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News Digest

Heart Attack Kills Soldier In Poonch

Srinagar: An Army man on Monday died of heart attack in Mendhar area of the frontier Rajouri district. Naik Surendra Singh of army's 8 Garhwal was performing his duty in Baloni sector of Mendhar on Monday morning when he suffered a heart attack and collapsed on the ground, reports said. The soldier was removed to the nearby hospital in an unconscious state. However, the doctors there declared him brought dead. "The body will be handed over to family after conducting medico-legal formalities," a police official told GNS.

Stranded Kashmir is In Pak Set To Return

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir residents who are stranded in Pakistan due to the coronavirus outbreak will return by road via the Attari-Wagah border in Punjab starting June 25, officials said on Monday. The J&K government will send two senior officers to Attari to coordinate with the local Amritsar administration in making arrangements for their return, they said. After J&K Chief Secretary BVR Subramaniam wrote to the foreign secretary for facilitating the return of Kashmiris stranded in Bangladesh and other countries, many of them have been ferried home. ● P-02

3-Day Wet Spell In J&K From Wednesday

Srinagar: Weatherman on Monday predicted scattered to widespread rains in Jammu and Kashmir this week. "There would be light rainfall on tomorrow but widespread rains on June 24 and 25 besides fairly widespread rains on June 26 and scattered rains for subsequent few days," an official of the MeT department said. The official said that Srinagar recorded maximum of 32.2 degree Celsius against 29.2 degree Celsius during this time of the year while Jammu recorded 37.1 against ● P-02

Army Officer Injured In Accidental Fire

Srinagar: An army officer was injured when his rifle went off during a cordon and search operation (CASO) in central Kashmir's Budgam district, reports said Monday. Army Major Vivek Tiwari received injuries in his foot when his rifle went off during a search operation in Watimagam village of Budgam on Sunday night. Tiwari was part of the search team of army 2RR who laid a siege around the village. "The bullet hit his foot and he was immediately shifted" ● P-02

...Chinese Incursion In Ladakh

Army Chief To Visit Srinagar, Leh To Review Situation

NEW DELHI: Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane will visit Leh and Srinagar today (Tuesday) to take stock of the ground situation in the region.

General Naravane's visit comes amid the heightened threat in eastern Ladakh region where thousands of Indian Army men have been deployed a few metres away from the Line of Actual Control (LAC), following the bloody clash with the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) a week ago.

The Army Chief will review the force preparedness as well the deployment across the Line of Actual Control with China and Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan. He is likely to visit on Tuesday.

As military build-up on both sides of the LAC in Ladakh continues, a constant stream of IAF heavy lift aircraft have airlifted dozens of additional tanks and armoured personnel carriers to the Himalayan heights for beefing up Indian firepower, media reports said on Monday.

Amidst carrying out combat air patrols over Ladakh and maintaining operational readiness platforms at various airbases to scramble fighters, the IAF is using its American C-17s and Russian IL-76s freighters for carrying out multiple sorties out of Chandigarh and other places ● PAGE 02



Army Chief Naravane (left) in a file picture

India, China Hold Second Round Of Talks At LAC

Indian and Chinese militaries on Monday held a second round of Lt General-level talks in an attempt to ease tensions between the two countries following the violent clashes in Galwan Valley that left 20 Indian Army personnel dead. The meeting began at around 11:30 am at Moldo on the Chinese side of Chushul sector in eastern Ladakh and continued till night. ● P-02

Govt To Speed Up 32 Road Projects Along China Border

Amidst the continuing standoff between the Indian Army and China's PLA, the Centre on Monday reviewed ongoing road projects along the Sino-Indian border, and decided to expedite work on 32 of them, officials said. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting convened by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and attended by the Central Public Works Department ● P-02

Army Top Brass Reviews Ladakh Situation

The apex leadership of the Indian Army on Monday held detailed deliberations on the eastern Ladakh standoff and the situation along the Line of Actual Control with China after the Galwan Valley clashes that left 20 Indian soldiers dead, official sources said. On the opening day of a two-day conference, the commanders carried out a comprehensive review of India's security preparedness along the LAC in Ladakh. ● P-02

Why Is China Praising Modi: Rahul

Firing a fresh salvo at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday asked as to why China is praising Mr Modi during this conflict. "China killed our soldiers. China took our land. Then, why is China praising Mr Modi during this conflict," he asked on Twitter. In his tweet, Gandhi tagged a news report that said the Chinese media has ● P-02

Militants Flee After Gunfight In Anantnag



Soldiers walking towards encounter spot in Verinag forests on Monday. Pic Shah Junaid

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Government forces on Monday launched a massive search operation in south Kashmir's Anantnag district after militants managed to flee from a forested area after a brief encounter. State forces launched a cordon and search operation in Verinag forests after receiving specific information about the presence of militants in the area, a police official said. ● PAGE 02

