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'BUSES CAN WAIT, NOT OUR DUES': CITY TRANSPORTERS FROWN OVER NEW FLEET

Srinagar Regional Transport Corporation (SRTC)'s move to add new fleet to its yard has left "unpaid, underpaid and undervalued" employees embittered. The troubled transporters are expressing

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VIOLATION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE RULES 2016

J&K Pollution Control Board (PCB) which has now been named as J&K Pollution Control Committee (PCC) a few months back imposed a huge penalty on Municipal Council (MC) Bandipora....



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COVID-19: LG DIRECTS FOR HIRING ADDITIONAL PARAMEDICAL STAFF

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Sunday visited Government Medical College, Jammu to review Covid clinical management measures being undertaken by the Hospital...



Quote!

Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.

—Roy T. Bennett

NEWS DIGEST

IED Detected, Defused In Shopian: Police

SRINAGAR: State forces detected and neutralised an improvised explosive device (IED) on Sunday following inputs about a militant attack in south Kashmir's Shopian district, police said. They had inputs about the attack and the IED was recovered after intense searches were launched this morning. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Shopian, Amrit Pal Singh said. The IED was "detected and neutralised between Sujan and Turkhwan-gam (areas in Shopian)

Man Critical After Attack By Bears

SRINAGAR: A man was attacked and seriously injured by two wild bears on Sunday in Haril area of Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. 36-year-old Saif-ud-Din Khatana was attacked by two bears outside his home in Monabal village of Haril in Handwara on Sunday afternoon, reports said. The cries of Khatana alerted the villagers who rushed to the spot and chased away the beasts

KU Prof GM Bhat Dies Of Covid-19

SRINAGAR: Kashmir University's senior professor and Head of Department (HoD) of Department of Electronics, Professor Ghulam Mohiudin Bhat on Sunday passed away due to Covid-19 complications. Prof. Bhat succumbed to the virus at JLNH hospital where he was admitted for some time, officials said. He had earlier served as Dean and Director of Engineering College at Zakura Campus of Kashmir University. A resident of Chewa Safapora in Ganderbal district,

Corona Curfew Extended In Ladakh

LEH: The curfew imposed in Ladakh to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended by another week till May 24, officials said on Sunday. The extension of the curfew, which was scheduled to end on May 17, was ordered by the district magistrates of Leh and Kargil in separate orders, they said. As of Sunday, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally stands at 16,333 and the

2 Held For Trying To Smuggle Polythene Bags

JAMMU: Two Punjab residents were taken into custody on Sunday for trying to smuggle 16 quintals of banned polythene bags in a mini-load carrier in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The Jammu-bound vehicle loaded with potatoes was stopped and searched by a police party at Tappal near Ghagwal on Jammu-Pathankot highway, resulting in the seizure of 64 sacks of polythene bags ● [More On P6](#)

Pakistani Drone Spotted Along IB

JAMMU: A suspected Pakistani drone was seen hovering along the International Border (IB) here, prompting security forces to launch a massive search operation to check if it had dropped anything inside the Indian territory, officials said on Sunday. However, nothing suspicious was found during the search operation, they said. This comes two days after a Pakistani drone dropped an AK-47 rifle, a pistol and some ammunition along the IB in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir. The suspected Pakistani drone was seen hovering in Kanachak sector here late on Saturday night. Some residents saw a streak of yellow light in the skies ● [More On P6](#)

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'Where're Vaccines': Kashmiris Decry Dose Shortage

Auqib Javed

SRINAGAR: For over a fortnight now, Arshid Meraj is trying everything to get his sixty-plus parents vaccinated in different health centres of Srinagar. But whenever he risks his life on the curfewed and covid plagued streets, the designated infirmaries in the summer capital send him away saying, "We've run out of stock." This dearth



of Covid antidote is being reported when Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha has already set the 10-day deadline to get 45-plus people

vaccinated in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. "It's becoming frustrating now," Arshid, sounding

anxious, said.

"On one hand, this government is pressing alarm bells over this viral situation and putting the entire population under curfew, and on the other hand they're keeping hospitals devoid of this critical dose at this crucial juncture."

Even the so-called 'doctor contacts' are hardly working now, continued Arshid, a medical representative by profession.

"I contacted most of my doctor friends in Srinagar, but even they aren't able to do anything due to dearth of vaccines in the hospitals right now."

