

RESTRICTIONS IN PARTS OF SRINAGAR

Restrictions remained in force in parts of Srinagar for the third consecutive day on Sunday in view of a strike called by separatists to protest the killing of two civilians during an anti-militancy operation.



GST WILL BOOST GOVT REVENUES: MOODY'S

The just effected Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime in India is positive for the country's credit profile as it would increase government revenues through improved tax compliance, US ratings agency Moody's said on Sunday.



BUS CATCHES FIRE IN RUSSIA; 14 KILLED

Russian officials say at least 14 people have been killed after a bus caught fire following a nighttime collision with a truck that was being towed and six other people have been killed in separate road accidents.



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Eye on China, India pushes in more troops in Doka La

NEW DELHI: India has pushed in more troops in a "non-combatative mode" to strengthen its position in an area near Sikkim, where its soldiers have been locked in a stand-off with Chinese troops for almost a month now in what has been the longest such impasse between the two armies since 1962.

India brought in more troops after the destruction of two of its bunkers and "aggressive tactics" adopted by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), sources said. In a "non-combatative mode", the nozzle of a gun is placed downwards.

HIGHLIGHTS

- India brought in more troops after "aggressive tactics" by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.
- The troops have been pushed in a "non-combatative mode", the nozzle of a gun is placed downwards.
- The stand-off in Sikkim is the longest between the two armies since 1962.

SIKKIM STAND-OFF

Giving details for the first time about the events that preceded the face off between the two armies, the sources said the PLA on June 1 asked the Indian Army to remove the two bunkers set up in 2012 at Lalten in Doka La, which falls in the vicinity of Chumbi Valley at the corner of India-Bhutan-Tibet tri-junction.

The Indian Army, which had been patrolling this area for many years, decided in 2012 that two bunkers would be positioned there as a backup option, besides providing security to the Bhutan-China border.

The Indian Army forward positions informed Sukna-based 33 Corps Headquarters in North Bengal about the Chinese warnings on the bunkers, the sources said.

However, during the night of June 6, two Chinese bulldozers destroyed the bunkers, claiming that the area belonged to China and that India or Bhutan had no right over it, the sources said. *PTI* More on Pg 8

China cancels Indian journalists' trip

Beijing: Amid rising tensions over their border row, China has cancelled the upcoming visit by a group of Indian journalists to Tibet.

China has been organising annual trips for journalists from Nepal and India for quite some time.

The duration of the trip was from July 8 to 15. *IANS*

INDIA CRUSH PAKISTAN



India's Ekta Bisht, (2nd from L) celebrates with teammates after dismissing Pakistan's Diana Baig during the ICC Women's World Cup 2017 match at County ground in Derby, England, on Sunday. India defeated Pakistan by 95 runs. Report on Pg 10

IN BRIEF

FORMER INDIAN DIPLOMAT NIRUPAM SEN NO MORE: Nirupam Sen, a former Indian Permanent Representative to the UN, passed away in New Delhi on Sunday. He was 70. *More on Pg 5*

77 LIQUOR OUTLETS OPENED IN KERALA: At least 77 liquor outlets in three star and above classified hotels were opened on Sunday after Kerala government renewed their licences as part of its new liquor policy, with tippers making a beeline to the bars.

NIA QUIZZES MIRWAIZ AIDE: An aide of Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umer Farooq and a businessman from Kashmir have been questioned by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with the funding of terror and separatist groups in the Valley.

OVERNIGHT UDAY TRAIN TO BENGALURU BY SEPT, SAYS PRABHU: Union Minister Suresh Prabhu in Coimbatore on Sunday assured that the overnight train, UDAY from the city to Bengaluru would be launched by September end.

MONEY IN SWISS BANKS: INDIA SLIPS TO 88TH PLACE, UK ON TOP: India has slipped to 88th place in terms of money parked by its citizens with Swiss banks, while the UK remains on the top.

HC ORDER LIKELY TODAY ON VIRBHADRA'S PLEA IN ED CASE: The Delhi High Court is likely to pronounce on Monday, July 3 its verdict on the plea of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh and others seeking quashing of a money-laundering case against them.

CHINA'S NEW HEAVY-LIFT CARRIER ROCKET LAUNCH FAILS: China's ambitious space programme suffered a rare setback on Sunday as its new heavy-lift carrier rocket, the Long March-5 Y2 failed to put the country's largest satellite into orbit.

