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News Digest

3 Minors Among 5 Killed In Doda Accident

Bhadarwah- Five people, including three minor children, were killed when their car skidded off the road and rolled down into a 350-feet deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Friday, officials said. The car was on its way from Gool area of Ramban district to Thathri town of Doda district. The accident took place near Raggi Nallah around 10 am, they added. "Police party from nearby Assar police station immediately rushed to the spot and started rescue operation along with volunteers, but all the five passengers, including the driver, were declared dead on the spot," Mushtaq Ahmed, Station House Officer (SHO) Assar, said. "The deceased have been" **P-02**

Grenade Lobbed On Police Post

Srinagar: Suspected militants on Friday lobbed a grenade towards a police post in Quimoh area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district. Unidentified militants on Friday evening lobbed a grenade on the police post Qaimoh, however it missed the intended target, a senior police officer told news agency GNS. He said no loss of life or property was reported in the grenade attack. Soon after the incident, government forces launched manhunt to nab the attackers.

Medium Intensity Quake Hits Ladakh

New Delhi: A medium intensity earthquake of magnitude 4.5 hit Ladakh on Friday evening, the National Centre for Seismology said. The quake occurred at 8.15 pm at a depth of 25 kilometres, it added. The Himalaya region is highly prone to earthquakes.

Pak National Held By BSF In Gujarat

Ahmedabad: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday apprehended a Pakistan national from Kutch district in Gujarat for trying to enter India illegally, officials said. He was held while trying to enter Indian territory from Pillar Number 1082 in the Rann of Kutch, a BSF release said. Nothing suspicious has been found on him, it said, adding that a joint interrogation would be done by security agencies before he is handed over to the police. Pakistan nationals, mainly from Sindh province, routinely get caught while trying to sneak into India.

16 More Covid-19 Patients Cured

Srinagar: Sixteen more Covid-19 positive patients, including a pregnant woman on Friday were discharged from JLNH hospital Rainawari after fully recovering from the deadly disease. Nodal Officer for Coronavirus at JLNH Hospital, Dr Bilquees said that all these patients were asymptomatic. She said all patients were from Srinagar city. Most of these patients were discharged after 20-25 days. "The total discharged patients from Rainawari Hospital till now are 375 while total positive patients admitted in the hospital at present are 60 in general Isolation Wards and 8 positive pregnant patients in Gynae Isolation Ward," she added.

India Warns China Against Changing Status Quo

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BEIJING: India on Friday warned China that trying to alter the status quo on the ground by resorting to force will not just damage the peace that existed on the border areas but can also have "ripples and repercussions" in the broader bilateral relationship, and demanded that Beijing stop its activities in eastern Ladakh.

The only way to resolve the current military standoff along the LAC in eastern Ladakh was for Beijing to realise that trying to "change the status quo by resorting to force or coercion, is not the right way forward, India's ambassador to China Vikram Misri said in a hard-hitting interview to PTI. Asserting that actions taken by the Chinese forces on the ground have damaged "considerable trust" in the bilateral relationship, the Indian ambassador added that it was entirely the responsibility of the Chinese side to take a careful view of the relations and to decide which direction the ties should move.

Noting that maintenance of peace and tranquillity "on the border is sine qua non for progress in the rest of bilateral relationship between India and China", Misri said: "The resolution of this issue is quite straight forward from our perspective. The Chinese side needs to stop creating obstruction and hindrances in the normal patrolling patterns of" **PAGE 02**



US Shifting Military To Face Chinese Threat To India: Pompeo

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WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Thursday that the Chinese threat to India and Southeast Asian nations is one of the reasons America is reducing its troop presence in Europe and deploying them to other places.

Pompeo made the remarks in response to a question at the Brussels Forum that he had addressed virtually.

When asked why the US had reduced the number of troops in Germany, Pompeo said **PAGE 02**

Army Chief Briefs Rajnath On Ladakh Situation

Army Chief Gen MM Naravane on Friday briefed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the overall situation in eastern Ladakh as well as India's military preparedness in the region where Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a bitter standoff, official sources said. The Army Chief was in Ladakh on a **P-02**

Trump Opponent Seeks Restoration Of Peoples' Rights In Kashmir

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WASHINGTON- Democratic presidential nominee and former vice president Joe Biden wants India to take necessary steps to restore rights of all Kashmiris, and has expressed disappointment over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the implementation of the NRC in Assam.

These measures are inconsistent with the country's long tradition of secularism and with sustaining a multi-ethnic and multi-religious democracy, according to the policy paper — Joe



Biden's agenda for Muslim American community" posted recently on his campaign website.

