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## News Digest

### Cross-LoC Shelling Rattles Poonch

Jammu: Indian and Pakistani troops on Wednesday exchanged heavy gunfire in two sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan army violated ceasefire on Wednesday by resorting to heavy firing and mortar shelling in forward areas in Poonch district, officials said. "At about 1730 hours today, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by" **P-02**

### Hizb OGW Held In Kupwara: Police

Srinagar: Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested a Hizbul Mujahideen militant associate in Kupwara district of north Kashmir. Altaf Ahmad Bhat of Kanthpora village of Sogam was arrested by police after receiving reliable information that he has come in contact with Hizbul Mujahideen militants and was being lured to join their ranks, a police official said. However, the official said that anticipating that he might face arrest; the youth absconded from" **P-02**

### Suitcase Creates Bomb Scare In Poonch

Jammu: An unclaimed suitcase on the roadside in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir created a bomb scare on Wednesday, prompting the Army to rush in a special squad to examine the object, police said. However, no explosive was detected in the suitcase, which, it was later found, belonged to a soldier and contained his clothes and daily use items, a police official said. He said some locals noticed the "abandoned" suitcase on" **P-02**

### Bear Mauls Man In Bandipora

Srinagar: A man was attacked and injured by a bear on Wednesday in Ajas area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. 38-year-old Farooq Ahmad Khan of Charawan village of Ajas was attacked and injured seriously by a bear when he was on the way to market on Wednesday morning, an official said. The locals chased away the beast and rescued the injured man before shifting him to the nearby hospital. However, the doctors there referred Khan, who had suffered injuries on his face, to Srinagar for advanced treatment, officials added.

### CASO Carried Out In Beerwah

Srinagar: Government Forces on Wednesday carried out a cordon and search operation (CASO) in Beerwah area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. The state forces laid a cordon around Rath-suna and Dragger villages of the Beerwah on Wednesday evening after receiving specific inputs about the presence of militants, news agency KNT reported. The government forces, the report said carried out door to door search operation after sealing all the entry and exit points **P-02**

## China Lines Up Tanks, Combat Vehicles Facing Ladakh



Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** Chinese Army has deployed close to 50,000 troops along with tanks and heavy artillery along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, reports said on Wednesday.

On the opposite Indian side of Chushul, the Chinese have been lining up their tanks and infantry combat vehicles within their territory near the friction areas as they have brought in a lot of heavy weaponry to the area, ANI quoting sources reported.

On the situation along the border,

the sources said that the Chinese Army is carrying out firing practice well within territory controlled by them in Tibet but it can be heard on the Indian side at many locations along the LAC from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

Engaged in a stand-off with the Chinese Army, the Indian Army has given instructions to field commanders that the Chinese should not be allowed to transgress at any cost and also directed them that troops should maintain utter discipline while protecting Indian territory. The field commanders **PAGE 02**

### China Starts Fresh Build Up North Of Pangong Lake

**A**s India dominates south of Pangong Lake in Eastern Ladakh, China has started fresh build up at Finger area north of the Lake, sources said on Wednesday. It started soon after the skirmish on the southern bank took place on September 7 where warning shots were fired by both sides. The deployment of People's Liberation **P-02**

### Military Commanders Meet Fails To Defuse Tension

**C**ommanders of the armies of India and China on Wednesday met in eastern Ladakh and also exchanged messages over the hotline on ways to check further escalation in border tension on the eve of a crucial meeting between the foreign ministers of the two countries in Moscow, government sources said. The sources said the situation **P-02**

## Two CRPF Men Injured In Anantnag Grenade Attack

**SRINAGAR:** Two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on Wednesday were injured in a grenade attack in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Suspected militants on Wednesday evening lobbed a grenade towards the personnel of CRPF 40 battalion in Lal Chowk area of the south Kashmir township, officials said. The grenade attack left two CRPF personnel injured.

The injured paramilitary men were removed to the nearby hospital for treatment.

Soon after the attack, the state forces laid a cordon around the area and launched a manhunt to nab the attackers.

### 2 Arrested After Arms Found In Truck

**T**wo persons were arrested along with arms and ammunition including M4 US carbine and an AK rifle by joint forces near Jawahar tunnel in south Kashmir's Kulgam district late last night, official sources said on Wednesday. They said the joint forces intercepted a truck (JK22B-1737), coming from Samba district. **P-02**

## Covid-19 Claims 17 More Lives In J&K, Toll 835

Observer Monitoring Desk

**SRINAGAR:** As many as seventeen more people succumbed to coronavirus infection in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, raising the number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 835.

While nine Covid-19 deaths were reported from Jammu di-

vision, eight others were confirmed by the officials in the Kashmir valley. Among the new fatalities from Valley, two each were from Srinagar and Baramulla besides one each from Budgam, Anantnag, Bandipora and Kupwara, officials said. In Jammu division, five of the victims were from Jammu district, two from Rajouri

and one each from Kathua, Reasi and Kishtwar.

Officials said a 77-year-old woman from Noorbagh Baramulla, died at SKIMS Soura hospital here, day after she was admitted and diagnosed with "HTN with severe Covid pneumonia with type 1 respiratory **PAGE 02**

### J&K Sees Record 1617 New Cases

**J**ammu and Kashmir recorded on Wednesday the highest single-day spike of 1617 new coronavirus cases, taking the total number of people infected by the virus in the Union Territory to **P-02**

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## Uncertainty Looms Large Over LAHDC Polls

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**LADAKH:** Clouds of uncertainty loom large over Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) polls as barring BJP, all other political parties have advocated postponement of hill council elections citing the reasons of border tension and Covid-19 pandemic.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of deputy commissioner/CEO LAHDC (Election authority) Leh with the political parties that include, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) regarding the 6th LAHDC election.

Except BJP, all the three political parties suggested for the postponement of the much awaited election in view of the border tensions with China in Eastern Ladakh and ongoing global pandemic.

According to a document, among the four political parties only Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has agreed for the timely elections scheduled to be held in October while the other parties have cited ongoing pan-



demic and the border tensions with China in eastern Ladakh as a reason for postponement of the much awaited election.

The BJP during the meet proposed for timely election with suggestions that include, permissible gathering of 20 to 50 people with laid SOPs for rallies, restrictions on number of vehicles as well as on number of people (There should not be more than two persons in each vehicle), EVM used should be sanitized after each vote cast and creation of sub polling booth within the polling booth.

The representatives of Congress party present in the meeting to decide **PAGE 02**

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