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BRIEF

2 killed, on injured as vehicle falls into deep gorge

Jammu : Two people, including an employee of the PDD, were killed and another injured when their car skidded off the road and plunged into a 300-foot deep gorge in Bhaderwah district on Sunday. The accident took place near Khanni top along the interstate Bhaderwah-Chamba road. Ravi Kumar (42), who was driving the a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), and PDD employee Ijaz Ahmad (45), both residents of Sartingal village, died on the spot while another person identified as Irfan Ahmad hailing from the Bheja village was injured and evacuated to Bhaderwah hospital by rescuers. According to the family members, the trio had gone to collect sticks, used for threshing paddy, from the Padri forest this morning and were returning to their village when the accident occurred.

Couple commit suicide by poisoning

Jammu : A couple allegedly committed suicide by consuming poison in Akhnoor area here in the city outskirts. Police said a lady identified as Jyoti Devi, resident of Chakkar, Gharota and Vijay Kumar, resident of Tanda, Akhnoor had consumed some poisonous substance and were found lying unconscious at Pangari near Akhnoor. Some passersby shifted them to Sub District Hospital, Akhnoor from where they were shifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu but they died during the treatment. They added that a case has been registered and investigation started while the bodies have been handed over to the legal heirs after postmortem.

Senior JK admin official robbed in Delhi

Jammu : A deputy labour commissioner in the Jammu and Kashmir administration was allegedly robbed by members of a 'Thak Thak' gang in south Delhi's Khanpur area. The 47-year-old official is a resident of Vasant Kunj. According to the police, two to three days ago, when the victim was going to Faridabad in a car, two men on a scooter signalled her to stop at the Khanpur T-point and told her that the vehicle was leaking fuel. As soon as she stopped the car to check it, one of the miscreants snatched her sling bag containing Rs 2,000, an ATM card, and her identity card and sped away. In a scuffle that ensued over the bag, the woman received minor injuries. A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC has been registered against the unidentified robbers, and further investigation is underway, the police said.

Counselling for remaining seats in Cluster University of Jammu today

Jammu : Cluster University of Jammu has notified that there are few seats remaining in different courses for which counselling will be held on October 18 at GGM Science College and GCW Gandhi Nagar. The notification states, "In continuation to the University Notification 03/2021 dated 01.10.2021, it is notified for information of all the concerned candidates that there are few seats available for admission in First (Cont. on Page-11)

2 more non-local shot dead

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Oct 17 : Two more non-local labourers were gunned down by terrorists in Kashmir today, taking the number of civilians killed in targeted attacks in Jammu and Kashmir this month to 11.



Sagir Ahmed, one of the two civilians killed by unidentified gunmen, had migrated to the Valley about one and a half years ago from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh to help his family get out of poverty.

Since moving to the Valley, he was able to manage a steady income and used to

send money back to his family. Ahmad, a carpenter by profession, was shot dead in Pulwama yesterday - the ninth victim to be targeted by the unidentified in the past two weeks. He was a carpenter by profession. He was

working in Kashmir for one-and-a-half-years. We spoke to him 3-4 days back. We had asked him about the situation (targeted killing of civilians by terrorists), he had assured us that everything was fine. He was planning to visit us," Sagir Ahmed's younger brother, Naseem. Sagir Ahmed is survived by a family of five,

including an unmarried daughter, in Saharanpur in western Uttar Pradesh. We want justice. We want compensation. He was the sole breadwinner for the family. I have a brother and three sis-

J&K Police asks all its district chiefs to shift non-local labourers to nearest security camps

Srinagar, Oct 17 : Faced with killings of two more non-locals, the Jammu and Kashmir Police has asked all its district chiefs in the valley to gather non-resident labourers and bring them to the nearest security camps "immediately", officials said on Sunday.

The move comes after terrorists gunned down two labourers and critically wounded another one in

Kulgam in South Kashmir on Sunday evening. In a message flashed to all district police, Inspector General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar said, "All non-local labourers in your respective jurisdiction should be brought to the nearest police or central paramilitary force or army establishment just now." "The matter is most urgent," the message said. There are 10 districts in Kashmir Valley.