Militants Attack CRPF Camp In Tral

Militants hurled a grenade at a Central Reserve Police Force camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday night, but there was no casualty, officials here said. The grenade exploded near the camp, they said. "Militants hurled a grenade at the CRPF camp at" ● P-02

Pro-Govt Gunman Injured In Firing

A Dhok Defence Committee (DDC) member was injured in firing in a remote village in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, a police official said on Monday. Gopal Nath (35), a resident of village Duggi-Dandi, suffered injury in the right leg when unidentified gunmen opened fire at a dhok (mudhouse) in Jhompari Dal, 16 km from Bhadervah town, around 11.30 pm on Sunday, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Aadil Rishu said. The injured was taken to the Government ● P-02

Pak Firing Kills Soldier In Rajouri

JAMMU: A soldier was killed on Monday in cross-border firing along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu region, officials said. "At about 0530 hours Pakistani army initiated ceasefire violation in Nowshera sector of district Rajouri, which was retaliated by Indian army" the officials said. They said a soldier, guarding a forward post, was critically injured during the firing and succumbed to his injuries later. He is the fourth Army soldier to be killed in cross-border firing along the LoC in Rajouri and Poonch this month. Two soldiers were killed in cross-border firing in Rajouri district on June 4 and 10, while another soldier fell to cross-border firing in ● P-02

Two More Die Of Covid-19 In Kashmir, J&K Toll Reaches 85

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Covid-19 on Monday claimed two more lives in Kashmir, taking the number of fatalities due to the novel Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir to 85, officials said.

A 65-year-old Covid-19 patient from South Kashmir's Pulwama district died at the SMHS hospital here, officials said.

The patient, hailing from Kakapora area of Pulwama, was suffering from bilateral pneumonia, hypertension and diabetes. He died at the SMHS hospital here on Sunday night, the officials said. "His COVID-19 test results

Covid-19 Crosses 6,000 Mark, 132 More Positive

Coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir crossed six thousand mark on Monday after 132 more people tested positive for virus, officials said. 132 more people tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, taking the number of cases in J&K to 6,088, officials said. "132 new Covid-19 cases were detected in J&K. While 122 of them are from Kashmir, 10 are from" ● P-02

came positive on Monday morning," they added.

Later in the day, the Chest Diseases hospital confirmed death of a middle-aged man at the hospital.

A 58-year-old Covid-19 patient from south Kashmir's Anantnag district died at a hospital here, taking the number of fatalities due to the novel Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir to 85, officials said. The Covid-19 patient, hailing from Kokernag area of Anantnag district died at CD hospital Srinagar on Monday afternoon, the officials said. ● PAGE 02

Delhi Police Opposes Safoora's Plea In HC Says Pregnancy No Ground For Bail

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police Monday opposed in the Delhi High Court the bail plea of Jamia student Safoora Zargar, arrested under the anti-terror law --UAPA-- in a case related to communal violence in northeast Delhi during protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act, saying the severity of offence is in no manner mitigated by the factum of her pregnancy.

The Delhi Police, in its status report opposing Zargar's bail plea, said a clear and cogent case has been made out against the accused woman and as such she is not entitled for bail for the grave and



serious offences which have been meticulously and surreptitiously planned and executed by her.

It said there is strong, cogent, reliable and sufficient material available proving the direct involvement of Zargar, M Phil student of Jamia Millia Islamia University, who is 23 weeks pregnant.

The police said she has been lodged in a separate ● PAGE 02

Refrain From Changing Kashmir's Demography, OIC Tells New Delhi

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Amid the tense stand-off between India and China along the Line of Control (LAC) in Ladakh, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Monday asked New Delhi to refrain from changing the demographic structure of Jammu and Kashmir and settle the dispute according to the resolutions passed by the United Nations. In a virtual meeting held on Monday, OIC's Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir reaffirmed the continued support for the people of J&K and called on the United Nations Secretary-Gener-



al to use his good offices to make India abide by the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) resolutions and engage in dialogue to calm the situation in the region, a statement issued by the Muslim body on its website said. "The Contact Group called on India to halt security operations against the people of Jammu and Kashmir immediately, respect basic" ● PAGE 02

LG Launches E-Application Process For Domicile Certificates

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu on Monday launched the e-application-cum-issuance of domicile certificate in Jammu and Kashmir, paving way for the first domicile certificate to be granted through online mode to Aaliya Tariq, a girl hailing from north Kashmir's Sopore town.

The e-application-cum-issuance of domicile certificate has been developed by Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency

(JaKeGA). With the launch of this service, there are now 27 government to citizen (G2C) online services, a government spokesman said.

"It is an addition to the Union Territory government's e-governance initiatives to speed up public delivery mechanism through minimal human intervention, besides ensuring efficiency, transparency and reliability of such services," he added.

B V R Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Bipul Pathak, Principal Secretary to ● PAGE 02



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