

Chain of events from Aug.5th to Oct.31

Jammu and Kashmir News highlights: Reorganisation Bill gets Parliament nod

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Highlights: With special provisions gone, Indian laws will now apply to the newly created Union Territories.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-live-updates-section-144-srinagar-omar-abdullah-mehbooba-mufti-5878558/>

Explained: What is Section 144 of CrPC?

Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) is issued in urgent cases of security threat or riot and bars the assembly of five or more people in an area where it has been imposed. The notification is issued by the District Magistrate of the area.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/what-is-section-144-crpc-jammu-and-kashmir-5878543/>

Explained: What's changed in Jammu and Kashmir?

Jammu and Kashmir has lost its special status, and reduced to two Union Territories. What is the history of Partition and accession to India that has been overturned? What are Articles 370 and 35A, that were supposed to define the special status of the state? <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-article-370-has-not-been-scraped-but-kashmir-special-status-has-gone-5880390/>

The story of Indian democracy written in blood and betrayal

BJP thinks it is going to Indianise Kashmir. Instead, we will see, potentially, the Kashmirisation of India.<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/jammu-kashmir-article-370-scraped-special-status-amit-shah-narendra-modi-bjp-5880797/>

PDP MP: 'What we have torn is just a book, BJP has torn the Constitution'

The government's move to scrap special status would further alienate the people of Jammu and Kashmir, says PDP MP Nazir Ahmed Laway.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/pdp-mp-nazir-ahmed-laway-what-we-have-torn-is-just-a-book-bjp-has-torn-the-constitution-5881025/>

Rupture in history, stitching a future

Historic changes draw an audacious red line across Jammu and Kashmir and its compact with the Union. How government carries this forward will decide many things for India.<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/jammu-and-kashmir-special-status-article-370-amit-shah-narendra-modi-bjp-govt-5880808/>

Stripping J&K of its special status: Ideological project began with Shyama Prasad Mookerjee:

For the BJP, Article 370 has been a lightning rod. But political compulsions forced it to keep it on the backburner when it had to run coalition governments during 1998-2004. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/stripping-jk-of-its-special-status-ideological-project-began-with-sp-mookerjee-5881036/>

Move to scrap J&K special status: Cards close to his chest, Amit Shah surprises Oppn, most ministers

In the last two days, Shah worked from his office in Parliament House complex, holding meetings with all those mattered on this issue. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/move-to-scrap-jk-special-status-cards-close-to-his-chest-amit-shah-surprises-oppn-most-ministers-5880896/>

Using Article 370 to scrap Article 370? The legal debate ahead

The government sought to dilute the special status to Jammu and Kashmir guaranteed under Article 370 of the Constitution without scrapping the provision. It did so without bringing a Constitutional amendment that would require two-thirds majority in the Parliament. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/kashmir-special-status-using-art-370-to-scrap-art-370-the-legal-debate-ahead5881061/>

Sheikh Abdullah, Ayyangar, Sardar Patel: How Article 370 was negotiated, debated

In November 1963, in a debate in Parliament, when Hari Vishnu Kamath argued that Kashmir was “not fully” integrated, Nehru asserted that it was, indeed, “fully integrated” with India. <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/sheikh-abdullah-ayyengar-sardar-patel-how-article-370-was-negotiated-debated-5881060/>

With J&K status change, 15th Finance Commission will have to redo math

The Finance Commission (FC) recommends how tax revenues collected by the Central government should be shared between the Centre and the states. <https://indianexpress.com/article/business/with-jk-status-change-15th-finance-commission-will-have-to-redo-maths-5880869/>

J&K bifurcation: All laws will now apply — from property purchase to Indian Penal Code

From property-related laws, criminal laws to crucial central laws like Right to Information & Education — these will be among the many that will be applicable to the proposed Union Territories (UTs), Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/kashmir-special-status-revoked-article-370-all-laws-will-now-apply-from-property-purchase-to-indian-penal-code5881064/>

