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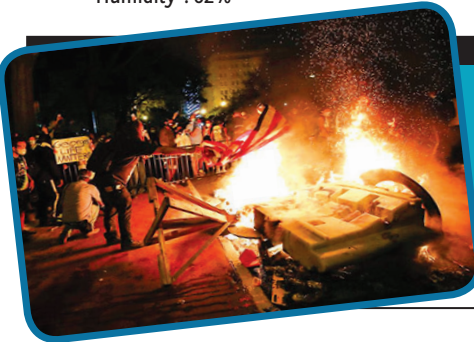
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TRUMP TAKES AMERICA TO THE BRINK

Last fall Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis police union, appeared at a Trump rally, where he thanked the president for ending Barack Obama's "oppression of police" and letting cops "put the handcuffs on criminals instead of us."

The events of the past week, in which the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody led to demonstrations against police brutality, and these demonstrations were met by more police brutality — including unprecedented violence against the news media — have made it clear what Kroll meant by taking the handcuffs off. And Donald Trump, far from trying to calm the nation, is pouring gasoline on the fire; he seems very close to trying to incite a civil war. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that America as we know it is on the brink. How did we get here? The core story of US politics over the past four decades is that wealthy elites weaponized white racism to gain political power.....

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News Digest

AIIMS Entrance Exam On June11

Srinagar: In connection with the conduct of AIIMS entrance examination scheduled to be held on June 11, 2020 at designated centers of Srinagar for Kashmir based students, all the Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir division have been directed to ensure smooth conduct of the said examination. According to the communication from office of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, all the

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Mantri Blames Nehru For Ladakh Crisis

Srinagar: Senior Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) leader and Union Minister Jitendra Singh shifted blame of Ladakh stand-off on India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru saying that the people are still paying the price of 1962 Himalayan tragedy, ANI reported Friday. Launching a scathing attack on Rahul Gandhi, who had questioned Modi government to confirm that no Chinese soldiers

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Illegal Bandsaw Seized In Kupwara

Kupwara- The Forest department of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday seized Illegal Bandsaw deployed for crushing illicit timber at Manigah area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district. According to a statement, the Officials of Kamraj Forest Division raided house of Moham-mad Ashraf Khan resident of Manigah Kupwara and seized illegal bandsaw from his house where it was deployed to crush illicit timber. "Information

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4 CRPF Personnel Injured In Mishap

Srinagar: At least four Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on Friday were injured in a road accident in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. A CRPF vehicle collided with a truck bearing registration number JK0CA-2760 near Gulab Bagh area of Qazigund in Anantnag today, resulting in injuries to four CRPF men, officials said. They said the injured identified as ASI Yeshpal Singh, HC Parmal Singh, Constable Suraj Singh

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RPG Shell Diffused In Anantnag

Srinagar: The government forces on Friday found a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG 7) shell at Hiller village of Kokarnag in South Kashmir's Anantnag district. The locals spotted the suspicious objects in the fields and informed police about it, officials said. "A police team and Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) reached the site soon after the information was provided," they said. A police officer said that Bomb Disposal Squad have destroyed the live shell in Hiller village and averted a major tragedy. (KNO)

...LADAKH STAND OFF

India, China Army Commanders To Meet Today



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Indian and Chinese armies will hold a Lt. General-level dialogue on Saturday in their first major attempt to resolve the month-long bitter border standoff in eastern Ladakh even as both militaries maintained their aggressive posturing in the sensitive areas in the high-

altitude region.

The Indian delegation will be led by Lt General Harinder Singh, the general officer commanding of Leh-based 14 Corps, while the Chinese side will be headed by the Tibet Military District Commander at the talks in the Border Personnel Meeting Point at Maldo, official sources said. The two sides have already held at least 12 rounds

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India, China Agree To Sort Differences Through Talks: MEA

India and China on Friday held diplomatic talks over their military standoff in eastern Ladakh and agreed to handle their "differences" through peaceful discussions while respecting each other's sensitivities, concerns and aspirations, and not allow them to become disputes. The talks through video conference were held

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China Names New Commander For Sino-India Border

China has appointed a new Army commander for its Western Theatre Command ground forces responsible for the Sino-India border, ahead of the key talks between senior Indian and Chinese military officials on Saturday to end the border standoff. ● P-02



A WOMAN SCALES WALL OF FAMED NISHAT MUGHAL GARDEN here on Friday, as the ban on public parks and gardens remains imposed. Pic Abid Bhat

Indian Soldier Killed In Cross LoC Firing

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: An army man was killed in cross-border firing along the Line of Control (LoC) in Sunderbani Sector of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said Friday.

