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Iran has announced that its military "unintentionally" shot down a Ukrainian jetliner, killing all 176 on board. The statement on Saturday morning blames "human error" for the incident.....

News Digest

Policeman Held Red-Handed with Bribe

Jammu: A Policeman was caught red-handed by Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, officials said.

Salman Sagar Shifted To Hospital

Srinagar: National Conference youth leader Salman Ali Sagar was shifted to hospital from MLA Hostel makeshift jail after he complained of uneasiness.

BSF Trooper Shoots Self At Humhama

Srinagar: A Border Security Force (BSF) trooper allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself dead in Humhama area of Budgam district, sources said Saturday.

Kashmir Police Arrest Nigerian Fraudster

Srinagar: A Nigeria national, who had duped several people in Valley, was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir police from the Indian capital.

Missing Cop Found Dead In Srinagar

Srinagar: Police has recovered the body of a cop, who went missing from Chogal area of Handwara in December last. Abdul Rashid Hajam, a follower in police department was found dead by cops from this capital city on Friday evening.

Ready To Take Pak Kashmir: Army Chief Naravane

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: While maintaining that both Northern and Western frontiers are equally important for India, Army chief General M.M. Naravane on Saturday said whenever government gives the go-ahead, his force is ready to take away Pakistan administered Kashmir (PaK).



When Army Is Ready, Why Wait? Says Ajmer Dargah Head

Welcoming Army chief Gen M M Naravane's statement on Pakistan-administered Kashmir (PaK) on Saturday, the spiritual head of Ajmer Dargah said the force should be ordered to take back PaK.

2 More File Papers For Dy Mayor's Post

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Two Corporators, including one from the BJP filed nomination papers for the post of Deputy Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) and with this number of nominations rose up to five.

Valley Braces For Fresh Spell Of Snowfall

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Ahead of fresh snowfall predicted by the weather department from Sunday, major parts of the world famous Dal Lake and other water bodies froze as the Valley continued to reel under cold-wave conditions on Saturday, with the minimum temperature settling several degrees below the freezing point.

arrived in the region through Afghanistan and Pakistan. The WD will remain active in the Jammu and Kashmir which could result in rain and snowfall during the next 48 hours.

1200 Vehicles Stranded On Banihal Highway

Several thousand vehicles, including those carrying passengers, are stranded on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway due to slippery road conditions coupled with heavy traffic jam, official sources said on Saturday.

J&K DSP Held With 2 Jaish Militants

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The J& K Police on Saturday detained a senior police officer after two Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militants and five grenades were recovered from the vehicle he was travelling in, top sources said.

grenades from it, IANS reported. "Two AK-47 rifles were recovered in a subsequent raid at the officer's residence," sources told the wire.

PDP Leader Resigns In Protest Against Expulsions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SRINAGAR: Two days after the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) expelled eight of its leaders after they met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, a former MLC Javed Mirchal resigned from the party on Saturday in protest against the expulsions.

Rebel PDP Leaders Meet Bukhari

Many rebel leaders of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Saturday met Syed Altaf Bukhari at his Srinagar residence.

who had met the Lieutenant Governor to put forth some of the important public demands in the present political circumstances.

NC Seeks Release Of Political Leaders

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Saturday appealed for early release of all political leaders, detained in August last year, for resumption of political activities in the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Fuel Shortage Hits Srinagar, Other Districts

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Barely 12 hours after the government spokesman said that 150 oil tankers were deported to Srinagar, almost all the fuel stations in this capital city and neighbourhood districts remained closed due to the shortage of fuel.

Channelize Your Energy In Right Direction, LG Urges Youth

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu on Saturday urged the youth for developing the sense of excellence by recognizing their talent and channelize their energies in the right direction.



scholar and work selflessly for the betterment of the society. Murmu urged the youth for developing the sense of excellence by recognizing their talent and channelize their energies in the right direction for further strengthening

DGP Reviews Functioning Of Police Public Schools

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Saturday reviewed the functioning of police public schools in the annual meeting of board of administrative and management committee.



Schools one by one. He also sought reports regarding the progress in academics and sports activities of the schools as also issues faced by these institutions" he added.

Post-370, Dal Craves For Attention As Efforts To Conserve Lake Are Halted

KO CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR: Over the past five months as Kashmir slipped into a paralysis following nullification of Article 370, the state-turned union territory's environment has suffered no less. One of the hardest hit natural assets has been Dal lake, Kashmir's most famous water body, and a magnet for tourists from far and wide.

ened to overwhelm it. The algae, environmental experts say, had been largely controlled in recent years, thanks to a multi-crore rupees clean-up funded by the Government of India.



Dal has been the focus of an intense recovery effort over the past three decades. The state and the central governments have followed twin strategies of conservation and the rehabilitation to rejuvenate the lake's ecosystem and to rid it of the encroachment respectively. The plan called The

Dal-Nigeen Lake Conservation Project was drawn up in 2005. Though conservation effort funded by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has somehow pulled along, it has largely made a symptomatic difference to the condition of the lake.

it clear, the factors that menace the eco-system of the lake haven't gone away and in the absence of cleaning by the concerned Lakes and Waterways Development Authority during the ongoing strife, returned with a vengeance.

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