This concern is already being debated in the ● [More On P6](#)



J&K Govt Fully Prepared To Fight Coronavirus: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is fully prepared in the fight against coronavirus, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday, as he lauded the efforts of frontline and healthcare workers in helping to combat the pandemic.

Sinha was speaking during 'Awaam ki Awaaz', a radio programme aimed at making the process of governance more participatory and people-centric by giving a platform to the public to share their suggestions and views.

The Lt Governor dedicated the second run of the radio programme to 'corona warriors' and expressed his gratitude towards them for putting their lives at



risk for the service of the people.

While sharing suggestions received to strengthen the infrastructure, Sinha said the UT administration is fully prepared in the fight against the pandemic.

In the last six months, J-K administration has strengthened health infrastructure across the UT. He have added 26 new oxygen generation plants. Fourteen more plants will ● [More On P6](#)

59 More Deaths, 4141 Fresh Cases In J&K

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 4141 fresh covid-19 cases while 59 persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours, officials said on Sunday.

They said that 1690 of the fresh cases were reported from Jammu Division and 2451 from Kashmir Valley, taking the total count to 244608.

Regarding the COVID-19 deaths, they said that 31 were reported from Jammu Division and 28 from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall toll to 3149.

Providing district-wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported 831 cases, Baramulla 252, Budgam 320, Pulwama 177, Kupwara 148, Anantnag 199, Bandipora 89, Ganderbal 152, Kulgam 228, Shopian 55, Jammu 625, Udhampur 192, Rajouri 237, Doda 77, Kathua 186, Samba 145, Kishtwar 41 Poonch 106, Ramban 65, and Reasi 16.

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20K Covid Care Centre Beds Being Activated: Govt

As many as 20,000 COVID care centre (CCC) beds are being activated across Jammu and Kashmir for admitting coronavirus positive patients with no or mild symptoms and cannot do home isolation, an official order said on Sunday. The order, issued by chief secretary B V R Subrahmanyam, said the CCCs would be opened closer to rural areas in all the 20 districts with 1,000 beds each. Health Department will work out the feasibility of providing some of these CCC beds with oxygen support, Subrahmanyam, who is also chairperson of ● [More On P6](#)

Life Remains Crippled On Day 18

The lockdown imposed in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of an alarming surge in coronavirus cases entered the 18th day on Sunday as the normal life remained affected in most areas of the union territory, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration had on Saturday extended the lockdown till May 24. The officials said restrictions on the movement and assembly of people continued to remain in force on Sunday, though the curbs were not strict. Markets remained shut and public transport ● [More On P6](#)

Train Services Suspended Till May 24

Railway authorities on Sunday extended till May 24 the suspension of train services from Banihal to Baramulla and vice versa. Official sources said that railway authorities have conveyed the decision to the field agencies. On May 10, the authorities suspended the services in view of the covid-19 situation in Kashmir Valley and as per the guidelines and SOPs issued by the government. The decision had followed huge rush of passengers at stations amid continuing increase in the number Covid cases. ● [More On P6](#)

BJP Leader Performs 'Havan' To Ward Off Corona

The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir vice president Yuvraj Sethi performed a 'havan' to "ward off" the coronavirus, a party spokesman said Sunday. The fire ritual was performed following all COVID-19-related guidelines, the spokesman said, adding that Sethi was joined by party colleagues Anil Masoom, Ajit Yogi, Parveen Kemi, Pawan Sharma, Roshan Lal Sharma and Satish Kumar. Sethi said he has full faith that the 'havan' will help eliminate the disease, which has infected over 2,40,000 people and claimed more than 3,000 lives in the Union Territory ● [More On P6](#)

93% Deaths In J&K Among Unvaccinated People: CS



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam on Sunday said 93 percent of the reported COVID-19 fatalities in the past one month occurred in unvaccinated people in the union territory.

He said 49.37 percent fatality was recorded in COVID-19 patients who ignored initial symptoms, delayed taking the test, or reached hospitals in critical conditions at later stages. s per the analysis of COVID mortality carried out by J-K National Health Mission

(NHM) between April 15 and May 12, which accounted for a total of 495 deaths in Jammu division and 311 deaths in Kashmir province, 93 percent of the deceased were unvaccinated, while rest of the seven percent were partially vaccinated. Reviewing the public health response to COVID-19 amid the surging cases at a meeting here, the chief secretary directed ramping up of COVID care facilities and speedy vaccination of target groups. He also directed district administrations to utilise full testing ● [More On P6](#)

Pro-Palestine Demos: Mural Artist, 16 Others Set Free After 'Counselling'

Ajaz Ali

Srinagar: Police on Sunday released 17 youth, including an artist who had drawn graffiti on a platform showing a sobbing woman with her head covered with Palestine's flag, two days after being arrested over pro-Palestine protests in several parts of the Valley against the Israeli aggression in Gaza strip.

