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**WEATHER FORECAST**

**JAMMU**  
Partly cloudy  
SUNRISE : 7.15 am  
SUNSET : 6.15 pm

**SRINAGAR**  
Partly cloudy  
SUNRISE : 7.17 am  
SUNSET : 6.09 pm

**TEMPERATURES**

**JAMMU**  
MAX: 19° C MIN: 14° C  
**SRINAGAR**  
MAX: 08° C MIN 5° C

**NEWS NOT NOISE**

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**Gleanings**

Washington  
**Iraqi intel officer shot dead**

A senior officer of the Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS) was shot dead by unidentified gunmen here, an Interior Ministry source said. The incident took place in Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood. Gunmen opened fire at Mohammed Laith with their silenced weapons near the house of one of his relatives, the source told Xinhua news agency. The attack came despite repeated calls by the Iraqi government and political parties to contain the uncontrolled weapons of some armed groups in the country, which threaten the security, freedom, and confidence of citizens in the political process.

Kuala Lumpur  
**Malaysia expels all N.Korean diplomats**

Malaysia has expelled all diplomats of the North Korean Embassy here in response to the latter's decision to sever diplomatic ties after Kuala Lumpur extradited a Pyongyang national to the US over money laundering charges. In a statement issued on Sunday, Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said: "Malaysia has today expelled all diplomats of the Embassy of North Korea in Kuala Lumpur in keeping with the decision for all diplomatic staff and their dependents to leave within 48 hours."

New Delhi  
**Afghan FM arrives in India**

Afghanistan Foreign Minister Mohammad Haneef Atmar arrived at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in New Delhi on Monday. He was received by an Indian diplomat upon his arrival. According to the schedule released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Atmar will meet with the External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar at the Hyderabad House at 6 pm.

Shopian  
**Burglars loot ATM, 6 shops**

Burglars looted a State Bank of India ATM and six shops overnight in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district. Police sources said: "Unidentified burglars broke up the SBI ATM during the night. Details about the cash contained in the ATM are being ascertained. Six shops, three at Gole Chakri market area, one near Batho Chowk and two in old bus stand area were also broken open and looted during the night. Investigation has been started after an FIR was registered in these incidents. The details about goods looted during burglary in these shops are being collected."

**HELPLINES**

**POLICE**  
Women Cell: 0191-2436867  
Police Control Room: 0191-2542000, 2566460-62  
Fire: 101, 132

**HEALTH**  
GMC Hospital: 0191-2584290  
SMGS Hospital: 0191-2547635  
Gandhi Nagar Hospital: 0191-2430041

## PM launches "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign LG calls for active participation in rainwater harvesting, water conservation

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : With an aim of taking water conservation to grass-roots level through people's participation across the country, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi today launched "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" Campaign on the occasion of "World Water Day". Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha presided over the UT level event held at Convention Centre, Jammu to mark the occasion. He called for active participation of elected representatives and people of J&K in rainwater harvesting



Governor also e-inaugurated and laid e-foundations for various Water Supply & water conservation activities. In order to augment water supply across the UT, the Lt

LG Mathur for sustainable solutions to address water woes in Ladakh

**Leh**: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur Monday pressed on the need to address water shortage issues in Ladakh in a sustainable way, incorporating scientific techniques and traditional good practices. LG Mathur was presided over as the chief guest virtually for a daylong conference on World Water Day on the theme of 'Water Supply

## Four LeT militants killed, one Soldier injured in Shopian encounter: IGP



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**Srinagar, Mar 22** : Four Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants were killed in an encounter with security forces on Monday in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Manihal area of the district around midnight, following information about the presence of militants there, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Vijay Kumar said. He said the militants refused repeated offers of surrender and opened fire at the forces. "We appealed to them to surrender and brought their families, including wife and a four-year-old child of a militant, to appeal to them to surrender. But they refused," he said. Kumar said after the militants opened fire at the security forces, there was a gunbattle in which four ultras were killed. "All the four were categorised militants belonging to LeT outfit. Although,

'Sticky bombs a new problem, will ensure peaceful yatra'

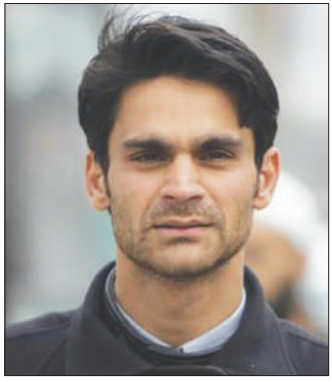
**Srinagar** : Terming 'sticky bombs' a new problem, Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday said security forces will ensure a peaceful Amarnath pilgrimage commencing from June 28. "Sticky bombs are of course a problem but the situation is not alarming. We will deal with it effectively and ensure peaceful pilgrimage," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said

they call themselves as Lashkar-e-Mustafa, they are listed as LeT militants in our records and all these names, including TRF (The Resistance Front) are the offshoots of the LeT or Jaish-e-Mohammad," he said. The IGP said three pistols and an AK rifle was recovered from the site of the encounter.

