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## GOVT OKAYS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH COURT IN BEMINA

Authorities have granted sanction to the construction of new Jammu and Kashmir High Court – for Kashmir Division – at Rakhi Gund Aksha in City suburbs at Bemina – at an estimated cost of 908.2 Crores...

THINK

P4 ISRAEL, AN APARTHEID STATE

On April 27, the leading international NGO Human Rights Watch (HRW) issued a 213-page report, titled "A Threshold Crossed", condemning Israel for "committing the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution against Palestinians" in the



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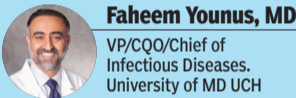
## PRIVATE TRAFFIC BACK ON CITY ROADS EVEN AS CORONA LOCKDOWN CONTINUES

City roads on Wednesday witnessed a brisk movement of traffic even as the corona lockdown continued for the sixth straight day in Jammu and Kashmir. The lockdown was ...



**23RD RAMAZAN**

	Iftar TODAY	Sehri TOMMOROW
FIQAH HANAFIYA	07:20	04:05
FIQAH JAFARIYA	07:29	04:01



**Faheem Younus, MD**  
VP/COO/Chief of Infectious Diseases, University of MD UCH

### India: What to Do?

1. Fight disinformation. AGGRESSIVELY
  2. Increase vaccinations to >7 M/d (2.5 M/d currently)
  3. Increase genomic sequencing to 3-5% (<1% currently)
  4. Mask up. Limit/stop indoor & mass gatherings
- If done today, results may appear in 2-4 weeks  
Persevere!



**Dr. Arvinder Singh Soin**  
Group Chairman, Liver Transplantation, Medanta Hospital

Seeing a lot of confusion amongst those with previous infection & 1 dose done. Remember there is NO scientific evidence yet showing that previous COVID + 1 dose of Covishield/ Covaxin confers full (2 dose) protection.

ONE is better the NONE. And TWO is better than ONE.



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

Took pictures of different masks today. More than 75% of people are not wearing proper mask. This is alarming. Ban them immediately. I repeat, these fancy cloth masks will not save you from Covid unless you wear a surgical mask under it. You will get infected easily. #CovidIndia

## ...Corona Horror In Kashmir

# 52 Deaths, 4716 Fresh Cases Reported In 24 Hours



Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday reported 52 coronavirus related deaths, the highest ever single-day spike so far, even as 4716 fresh cases

of infection were reported across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, 28 more people succumbed to the virus in Jammu division and 24 others at different healthcare facilities

in Kashmir Valley, raising the fatality count since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K last year to 2510.

Among the victims from Valley, officials said, included an 85-year-old man from Shivpora ● [More On P6](#)

## CURBS FREEZE LIFE, HOSPITALS DEFER SURGERIES

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Normal life remained affected in many areas in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday with the imposition of the lockdown in the wake of an alarming surge in coronavirus cases, officials said.

"Restrictions on the movement and assembly of people continued to remain imposed in many districts of the UT in the wake of the lockdown announced by the government," the officials said.

They said while curfew was in place across the Kashmir valley and in Jammu district, restrictions on the assembly of people were also imposed in many areas of the Jammu division.

Security forces put barricades on roads at many places here as well as in other district headquarters of the valley to prevent ● [More On P6](#)

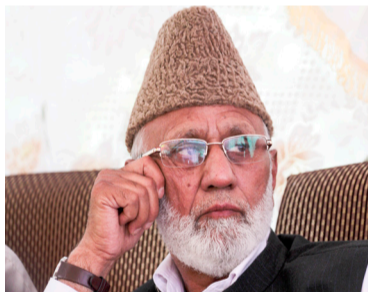
## Jailed Hurriyat Leader Ashraf Sehrai Passes Away

Press Trust of India

**SRINAGAR:** Prominent Hurriyat leader Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai, who was arrested under the Public Safety Act in July last year, died of COVID-19 at a hospital in Jammu on Wednesday, officials said.

The body of Sehrai, 77, was handed over to his family on Wednesday evening and taken in a police escort to Kupwara in north Kashmir, at least 350 km from Jammu, where he would be buried at his ancestral graveyard in accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines.

A close confidant of former Hurriyat Conference Chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Sehrai was incarcerated at the district jail in Udhampur. He was shifted to Jammu's Government Medical College (GMC) hospital after



his health deteriorated on Tuesday, the officials said.

Sehrai, who replaced Geelani as chairperson of the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat in 2018, had tested negative for COVID-19 in the rapid antigen test but later his RTPCR report in the evening showed him ● [More On P6](#)

### Shahid's Daughters Write To HM, Seek His Release

The daughters of detained moderate Hurriyat leader Aftab Hilali, popularly known as Shahid-ul-Islam, on Wednesday wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking his intervention for the release of their "ailing father" from Tihar jail. Hilali was arrested in connection with a militant funding case by the National Investigation ● [More On P6](#)

## UNGA President Calls For Peaceful Resolution Of Kashmir Issue

Press Trust Of India

**UNITED NATIONS:** President of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkir has encouraged India and Pakistan to resolve the issue of Kashmir "through peaceful means" and said that he supports dialogue and diplomacy, recalling the 1972 Simla Agreement between the two countries.

Bozkir, in response to a question on Kashmir during a press conference here on Tuesday, said that the position of the United Nations on Jammu and Kashmir is governed by the UN Charter and applicable Security Council resolutions.

"I also recall India and Pakistan's Simla Agreement of 1972, which states that the final ● [More On P6](#)

## Shabir Shah Moves Delhi Court Seeking Bail

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Wednesday asked the ED for reply on a bail plea filed by Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Shah who claimed that there was no likelihood of the trial being completed any time soon in the money laundering case due to the current pandemic situation. Shah was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on July 25, 2017 and since then he is in custody.

Special Judge Dharmender Rana issued notice to the agency and sought its response by May 24, when he will next hear the matter.

Shah's advocate M S Khan said the maximum punishment prescribed for the offence of money laundering was seven years, and that he has already spent more ● [More On P6](#)

## Trouble Grows For Ex-BJP Leader Lal Singh

### CBI likely to Charge Singh's Wife, Officials In Land Grab Case

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The CBI is likely to name the wife of a former BJP leader and revenue officers in a charge sheet to be filed in a case related to encroachment of a huge tract of government land for running an educational trust, officials said here on Wednesday.

The agency has already sent a letter to the Jammu and Kashmir Revenue Department seeking sanction to prosecute one of their officers in connection with the case, they said.

The CBI has also set in motion the process to file a charge sheet against the chairperson of R B Educational Trust, the wife of a former BJP leader Lal Singh who was also quizzed in connection with the probe, the officials said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) ● [More On P6](#)

## LG Orders Vaccination On 'War Footing'

Directs To Raise 1050 Beds With Oxygen Support Within A Week



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Taking a serious note of the emerging coronavirus situation, the Jammu and Kashmir administration

on Wednesday directed the officials to undertake vaccination drive on war footing besides increasing 1050 beds with oxygen support within a week ● [More On P6](#)

## 5 KAS Officers Deployed In Hospitals

**F**ive Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) officers have been deployed on special duty in different hospitals in Jammu and Srinagar for assisting in coronavirus mitigation efforts, an official order said on Wednesday. The order, issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), said the deployment has been made in the interest of the administration. The five KAS officers have been deployed on special duty for assisting the administrations of Government Medical Colleges (GMCs), ● [More On P6](#)



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**Shri Manoj Sinha**  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J & K

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