WEATHER
Max: 32.4 Deg C Min: 26.3 Deg C

MARKETS
Sensex: 30,920.61 Nifty: 9,520.90

CURRENCIES
Dollar: 64.7329 Pound: 84.2564
Euro: 74.0019 Yen: 57.7800

BULLION
Gold: 28,620 Silver: 39,080

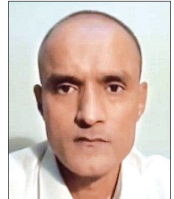
FLIP SIDE ALOK



No one is here for this meeting to discuss the traffic problem... I think they're all stuck in traffic jam!

Pakistan again denies consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav

Islamabad: Pakistan on Sunday again rejected India's demand for consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav handed down the death penalty by a military court, saying it would be a "travesty of logic" to link his case with Indian civilian prisoners languishing in Pakistani jails.



India on Saturday had sought consular access to the 46-year-old Jadhav, a retired Indian Navy officer sentenced to death in April by Pakistan's Field General Court Martial for "involvement in espionage and sabotage activities."

Pakistan's Foreign Office said in a statement on Sunday that "the Indian

attempt to equate Commander Jadhav's case with civilian prisoners and fishermen is a travesty of logic."

It claimed Jadhav was a serving Indian Navy officer "and was sent to Pakistan by its intelligence agency RAW for espionage, terrorism and subversive activities which resulted in loss of many innocent lives and damage to property."

Pakistan has dismissed India's consular access request to Jadhav more than 15 times.

And India has accused Pakistan of repeatedly violating the Vienna Convention by doing so.

India moved the International Court of Justice against Jadhav's death penalty and the ICJ on May 18 restrained Pakistan from executing the death sentence.

6 PWD residential quarters, one office burgled at Borda

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Margao: As many as six residential quarters of public works department (PWD) and one government office was burgled by some unidentified persons at Borda, here on Saturday night.

However, the Margao police said that only three quarters were burgled and that the main lock of the PWD office was broken and nothing was stolen from the office.

This is the third theft incident in as many days even as the residents have been demanding strict night patrolling by the police.

The thieves entered into six quarters including two which were closed and rummaged the cupboards and decamped with gold ornaments and cash, amounting to lakhs of rupees even as the exact value of stolen articles is being ascertained.

What was interesting was that police found spitting gutka powder near one of the quarters, which was targeted by the robbers. Similar gutka powder was found near one of the flats which was targeted by thieves at Marlem-Bor-

da a few days ago.

The three quarters targeted by the thieves were belonging to Prakash Mazgaonkar, Datta Kamat and Pandurang Gaonkar. Mazgaonkar in his complaint said that the thieves stole gold ornaments and other valuables valued at Rs three lakh, while Kamat stated that the thieves decamped with valuables worth Rs 40,000.

Following complaints, the police rushed to the spot and conducted panchnama. The police also pressed finger print expert and dog squad in a bid to obtain vital clues.

There has been spurt in theft cases in Margao since last few weeks and Margao police have failed in arresting the gang involved in targeting flats and houses. More than 20 closed flats have been targeted by thieves in last one-and-half-month and in few cases attempts to commit thefts were also reported. A top police officer said that the police teams are studying the pattern of theft cases reported over the last few days and have compiled data using evidence available to identify and nab the thieves.

Pakistan's Foreign Office said in a statement on Sunday that "the Indian attempt to equate Commander Jadhav's case with civilian prisoners and fishermen is a travesty of logic."

Pakistan claims its security forces arrested Jadhav from its restive Balochistan province on March 3 last year after he reportedly entered from Iran. However, India maintains that he was kidnapped from Iran where he was dealing with his business interests after retiring from the Indian Navy. *PTI*

10-year-old boy killed, 4 hurt after tree falls on 4 houses

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Mapusa: A 10-year-old boy was killed, while four others were injured, two of them seriously when a huge banyan tree fell on four houses situated behind Shree Vetal Mauli temple at Revora on Saturday night.

The victim has been identified as Samarth Revodkar.

The tragedy occurred on Saturday late night at around 1:30 am when the banyan tree got uprooted and fell on four houses, killing Samarth on the spot and injuring four others. All the family members were fast asleep.

The houses of Sunil Revodkar and Anil Revodkar were completely destroyed, while two houses belonging to Vilas Revodkar and Janhavi Revodkar were partially damaged.