## Parra a crucial player in 'political-separatist-terrorist' nexus: NIA

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a charge sheet against Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra of the PDP and two others in a terror funding case, and said the youth leader was a crucial player in sustaining the "political-separatist-terrorist" nexus in Jammu and Kashmir. Besides Mr. Parra, the other two named in the charge sheet are Shaheen Ahmad Lone and Tafazul Hussain Parimoo who were involved in gunrunning from across the Line of Control (LoC) for militants and channelling funds to sustaining terrorist activities at the behest of handlers in Pakistan, a spokesperson of the NIA said.



He said the NIA filed the supplementary charge sheet against the three accused under Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 17, 18, 38, 39 and 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and Section 25 (1AA) of the

## CE booked in DA case

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : A chief engineer of the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited was booked in a disproportionate assets case on Monday, a spokesperson of the anti-corruption bureau said. The case against Chief Engineer (projects), Power Development Department (Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited), Manhar Gupta has been registered on the outcome of a preliminary inquiry into allegations that he had amassed huge assets disproportionate to his known sources of incomes, he said. During the course of inquiry, Gupta was found to have acquired numerous immovable as well as movable

## Lecturer held for issuing fake appointment, transfer orders

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said a lecturer was arrested for allegedly issuing fake appointment and transfer orders. Arfat Ahmad Khan, a resident of Assar area of Doda, was working in the school education department for the past two-and-a-half years, according to a statement here. A case was registered against Khan, hailing from Assar area of Doda, last year under various sections of Indian Penal Code for his alleged involvement in issuing forged and fictitious appointment and transfer/ posting orders in the school education de-

partment. "The accused was not cooperating in the investigation of the case and was constantly on run by changing his locations from one place to another in both Jammu and Srinagar, to evade his arrest and face the investigation, the statement said. The Crime Branch said it vigorously contested the anticipatory bail application of the accused and got it rejected. "The case owes its origin to a communication made by Director School Education Jammu, alleging therein that while scrutiny, some fake and forged transfer and posting orders of lecturers were detected and reported," it said.

## JKPCC protests against rising fuel prices, inflation Rajni Patil, G A Mir, Raman Bhalla others court arrested

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Patil and senior leader G A Mir along with hundreds of party workers on Monday protested against the BJP-led government at the centre over "rising" fuel prices, inflation and unemployment in the country. Led by the duo, Congress workers carrying party flags, took out a rally in the exhibition ground area of Jammu city and raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Some of the Congress workers clashed briefly with police



as they were not allowed to move ahead towards the civil secretariat. The protesters blocked roads in the area for over an hour leading to traffic jams and

## 132 more test Covid 19 positive

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**Jammu, Mar 22** : The Government on Monday informed that 132 new positive cases of novel Corona virus (COVID-19), 28 from Jammu division and 104 from Kashmir Division, have been reported on Monday, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 128679. Moreover, 86 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and discharged from various hospitals including 17 from Jammu Division and 69 from Kashmir Division. According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 128679 positive cases, 1981 are Active

## Resolving issues with Pakistan: The myths and the reality

By Jaibans Singh

Pakistan is smoking the peace pipe, yet again, and the doves in India are going into raptures as usual, insisting that the Government of India should immediately respond in a positive manner and move forward to "resolve all issues." Let us first see the manner in which the peace initiative is being played out by Pakistan. "With India, it is very unfortunate that we have tried to resolve our issues through dialogue like civilised neighbours, but it has not worked out. Our only issue is basically over Kashmir," stated Prime Minister Imran Khan on the subject. Any person even remotely knowledgeable about the art of diploma-



cy would be appalled by the obtuseness of this statement. He is insinuating that India is uncivilised while Pakistan is the very embodiment of moderation. Is this how a peace overture is made? He has further given a single point agenda of Kashmir.

Pray what is there to resolve in Kashmir? It is an integral part of India and an internal affair of the country so how can it form a part of dialogue with Pakistan or any other country in the world? Pakistan Army Chief, General Qamar Bajwa, has at-

tempted to give a strategic sheen to the idea. While describing stable Indo-Pakistan relations as "the key to unlock the potential of South and Central Asia," he said that "unsettled disputes" were dragging South Asia back to poverty and underdevelopment. "The Kashmir dispute, obviously, is at the heart of this problem," he adds rather grandly. One would like to explain to the General that the obsession of his Army with Kashmir has, for the last seven decades plus, been responsible for hurling HIS country into an abyss of "poverty and underdevelopment." The rest of South Asia may have its own problems and challenges but Kashmir does not

## Gol committed to skill development of Ladakh youth

**Jammu**: The Government of India Monday informed the Upper House of Parliament that the center is focusing on fictional training of locals for which funds have been allocated to 24 training centers in which 2,267 trainees have been trained so far in Ladakh Union Territory. The information was shared by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in Rajya Sabha on Monday in response to the questions including whether the questions including whether the Gol proposes to focus on vocational and technical training of the locals involved in the unorganized sector and plans to establish a separate Skill Training Institute to engage the youth of Ladakh

In response to the questions raised in Rajya Sabha, the Ministry in a written reply said that the government has been focusing on vocational and technical training of locals in the unorganized sector through various programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS). "So far under PMKVY 2.0, 99,31,261 persons have been trained in the country, while under JSS, 12,35,114 persons have been trained," the Ministry informed. "The total funds allocated for PMKVY 2.0 so far is Rs. 6,203 crores, while for JSS the funds allocated so far are Rs. 396.21 crores." The reply