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Pak violates ceasefire along LoC

Pakistan today violated ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir's Kupwara sub-sector.

According to officials, the ceasefire violation took place around noon at TMG (Toot Mar Gali) in Nowgam area of Kupwara when PoJK posts fired using small arms on Indian posts.

The firing stopped after some time, officials said, adding that there was no loss of life or injury to anyone in the unprovoked Pak action, officials said.

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CEO placed under suspension

The government today placed under suspension Balbir Kumar, Chief Education Officer (CEO), Bandipora, with immediate effect pending an enquiry against him.

As per a government order, the action was taken under Rule 31 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956.

The order states that pending investigation, Balbir Kumar stands

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3 IAS officers relieved after transfer

The general administration department today relieved three IAS officers from the Union Territory, following their transfer orders issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

As per separate orders issued by GAD, Santosh D Vaidya has been relieved to join his new posting in Delhi, while Syed Abid Rashid Shah has been relieved to take up his assignment in Chandigarh.

Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary has been transferred to Ladakh and relieved accordingly.

All three officers stand relieved with immediate effect from February 20 to

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No power tariff hike since Dec 2023: CM

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today told the legislative assembly that there had been no hike in power tariff since December 2023.

"Billing in metered areas is carried out strictly as per actual electricity consumption, while in non-metered areas, bills are raised on a flat-rate basis in accordance with the agreed load, without any arbitrariness," he said while replying to a question raised by Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri during Question Hour.

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NH toll plazas may go cashless from Apr 1

NEW DELHI, FEB 20: Highways authority NHAI is considering discontinuing cash payments at highway toll plazas from April 1, requiring commuters to use only digital modes such as FASTag or UPI for toll payments.

Post implementation, all toll payments at National Highway toll plazas will be processed exclusively through digital modes, using FASTag or Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said.

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Union Minister Rajnath Singh calls for stronger global naval cooperation at MILAN

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Modi holds roundtable with 16 heads of AI, deeptech startups

Discusses potential of harnessing AI in agri, edu

NEW DELHI, FEB 20: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a series of meetings that included a roundtable with CEOs and founders of 16 AI and deeptech startups, seven back-to-back bilaterals and separate meetings with heads of two leading firms.

During the roundtable, the prime minister discussed the potential of harnessing artificial intelligence (AI) in different sectors, such as agriculture and environmental protection, and promoting higher education in the mother tongue, among others, with the CEOs and founders of 16 AI and deeptech startups.

The CEOs and founders presented their ideas and work during the interaction, officials said.

CEOs and founders of 16 AI and deeptech startups presented their ideas and work at a roundtable meeting with the prime minister.



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Modi underscored the need for strong data governance, cautioned against misinformation, and urged the development of solutions tailored to India's needs, said a statement from Prime Minister's Office.

Referring to UPI as a model of simple and scalable digital innovation, he expressed confidence in Indian companies and en-

couraged trust in domestic products.

He also spoke about expanding private participation in the space sector and noted strong investor interest in Indian startups.

Modi discussed the potential of harnessing AI technology in various sectors like in agriculture and environmental protection, including monitoring crop productivity and fertilizer usage to safeguard soil

health.

Stressing the importance of promoting Indian languages and culture, he called for expanding the AI tools for higher education in mother tongue.

Modi also congratulated innovators for taking bold risks and building impactful solutions.

In healthcare, the PMO said they use AI for advanced diagnostics, gene

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'Building on warm, historicities'

MEA on India's engagement with new Bangladesh govt

NEW DELHI, FEB 20: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said India looks forward to working closely with the new government in Bangladesh, underlining its commitment to further strengthening the multifaceted bilateral relationship between both countries.

"Following the recent 13th national parliamentary elections in Bangladesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Bangladesh

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said while addressing the weekly media briefing here.

"You have seen that once the elections happened in Bangladesh, our Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. At the swearing-in ceremony, we had our Speaker Om Birla representing the Government of India. There he handed over a letter from the Prime Minister to the

Prime Minister of Bangladesh, underlining India's commitment to support democratic, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh. He also had a bilateral meeting with the PM of Bangladesh," he added.

"Building on warm and historic ties between the two countries, we look forward to further strengthening the multifaceted bilateral ties with Bangladesh. We look forward to engaging with the new government and tak

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Major reshuffle in admin 20 IAS, 2 JKAS officers transferred, posted

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In a major reshuffle, the LG's administration today ordered the transfers and postings of 20 IAS and two JKAS officers.

As per a GAD order, Ashwani Kumar, awaiting orders of adjustment in the general administration department, is posted as financial commissioner (additional chief secretary), power development department. He shall also

hold the charge of the post of administrative secretary, mining department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Ashish Chandra Verma, financial commissioner (additional chief secretary), tourism department, shall also hold the charge of the post of administrative secretary, agriculture production department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Shailendra Kumar, financial commissioner (additional chief secretary),

agriculture production department, is transferred and posted as financial commissioner (additional chief secretary), finance department.

M Raju, commissioner/secretary, GAD, shall also hold the charge of the post of administrative secretary, health & medical education department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

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'World trusts us'

Ashwini Vaishnaw after India joins strategic bloc Pax Silica

NEW DELHI, FEB 20: The world's confidence in India's technology capabilities and policy credibility has enabled the country's entry into the strategic technology framework Pax Silica, Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said after the signing ceremony on Friday.

"The world trusts India. We have a large talent pool and we have conducted our foreign policy in a manner that builds that trust. As

part of that, Pax Silica has been signed, which is very important for the semiconductor supply chain, semiconductor manufacturing and chip design, and for establishing the entire semiconductor ecosystem in

our country," he said.

The minister credited External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for enabling the initiative and hosting the AI Impact Summit.

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