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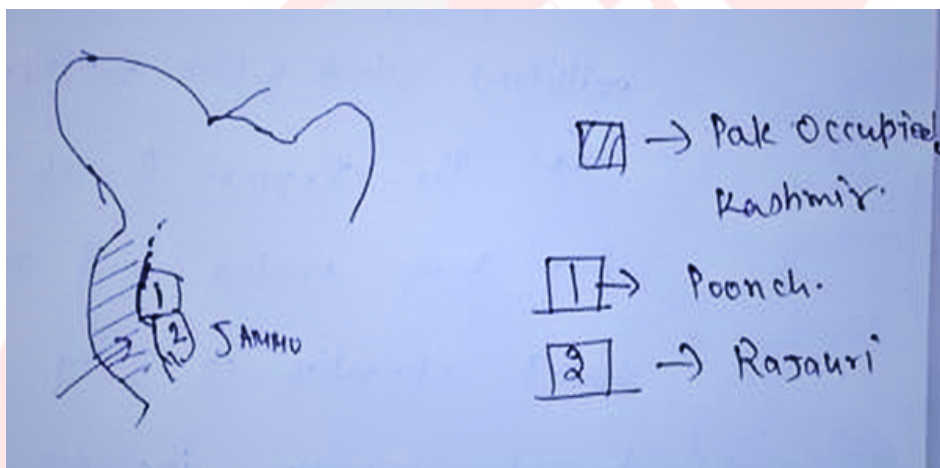
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# NATIONAL

## NIA team reaches poonch; combining on for attackers

A team of National investigation Agency (NIA) visited the spot of militant attack which martyred 5 soldiers. The Rajauri-poonch Sector has been reated and massive search operation is going on. The search operation includes drones, BSF personals, helicopters. According to initial reports militant first hit the fuel tank of the Army vehicle with a grenade, which spared a mojour fire which resulted in death. Millitant also fired bullets from 3 sides. It is suspected that 3 or more millitants were involved the attack happened on Thursday the vehicle was on solitary move.



## Upgraded X-ray machines to fast-track baggage check at airports by end of the year

The Bureau of civil Aviation Securities (BCAS) has ordered all major air-ports to upgrade baggage. X-ray machine by end of 2023. So that passenger won't have to remove electronic devices during screening of land bays. The new system is based on computer Tomography (CT). It will produce 3D image and have better automated detection of explosive Current X-ray technology shows only 2-D images.

# NATIONAL

## High Profile Indians lose blue ticks on Twitter.

Twitter move to charge \$8 (650) per month for blue tick (verified check mark) has resulted many ministries and important persons not having the blue tick.

Even Ministry of Information Technology (Meity) which regulates Social media platforms have lost it. Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Social Justice, Ministry of MSME are some other ministers losing their blue tick. Tamil Nadu C.M. M.K. Stalin, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, Shahrukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan are some persons losing their blue tick.

Blue Checkmark means that the account has a subscription to Twitter Blue and meets eligibility criteria.

## India to prepare evacuation plans for its citizens in Sudan

India is preparing a contingency plan to evacuate its 3,000-old citizens stuck in Sudan, where major conflict is going on between Army and Paramilitary forces.

PM chaired a high level meeting which EAM S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, Ambassador to Sudan, Navy and Air Force chief participated. "Prime Minister Modi instructed. All officials concerned to remain vigilant, and continuously evaluating the safety of Indian nationals in Sudan and extending them all possible assistance" a press note issued by government said.

## Centre asks 8 states, UTs to stay vigilant amid COVID-19 surge.

Union health secretary has written to chief secretaries of eight states and UTs asking them to be cautious about rising COVID-19 cases in their states and emphasising the need to remain vigilant:

UP, Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Haryana are the states centre has told to be vigilant.

# NATIONAL

## Despite hikes, small savings scheme rates yet to catch up

RBI on Friday released about a report about Small Saving Instruments (SSI), in last 3 quarters. It shows that despite the hike it is still lower interest rates based on formula.

Small Saving Schemes	Formula Based Rate	Declared Rate
Public Provident fund	7.76%	7.10%
	7.02%	
Recurring deposit a/c		6.20%
	7.46%	
Monthly income scheme		7.40%
	8.25%	
Senior citizens Scheme	8.26%	8.20%
Sukanya Samridhi	7.51%	8%
	7.70%	
Kisan Vikas patra		7.50%
NLSC VIII		7.70%

Small Saving Scheme → Managed by central govt. to encourage citizens to save regularly, irrespective of their age. They provide returns that are usually higher than bank fixed deposits.

RBI has defined a formula to calculate the interest rates.

The fund are credited to National small saving fund (NSSF) which invest it.

