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P5 STATE

165 OUT OF 348 COVID ICU BEDS OCCUPIED IN KASHMIR

In Kashmir, of 348 beds designated as COVID ICU beds, around 165 beds have been occupied already. A top health official said that 183 COVID ICU beds are still vacant in Kashmir division but the main four

P6 THINK

MAKING OUR ZAKAT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE

Zakat is one of the five basic tenets of Islam. Zakat means purity. Thus, this implies that a man purifies his yearly earnings by giving away one part of them in the path of God. This further implies that man



P3 CITY

MAYOR SMC SETS TARGETS FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation Junaid Azim Mattu Tuesday held a meeting with senior officers of the Corporation to review works pertaining to Sanitation...



Quote!

A time will come upon the people when one will not care how one gains one's money, legally or illegally.
—Hadith (Bukhari)

22 ND RAMAZAN		
	Iftar TODAY	Sehri TOMMOROW
FIQAH HANAFIYA	07:19	04:06
FIQAH JAFARIYA	07:28	04:02

NEWS DIGEST

Misfire During Wedding Sparks Protest

SRINAGAR: A cop allegedly fired with his service weapon in a marriage ceremony in Nowshera town of Rajouri after which the locals of the area staged a protest demonstration, demanding immediate action against the accused cop. Locals said that heated arguments took place between the cop and a local person during a marriage. [More On P10](#)

Separatist Ashraf Sehrai Hospitalised

SRINAGAR: Muhammed Ashraf Sehrai, chairman of Tehreek-e-Hurriyat was Tuesday shifted to GMC Jammu from Kot Bhalwal Jail after his health started deteriorating. His son said that Sehrai has been shifted from Kot Bhalwal Jail to GMC Jammu. "He was already suffering from many ailments. His health has worsened after his arrest," he said. Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai was booked under the Public Safety Act. [More On P10](#)

Man Killed In Kishtwar Road Accident

SRINAGAR: A man died while nine others were injured in a road accident near Hasti Sarthal area of Kishtwar district on Tuesday. A man was killed and nine others injured after a Tata Sumo bearing registration number JK17-1248, they were travelling in met met with an accident on Sarthal-Kishtwar road, officials said Tuesday. They identified the deceased as Chatur Ram (35) son of Jodh Ram, a resident of Trigam Kishtwar. [More On P10](#)

Ladakh Logs 89 Cases, 3 More Deaths

LEH: Ladakh's COVID-19 tally increased to 14,315 with 89 fresh cases while the death toll climbed to 148 as three more people succumbed to the disease, officials said on Tuesday. They said 85 fresh cases were reported from Leh and four from Kargil. Of the 148 deaths so far, 104 were reported from Leh and 44 from Kargil. According to the officials, the number of COVID-19 cases in [More On P10](#)

100 Kanals Of Land Identified For Firing Range

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The administration of Jammu & Kashmir has identified 100 kanals of land for its use as a small arms firing range by Army in Samba district of Jammu province.

The official documents reveal that alternate land measuring 100 kanals of land at village Deon (Parmandal), Bari Brahmana has been identified for establishment of small arms firing range. "Revenue documents have been prepared by Tehsildar concerned. A joint verification was also conducted by sub-divisional magistrate Vijaypur and Army authorities regarding suitability of FFR and the suitability report from the Army authorities has not been received so far," reads the documents.

According to minutes of a meeting chaired by divisional commissioner Jammu on March 27, it was decided that DC Samba alongwith local military authorities will visit Deon village for joint inspection. They will also [More On P10](#)

Covaxin vs Covishield - A Detailed Comparison

The second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination drive has already begun in India, and many people are still unaware of how the two vaccines - Covaxin and Covishield - are different from each other.

The second phase began on March 1, in which people over the age of 60 and those above 45 with associated comorbidities can take the life-saving shots.

Currently, the government hasn't allowed people to decide which vaccine they want to get, but the result of the first phase clearly suggests that both the vaccines being inoculated in India are safe and effective.

Well, we have compiled all the information to give you a better understanding of the formulation and every other detail about the vaccine you are going to get to stay safe from the Coronavirus. Have a look -

Developer

Covaxin has been developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech International Ltd in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Virology (NIV).

Covishield has been developed by the Oxford-AstraZeneca and is being manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII).

Type of Vaccine

Covaxin is an inactivated vaccine, which has been prepared on a tried and tested platform of dead viruses.

This vaccine is developed with Whole-Virion. [More On P10](#)



A CRPF man halting a motorcyclist during coronavirus imposed curbs in the Old City of Srinagar on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

4650 More Test Positive, 37 Succumb To Virus



Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus cases continue to show a massive surge in Jammu and Kashmir as 4650 more people tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday, highest ever single-day spike in infections so far, while the deadly infection claimed lives of 37 others across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, 25 people succumbed to the infection in Jammu division while 12 people died of virus at different hospitals in Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, raising the

overall fatality count since the outbreak of pandemic last year to 2458 in J&K.

About the fresh cases of infection, officials said, 3178 were reported from Kashmir Valley while 1463 from Jammu division, taking the number of people infected across J&K to 191869.

