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PREGNANT WOMEN MORE AFFECTED BY SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19: DAK

Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) Monday said that pregnant women should also be vaccinated on priority basis for Covid-19 as expecting mothers are now considered a high risk group....

P4 FATAL AMBITION

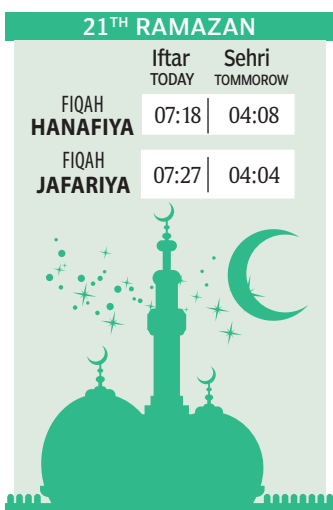
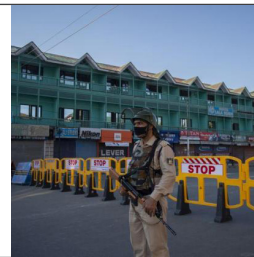
Now that the BJP has suffered a debacle in the West Bengal elections and is unable to form a government in the state, here are a few questions to ponder over. Were all the election rallies that led to a huge spike in corona cases, and even led to the death...



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AMID LOCKDOWN, SRINAGAR WITNESSES TRAFFIC SNARLS

Amid ongoing lockdown in view of the spike in Corona cases across Jammu and Kashmir, the roads in capital city Srinagar and other adjacent areas on Monday witnessed



NEWS DIGEST

Indo-Pak Troops Trade Fire

JAMMU: Pakistani Rangers violated the ceasefire by opening fire along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Monday, a senior BSF officer said. A BSF spokesman said this is first-ever ceasefire violation by Pakistan along the IB after the two countries signed a fresh agreement to maintain calm along the border. **More On P6**

LG Grooms Journalists On Press Freedom Day

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday greeted journalists on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day. The official Twitter handle of the Office of J&K LG quoted LG as saying that the media acts as a strong bridge between the government and people. "On the occasion of 'World Press Freedom Day, I extend my warm wishes to the journalist's fraternity. The media plays a catalytic role. **More On P6**

Moving Train Mows Down Labourer

SRINAGAR: A labourer was crushed to death on Monday after being hit by a running train in Kakpora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. 32-year-old Iqbal Majid Dar of Vailoo Kokernag was killed when a running train mowed him down near '44 point' in Kakapora on Monday, reports said. Dar, who was working as a labourer with IRCON, died on the spot. His body was handed over to his family after completion. **More On P6**

Driver Killed After Tractor Overturns

SRINAGAR: A tractor driver died on Monday after his vehicle overturned in Trehgam area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Jahangir Ahmad Malik (32) was critically injured on Monday when the tractor (JK-09A 3302) he was driving skidded off the road and overturned in Hayan (B) locality of Trehgam, reports said. The injured man was immediately evacuated to sub-district hospital Kupwara. However, he **More On P6**

J&K Hits New Grim Record Of 51 Deaths In 1 Day

3733 More Test Positive for Covid-19



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday 51 coronavirus related deaths, the highest single day fatalities so far, even as 3733 more people across the Union Territory tested positive for the deadly infection during

the last 24 hours.

Among the victims, officials said, thirty five were residents of Jammu division and the remaining 16 hailed from different parts of the Valley. Most of the victims who died of Covid-19 in Valley were residents of Srinagar city.

Among others, the victims included a 55-year-old man from Sanat Nagar, who died at JVC hospital, a day after he was admitted at the one of the facilities for the management of the covid-19 patients. Besides him, an 80-year-old man from Rawalpura was **More On P6**

LG For Speedy Vaccination, Contract Tracing



Observer News Service

As Jammu and Kashmir struggles to contain the spread of deadly coronavirus infection, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday

called for speeding up the vaccination drive, besides intensifying testing and contacts tracing across the Union Territory. Chairing a meeting with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police from across the UT, **More On P6**

Oxygen Supply And Demand To Be Audited

The Union Territory administration on Monday directed constitution of divisional level teams to conduct the audit of oxygen demand within two days and specify the requirement to meet the needs of patients in Covid and non facilities, besides private and army hospitals. Chairing a maiden meeting of the COVID Apex Management Group to review the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation and accordingly calibrate strategies for its control and mitigation, the **More On P6**

Life Remains Crippled For 4th Straight Day

J&K Likely To Receive Rainfall From Today: MeT

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir will witness another spell of isolated rainfall from Tuesday leading to the increase in precipitation in the coming days, the weather department said Monday. "Light to moderate rain/thundershower is expected at scattered to fairly widespread places during May 5 (afternoon) to 8. There's no forecast of any major rainfall till next 10 days," a MeT official said.

