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News Digest

CRPF Man Ends Life In Pulwama

Srinagar: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) man on Thursday allegedly committed suicide in Awantipora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district.

BSF Man 'Thrashes' Rafiabad Youth

Srinagar: A youth on Thursday was hospitalised after allegedly beaten up by a Border Security Force (BSF) man in Rafiabad area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

3 Missing Sopore Boys Traced: Police

Srinagar: Police on Thursday claimed to have traced out three youth who were missing from Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Canines Injure 5 Men In Pulwama

Srinagar: At least five people were injured after stray dogs went on a biting spree in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, reports said Thursday.

Man Falls From Tree In Kulgam, Dies

Srinagar: An elderly man died after falling from a tree in Tangmarg Manzgam area of Dambhal Hanjipora in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

PSA Of Naeem Akhtar, Hilal Lone Revoked

Srinagar: The detention of Hilal Ahmad Lone, son of National Conference Lok Sabha MP Mohammad Akbar Lone, and PDP leader Nayeem Akhtar under the Public Safety Act was revoked on Thursday, officials said here.

India, China Military Talks Fail To End Deadlock

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Indian and Chinese militaries held Major General-level dialogue on Thursday for the third consecutive day on disengagement of troops as well as restoration of normalcy in Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh, official sources said.

Galwan Valley was the site of a violent clash between Indian and Chinese troops on Monday evening that resulted in the death of a colonel and 19 other Indian Army soldiers.

The talks between the two sides near Galwan Valley ended in a stalemate on Tuesday as well as Wednesday, the sources said.

On Wednesday, the two sides discussed ways to implement the disengagement of troops from the region as agreed to during a high-level military dialogue on June 6.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India wants peace but is capable of giving a fitting reply if instigated.

The clash in Galwan Valley is the biggest confrontation between the two militaries after their 1967 clashes in Nathu La when India lost around 80 soldiers while the death toll on the Chinese side was over 300.

The two armies were engaged in a standoff in Galwan and several other areas of the eastern Ladakh since May 5 when the two sides clashed on the bank of the Pangong Tso.

After the standoff began, the Indian military leadership decided that Indian troops will adopt a firm approach in dealing with the aggressive posturing by the Chinese troops in all disputed areas.

LADAKH FACE-OFF



More Troops Deployed Along LAC, Navy; Air Force On High Alert

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Frontline bases of the Indian army and the air force along the nearly 3,500 km border with China were put on high alert on Wednesday in view of the worst border clash between Indian and Chinese troops in Galwan Valley that left 20 Army personnel dead and several injured, government sources said.

The Indian Navy has also been asked to raise its alert-level in the Indian Ocean Region where Chinese Navy has been making regular forays.

rushed in additional troops and weaponry to all its key frontline bases and formations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh, they said.

"The rules of engagement will be different from now onwards. The prime minister has spelt out the broad policy about it," a top military official told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

Sending a strong message to China, PM Modi said India wants peace but is capable of giving a fitting reply if instigated. It was his first reaction to the violent clash.

No Soldier Missing Since Galwan Valley Clash: Army

China's Claim Over Galwan Valley 'Exaggerated, Untenable': MEA

NEW DELHI: The Indian Army on Thursday trashed media reports claiming that a number of its soldiers went missing after the violent clashes with Chinese troops at Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh three days back.

"It is clarified that there are no Indian troops missing in action," the Army said in a statement.

There have been reports that several Indian Army soldiers were held captive by the Chinese Army following the Galwan Valley clashes in which 20 Indian Army personnel including a Colonel were killed.

At a media briefing, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava also said...

General-level talks on June 6. "Making exaggerated and untenable claims is contrary to this understanding," he said in a statement issued at around 1 am.

The Galwan Valley was the site of the violent clash between the two militaries on Monday evening in which a colonel and 19 other Indian Army personnel were killed.

It was the biggest confrontation along the Line of Actual Control between the two forces after their clashes in Nathu La in 1967 when India lost around 80 soldiers and China lost over 300 PLA personnel.

In a sharp reaction to the claim by China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), Spokesperson in the Ministry of External Affairs Anurag Srivastava referred to an agreement reached between Chinese and Indian militaries on "disengagement" during the Lt

China Asks India Not To Underestimate Its Will

NEW DELHI/BEIJING: A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi warned China against aggression, Beijing asked New Delhi not to "misjudge" the situation or "underestimate" its will.