In a statement issued to media here on Sunday, a police spokesperson said that after counselling, 17 boys were handed over to their families by police in its endeavour to strengthen the bond between police and public and to "bring teenagers back into the mainstream".

"SSP Srinagar Sandeep Chaudhary-IPS today held

counselling cum interaction meeting with the family members of misguided youth," he said, adding that

SP South, Sajjad Shah and SP North Srinagar Mubashir Bukhari and other officers of the Srinagar district were also present on the occasion.

The police spokesperson said that during the counselling, family members of the boys were advised to take proper care of their wards and keep a watch upon their activities, actions and behaviour.

"The youth were properly counselled and advised to focus on their studies, professional work and utilize their energy in positive direction," he said.

"The family members and the youth duly appreciated this

endeavour and acknowledged their role of responsible citizens. The parents assured that they will guide their children towards positive direction so that they could not get engaged in such activities which can lead to spread of infection," he added.

The police spokesperson further said that the youth were arrested for participating in protests in violation of Section 51 of DM Act during Corona Curfew.

Meanwhile, a senior police officer told Kashmir Observer on Sunday that 30-year-old Mudassir Gul, a professional artist was among the youth released on Sunday.

Gul, a resident of Padshahi Bagh locality of this capital city was arrested on Friday night for drawing graffiti ● [More On P6](#)

Mehbooba Questions Arrest Of Anti-Israel Protesters

DP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday criticised the arrest of people for holding protests against Israel over the Middle-East conflict during a corona curfew in the Union Territory. People all over the world are protesting against the atrocities committed by Israel on Palestine. But in Kashmir it's a punishable offence where an artist is booked under PSA & a preacher is arrested simply for expressing solidarity ● [More On P6](#)

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States, UTs To Get 51 Lakh Doses In 3 Days: GoI

More than 1.84 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses are still available with states and UTs, while nearly 51 lakh doses are in the pipeline and will be received by them within the next three days, the Union Health Ministry said on Sunday. The Centre has so far provided more than 20 crore vaccine doses (20,28,09,250) ● [More On P6](#)

9000 Vaccinated In Jammu, None In Kashmir

Firdaus Ali

A day after Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha set a 10-day deadline for 100% vaccination of people above 45 years in Jammu and Kashmir, not a single person received vaccine jabs in Kashmir Valley while 9000 people were vaccinated in the winter capital on Sunday. ● [More On P6](#)



Dr. Faheem Younus
VP/ CQO/ Chief of Infectious Diseases University of MD UCH

Any SINGLE symptom should make you think COVID. Cough or fever or shortness of breath or body aches or loss of smell/taste

Don't wait for ALL symptoms. Get tested and isolate for 10 days

Don't delay or dismiss. You'll end up spreading it to others. When in doubt, get tested



Dr. Iqbal Saleem
Professor of Surgery, GMC

A result oriented lock down would mean breaking the chain of transmission of the virus. The time would be judiciously used for upgrading the available medical facilities especially oxygen. The vital cog in the wheel would have been vaccinating people at risk...??? Have we done it



Dr. Shah Nawaz B. Kaloo
Consultant Interventional Radiology, Liver Cancer Interventions, Max Hospital

Vaccine
If you didn't do it yet, do it now!
Tell your family & friends too.
#COVIDSecondWave

Sehrai's Sons Not Booked Under PSA: Police

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police Sunday said that both sons of deceased Tehreek-e-Hurriyat chief Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai and four others have been arrested for raising anti-national slogans during Sehrai's funeral at Tikipora, Kupwara.

"Both sons of Late Sehrai & 4 others have been #arrested for raising #antinationl slogans during funeral. But, they haven't been booked under PSA. Plz don't spread #rumour," Jammu and Kashmir police tweeted.

Earlier, there were media reports that Sehrai's both sons have been slapped with PSA. Police, however, clarified that the duo haven't been booked under PSA.