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DIV COM STRESSES ON TIMELY

conservation of wetlands in Kashmir.

DEMARCATION OF ALL WETLANDS

The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang

K Pole on Saturday chaired a meeting of concerned officers on

PRINCE PHILIP, THE MAN WHO WALKED TWO PACES BEHIND THE OUEEN

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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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 ...



C Quote

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

-Pythagoras 77-

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. "Comprehensive
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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
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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

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
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olice on Saturday claimed to have **6 LeT Workers** busted a network of Lashker-e-Taiba **Held Over** by arresting six alleged over-ground Sopore workers (OGWs) of the outfit involved in Attack: Police last month's militant attack
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Shahid Sent to **Tribal Affairs, Batul** Land Records



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

5 More Areas

Notified

As Micro

Zones

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that the target of his administration was to develop and



Coronavirus Cases Cross 1000 Mark In J&K



Unfazed by the growing Covid-19 cases and in violation of SOPs, people sit around a fountain inside Srinagar's Tulip Garden on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

Deadly Infection Claims 6 More Lives **Press Trust Of India**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday saw its highest single-day spike this year as 1,005 24 hours took the toll to

Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said. As many as 154 travellers were among the fresh cases in the UT.

officials The said Srinagar district recorded the highest
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Test Positive

wo coaching centres in Srinagar were closed on Saturday after nine students tested positive for coronavirus. "On the directions of Chairman District Disaster Management Authority/
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SKIMS Cancels All

Sanctioned Leaves

Observer Monitoring Desk

s coronavirus cases breached 1000 mark in Jammu and Kash-Mir on Saturday, the Valley's pre-

mier healthcare facility SK Institute of

Medical Sciences (SKIMS) announced

Employees Write To LG

n view of rise in Covid-19 positive

at Civil Secretariat have sought work

schedule on "as is where is basis". In

their representation to Lt. Governor,

Manoj Sinha at least
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Two Tuition Centres

Shut After 9 Students

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Jammu and Kashmir, the employees

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Fear Stricken

AGENCIES

Tourism Ministry Plans 'Mega Event' In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

Saturday.

Srinagar.

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Tourism will organise a mega event to showcase the myriad tourism products of Jammu and Kashmir from April 11 to

13, an official statement said on

Potential of Kashmir: Another

Day in Paradise' will be held in

Jammu and Kashmir Lt

Governor Manoj Sinha and

Union Minister of State for

official said that mainly dry

weather is expected in I&K

with very light rain or snow

at one or two places on high-

The event titled 'Tapping the

Tourism and Culture Prahlad Singh Patel will address the delegates at the event.

"The ministry in association with the Tourism Department of Jammu and Kashmir, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) and the Indian Golf Tourism Association (IGTA), is organising the event to showcase the myriad tourism products of the Union Territory of J&K and promote tourism to and from the region. The ministry is keen to promote the region as a destination
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new COVID-19 positive division and 706 from 🚿 cases were recorded, taking the tally to 1,37,475, even as six fresh deaths due to the virus in the past

2,029, officials said. Out of the fresh cases, 299 were from Jammu

Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar on Saturday evening declared five more areas as Micro containment Zones in the district. The five Micro Containment Zones include Umarabad 90feet road umer Hair Bachpora Containment near masjid usman, Nowhsehra main stop near Hubbi masjid, Bhagat near Jamia Masjid, Batmaloo PCR near Jamia Masjid and National

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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
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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
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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,
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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

Press Trust Of India

A day

NEW DELHI: India and China

have agreed at their 11th round

of military talks to jointly

in

Indian Army on Saturday said

Ladakh.

after the talks, the

maintain stabil-

ity on the ground,

and avoid any

new incidents

eastern

India, China Agree To Avoid

Confrontation Along LAC

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

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need to resolve the outstanding

issues in an expeditious manner

in accordance with the existing

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agreements and protocols.

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exchange

Entrepreneurship" here at SKICC on Saturday The conference was orga-

nized by • Full Story on PS

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 widespread rains on April 15 and 16 in Jammu and Kashmir. For the next 24 hours, a meteorological department

er 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"
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Srinagar To **Jammu Traffic On Highway Today**

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SRINAGAR: The authorities will allow one-way traffic on Saturday on the strategic 274km 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

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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 vet 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.
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