Voices in Rajya Sabha: ‘Dark day... don’t want a Palestine’, ‘destroyed a 70-year-old blot’

The Rajya Sabha Monday passed the J&K Reorganisation Bill.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-article-special-status-amit-shah-rajya-sabha-5881013/>

Betrayal, say NC and PDP; powder keg lit, warns Opposition, will have disastrous fallout:

Targeting the BJP-led central government in both Houses of Parliament and outside, a stunned Opposition led by the Congress said the Centre had committed a “cardinal blunder” and a “fatal legal error”.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/j-powder-keg-lit-warns-opp-will-have-disastrous-fallout-5881078/>

Article of faith: History of the RSS and BJP opposition to Article 370

On Monday, RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat “congratulated the courageous step taken by the government” and said that it “was very necessary not just for Jammu and Kashmir but (also) for the whole nation.<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/article-of-faith-history-of-the-rss-and-bjp-opposition-to-370-kashmir-special-status-5881052/>

Jammu and Kashmir bifurcation: India briefs UNSC members, Islamabad summons Delhi envoy

Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria to the Foreign Office on Monday and conveyed a “strong demarche on the announcements made and actions taken” by the government over Jammu and Kashmir.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-briefs-uns-c-members-islamabad-summons-delhi-envoy-5881022/>

Jammu and Kashmir will truly be integral part of India... I want to tell Valley nothing negative will happen: Amit Shah

Two-thirds of those present in Rajya Sabha pass Bill to bury Article 370 and redraw map of J&K.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-article-370-will-truly-be-integral-part-of-india-i-want-to-tell-valley-nothing-negative-will-happen-amit-shah-5881088/>

In J&K, Governor Satya Pal Malik reviews security, curfew clamped in parts of Jammu too

Curfew was imposed in areas of Pir Panjal and Chenab Valley which are adjacent to Kashmir. These included Kishtwar, Doda and parts of Ramban districts, and Rajouri and Poonch districts.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-jk-governor-satya-pal-malik-reviews-security-curfew-clamped-in-parts-of-jammu-too-5881333/>

Devendra Fadnavis hails decision to scrap Article 370 in J&K

Devendra Fadnavis said Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah must be congratulated for what he said was a historic decision.

Uddhav Thackeray on Article 370: Balasaheb, Vajpayee's dream fulfilled

"They (Modi and Shah) have shown the world that there is still firmness in our country. Though August 15 is Independence Day, I will say our country has got complete freedom today," Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said.

Article 370 scrapped: Haryana House resolution hails Centre, Congress supports move

The BJP members also raised Mookerjee's slogan "Ek desh mein do vidhan, ek desh mein do pradhaan, ek desh mein do nishaan nahi rahenge, nahi rahenge".

Parliament HIGHLIGHTS: Bill to divide J&K into two Union Territories passed in Lok Sabha

Parliament HIGHLIGHTS: The Bill to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories — Jammu and Kashmir with a legislature similar to Delhi or Puducherry, and Ladakh without one like Chandigarh, was passed with a two-thirds majority in Rajya Sabha.

Will buy land in J&K for resorts: Tourism Ministers of Maharashtra, Karnataka

Looking to leverage the move in the upcoming state polls, the Maharashtra Cabinet Tuesday sanctioned the state tourism department's proposal, making a token budgetary provision of Rs 2 crore for the investment.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/will-buy-land-in-jk-for-resorts-tourism-ministers-of-maharashtra-karnataka-5963611/>

J&K team meets Amit Shah, says he assured curbs to be eased in 25 days

Most sarpanchs The Indian Express spoke to said the Home Minister told them that communication will be restored across the state in the next 20-25 days.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jk-team-meets-amit-shah-says-he-assured-curbs-to-be-eased-in-25-days-5963543/>

India calls violence outside London embassy 'unacceptable', asks UK to take strong action

This is the second time violent protests have taken place outside the IHC building in London over the Kashmir issue. Earlier, clashes had taken place on the Independence Day on August 15.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/indian-high-commission-in-london-vandalised-as-protests-over-kashmir-turn-violent-5964642/>

