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FOR SEVEN YEARS GOVT FAILS TO REPAIR DAMAGED WATER TANK IN HABBA KADAL

The Jal Shakti department (Public Health Engineering-PHE) has failed to repair a damaged water tank in Gadood Bagh area of Habba locality here with locals alleging that the ...

P5 THINK

NOT ABOUT HUNGER

The questions about Ramadan are always pretty much the same. First there is interest in how we observe the sacred month, which began this week. Then there is shock at how intense the requirement of fasting is: "Wait, so you fast all the way from before...."



P7 STATE

ANANTNAG BRICK KILNS DEFY GOVT ORDER, SELL BRICKS AT EXORBITANT PRICES

Last year the brick kiln owners hiked the prices of bricks by around 10000 Rupees citing the government's denial of permission to bring the labour from outside states....



Widom Quote!

There are no mistakes, only opportunities

—Tina Fey

2ND RAMAZAN

	Iftar TODAY	Sehri TOMMOROW
FIQAH HANAFIYA	07:06	04:32
FIQAH JAFARIYA	07:12	04:31

FD Seeks Details Of Projects Completed In Last Fiscal

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SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory has sought details of all the works / projects completed by the different departments in the last financial year.

The Finance department has written to all the administrative secretaries to submit the details of all works completed during the last fiscal under the capital expenditure budget along with the list of projects expected to be completed during the ongoing financial year.

In a letter dated April 8, 2021, Director General, Development Expenditure Division-11, Finance department has requested the departments to submit the requisite information by or before April 20.



The departments have been directed to submit details like name of the work with location, department/organization, executing agency, block/district, total expenditure incurred, project initiation year, date of completion and number of beneficiaries.

The exercise, according to the communiqué is aimed to compile and consolidate the list/details of all works/projects completed during the financial year 2020-21 under capex budget together with list of works/projects which are expected to be completed during 2021-22.

In the past two years, the Finance department headed by senior bureaucrat Arun Kumar Mehta has initiated a number of [More On P6](#)



Adhering to the government issued Covid-19 guidelines; devotees offer Zuhr prayers on the first day of Ramazan in Srinagar on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Indian Soldier Injured In LoC Firing

SRINAGAR: A soldier was injured in a firing incident along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, sources said Wednesday.

They said that army personnel manning "Anil Post", around 30-33 km from Kupwara, observed some suspicious movement last night prompting the sentry to fire some shots.

One army personnel identified as Jasvir Singh (46) was injured and removed to 92 Base Hospital Srinagar for treatment, the sources told news agency GNS.

It was not however known if the soldier sustained injuries due to fire by suspected infiltrators or due to mistaken firing.

Rs 50 Cr Worth Drugs Seized In Tangdhar



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SRINAGAR: The Army said on Wednesday it has foiled an attempt to smuggle narcotics into Tangdhar sector from Pakistan-controlled-Kashmir and seized contraband worth around Rs 50 crore.

"The Indian Army, BSF along with JKP foiled a narco smuggling attempt in forward areas of Tangdhar sector last night and recovered today 10 kg of narcotics estimated to be worth approximately Rs 50 crore," an army official said on Wednesday.

The official said this is the second busting of "Pakistan-sponsored narco-militant module" in the past one week. A 10-kilogram heroin consignment was recovered from the same general area a week ago in a joint operation, he said. "However, [More On P6](#)

NEWS DIGEST

Rape Accused Held After 9 Years: Police

JAMMU: A man on the run for the last nine years after registration of a rape-cum-abduction case against him in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district was arrested on Tuesday. The absconding accused Mohd Mushtaq was arrested from the Arnas area in the district on a specific tip-off, an official said. The case against Mushtaq was lodged at the Reasi police station, after the commission of the crime in 2012 but he never joined the [More On P6](#)

Lightning Kills Youth In Anantnag

SRINAGAR: A youth was killed when lightning struck a residential house in Ashmuqam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday. 25-year-old Junaid Shafi Wani was killed on the spot after lightning struck his house at Thokerpora village in Ashmuqam around 6:30pm Wednesday, a police official said.

Cardiac Arrest Kills Cop

SRINAGAR: An on duty policeman died after suffering a massive cardiac arrest in south Kashmir's Awan-tipora, reports said Wednesday. Aijaz Ahmad, a resident of Ladhoo in Pampore suffered a cardiac arrest during the Tuesday night at the District Police Lines (DPL) Awantipora, where he was posted, reports said. Ahmad, reports said, lost his battle with life before he could be removed to the hospital. [More On P6](#)

Youth Drowns In Kishanganga River

SRINAGAR: A youth died on Wednesday after falling into Kishanganga river in Gurez Valley of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. 20-year-old Muzamil Samoon, a resident of Khandyal lost control and slipped into Kishanganga river near Darwar area of Gurez on Wednesday, an official said. The youth, he said, was immediately rescued by the villagers and removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead on arrival. "After [More On P6](#)