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son and four daughters, one of whom is unmarried. His son is also a carpenter in Barmer. Their financial condition is not good. We will ensure they get adequate compensation from the government. We are

also trying to retrieve the dead body from Kashmir," Archana Dwivedi, Additional District Magistrate, East, Saharanpur, said. Terrorists attacked the labourers today at Wanpoh in Kulgam district. (Cont. on Page-11)

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We'll hunt down terrorists, their sympathizers, avenge every drop of innocent civilian's blood : LG

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TT Correspondent Srinagar, Oct 17 : Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today connected with the people and shared the valuable insights and suggestions received from across the UT during the 7th episode of the monthly "Awaaz ki Awaaz" programme. The Lt Governor dedicated today's programme to the civilians who lost their lives in recent terror attacks.

"I pay my heartfelt tributes to the martyred civilians and condolences to the bereaved families. We'll hunt down terrorists, their sympathizers and avenge every drop of innocent civilian's blood", said the Lt Governor. Attempts are being made to disrupt peace and socio-economic progress of J&K and individual growth of people. We remain committed to fast-paced development and will endeavor to build a prosperous and peaceful UT of J&K, observed the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to all the citizens for making valuable contribu-

tions that will go a long way in formulating policies that are reflective of the development needs and aspirations of the people. Some of the sug-



gestions received by the citizens received special mention by the Lt Governor during the programme today. The Lt Governor welcomed the suggestion made by Shah Fozia Hussain regarding introduction of sericulture as a subject in secondary and master's degree level and said that her valuable suggestion supplements the administration's efforts at the revival and pro-

motion of Silk Industry & entrepreneurship in J&K.

Referring to the suggestion made by Peer Ubaid Qureshi from Baramulla for

IAF Chief reviews operational preparedness of force in Ladakh

Ladakh/Jammu, Oct 17 : Chief of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, reviewed the deployment of aircrafts at the forward locations in Ladakh amid China rejecting the border dispute resolution proposal. This was Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari's maiden visit after taking over as the IAF chief earlier this month.

Chaudhari visited the Air Force Station at Leh and Indian Air Force deployments at forward areas in the Northern Sector on Saturday. He took stock of the operational readiness of units and interacted with the personnel stationed at the airbase and units on deployment. Ahead of 89th Air Force Day on

October 8, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari had said there was an increase in the presence of



Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force across Eastern Ladakh. He, however, mentioned that it was not going to make much difference to the Air Force. He,

especially, pointed out that the Chinese PLAF has increased presence at three



Air fields across the Line of Actual Control. He had said, "China is developing Air field with aircraft but flying from high altitude is a weak area." (Cont. on Page-11)

Poonch gunfight resumes, terrorists holed up

3 detained for questioning as search ops enter day 7 in Poonch-Rajouri forests

TT Correspondent Jammu, Oct 17 : The gunfight resumed between security forces and a group of heavily armed terrorists in Mendhar belt of Poonch district on Sunday afternoon.

The joint team of Army, police, para military troops along with elite commandos of Indian Army was carrying the search operation in Nar Khas forests of Mendhar when the terrorists fired at them. The firing was effectively retaliated and the encounter resumed. The area is cordoned and the terrorists are holed up in the operation," said a police official.

In a week-long gunfight that started on October 11, so

far nine Army personnel including two Junior Commissioned Officers have been killed. The security



forces have detained two persons for allegedly providing logistics support to the terrorists. During searches on the intelligence inputs, two persons have been detained for providing food and shelter to a group of heavily armed ter-

rorists. The duo is being questioned for more details. The traffic on the highway close to

Bhatta Durian forest, were taken into custody for questioning on the suspicion of

ADG Mukesh Singh arrives in Poonch amid counter-terror operation

JAMMU : Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh on Sunday arrived at Bhimber Gali area of Poonch, where a counter-terrorist operation is underway. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Rajouri-Poonch Range, Vivek Gupta on Saturday said

the encounter site is also suspended. While, a man along with a 45-year-old woman and her son, all residents of

that the terrorists were trapped at one place and the Poonch-Rajouri-Jammu highway will be opened as soon as the security is provided to the area. He was speaking on the encounter in the Bhatta Durian area in Jammu and Kashmir. Days after encounters with terrorists in which

giving logistic support to terrorists. It was a matter of investigation whether they (Cont. on Page-11)

