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NO RELAXATION IN COVID LOCKDOWN IN SRINAGAR FOR NOW: ADMIN

Ruling out any immediate relaxation in the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions in the district, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz on Tuesday said a decision over any phased...

P6 THINK

HUNDREDS OF GREEN TREES FELLED FOR A NONEXISTENT HOSPITAL ?

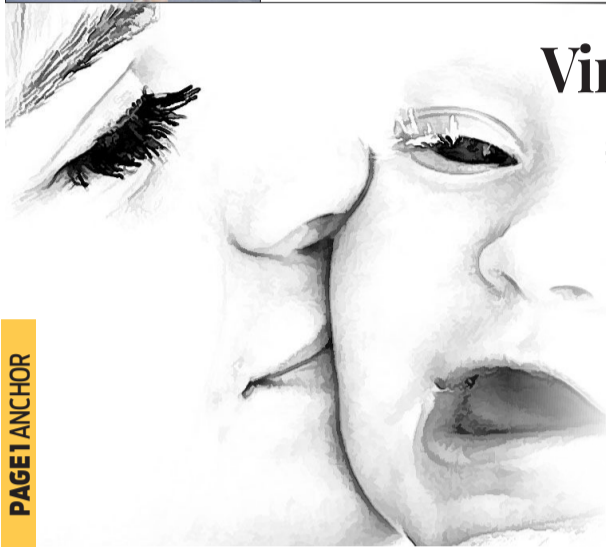
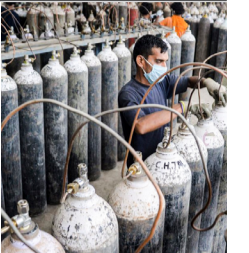
There is a famous Urdu couplet na khuda hi milaa na vis l-e-sanam na idhar ke hue na udhar ke hue. The literal meaning of this couplet is...



P5 STATE

MED INCREASES OXYGEN PRODUCTION THREE-FOLD TO 36000 LPM: CHIEF ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir, Rashid Ahmad Dar on Tuesday stated that the Mechanical Department has played a proactive role to make the quantity...



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Viral Woes: Separation From Infants Is New Motherhood Stress In Kashmir

Swati Joshi

On the first night of separation, Shameema couldn't sleep a wink. Her sudden 'positive' report sent her to isolation and created a distance between mother and baby. After affecting this "be-loved bond" during its first year in 2020, Covid's second wave has returned to haunt it even more now. "When they took my baby

from me, it felt as if they had taken my life." Shameema, now tested negative of Covid, says. "It might look easy to live without your child for some days, but each moment of separation kills you in isolation." In her shoes, many Kashmiri mothers are conveying a nightmarish feeling after passing through the viral ordeal. "I was literally crying my heart out for my baby during a fortnight long isolation," says Insha Baqaal, a young mother from Srinagar.

"I wanted to defeat that bug in my body as soon as possible, so that I could lap my baby again." Amid these harrowing experiences, many wonder about the time when shaking hands was a way to greet someone and hugging each other meant affection. But Covid has changed the definition of physical intimacy. Now greetings are given virtually, hugs are almost forgotten, people connect through video calls instead of physically meeting, a minimum of six feet distance is maintained

while talking to someone and there is a fear of being infected by the virus. Besieged by the contagion, parents are finding it difficult to show affection to their children especially mothers with a newborn. Touch is the first language that an infant understands and amidst the pandemic, it is difficult for the

family to be in physical contact with their infants. **More On P10**



Widom Quote!
Everything you want is on the other side of fear.
—George Addair

66% People Above 45 Years Vaccinated In J&K: Govt



A paramedic administering Covid-19 vaccine shot to a man at a healthcare facility in Srinagar on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory administration said on Tuesday that around 66 per cent people above 45 years have been administered coronavirus vaccines in Jammu

and Kashmir so far. In a high-level meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, J&K Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam informed that UT administration has enhanced both testing and

vaccination capacities. "The early detection of infection has allowed for timely medical intervention, whereas vaccination was found to reduce the severity of disease in patients - both strategies have been successful. **More On P10**

