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News Digest

CASO Launched Along Kathua Border

Jammu: Security forces launched a search operation on Friday following reports of "suspected movement" in the riverine areas along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua-Samba sector, officials said. Some people informed the police about suspected movement of two persons near the Ujjahnallah in KotePanu and Pundori hamlets, and they swung into action and launched the operation in the area, they said. The entire area was cordoned off and searches conducted for several hours, the officials said. In the last few years, terrorists have infiltrated into India. ● P-02

Advocate Zahid Ali Booked Under PSA

Srinagar: Advocate Zahid Ali on Friday was booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and shifted to Srinagar's Central Jail, barely three months after a court here quashed his detention under the controversial law. Ali, the Chief Spokesperson of Jama'at-e-Islami, now banned, was picked up from his home in Nihama area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on June 30 and shifted to police station Kakpora, family sources said. He was later booked under the PSA and shifted to Central Jail. ● P-02

Penalty Imposed On JKSRTC Driver

Jammu: The management Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKSRTC) on Friday imposed a penalty on a driver for indulging into misappropriation of corporation revenue and negligence of duties. JKSRTC Managing Director, Angrez Singh Rana today issued an order today imposing a penalty of Rs 22,446 on a corporation driver for gross negligence of legitimate duties and ticket less travelling, an official spokesperson said. JKSRTC, he said imposed the penalty after ARTO Kishtwar- Doda submitted a report indicating that the driver was found indulging into the. ● P-02

LAWDA Demolishes Illegal Structures In City

Srinagar: The Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) authorities on Friday demolished several illegal structures during a demolition drive in several parts of the city here. The Enforcement Wing of LAWDA carried out a drive in Baghwanpora, Rainawari, Miskeenbagh and Shalimar during which a single storey, double storey and three-storey illegal constructions were demolished, an official spokesperson said. He said an anti-encroachment drive was also launched. ● P-02

SKIMS Discharges 30 After Recovery

Srinagar: The authorities at the SKIMS hospital Bemina on Friday discharged 30 people after recovering fully from Covid-19 infection. According to an official spokesperson, 30 patients were discharged today after recuperating from COVID-19 and successfully testing negative prior to discharging. "With this the total figure of recovered patients has raised to 529 out of 640 COVID-19 positive patients admitted till date from April 2020, taking the overall recovery rate to 82.6. ● P-02

Chargesheet Filed Against Yasin Malik In Baramulla Court

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday presented a chargesheet against separatist leader Mohammad Yasin Malik in a Baramulla court in connection with two cases registered against him at the Police Station Sumbal in Bandipora district.

Officials said that Police presented a charge-sheet against Malik in the Court of Sessions Judge Sanjay Parihar at Baramulla District Court through video conferencing.

Malik, they said appeared before the Court through video conferencing today and he was also informed about the charge-sheet which has been filed against him in Baramulla Court.

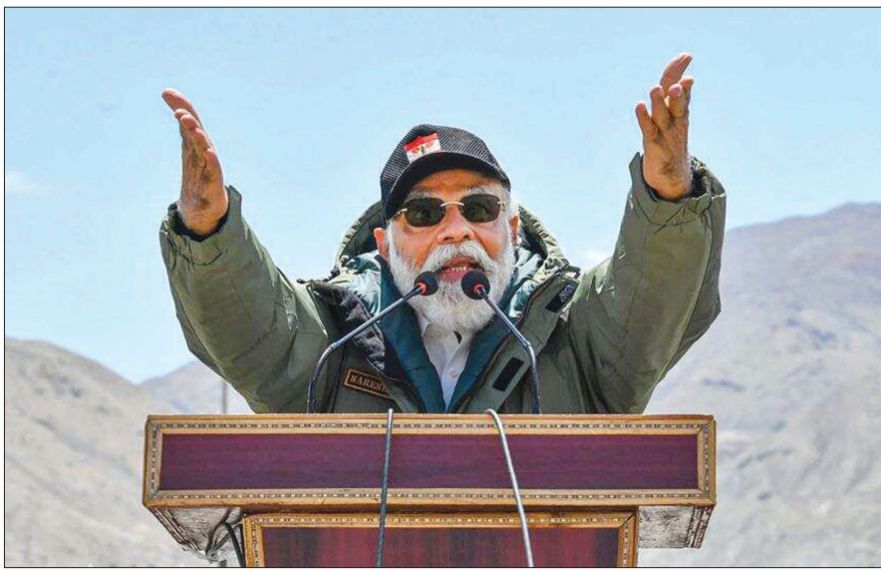
The officials said that two cases were filed against Malik in 2008 and



2010 for organizing anti-India rallies in Sumbal town of Bandipora district. While presenting the charge-sheet, when the judge gave Yasin Malik a chance to choose his lawyer, the separatist leader said that he would follow his own lead. However, the court did not approve his statement and directed the. ● PAGE 02

PM Modi Attacks 'Expansionist' China From Ladakh

'India's Enemies Have Seen Fire And Fury Of Its Armed Forces'



PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi addresses the Indian troops during his visit to the forward post in Ladakh, Friday, July 3, 2020. (PTI)

Press Trust Of India

LEH/NEW DELHI: In a clear message to China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the era of expansionism is over and that India's enemies have seen the "fire and fury" of its armed forces as he made an unannounced visit to Ladakh, signaling India's firmness in dealing with the border row with the neighbouring country.

