in his early childhood when he used to visit "the paradise" during his summer vacations.

"While most people go for material beauty, I am in love with the inhabitants of this heaven," he claims.