'Rail Roko' protest to be held today

Jammu : Farmers will disrupt train traffic by staging strikes on railway tracks. Trains going towards Ludhiana, Delhi and Jammu will be affected during the Rail Roko agitation. The farmers have chalked out a strategy to stage a protest on

the track at Kala Bakra railway station, Dakoha Gate and Dhannowali Road at three places in Jalandhar. United Kisan Morcha said that farmers have been struggling for nearly a year demanding repeal of the Agricultural (Cont. on Page-11)

Geelani's grandson Anees-ul-Islam dismissed from service

Srinagar : Anees-ul-Islam, the grandson of separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, was dismissed from the Jammu and Kashmir government along with Farooq Ahmed Butt, a teacher from Doda, on charges of threat to State security.

Jammu and Kashmir government dismissed Anees-ul-Islam, who was working as a Research Officer at the Sheri

Kashmir International Convention Centre, under the Article 311(2) (C) of the Constitution which gives the government the power to sack an employee without constituting an inquiry against them. And whereas the Lt Governor is satisfied under sub clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of Constitution of India that in (Cont. on Page-11)

Body of second pilot of helicopter crashed in Ranjeet Sagar Dam recovered after 76 days

TT Correspondent Jammu/Kathua, Oct 07 : Persistent efforts by Indian Army and Navy for 75 days which were going on day and night to recover the body of Capt Jayant Joshi, the second pilot of the helicopter which crashed in Ranjit Sagar Dam on 03 Aug 2021 has finally

succeeded and body have been recovered from the lake bed using hi tech equipment. Due to the vast expanse and depth of the dam, Search and Rescue team was using state of the art multi beam sonar equipment to scan the lake bed and based on the (Cont. on Page-11)

Delimitation commission giving final shape to its Draft

Report likely to be released after discussion with associate members

Jammu/Srinagar, Oct 17 : The Delimitation Commission is giving final shape to its first draft on redrawing Assembly constituencies of the Union Territory (UT), which will be put in public domain for consultation after sharing and discussing it with the associate members of the panel.

The delimitation exercise has attained urgency amid indications that the Centre is keen to hold early assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The delimitation draft will be first made available to the 5 J&K MPs who are associate members of the commission and will be released in the public domain thereafter.

The officials said that after sharing the draft report, the Delimitation Commission will hold a meeting with the associate members to obtain their views before putting out the final draft for seeking public comments and challenges on redrawing of the boundaries. The Commission, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, met the aforesaid people during its four-day visit to J&K

between July 6 and 9. The other members of the commission are Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra, as an ex-officio member, and the Chief



Electoral Officer of J&K. Centre appears to be keen on holding elections early next year and the commission has time till March 6, 2022 to complete the exercise. The Delimitation Commission had already received the data from deputy commissioners and nearly 290 delegations comprising 800 representatives of political parties and people from other walks of life. The panel had visited J&K to interact with political parties, public representatives and administration officials of

20 districts to garner inputs. While the delegations of BSP, BJP, CPI, CPI(M), NC, Congress, J&K Apni Party, J&K People's Conference and other parties submitted their

representations to the Delimitation Commission, PDP refused to take part in the proceedings citing that it is a "pre-planned" exercise. Almost all 20 Deputy Commissioners who were asked to submit their response to 290 representations have filed their reports. The commission is hoping to complete the delimitation exercise by March next year. If sources are to be believed then the elections will most likely be held early next year. (Cont. on Page-11)

India vs Pakistan T20 World Cup match to be cancelled amid terrorist incidents in J&K

New Delhi : The demand for cancellation of India vs Pakistan match in the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup is increasing amid recent terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, where several civilians lost their lives.