J&K Logs Nearly 3000 New Cases, 53 Deaths

AJAZ ALI

SRINAGAR: As many as 53 more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday while 2964 fresh cases of infection were detected across the Union Territory during the **More On P10**

J&K Gets 3 Incubation Facility Centres

JAMMU: The central government has sanctioned establishment of three common incubation facility centres worth Rs 7.81 crore in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior government officer said on Tuesday. The centres would be set up at Anantnag. **More On P10**

Lessons Through Radio For Class 5-8 Students

SRINAGAR: The Department of School Education in Kashmir is starting lessons through radio for Classes 5-8 from Wednesday in the wake of the absence of physical classwork in **More On P10**

Another Black Fungus Case Detected In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A 56-year-old man admitted to the Government Medical College (GMC) here is suspected to be suffering from black fungus or mucormycosis, officials said on Tuesday.

He was admitted to the hospital last week and has undergone all necessary tests, the officials said. "The patient is under clinical suspicion and his test report is expected tomorrow (Wednesday)," said Shahi Sudan Sharma, principal, GMC.

She, however, said there is no need to panic as black fungus is not contagious like COVID-19.

"Black fungus has always been there. Black fungus usually targets Covid-recovered persons with uncontrolled diabetes or those who have been administered prolonged or unsupervised dosage of steroids besides patients with weak immunity," she said.

Sharma appealed to the public to keep following Covid appropriate behaviour in order to avoid Covid-related and post-Covid issues.

On Friday, a 40-year-old man **More On P10**



Dr. Yasir Wani
Consultant Paediatrician

Scientific fact:

If most of us wear a facemask, maintain physical distancing & hand hygiene and avoid gatherings once the lockdown is relaxed, then there will be NO THIRD WAVE!

BUT who will comply :))



Dr. Shakeeb Lone
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Please don't give into the fear mongering about #Mucormycosis.

It is not a contagious disease and does not affect normal healthy individuals.



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

Kindly provide more vaccines. People & economy are suffering. Everyone should get a vaccine before a third wave. There should not be a need for another lockdown. #VaccinePlease

NEWS DIGEST

Grenade Hurlled At CRPF Party

SRINAGAR: Suspected militants on Tuesday hurled a grenade on Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Tral town of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. According to reports, unidentified militants lobbed a hand grenade towards a 'naka' party of CRPF 180 battalion in Tral town on Tuesday evening. The grenade, however, missed the intended target and exploded on the roadside with a bang. No reports of injury were received in the attack. Soon after, additional **More On P10**

Electric Shock Injures PDD Worker

SRINAGAR: A Power Development Department (PDD) daily wagger on Tuesday injuries after receiving electric shock in Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Ashiq Hussain Khan of Waghama was repairing a high tension (HT) line in Tulkan village of Bijbehara on Tuesday afternoon when he received an electric shock and collapsed on the ground with injuries, reports said. The injured daily wagger was immediately removed to the **More On P10**

Wall Collapse Kills Minor

SRINAGAR: A minor boy was killed and another critically injured on Tuesday when a boundary wall collapsed in Kanimgar area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. 10-year-olds Shafat Ahmad and Younis Ahmad were critically injured when a wall collapsed and buried the duo in the Kanimgar area of the district on Tuesday, reports said. Both the minors trapped under the debris were rescued by the villagers and shifted to the district hospital Budgam for treatment. **More On P10**

Youth Found Dead In South Kashmir

SRINAGAR: A youth was found dead on Tuesday under mysterious circumstances in Zainpora area of south Kashmir's Shopian district. 26-year-old Manzoor Ahmad Dar, son of Mohammad Shaban Dar was found dead under mysterious circumstances inside his home in Wacchi Darbagh village of Zainpora, officials said. The exact cause of death will be known after the post mortem **More On P10**

Body Fished Out From Jhelum

SRINAGAR: The body of a woman on Tuesday was fished out from river Jhelum in Maloora area of the city outskirts. The body of a woman hailing from Safa Kadal was recovered by river police from Jhelum river near Maloora area on Tuesday morning, an official said. He said that the body was handed over to the family for last rites after medico-legal formalities were completed by the cops of police station Parimpora. "A case stands registered in this regard and further investigations have been set into motion," the official said.