The weather system may lead to temporary disruption of traffic on Banihal-Ramban area mainly during May 6-8, the official said. The weather department has also issued 'yellow warning' for **More On P6**

3 Govt Officials Sacked For 'Anti-State' Activities

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SRINAGAR: Three government officials including an assistant professor were dismissed from service over alleged anti-state activities in Jammu and Kashmir, drawing strong criticism from PDP president Mehbooba Mufti who said the government has "misplaced priorities" during the pandemic.

It's the first such action after the administration formed a committee last

month that is empowered to look into allegations of involvement in anti-state activities against government employees and recommend dismissal.

The separate orders against Assistant Professor, Geography, Government Degree College, Women, Udhampur, Abdul Bari Naik, Naib Tehsildar, Pulwama II, Nazir Ahmad Wani and Teacher Government Middle School, Kralpora (Kupwara) Idrees Jan were uploaded by the General Administration Department (GAD) on its website on Monday. According to the identical orders, the dismissal of the three officials was directed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on April 30 under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of **More On P6**

Mehbooba, Bukhari Slam Sacking Spree



People's Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti and her political opponent Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari of J&K Apni Party on Monday criticised the government for sacking a government employee on alleged charges of his anti-national activities. PDP president Mehbooba said that government has misplaced priorities during the pandemic. She also posted a three-day-old letter of the General Administration Department **More On P6**

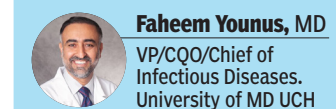
BJP Leader Faces Heat for Slamming Union Minister

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JAMMU: Senior Jammu and Kashmir BJP leader and former MLC Vikram Randhawa got a show cause notice by the party's disciplinary committee; hours after he levelled corruption charges against union minister Jitendra Singh. Randhawa has been asked to reply within two days along with any evidence to prove his claim.

Randhawa, who is the president of Stone Crusher Owners Association, levelled serious allegations of corruption against Singh's office in Jammu over the issue of mining policy and also threatened to immolate himself next week.

Singh's office in Jammu had also taken serious note of the allegations and set a deadline for **More On P6**



Why Wrong Treatments Are Still Being Used?

1. Patients and doctors psychologically feel better
2. Ppl falsely attribute their INCIDENTAL RECOVERY to these meds
3. Lack of education

Add Azithromycin, Favipiravir and plasma to the list below and know: these drugs DON'T work



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Testing negative on RT PCR / RAT does not mean no Covid. Please isolate yourself if you are having any symptoms and talk to a doctor. If possible check your oxygen saturation in case of other symptoms.



Dr. Syed Riyaz Ahmad, Emergency Medicine, Sheikh Khalifa General Hospital, UAE

It seems clinical inertia among physicians treating Covid patients in Kashmir is a contributory factor to rate of decline in recovery of such patients.

No defined and unified treatment protocols exist in hospitals and every physician is trying to treat by his own understanding of medicine, which is wrong practice and is not evidence based. Since Covid-19 is new medical entity with evolving knowledge there is no tailored management. However evidence based guidelines will definitely help and minimise harm.

If unified protocols are devised by responsible physicians at higher level and ensure strict trickle down mechanism, the rate of decline will definitely be checked.

Clinical inertia and lack of confidence in decision making among treating physicians is definitely contributing to this decline.

'Please Save My Father': Cries For ICU Beds Grow Louder

Aaqib Javed

One of the rattling visuals of the second wave of Covid in Kashmir came on the night of April 29 when a video of a young man pleading the SKIMS authorities to shift his father "struggling to breathe" to critical ward went viral on social media.

The young man along with his sister cried and begged for help—"Please save my father"—until a social-media storm finally reached the ears of SKIMS officials and patient Mohammad Maqbool Wani of Srinagar's Baghi Mehtab area was shifted to ICU (Intensive Care Unit) bed. "ICU bed is basically for

complete monitoring of a sick patient. It doesn't mean only ventilator, it means everything including a ventilator," Dr Nisarul Hassan, an influenza expert, told Kashmir Observer. "Most of the Covid-19 patients can't be on regular beds and need complete monitoring which is possible only in ICU."

However, hours after shifting to the ICU bed, Wani breathed his last.

"He could've been saved if shifted to ICU earlier," Waqar, the deceased person's son, told Kashmir Observer.

As no ICU was vacant in the hospital that night, some attendants present in the ward said the medical staff was so helpless



that "they were literally waiting for any patient on ICU bed to

die" so that the deceased man could've been shifted there.



"What can we do," a doctor expressing his helplessness told

Kashmir Observer. "We don't have any beds available at ICU."

Amid this critical care crisis, Wani's condition deteriorated and his oxygen level dipped to 40.

"The patient's condition panicked us all," said Junaid Ahmad, an attendant whose father was in the same ward. "We requested the authorities and doctors to shift the patient first to ICU. However, there was no response. The patient eventually died at 5:30 AM on April 30."

This incident happened hours after the government claimed that Jammu and Kashmir is one of the best places managing the current Covid situation.

Claiming there was no shortage of lifesaving drugs or medical oxygen in **More On P6**