Pakistan troops on Thursday night opened fire upon Indian posts along the LoC in Sunderbani sector of the border district, they said. Indian troops guarding the border mounted a befitting retaliation to the unprovoked firing by Pakistan troops.

In the cross-LoC firing, a soldier identified as Havaladar Mathiazhang P was critically injured.

A resident of Sreerangai Kadu village in Tamil Nadu, the injured soldier was removed to the nearby army hospital for treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Fear has heightened among villagers along the LoC in Rajouri, Poonch and Kupwara since three civilians were killed in April this year in shelling by Pakistan. There were a total of 646 incidents of ceasefire violation along the International Border (IB) as well as the LoC between January 1 and February 23 this year, Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik said in March. ● P-02

Govt Directs Employees To Attend Offices From Today

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday asked all the government employees to attend their offices regularly from tomorrow.

In an order issued today, the J&K government said that employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions should take extra precautions and should preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with the public and the office management would facilitate work from home wherever feasible, an official spokesperson said.

He said that the order further

File Pic



adds that routine issue of visitors/ temporary passes should be suspended and only those visitors with proper permission of the offi-

cer who they want to meet, should be allowed after being properly screened and all the measures prescribed in the SOPs

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Jammu Employees Protest 'Durbar' Shifting To Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu-based employees on Friday held a protest at the Civil Secretariat here against their shifting to Kashmir as part of the bi-annual 'Durbar Move' in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

The employees were demanding that they should be continued to be posted at the Civil Secretariat here on "as is where is basis" as they fear for their life in the Valley where many districts have been declared 'red zones'.

"It is requested to consider the continuation of the existing

arrangements of working as is where is basis so that employees of the both the provinces may be able to take care of their families and also their duties till the situation improves," demanded Sanjeev Sharma, vice president of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Employees Union.

The Durbar move offices were partially opened in Srinagar on May 4. The administration has ordered their full reopening from June 15.

Under the bi-annual Durbar move, the government of Jammu and Kashmir functions for six months each in Srinagar and Jammu.

Govt Refers 7000 Class-IV Posts To JKSSB

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday referred over 7000 class-IV vacancies to the Services Selection Board (JKSSB) under provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Appointment to Class-IV (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020.

As per a communiqué of GAD, Accelerated Recruitment Committee constituted by the government in May last month, has identified and forwarded 7052 vacancies of Class-IV posts of nineteen departments to General Administration Department for their further referral to J&K Services Selection Board

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CRPF In Kashmir Pledge To Boycott Chinese Products

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A paramilitary CRPF unit deployed in Kashmir Valley has pledged to boycott all the Chinese products, as the stand-off between the two nuclear countries continues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

In a video that has gone viral on social networking websites, like Facebook and Twitter, dozens of CRPF personnel of 177 battalion are seen taking oath to boycott all the Chinese products, including eatables, clothing and electronic equipment.

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Amarnath Yatra: 'Pratham Pooja' Held In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The traditional 'Pratham Pooja' (first prayer) for the annual pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in South Kashmir Himalayas was held here on Friday, officials said.

Normally, the ceremony marks the start of the Amarnath Yatra which spans nearly two months. However, this year, according to sources, the yatra is likely to begin in the last week of July and its duration shortened to 15 days due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The 'Pratham Pooja' was conducted by principal secretary to Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor and CEO of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) Bipul Pathak, and SASB Additional CEO A K Soni.

The first prayers were performed as is the annual practice.

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Shah Faesal, Madni Placed Under 'House Arrest'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: IAS officer-turned-politician Shah Faesal and two PDP members, including the maternal uncle of former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, who were released from detention under the PSA earlier this week have been "informally" told not to move out of their houses, informed sources said.

The three were shifted to their official residences on Wednesday after they were released following revocation of the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) against them by the home department of the union territory.

However, they were conveyed informally that they should not step out of their homes and a police guard has also been posted outside, the sources said.

When contacted, Sartaj Madani,



File Pic

uncle of Mehbooba Mufti, told PTI over phone that he was not sure whether he had been kept under house arrest but added that he was not allowed to go to his native village in Bijbehara of South Kashmir.

"I was told that I can go without assigning any reason," he said.

Efforts to seek a reaction from Peer Mansoor, political advisor during the tenure of Mehbooba Mufti as chief minister, and Faesal, a 2010 batch IAS officer did not fructify as their phones were not reachable.

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