A group of Hindu Americans have reached out to the Biden campaign expressing their resentment to the language used **PAGE 02**

Hindu Americans Upset With Biden's Views

Democratic presidential nominee and former vice president Joe Biden wants New Delhi to take necessary steps to restore rights of all Kashmiris and has expressed disappointment over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act as well as the implementation of the National Register of Citizens in Assam. **P-02**

SC Seeks J&K Govt's Reply On Mian Qayoom's Detention

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Friday issued notice to Jammu and Kashmir administration on a plea filed by high court's bar leader Mian Abdul Qayoom challenging his detention under Public Safety Act since August 7 last year.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and B R Gavai issued notice to the Union Territory's administration and sought its reply by first week of the reopening of the top court.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave and advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Qayoom, said that



they have challenged the order of the high Court which had upheld his detention under the J-K Public Safety Act.

The bench also passed an interim direction for providing some daily essentials to him while in detention at Tihar Jail. **PAGE 02**

6 Paramilitary Men, 3 Cops Among 213 Fresh Covid Positives

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 213 more Covid-19 cases on Friday, including six paramilitary personnel and three cops, taking the number of cases in J&K to 6,762, officials said.

"213 new Covid-19 cases were detected in J&K. While 155 of them are from Kashmir, 58 are from Jammu," the officials said.

Among fresh cases, 63 cases were reported from Baramulla followed by 40 from Udhampur, 23 from Pulwama, 18 from Shopian, 17 from Kupwara, 11 from Budgam, 10 from Srinagar. **P-02**

Teen Injured In Cross -LoC Firing In Poonch

JAMMU: A 17-year-old girl was injured on Friday after India and Pakistan troops exchanged heavy gunfire along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, officials said.

Nazia Kouser was grazing cattle ahead of the border fencing along the LoC in the Challerri area of Shahpur sector when the Pakistan army violated ceasefire and fired at her around 6 pm, they said.

She was initially treated at a hospital in Poonch and later referred to Jammu for specialised treatment, the officials said.

District Development Commissioner, Poonch, Rahul Yadav confirmed the incident and said an immediate assistance of Rs 10,000 has been given to the girl's family.

On Thursday, Indian and Pakistan troops had traded gunfire in Macchil sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara district. **PAGE 02**

Army Intensifies Vigil Along LoC

JAMMU: With intelligence inputs of a large number of militants waiting on launching pads along the LoC to infiltrate into India taking the cover of ceasefire violations, the Army has put its troops on alert and intensified vigilance along the Indo-Pak border, officials said on Friday.

The Army and police have also created an anti-infiltration obstacle setup on infiltration routes along the Line of Control.

The militants belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Al-Badr and Hizbul Mujahideen have been staged in 23 launching pads along the LoC, mostly opposite to Rajouri-Poonch **PAGE 02**

3 Militants Killed In Overnight Gunfight In Tral



VILLAGERS WATCHING the house damaged in an encounter in Chewa Ular area of Tral on Friday. Pic by Shah Junaid

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Three militants, including a B.Tech dropout were killed Friday in an overnight gunfight with government forces in Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Special operations group (SOG) of police, army's 42 RR and CRPF laid a cordon around Chewa Ular of Tral around 5pm on Thursday on the basis of an input suggesting presence of militants in the village, eyewitnesses told Kashmir Observer. The militants hiding in the vil-

lage fired upon the search team in a bid to break the cordon.

"When the state forces returned the fire, the militants entered the four storey house of Gulam Mohammad Wani and engaged them in a firefight. Soon, the exchange of fire intensified between the two sides," Shabir Ahmad, an eyewitness told Kashmir Observer.

He said that the state forces also sent two villagers to the house to see if the house owner and his family were trapped. The forces, Ahmad said also maintained the cordon throughout the **PAGE 02**

CRPF Constable, 8 Yr Old Boy Killed In Bijbehara Attack

A CRPF personal and a minor boy were killed after militants attacked paramilitary forces in Bijbehara area in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday afternoon, police said. Around 12:10 pm, militants fired at a road opening party of 90 Battalion CRPF near the Padshahi Bagh bridge in Bijbehara, a police official said. He said a CRPF personnel and an eight-year-old boy were injured in the attack. The injured were taken to a hospital in Bijbehara where **P-02**

IAS Officer Becomes First 'Outsider' To Get J&K Domicile Certificate

25,000 Certificates Issued Across Union Territory So Far

Agencies

JAMMU: An Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer on Friday became the first among the civil servants from outside to get the domicile certificate in Jammu and Kashmir.

The domicile certificate issued by Tehsildar of the Jammu's Bahu area, Rohit Sharma says, "This is to certify that Shri Navin K. Choudhary, son of Shri Deokant

Choudhary, resident of at present Gandhi Nagar, Jammu is a domicile of UT of J&K.