In an address to troops, Modi paid glowing tributes to the 20 Indian soldiers killed in the Galwan Valley clashes, and said tales of the bravery and valour of the armed forces are echoing in every part of the country.

"Bharat Mata's enemies have seen your fire and fury," Modi said in an apparent reference to

the military clashes between the Indian and Chinese troops, and asserted that bravery is a prerequisite for peace and that the weak can never accomplish it.

Modi's visit to Ladakh is seen as a strong message against China's aggressive posturing along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region.

"We are the same people who pray to the flute-playing Lord Krishna, but we are also those who idolise and pray to the same Lord Krishna who carries the Sudarshana Chakra", he said amid chants of 'Vande Mataram'.

The prime minister said the world has taken note of India's strength due to the "exemplary bravery" of the armed forces in the recent weeks, adding history is proof that "expansionists

have either lost or perished.

"The era of expansionism has ended. This is the age of development. If someone becomes stubborn for expansionism, then it creates danger for world peace. History is witness that such forces have either been eliminated or forced to turn back. The entire world has made up its mind against expansionism," he said.

He further said: "Your courage is higher than the heights where you are serving today. When the safety of the country is in your hands, then there is a belief. Not only me, but the entire nation believes in you. We all are proud of you."

The prime minister, accompanied by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat and Army Chief Gen MM Naravane in the morning. Later, he interacted. ● PAGE 02

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'We're Bringing Modern Technology From Around World For Armed Forces'

On a surprise visit to Ladakh in the midst of heightened tension between India and China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday told soldiers that modernisation of the armed forces is a priority and that the spending on border infrastructure has almost tripled.

In an address to troops, Modi said India is manufacturing critical weapons and bringing modern technology from around the world for the armed forces as the government is paying lot of attention for their requirement. "If India is enhancing its powers on land, air and water, then it is for the welfare of mankind," he said.

Neither Side Should Complicate Border Situation: China

A s Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook a surprise visit on Friday to eastern Ladakh to meet troops amid a bitter Sino-India military standoff, China said neither side should make any move that may complicate the border situation. Modi visited Leh where he interacted with personnel of the Army, Air Force. ● P-02

"India is manufacturing modern weapons today. We are bringing modern technology from around the world for the armed forces. The spirit behind it is the same. If India is building modern infrastructure at a fast pace, then the message behind it is the same," he added.

Modi said the government

is paying a lot of attention to bring modern weapons for the armed forces.

"Now the spending on border infrastructure in the country has almost tripled. This has also led to speedy development of border areas including construction of bridges and laying of roads," he said. ● PAGE 02

Covid-19: NEET, JEE Exams Put Off Till Sept

NEW DELHI: The HRD Ministry on Friday postponed crucial medical and engineering entrance exams NEET and JEE to September in view of the spike in COVID-19 cases.

The decision was taken following recommendations of a four-member committee set up to review the feasibility of conducting the exams in July.

"Keeping in mind the safety of students and to ensure quality education we have decided to postpone JEE and NEET examinations. JEE-Main examination will be held between September 1-6, while JEE-advanced exam will be held on September 27. NEET examination will be held on September 13," said Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nihank'.

Following the announcement of a nationwide lockdown to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus, the competitive exams for engineering and medical admissions were first postponed on May 5.

The medical entrance exam National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) was scheduled for July 26, while the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE)-Mains for admission to engineering colleges was to be held from July 18-23.

JEE-Advanced, which is conducted for admission to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), was earlier scheduled for. ● P-02

India Lodges Protest With Pak Over Ceasefire Violations

NEW DELHI: India has lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over "unprovoked ceasefire violations" by Pakistani forces along the Line of Control and the International Border with an aim to push militants into Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said on Friday.

They said 14 Indians have been killed and 88 sustained injuries in more than 2,432 incidents of ceasefire violations carried out by Pakistani forces till June this year.

The ceasefire violations are in contravention of the 2003 ceasefire understanding between the two countries, the sources said.

They said India has also conveyed its "strong concerns" at the continued support being extended by the Pakistani forces to cross border infiltration of militants, including by providing covering fire.

"We have registered our strong protest at the continued. ● P-02

Despite Note Ban, 370 Move, No Change In J&K Situation: Sena

MUMBAI: The Shiv Sena on Friday said the 2016 demonetisation exercise, scrapping of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir have done nothing to improve the security situation in the militancy-affected Union Territory.

The former BJP ally wondered why there is no peace in the newly-carved out Union Territory when there is a "strong" government at the Centre.

"Its status quo despite scrapping of Article 370 (that gave special status to J&K) and bifurcation of the erstwhile state.