Union Minister Giriraj Singh recently said that the match between India and Pakistan in the upcoming T20 World Cup 2021 should not be played under the current circumstances. Also, the Cabinet Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department added that the issue should be discussed again. Speaking to the media

after offering his condolences on the demise of Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat's mother in Rajasthan, Giriraj Singh said, "The match between India and Pakistan in the coming days needs to be given another thought in the wake of the attacks happening on Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir. The relations are not good right now." Meanwhile, Team India skipper Virat Kohli on Saturday played down the 'hype' surrounding the high-voltage India vs Pakistan match as "another game of cricket" for him. (Cont. on Page-11)

Farooq Abdullah calls for talks with Pakistan amid civilian killings

Srinagar, Oct 17 : Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah on Sunday reacted to targeted killings in the valley, claiming conspiracy. Condemning the incidents, Abdullah said that Kashmiris are not part of these killing. He also advocated that India should hold talks with Pakistan. On being informed that Pakistan has been invited by India on NSA-level talks, Farooq Abdullah said "Friendship is the best way to

resolve things. I pray to god that the relations between two nations become strong and people can live comfortably." India has proposed to hold a national security advisor (NSA)-level in-person dialogue on Afghanistan in Delhi in November. Key stakeholders in the region including China, Russia and Pakistan have been invited to the meeting. India is all set to host a national security advisor level regional conference in New Delhi on Afghanistan. (Cont. on Page-11)

95 fresh cases reported, 325793 recovered

TT Correspondent Jammu, Oct 17 : The Government Bulletin on COVID today informs that 95 new positive cases of novel Corona virus (COVID-19), 14 from Jammu division and 81 from Kashmir division, have been reported today, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 331062.

Moreover, 107 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 42 from Jammu Division and 65 from Kashmir Division. The Bulletin informs that no new case of Mucormycosis has been reported today, the total number of confirmed cases remains 48 here.

On COVID vaccination,

the Bulletin informs that 58,523 doses of COVID vaccine were administered in the last 24 hours across the UT bringing the cumulative number of doses administered here to 13,715,122. According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 331062 positive cases, 843 are Active Positive (131 in Jammu Division and 712 in Kashmir Division), 325793 have recovered and 4426 have died; 2174 in Jammu division and 2252 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin further said that out of 15675779 test results available, 331062 samples have tested positive and 15344717 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 44,174 COVID tests have been conducted in the

last 24 hours. Till date 3666927 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 7862 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 843 in isolation and 455077 in home surveillance. Besides, 3198719 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases reported today, the Bulletin said that Srinagar reported 40

cases, Baramulla reported 10 cases, Budgam reported 13 cases, Pulwama reported no cases, Kupwara reported 05 cases, Anantnag reported 06 cases, Bandipora reported 05 cases, Ganderbal reported 01 case, Kulgam reported one case while Shopian reported no fresh cases for today. Similarly, Jammu reported 03 cases, Udhampur reported no case, Doda reported 08 cases, Rajouri reported 02 cases, Poonch reported 01 case while Reasi, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Ramban reported no fresh cases for today. The bulletin further informs the general public that they can contact helpline numbers 0191-2520982/2674444/2674115/2674908/2549676 in Jammu Division and 0194-2440283/2430581/2452052/



457313/2457312 in Kashmir Division for any kind of guidance and assistance. In case of emergency, people can avail free ambulance services 24x7 by calling toll free number 102, the bulletin reads. It also informs that the public can reach the national helpline by dialing 1075. Further the bulletin also informs the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon to www.covidrelief.jk.gov.in The readers can also reach us on the official Twitter account of DIPR-J&K @diprjk; website: http://www.jkdirinf.in; Webportal: jkinfonews.com and Facebook: @JKInformationOfficial.

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India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage exceeds 97.65 Cr, recovery rate currently at 98.10%

New Delhi : With the administration of 41, 20,772 vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 97.65 Cr (97,65,89,540). As per the government, the recovery of 19,788 patients in the last 24 hours has increased the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) to 3,34,19,749. "Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 98.10%. Recovery Rate is currently at its highest peak since March 2020. Sustained and collaborative efforts by the Centre and the States/UTs continue the trend of less than 50,000 Daily New Cases that

is being reported for 112 consecutive days now." "The Active Caseload falls below 2 lakh mark and is presently at 1,95,846, which is lowest in 220 days. Active cases presently constitute 0.57% of the country's total Positive Cases. The testing capacity across the country continues to be expanded. The last 24 hours saw a total of 11,00,123 tests being conducted. India has so far conducted over 59.09 Cr (59,09,35,381) cumulative tests". While testing capacity has been enhanced across the country, the Weekly Positivity Rate at 1.42% remains less than 3% for the last 114 days now. (Cont. on Page-11)

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