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500 BEDDED HOSPITAL COMING UP IN SRINAGAR, TO BE MADE OPERATIONAL BY MAY 30

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad Monday said that district administration is working on war footing basis to break the chain of Corona virus infection in Srinagar...



PALESTINIAN ISSUE: IS A SOLUTION POSSIBLE?

During the last week hundreds of Palestinian protesters have been wounded by the Israeli police and more than 197 are dead in Gaza and 10 in Israel. 42 were killed in the early hours of 17 May only, after the Israeli..



P7 NEWS

DOCTORS CALL FOR GENOME STUDY, INTENSIVE TESTING IN JAMMU

The Team of Doctors deputed by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Monday called for conducting genome study in Jammu while observing that the high..



C Quote!

Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect.

—Margaret Mitchell





IDIOT(Internet derived Information Obstruction Treatment) syndrome can complicate Covid treatment and is actually causing harm and hampering Covid-19 management.

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Dr. Tariq Tramboo MD Critical Care FIPP, Interventional Pain

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Dr. Mohsin Bin Mushtag Shah Internal Medicine, GMC

There is no need to retest. If you are asymptomatic you can leave the isolation safely after 14 days.

Kashmiri Held For 'Plotting' **Islamophobe Killing**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A youth from south Kashmir's Pulwama district was arrested by the sleuths of Special Cell from New Delhi for allegedly planning to assassinate a hardliner Hindu priest who had made derogatory remarks against the Prophet of Islam last month.

Senior police officials said John Mohammad Dar, a resident of Pulwama district in Jammu and Kashmir, was apprehended from a hotel in Paharganj here along with a pistol and two magazines as well as with saffron clothes, allegedly for using it as a cover to gain entry • More On P6

J&K Logs Highest Ever 73 Covid Deaths In A Day

3344 More **People Test Positive** In 24 Hours

Firdaus Ali

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday the highest ever single-day fatalities due to coronavirus as 73 more people succumbed to the virus while 3344 fresh cases of infection were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, 54 people lost the battle with the deadly infection in Jammu division and 19 others succumbed to the virus at different hospitals

Senior Doctors Told

To Lead From Front

mid "increase in mortality

tive patients, the authori-

ties have ordered senior faculty

members of GMC Jammu to make

frequent rounds of More On Pe

rate" among the COVID posi-



and healthcare facilities in this summer capital. The highest

Positive In Two Jails

and Kashmir, officials said on

Monday, and asserted that all the

positive cases are More On P6

inety-two inmates have

in two prisons of Jammu

tested positive for COVID-19

92 Inmates Test

death count reported Monday took the overall number of

7 Oxygen Plants From

Germany Reach Srinagar

ammu and Kashmir on Monday

received seven new imported

oxygen plants from Germany

with a cumulative generation capac-

ity of 7,100 litres per minute (LPM).

The oxygen plants • More On P6

fatalities across J&K since the outbreak of pandemic last year to 3222.

Among the victims, officials said, included Assistant Professor at the Kashmir University's Department Mustahsan Farooq Fazili, former SSP Mohammed Yaseen Bhat and a youth from Qamarwari area of the city. Besides them, other victims included a woman from Dalgate, who died two days after she was admitted to Chest Diseases hospital, one of the exclusive facilities for the management of the covid-19 patients.

Officials said that a 68-yearold man from Hamdaniya Colony Bemina died eight • More On P6

Non-Local Labourers

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tive, escaped from their rented

accommodation

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labourers, eight among

them coronavirus posi-

Corona Infected

Flee From House

of Kakapora and Mudasir Ahmad Khanday of Bargam Awantipora were killed in an anti-militancy operation launched by Special Operations Group (SOG) of police, army's 50 RR and the personnel of CRPF laid a siege around Khanmoh area on Monday, a



2 Militants Killed In

Ajaz Ali

SRINAGAR: Two local militants of Al-Badr were killed in an encounter with government forces in Khanmoh area of Srinagar outskirts,

police said on Monday. Wasim Bashir Pandit police spokesperson said.

He said both the militants were affiliated with Al-Badr.

"As per police records both the militants were part of groups involved in several crimes including planning and executing of attacks on police and security forces," the police spokesperson said.