Teen Vehicle Lifter Arrested

JAMMU: A 19-year-old vehicle lifter was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Wednesday in a theft case of motorcycles, police said. A case was registered after one Krishan Singh of Bhaga village in the district lodged a complaint that his motorcycles were stolen, they said. During the investigation, many suspects were rounded up and their questioning led to the recovery of vehicles from Khawas area of Rajouri district. The accused identified as Mohammad Mukeem (19) was later arrested, they said. Mukeem is a notorious and habitual offender against whom four [More On P6](#)

J&K Reports 5 Deaths, 1086 New Corona Cases



Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: With the growing number of tests, Coronavirus cases

are showing an upwards trend in Jammu and Kashmir as 1086 more people tested Covid-19 positive on Wednesday, while [More On P6](#)

1,84,372 New Cases India Sees Highest Daily Spike

The number of new coronavirus cases in India hit a record daily high with 1,84,372 infections pushing the total tally of cases to 1,38,73,825, while the active cases surpassed the 13-lakh mark, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday. The death toll increased to 1,72,085 with 1,027 new fatalities, the highest since October 18, 2020 the data updated at 8 am showed. Registering a steady increase for the 35th day in a row, the active cases have increased to [More On P6](#)

Modi More Likely To Respond With Military Force To Pak Provocations: US Intel Report



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WASHINGTON: India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is more likely than in the past to respond with military force to perceived or real Pakistani provocations, the US intelligence community has told

Congress in a report.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) in its Annual Threat Assessment report to the US Congress, said although a general war between India and Pakistan is unlikely, crises between the two are likely to become [More On P6](#)

Militant, 3 OGWs Held In Kulgam: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested a militant of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit and three over-ground workers (OGWs) in south-Kashmir's Kulgam district. An official said that the arrests were made during a joint naka laid by police alongside Army's 9 Rashtriya Rifles at Bogund of Kulgam. "The militant and the three OGWs were intercepted while travelling in a vehicle", the official said. Identifying the [More On P6](#)

No Let Up in Wet Weather

MeT Predicts Widespread Rains Across J&K

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SRINAGAR: The meteorological department on Wednesday predicted "widespread light to moderate rain, snow or thundershowers" for next few days across Jammu and Kashmir, even as night temperatures rose by several notches in the Valley.

The weatherman has forecast "widespread and fairly widespread" light to moderate rain, snow and

thundershowers from April 15 to 18. On April 19 and 20, the weatherman forecast isolated rains.

The weather office has also issued 'yellow warning for "isolated thunder/lightning with gusty wind 30-40 kmph" for both Jammu and Kashmir divisions from April 14 to 17.

There are four types of colour codes signifying the level of caution: green which means no action, yellow—situation to be watched), [More On P6](#)

Snow-Clearance On Zojila In Full Swing

The snow-clearance operation at the Zojila pass along the Srinagar-Leh national highway is in full swing and likely to be completed before next week, officials said on Wednesday. This year, the 434-km strategic highway linking Ladakh with Jammu and Kashmir was opened on February 28, much ahead of the schedule, after remaining closed for 58 days due to snowfall. This was the earliest reopening of the high-mountain [More On P6](#)

NHPC To Develop 850-MW Hydro Project On Chenab River

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NEW DELHI: State-owned hydropower giant NHPC will form a joint venture with Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDCL), "Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd", to implement a 850-mega-watt (MW) hydroelectric project in Chenab river basin.

"A promoter agreement was signed on April 13, 2021, between NHPC Ltd, JKSPDCL and the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," according to a BSE filing.

Under the pact, the parties have decided and agreed to jointly establish a company under the

name of "Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited" for the implementation of Ratle hydroelectric project. It will have an installed capacity of 850 MW in the Chenab river basin and any other project that may be entrusted to the company in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The joint venture (JV) shall be formed in the shareholding ratio of 51 per cent (NHPC Ltd) and 49 per cent (JKSPDCL).

According to the pact, the company shall have an authorised share capital of Rs 1,600 crore divided into 160 crore equity shares of the face value of Rs 10. The initial [More On P6](#)

Miscreants Poison Fish Farm, Farmer Loses Lakhs

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In an apparent case of enmity, a fish farmer in north Kashmir's Bandipora suffered a loss of lakhs of rupees after some miscreants allegedly poisoned his fish farm.

Aijaz Ahmed Mir, a resident of Nakhin Chitibandy area of Bandipora had set up a fish feeding farm two years back. His farm had nearly 20000 fish each weighing over a kilogram and Mir was expecting to sell the first produce of the farm this summer to earn his bread and butter, reports said.

However, before he could sell his produce and earn his living,



some unknown persons allegedly put some poisonous substance into his fish farm resulting in the death of huge number of fish besides causing huge financial losses to the owner.

Meanwhile, a police team from Aragam [More On P6](#)