Even as China's President Xi Jinping has remained tight-lipped about the escalation of tensions between India and China, especially after the killing of 20 Indian soldiers in a violent stand-off between the two sides at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, Beijing's spokesperson took to social media to respond to India's warning.

In a couple of tweets, Foreign Ministry spokesperson of China, Hua Chunying said, "India... deliberately provoking".

China Disturbing Flow Of Galwan River Into Ladakh: Report

China is using bulldozers to disturb the flow of Galwan river into northeast Ladakh in further escalation of hostilities between the two neighbouring nuclear countries, NDTV reported Thursday.

The report based on the high resolution satellite images procured by the English news channel indicate Chinese efforts to block or disturb the flow of the Galwan river in Northeast Ladakh, less than a kilometer from the site of the deadly clash between Indian and Chinese soldiers on June 15 in which 20 Indian officers and men were killed.

7 Covid-19 Deaths In A Day Takes Toll To 72

Observer Monitoring Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir reported seven COVID-19 related deaths in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of fatalities due to coronavirus in the union territory to 72, officials said on Thursday.

While five of the deaths took place in the Kashmir valley, two people died in the Jammu region, the officials said. While four deaths took place at SMHS, another one was reported by Chest Diseases hospital here, they added.

The dead included a 65-year-old from Batamloo and 70-year-old from Budgam all of whom passed away on Wednesday night, the officials said.

They said an 80-year-old man from Nawab Bazar area of Srinagar and a 65-year-old from Shop-

ian passed away at the hospital on Thursday morning. All of these patients were COVID-19 positive and had several comorbidities like hypertension, bilateral pneumonia and...

Srinagar Doctor In Saudi Dies of Covid-19

A 69-year-old doctor from Nishat area of Srinagar has died of covid-19 in Saudi Arabia, his family friend said on Thursday.

4 Policemen, Doctor Among 149 New Positives

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday reported 149 fresh cases of coronavirus, including a doctor and four policemen, taking the number of infected people in the Union Territory to 5555.

Giving district wise break, official sources said that among the fresh cases 25 were reported from Budgam followed by Pulwama (21), Baramulla (20), Undhampur (16), Kathua (12), 11...

2 Militants Killed In South Kashmir Encounters

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two unidentified militants on Thursday were killed in separate encounters with government forces in the twin districts of Pulwama and Shopian in south Kashmir.

Acting on specific information about presence of militants, special operation group (SOG) of police, army and CRPF personnel cordoned off Meej locality of Pampore and started search operation, a police official said.

One militant has been killed, the official said, adding...

'Militant' Arrested From Anantnag

Security forces have apprehended a militant from Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, an Army official said on Thursday.

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DGP Chairs High Level Meet

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Another state so our market is just this much, and if they remove us from here also, how will we sustain? Pertinently, after New Delhi scrapped special status of Jammu and Kashmir last summer, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said, "There must be investment and job opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. Article 35A, 370 have been standing in the way of development."

Losing To Lowest Bidder: 'Tender' Blow To Kashmiri Unit-holders

Jyotsna Bharti

Srinagar: A year before Kashmir would plunge into raging protests, Mujtabha Khan had decided to return to his politically-uncertain homeland as a self-starter. It was 2015, and the MBA-degree holder knew that being a unit-holder wouldn't be easy.

"I shouldn't have left London," Khan, struggling for words, said. "All I ever wanted after my studies

was to come back and be a job creator in my homeland."

Over the years, he took a bank loan of around Rs 2 crores to run and sustain his unit, Khan says. "But the sudden change of policies has now left me stranded and marooned. There're so many people associated with me. I don't really know what to do."

Today, Khan is one of the dejected unit-holders of the valley getting anxious over the junked Industrial Policy 2016. Among other things, the scrapped policy clearly states that the locals should be given the priority in order to grow and sustain.

"After our state became union territory, nobody is listening to us," a Kashmir-based transformer unit-



holder told Kashmir Observer. "Officials are allotting a transformer tender to the lowest bidder from Punjab, irrespective of being

an outsider. Such steps will kill the industries here. There're many youngsters who've come back to Kashmir to work here. What'll they do now? They've huge loans on their account to settle."

Notably, Punjab was the lowest bidder in the transformer tender recently because unit-holders there have the raw material, cheap labour costs, besides power and constant working allowance.

"But here in the valley," the unit-holder said, "we work only for a few months in a year and most of the time it is shut." Kashmiri unit-holders, he said, "we are dependent on government tenders. Our rates aren't buyable in