"There is blood on the streets every day and there is loss of innocent lives. Despite demonetisation, there is no respite from militant activities and. ● P-02

Srinagar Can Never Be Militancy Free: IGP Kashmir

Says Militant Behind Bijbehara

Attack Killed In Malbagh Gunfight



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Claiming that the militants are on the run following hot pursuit by the state forces, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar said on Friday that Srinagar can never be militancy free as the militants keep on visiting this capital city for various purposes.

Talking to the reporters on the sidelines of wreath laying function of a CRPF Head Constable Kuldeep Kumar killed in a late night encounter in Srinagar's Malbagh area on Thursday, the IGP Kashmir said that the militants were on run and were regularly changing their hideouts. The forces, he said launch operations to neutralize militants as soon as information is received.

"Srinagar is a city where militants come often. Sometimes they come for medical treatment, meetings or collecting funds. Srinagar can never be militant free. That will never be possible," he said, adding

"Militants will keep on coming here. And we will keep on carrying out encounters as and when we get information about the militants."

Terming the Malbagh encounter as a big success for the government forces, the IGP Kashmir said that Zahid Dass, the district chief of ISJK was a very "big criminal for us" as he carried a series of attacks, including the one at Bijbehara.

"Five militants were involved in this attack. Yawar Butt was killed in previous encounter on June 30. Three have been killed so far while two are still alive," he said.

Kumar said that Dass was involved in killing the PSO of Sajad Mufti and decamping with his rifle in November 2019. In April this year, the ISJK militant, he said shot dead a CRPF man in Goriwan with a pistol fire. "On June 26, he opened fired at CRPF in which a jawan and a six year old child were killed. On the same day, we filed a case against him. We tweeted his details. ● PAGE 02

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4 More Covid-19 Deaths In Kashmir, J&K Toll 121

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Four more Covid-19 patients succumbed to the deadly disease in Kashmir Valley on Friday, taking the fatality count across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to 121.

While three deaths were reported from Chest Diseases hospital, another was confirmed by the authorities at the SMHS hospital here.

An 80-year-old Covid-19 positive patient from Rajbagh Srinagar died at around 12:30 am at SMHS hospital, the officials said.

They said the octogenarian was admitted to the hospital on Thursday and had bilateral pneumonia and heart ailments. Earlier, a 70-year-old male patient from Baramulla died at CD hospital, the officials said.

They said the patient, who was shifted to the hospital on Thursday, was suffering from pneumonia, hypertension, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Later evening, two more deaths were reported from the CD hospital. Among them was an 80-year-old from Chattabal areas of Srinagar and. ● PAGE 02

Covid-19 Crosses 8000 Mark In J&K, 170 New Cases

Coronavirus cases on Friday crossed 8000 mark in Jammu and Kashmir as 170 more people, including 57 travellers, 10 Beacon personnel and five uniformed men, taking the number of people infected across the Union Territory to 8019. "170 new Covid-19 cases were detected in J&K. While 128 of them are from Kashmir, 42 are from Jammu,". ● P-02

HC Rules Out CAT's Jurisdiction Over J&K Bank Hiring

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Central Administrative Act (CAT) does not have the jurisdiction over selection process by J&K Bank regarding 1850 posts of Probationary Officers and Banking Associates, Jammu and Kashmir High Court ruled on Friday.

"It cannot be said that sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the CAT Act applies to the Bank or the instant recruitment process of the Bank," a bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey said.

"Resultantly, it is held that the CAT does not have the jurisdiction under Section 14 in relation to the subject matter of controversy in the instant case; and, further, that this Court continues to have the jurisdiction in relation. ● PAGE 02



J&K Bank Disbursed Rs 1100 Cr Under GECL Scheme: CMD

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank has disbursed over Rs 1100 Cr under the central government's Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) scheme to the eligible borrowers strictly as per the regulatory guidelines, Chairman and MD R K Chhibber said here on Friday. ● P-02

Govt Employee Booked Over 'Seditious' Social Media Post

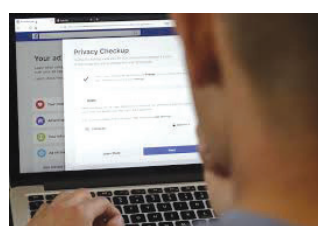
Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday booked a government employee for putting out 'highly seditious and provocative posts' on the social media

Tahir Nazir Shalla, an employee in government's education department was arrested after the cyber police found him misusing social media by posting "seditious and provocative" posts which are "highly prejudicial" to maintenance of law and order, a police spokesperson said.

"Besides, he was also running anti-national campaign on social media and tried to create false and fake narrative by spreading rumours with regard to the current security scenario of the Kashmir valley," he added.

Shalla, the police spokesperson



said has been shifted to Police Station Sopore where he remains in custody. "Case FIR No. 171/2020 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Sopore and further investigation into the matter is going on," he said.

He added that police has taken serious note of misuse of social media platforms and registered a case against various users who defied the Government orders by spreading "false propaganda against. ● PAGE 02