## Track parties using taxpayers, money to create vote banks : PM

PM Modi on Friday addressed 16th civil services day. On this occasion he called upon bureaucrats, to assess if a political party is using taxpayers money to promote and advertise itself, create a vote bank and appoint its own Party workers in various organisations.

# NATIONAL

## **CBI seeks details from satyapal Malik in J&K insurance case**

The central Bureau of investigation (CBI) has sought some classification from former J&K Governor satyapal Mallik in connection with a group health insurance scheme Case.

In April 2022, the CBI had registered cases following corruption charges made by Mr. mallik. It was regarding alleged mal practice in the award of antructs related to the issuance scheme, and civil works worth about 2,200 crore.

## **New IT – rules allowing system of fact -**

checking with proof are in public interest’ govt. was replying filed in Bombay high court against IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), 2023. The petitioner had called it " arbitrary, violating fundament rights of speech and expression and vague”.

In reply meity told that Majority of content is consumed by common people who do not fact check there and anti National organisation use this to spread false propaganda so it if for welfare of citizen.

## **Fact - checking Network focuses on take news on ruling Party, Centre.**

‘The Hindu’ in its investigation found that the focus area of fact checking sites are generally ruling party.

Mis information Combat Allience (MCA), is a network of 14 digital publishers which had provided a proposal to Ministry of electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) to form a self regulatory board to provide fact checking services.

MCA’s members include Boom Live, Factly, The Logical Indian, Vishwas News, The Quint etc.

Meity rebly is still on wait. But the Hindu research shows that their target mainly is ruling party.

**SC grants bail to 8 life convicts in Godhra train burning case.**  
**SC weighed the factor that they have been in Jail for 18 years.**

# WORLD

## Over 400 killed, 3,500 hurt in Sudan fighting, says WHO.

Four hundred and thirteen people have died and 3,551 people have injured” WHO spokesperson Margaret Harris said Many families are trapped, with little or no access to electricity, terrified on running out of water and medicine, says UNICEF. Nine children were among the dead.

## U.K. Deputy PM Raab resigns after bullying investigation

U.K deputy PM Dominic Raab resigned on Friday after he was convicted in a workplace bullying inquiry. Mr. Raab called the findings “flawed” and said the “set a dangerous precedent for the conduct of good government”

## UN reports ‘off the charts’ melting of glaciers.

UN'S World Meteorological Organization (WMO), in its report has revealed several important facts in its annual climate review

- World's glaciers melted at dramatic speed last year and saving them is effectively a lost cause.
- The last eight years have been the warmest ever recorded while. Concentration of GHG hit a new peak.
- Antarctic ice fell to its lowest extent on record.
- Sea level are on record high having risen at a rate of 4.62 mm.

## Russian force accidentally bombs own city Belgorod.

Taiwan its supporters ‘playing with fire’ : china FM



# Editorial-1

## Terror on the road

**India needs to rethink strategy and attitude to Pakistan.**

### **What the editorial is all about?**

The editorial talks about recent terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in which 5 Jawans martyred. it recalls the last major incident of Pulwama. And Tells Indian govt to change its attitude against Pakistan.

### **What happened on recent terror attack?**

On April 20, five soldiers were martyred and one Injured while terrorist bombed the truck carrying them. The incident occurred in Poonch – Rajauri – sector

The attack comes at a time when Srinagar will be hosting G-20 truck carrying . Tourism: working Group Meeting. Pakistan FM is also going to attend SCO summit of Foreign minister in May Begining.

### **About Pulwama attack in 2019.**

The charred body at have reignited memory of Pulwama 'On Feb 14, 2019 when a army Convoy was passing from Lethpora area of Pulwama. A Suv vehicle laden with 300 kg explosive hit the convey 0.40 CRPF personal have died. Jaishe-Muhammad took its responsibility India crossed te border and bombed Balakot area

### **Way Ahead:**

Recently an interview by Formor J & K governor has raised many questions perhaps its time for India government to change strategy on Kashmir the editor says.

# Editorial-2

## Veto By Silence

**Centre seems to be forcing Collegium to recall its recommendation by inaction**

### **What the editorial is all about?**

Recently S.C. collegium withdrew transfer of S. Muralidhar Chief Justice of Orissa High court to Justice of Madras High court.

The Collegium decision was due to inaction by central govt. over giving assent to collegium's decision.

The editorial having criticises govt using using inaction as a tool to change collegium's decision.

### **What recently did Collegium decide?**

On September 2012 SC collegium cleared S. Muralidhar of Orissa High court to transfer as chief justice of Madras High court. The collegium decision was sent to president for its assent. on April 20, seeing that only 4 months are left in services of S. Muralidhar. the Collegium decided to change its decision to transfer.

### **What does the whole episode tell?**

Though centre can not veto Collegium decisions. Centre is using inaction as a tool to stall appointments. It seems that executive have found a way to circumvent collegian decision this is not appropriate though.