Providing district-wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported 1311 cases, Baramulla 352, Budgam 386, Pulwama 240, Kupwara 96, Anantnag 417, Bandipora 107, Ganderbal 31, Kulgam 162, Shopian 85, Jammu 598, Udhampur 220, Rajouri 205, Doda 81, [More On P10](#)

'Corona Curfew' Extended In 5 Districts Till May 10

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday extended 'corona curfew' till May 10 in five districts of J&K including Srinagar and Jammu. "In view of the trend in COVID positive cases, the positivity rate and the cases per million, the Corona Curfew in the 4 districts of Srinagar, Baramulla, Budgam and Jammu which is there till 7 am on Thursday, 6 May 2021, will stand extended till 6 am on Monday, 10 May 2021," government said in a tweet. "In addition, Samba district will also be under Corona Curfew from 7 pm on Wednesday 5 May 2021 till 7 am on Monday, 10 May 2021." The government had on Saturday announced [More On P10](#)

143 People Arrested For Flouting Rules

Police have arrested 143 people in the Kashmir valley in a span of 24 hours for violating lockdown guidelines issued by the administration to curb COVID-19, officials said on Tuesday. They said vehicles were seized as well for flouting the norms in Budgam and Bandipora districts. "During the last 24 hours, police have arrested 143 people, lodged 79 FIRs and also realised fines to the tune of Rs 84,930 from 620 people for violating the guidelines throughout Kashmir valley," an official said. Since the outbreak of the second wave of the coronavirus, the J&K Police has enhanced its efforts to [More On P6](#)

Covid Hospital To Be Ready By Next Month: Govt

125 ICU Beds In 500 Bedded Corona Hospital In Budgam: Pole

The Jammu and Kashmir government said on Saturday that 125 beds will be used as intensive care units (ICUs) in the DRDO's under construction 500-bedded Covid hospital in Budgam district slated to be completed next month. The remarks in this regard were made by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, who visited Reshipora village of Budgam district on Tuesday to take stock of ongoing construction. [More On P6](#)

Now Oxygen Cylinders Only After Registration

J&K administration has begun rationing medical oxygen and made it mandatory for anyone seeking an oxygen cylinder to register first with Covid Control Room set up at the Divisional Commissioners Office in Srinagar. "To ensure and facilitate that Oxygen is available to patients genuinely needing it, the government has decided that refilled cylinders will be provided to them after furnishing requisite prescription from a doctor to the control room set up at Director Industries Jammu or Divisional Commissioner COVID control room Kashmir", a government spokesperson told Kashmir Observer. [More On P10](#)



Dr Irfan Ahmad
DM Cardiology, Consultant Cardiologist GMC, SMHS Hospital

It is a Tsunami of COVID. SKIMS, CD hospital, JLN all are full, SMHS beds are getting exhausted at a rapid pace, there is an urgent need of opening make shift COVID hospital in Haj House or taking over private hospitals

Dr Tariq Trambo
MD, Critical Care, FIPP, Chairman Spine loop International USA

General information: While there are anti-inflammatory drugs that reduce the risk of death from Covid-19, such as dexamethasone, they are only given to people hospitalised with severe Covid. As of now we have NO antivirals or antibiotics against Covid.

Dr Mohsin Bin Mushtaq Shah
Internal Medicine, GMC Srinagar and Associated Hospitals

If you are having any active symptoms like fever, cold, cough or breathlessness, please delay the vaccination and take opinion of a physician first.

Jagmohan Dead At 93

J&K Declares 3 Day Mourning

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Former Union minister and Jammu and Kashmir governor Jagmohan passed away following a spell of illness. He was 93.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tributes to Jagmohan and described him as an exemplary administrator and devoted politician. He passed away on Monday.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced three days of state mourning from Tuesday to Thursday on the demise of the former governor.

"Saddened to hear about the demise of Shri Jagmohan Ji, former governor of J&K. He was a great visionary, dynamic and effective administrator. Jagmohan Ji [More On P10](#)

ENCOUNTER IN SOPORE

Youth Who Joined Militant Ranks 4 Days Back Killed

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A four day old militant and his associate were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday, police said.

The government forces had launched a cordon-and-search operation at Nathipora in the Bomai area of Sopore after receiving information about the presence of some militants there, a police official said.

As the forces were conducting the searches, the militants fired upon them. The forces retaliated, and in the ensuing encounter, two militants were killed,



the official said.

He added that searches were going on in the area.

According to a police spokesperson, the two militants were associated with. [More On P10](#)

Cong, NC Gun For MoS Jitendra Singh's Resignation

Agences

JAMMU: Several mainstream parties, including National Conference, Apni Party and the Jammu and Kashmir unit of Congress on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Union minister Jitendra Singh and a high-level probe into allegations of corruption levelled against him by BJP leader and former MLC Vikram Randhawa.

J-K BJP secretary Randhawa, who is the president of Stone Crusher Owners Association, has levelled serious allegations against Singh's office in Jammu over the issue of mining policy



and also threatened to immolate himself. The party's disciplinary committee served Randhawa a show-cause notice, hours after he went public against Singh. [More On P10](#)

Govt Forms 4-Member Panel To Check Illegal Mining Activities

Agencies

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Government has on Tuesday constituted a four-member panel mandating it to carry an in-depth examination of alleged illegal activities and operations of stone crusher units in and around river Tawi in contravention to the directions of Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

The Committee as per an order would be presided over by O.P Bhagat, Director Geology and Mining, J&K as Chairman alongside R.C Kotwal, Director Finance I&C with additional charge of Mining Department; Romesh Gandotra, Assistant

Mining Engineer as members and Dr. Raj Kumar, In-charge Deputy Director, Geology and Mining as Member Secretary.

The Committee as mandated by the order would be examining the issue of operation of crusher units in Tawi River since 2018 and to look into measures taken to curb illegal mining in Tawi river in compliance of Hon'ble High Court's Order.

The Committee would suggest measures to curb all malpractices with respect of mining and processing of river bed material from Tawi River and also to suggest measures for allowing regulated. [More On P10](#)