He also claimed recovery of arms, ammunition and other incriminating materials from the encounter site

"All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in other crimes," he added. Divulging details • More On P6

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Not Unequal Dosage, Vaccine Hesitancy **Behind Kashmir's Slow Rate: Govt**

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: After drawing flak for "unequal dose distribution and vaccine shortage" in the Kashmir valley, the government on Monday blamed the

jab hesitancy for Kashmir's slow rate. The government clarified its stand a day after social media users in Kashmir rolled up their sleeves in anticipation of people getting Covid jab: "Where're the vaccines?"

While the government officials have assured that supply will become regular in a day or two, the official documents reveal how vaccine hesitancy in Kashmir division has been replaced by desperation.

"Despite having received almost similar amount of vaccine doses as winter capital Jammu, the immunisation programme was a tough challenge for medical fraternity in Kashmir valley owing to rumours and fake news on Social Media," a top government official presiding over the vaccine program told Kashmir Observer.

Since 16 January 2021, the official informed, Jammu and Kashmir had received 38,73,360 doses of Covishield and Covaxin. "Of the total, 19,02,220 were meant

for Kashmir Division and 19,71,140 for Iammu Division," reveal the government documents shared by the official. Total No. Of Doses of Covishield & Covaxin Received by J&K (for ALL) 1,902,220

Jammu

Total Recei

1,971,140

3,873,360

Jammu and Kashmir, according to May 15 data, has achieved vaccination coverage of 61.03% against the national average of 32.17%. "It's a huge achievement for the J&K," the official who insisted not to be named claimed.

But, scratch the surface and these documents unravel other intriguing facts.

The summer capital Srinagar, which started vaccination drive at the same time as Jammu, have clocked only 35.52% coverage of the priority group while the latter has achieved 98.48% vaccination.

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No. Of Doses of Covishield & Covaxin Received by				
J&K (for 18-44 years)				
Kashmir	Received on	Jammu	Received on	Total Received
75,000	5/1/2021	75,000	5/1/2021	Covaxin
25,000	5/8/2021	25,000	5/8/2021	Covieshield
92,480	5/12/2021	92,470		Covieshield
192,480		192,470		384,950

"Another district Kupwara in Kashmir division has achieved merely 27.57% while the worst performing district of Doda in Jammu Division managed to score 46.04%," the official documents in possession of Kashmir Observer reveal.

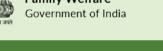
"Just before the second wave hit the country, same social media warriors in the valley were burning midnight oil to discredit the efficacy of vaccine and entire immunisation programme," the official said.

"Nevertheless, religious leaders, influencers and authorities tried to persuade the people to get vaccinated. The efforts paid dividends and many districts like Ganderbal, Shopian crossed 90% while other districts like Kulgam, Bandipora, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam did fairly well in the immunisation drive."

Vaccine Hesitancy In Kashmir

The World Health Organisation 11-pages power point • More On P6

Ministry of Health and **Family Welfare** Government of India



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HC Upholds J&K Bank's **Selection Of 1500 BA Posts**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The J&K High Court on Monday upheld its single bench's verdict, dismissing petitions which had challenged Jammu and Kashmir Bank's renotification for filling up of 1500 banking

associates' vacancies. On March 22 last, the court's single bench had dismissed petitions filed by at least 288 aspiring candidates who had participated in the selection process pursuant to a notification on 6 October 2018 and had

challenged the bank's 15th April 2020 announcement cancelling the whole process.

Subsequently, the bank had issued an advertisement notice (no. JKB/HR-Rectt-2020-27 & 28) on 1 January 2020,

inviting applications from the desirous candidates for the posts. In their appeal against the dismissal of petition by the single

bench, the appellantsprospective candidates- said that they applied for the posts pursuant to the advertisement notice on 6th October 2018. The examination

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33 KAS Officers **Shifted In Reshuffle**

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: As many as 33 Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) officers on Monday were transferred by the Union Territory government with immediate effect in the interest of the administration

According to an order issued here, Narinder Singh Bali, KAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Youth Services and Sports Department has been transferred and posted as Additional District Development available vacancy.

Muzaffer Ahmad Peer, KAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal, against an available vacancy, reads the order. • More On P6