Two brothers Sunil Revodkar and Anil Revodkar were staying separately in the same house along with their families. On Saturday night members of Sunil Revodkar's family including his wife Suvarna and two sons Sada and Samarth were sleeping in one room, while members of his brother Anil, his wife Ashwini and two daughters Prachi and Priya were sleeping in the adjacent room.

Anil's mother Shrimati was also sleeping in the house. However, Anil Revodkar was not at home when the tragedy struck. **Contd on pg 4**

'Textbooks creating 'activists', JNU 'nurturing ground' for them'

New Delhi: Textbooks today are aimed at creating "activists" and not educating students, the newly appointed chief of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Braj Bihari Kumar has said, terming universities like the JNU a "nurturing ground" for them.

Kumar, who took over as the head of the apex body for promoting research in social sciences last month, also believes that caste-based conflicts and intolerance are "fringe" phenomena and should not be seen as a reflection of the Indian society as a whole.

"Textbooks are not meant for making students activists but for educating them. Unfortunately the books are driven by an agenda today and there is a need for a curriculum overhaul," the 76-year-old former anthropologist, who once famously called Prime Minister Narendra Modi the "worst victim of intolerance", said.

"Textbooks are in bad shape today. I had found a map in a social science textbook which showed Jammu and Kashmir out of India, there was another one not showing northeast area as part of

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Chief, Indian Council of Social Science Research

the country. There are several lapses in our textbooks," Kumar told *PTI* in an interview.

Kumar, who used to edit a journal, Dialogue, before he ICSSR, had written in an editorial in 2016 that "NCERT textbooks are driven by political agenda and are partly responsible for the increasing social conflicts and anarchical trends in society".

"I had also written two letters to for-

mer HRD minister Smriti Irani pointing out the issue but I did not get any response," he said.

Kumar lashed out at "JNU-like universities", claiming, "several persons from a single family are massacred in Chhattisgarh and there is jubilation in JNU and a march in praise of the killers, much cannot be said about the kind of varsity that is." He, however, did not elaborate.

He said though the JNU projected itself as one of the best universities, "they can't claim excellence when they are hurting nationalist sentiments and becoming a nurturing ground for activists and not a place for education. Taxpayers do not pay money for activist-making".

Kumar also said that "caste-based conflicts" and "intolerance" should not be seen as reflection of the Indian society in entirety.

"Caste-based conflicts, untouchability and intolerance are all fringe phenomena. They should not be treated as general phenomena and reflection of Indian society," he said. *PTI*

ANTI-PROFITEERING AUTHORITY TO KEEP CHECK ON ERRANT TRADERS WILL ENSURE BENEFITS OF TAX REDUCTION IS PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS

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Panaji: The Centre is setting up Anti-profiteering Authority (APA) to take legal action against traders for not reducing costs even after slashing of rates under Goods and Services Tax (GST), Assistant Commissioner, GST Goa, Himani Dhamija said here.

The Anti-profiteering Authority (APA) has to be set up within one year of the launch of GST, which is July 1. It will take care of the anti-profiteering clause so that none of the traders should take the benefit, which the government wants to transfer it to the final consum-



er, Dhamija said. According to her, if the government is reducing taxes, then prices of those goods and services should come down, taking into account that input prices

are stable. For that, APA will be set up. They will identify the violators by scrutinising their returns and analytics.

For this also we are coming up with another Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management (ARM). They will be involved only in analytics and risk management. They will identify whether profiteering is happening or not, Dhamija said.

Speaking at the sidelines of Vartalaap, a media outreach session on GST organised by Press Information Bureau on Saturday, Dhamija said the APA and ARM will have separate di-

rectorates, headed by a Director General, who will be an officer of the rank of Chief Commissioner and will have all-India jurisdiction.

"Direct coordination with the State is not required as everything is system driven. We will have to derive the inputs from GST network and do the analysis," Dhamija said.

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She further said that profiteering will be considered as a non-bailable offence. This will act as a deterrent.

Also, we have a highly com-

petitive market. Nobody wants his or her reputation getting mangled by indulging in such illegal and immoral activities as it will lower the GST ratings. Once a trader's name is highlighted in profiteering act, his or her GST credit rating will go down and the traders will then not prefer to do business with a tainted entrepreneur, she said.

The GST official added that not only such acts will be made public, but also it will be compulsory for them to cite their GST score in their invoices.

If a trader has a GST score of 8 at the start of the day and is subsequently found indulging in profiteering, his rating will

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fall to 3. This rating will be reflected online and trader partners will go away. If everything goes on smoothly then within six months all information will be available online for analysis, she informed.