IN J&K MORE CASES ARE NOW BEING reported from rural than urban areas and such cases are as high as 55% and 60% in Jammu and Kashmir divisions respectively"

3 Kids Die After Falling In Pit In Central Kashmir

Agences

BUDGAM: In a tragic incident three kids died after falling into a pit in Narwara area of Beerwah in Central Kashmir's Budgam district on Tuesday evening.

An official said that three minor children identified as Sabzar Ahmed Dar (4) son of Reyaz Ahmed Dar, Dua Jan (3) daughter of Ashiq Ahmed Dar and

Arsheman Bashir (2) son of Bashir Ahmed Mir all residents of Narwara fell in an open pit while playing.

He said the trio were immediately removed from the pit by locals and shifted to SDH Beerwah where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

SDPO Magam Dr Saleem confirmed that all the kids including a girl were brought dead to a local hospital.

He said **More On P10**

Scale Up Testing, Vaccination Of Vulnerable Groups: LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Asserting that it is a collective responsibility to ensure the availability of necessary medicare facilities to contain coronavirus and save precious lives through prompt response, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed scale up testing and vaccination with dedicated focus on vulnerable groups.

"It is our collective



responsibility to ensure the availability of necessary medicare facilities, besides putting in best efforts. **More On P10**

Hospitals To Allow Only One Attendant In Covid Wards

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday asked hospital administrators to allow only one attendant per patient to enter the Covid ward after wearing proper PPE kit and strictly adhering to Covid appropriate behaviour.

The directions in this regard were issued by Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir Pandurang K. Pole during his visit to different hospitals in this capital city, including SKIMS Medical College



Hospital, Bemina and SMHS Hospital, GMC Srinagar, an official spokesperson said. Pole, he said, also took on spot stock of health facilities being provided to the Covid patients in

these tertiary care hospitals. During the visit, he said, the Div Com inspected various Covid designated wards and enquired from the patients about the services being provided to them in these hospitals.

"He also noticed several shortcomings which were directed to be looked upon at the earliest by the concerned Medical Superintendents," the official spokesperson said, adding that the Div Com also instructed the Medical Superintendents to ensure quality care to the patients and also emphasized **More On P10**

Advisor Directs To Speed Up Work On Covid Hospitals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Tuesday directed the officials to speed up work on the establishment of two 500 bedded DRDO hospitals at Jammu and Srinagar respectively.

Chairing a high-level meet here on Tuesday, Bhatnagar directed officials to expedite the pace of work and ensure that the Hospitals are completed within the given timelines and dedicated to public use at the earliest, an official spokesperson said. The Advisor, he said, also asked the

officers to give adequate training to doctors and other paramedical staff who will be deployed at these Hospitals.

"He further directed them to give specialised training to those doctors and paramedics who will be dealing with the ICU wards of these Hospitals," he added. The meeting was attended by Financial Commissioner Health and Medical Education, Atal Dulloo; Divisional Commissioners of Jammu/Kashmir, Deputy Commissioners of Jammu/Srinagar, Principals of GMC Jammu/Kashmir, Director Health Services of Jammu/Kashmir. **More On P10**

HC Quashes PSA Detention Of ML Leader

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Tuesday quashed detention order under Public Safety Act against Muslim League leader Farooq Ahmad Bhat alias Tawheedi, a resident of Tawheed Bugh-Batpora in Sopore in north Kashmir.

His son Irfan Farooq had filed the petition before the high court, seeking quashment of detention order (No. 102/DMB/PSA/2020) of 11 July 2020 passed by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla by virtue of which Tawheedi was booked under Section 13 of the J&K Public Safety Act, 1978.

"The law enjoins upon the detaining authority to be alive to all the facts and circumstances of the case and on application of mind to all those facts and circumstances, the detaining authority has to draw subjective satisfaction that the detention of the (detainee) becomes imperative," a bench of Justice Javed Iqbal Wani said, adding, "In case all the facts are not brought to **More On P10**