"The applicant is eligible in terms of the following clause of rule 5 of the Jammu and Kashmir grant domicile certificate (Production) rules 2020".

According to this rule, those living in J&K for more than 15 years can apply for the certificate.

Navin Choudhary is an IAS officer of the J&K cadre, 1994 **PAGE 02**

Law Aimed To Change J-K's Muslim-Majority Character: PDP

The Peoples Democratic Party on Friday voiced its "stern opposition" to the new domicile rules for Jammu and Kashmir, saying the Centre through "such underhand means" intends "demographic flooding" in the union territory while "plundering" the people **P-02**

Shabir Shah Seeks Separate Cell In Tihar Jail

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NEW DELHI: Freedom Party leader Shabir Shah, arrested in two separate cases of alleged militant financing, Friday moved a Delhi court seeking a separate cell in Tihar central jail where he is lodged since 2017.

In an application that is likely to come up for hearing on Saturday, advocate Qausar Khan submitted that Shah is suffering from various ailments that puts him in danger in case he is found COVID-19 positive.

Looking at the recent occurrences of COVID-19 in the central jail and the health condition of the accused, his life would be in

danger if he comes in contact with the virus. Therefore, direct the jail authorities to put him in a separate cell, the application filed on behalf of the separatist leader said.

The first case against him was registered in 2007 for the alleged money laundering committed in 2005 for the purpose of militant financing. He was arrested by ED on July 25, 2017.

The case is connected to one in which the Special Cell of Delhi Police had arrested Mohammad Aslam Wani, an alleged hawala dealer.

ED had said that Rs 63 lakh was recovered from Wani, out of which Rs 52 lakh was allegedly to **PAGE 02**

J&K Govt Rejigs Admin, 9 Officers Shifted

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday ordered transfer of nine Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) officers in the interest of the administration.

In a handout issued today, a government spokesperson said that Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, KAS, Director, Sericulture, J&K, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Rajouri, relieving Sher Singh, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri of the additional charge of the post.

Nazir Ahmad Baba, KAS Additional Commissioner (Central) in the office of Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K, is transferred and posted as Regional Director. **PAGE 02**

CIC Asks JK Govt To Register With Centre's RTI Portal

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NEW DELHI: The Central Information Commission has suggested that the government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir register itself on the Central government's RTI portal to allow the general public to file their applications online.

In a statement, the transparency panel said it has started the process of getting pending appeals and complaints from the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State Information Commission transferred to itself.

The transfer had become a necessity after the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir state into two Union Territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh -- last year. The Jammu and Kashmir Right to Information Act was replaced with

the central Right to Information Act, 2005 thus bringing all the pending appeals and complaints under the Central Information Commission.

The Commission on Friday held an interaction with all the State Information Commissioners and Chief Information Commissioners through video conferencing, a statement issued by the panel said.

The basic objective of the interaction chaired by Chief Information Commissioner Bimal Julka was to exchange ideas, methodology and approach to streamline the functioning of the Commission through the use of ham technological tools especially during the COVID-19 situation.

"It was also brought out that consequent to the reorganization of Jammu & Kashmir Act, 2019 and transfer of pending **PAGE 02**

J&K Power Department Comes Under Cyber Attack, 4 Servers Hit

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SRINAGAR: A cyberattack was launched on the servers of the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (JKPDD) but the threat has been contained, an official said on Friday.

A cyber threat was detected at 4:42 AM on June 24 on four (04) servers out of 103 servers installed across JKPDD at Data Center (DC) and Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), Chief Engineer, Distribution, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), who is a nodal officer RAPDRP Part-A IT of JKPDD, said here.

He said the servers and out loca-



tion hardware installed across 60 billing sub-division offices and 40 other

offices were immediately isolated from intranet on JKPDD **PAGE 02**

IGP Rath Alleges Life Threat From Kashmir Police Chief

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JAMMU: A letter, purportedly written by senior IPS officer Basant Rath expressing apprehension about his safety due to "certain activities" of the Jammu and Kashmir Police chief, has gone viral on the social media, triggering a controversy.

The June 25 letter, addressed to the Gandhinagar police station SHO, does not seek registration of an FIR, but wants it to be made "a part of daily diary".

Gandhinagar police station SHO Gurnam Choudhary, however, denied having received any such letter.

"I'm writing you to take note of my genuine apprehensions about my safety and reputation. I am doing it as a private citizen of the country. In my personal capacity.



Not as a civil servant. Not as a policeman," states the letter, purportedly written by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Rath.

"I am not asking you to lodge an FIR against the person mentioned above. I am just asking you to make this letter a part of the daily diary in your police station...." **PAGE 02**