2 Pakistani infiltrators with LeT links caught in Kashmir

"Pakistan is desperate for terrorists to infiltrate... to disrupt peace in the Valley," General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's 15 Corps Lt General K J S Dhillon said.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-and-kashmir-pakistani-let-infiltrators-police-army-5965247/>

J&K: 290 booked under PSA since August 5, says official

The Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) allows the government to detain a person without trial for a period of three to six months.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jk-290-booked-under-psa-since-august-5-says-official-5967160/>

Express daily briefing: Article 370 was never intended to be forever, says Shashi Tharoor; Mumbai battered by incessant rains again; and more

From Congress leader Shashi Tharoor speaking on the party's stand on the scrapping of Article 370 and with Mumbai battering heavy rains again, the IMD has issued an 'orange alert' for today, here's the top news on Thursday morning.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/express-daily-briefing-article-370-was-never-intended-to-be-forever-says-shashi-tharoor-mumbai-battered-by-incessant-rains-again-and-more-5967499/>

Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija allowed to meet her in Srinagar

Mehbooba Mufti's family members were recently allowed to meet her "twice" at Chesmashahi hut, government sources have told The Indian Express

SC fixes pleas of Kashmir Times editor, others for hearing on Sep 16

The editor also alleged that it is difficult to travel beyond Srinagar and journalists are finding it difficult to report.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/sc-fixes-pleas-of-kashmir-times-editor-others-for-hearing-on-sep-16-5968511/>

Abolition of Article 370 not in national interest: Yogendra Yadav

"The step taken was not just an incorrect procedure but will also be regretted by the country in the years to come," Yogendra Yadav said.

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Easing of curbs in J&K depends on Pakistan's behaviour, says NSA

In his first interaction with the media since the August 5 revocation of the special status to J&K under Article 370, Doval also said public order and safety of residents was of greater priority for the government.

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Kashmir is Pak's 'jugular vein', altering status challenges our security: Imran Khan

PM Khan said his government had launched a proactive diplomatic campaign in the world capitals and at the United Nations to apprise the world community about Kashmir after India's decision to abrogate sections of Article 370 on August 5

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MHA update on J&K: All landlines restored, schools, health institutions fully functional

J&K has been under security lockdown and communication blackout since August 5 when the government decided to modify Article 370 of the Indian Constitution that gave it special rights.

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For uniformed forces, the last five weeks in the Valley have been a great test of commitment, capability

Centre's goal is to engage with Kashmiris tired of violence, provide safe spaces to express their desire for peace. Post-relaxation of curbs, the government's priorities will be development and employment generation, something jihad and azadi had little space for.

2 months ago <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/jammu-and-kashmir-valley-without-article-370-india-pakistan-ties-5984036/>

Now people of J&K feel they have got freedom: Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Students in J&K will now be able to get benefits provided under the Right to Education Act and the mid-day meal scheme, the HRD Minister said.

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Kashmir, beyond legalities: Modi govt needs to recognise the essential dignity of its people

The challenge before the government, therefore, is to win an uncoerced allegiance of the Kashmiri people by recognising their dignity and identity — the “ultimate driver of history”, as Hegel said. Whether the government can do enough to assure the Kashmiri people of its sincerity in this regard is the question.

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Ailing CPM leader Tarigami shifted from Srinagar to AIIMS on SC order

Accompanied by a doctor, a relative and a police officer, Tarigami arrived here and was immediately taken to AIIMS, the officials said.

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'There should be zero tolerance for terrorism': PM Modi tells EU delegation ahead of their J&K visit

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Jammu and Kashmir: Ahead of transition, admn works overtime on legislation

While the total budget for Union territories is Rs 7,500 crore, the budget for Jammu and Kashmir is more than Rs 90,000 crore.

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PDP leaders seek fresh permission to meet detained party prez Mehbooba Mufti

The governor administration had earlier given permission to a delegation of the PDP leaders to meet the former chief minister but the party deferred the proposed visit following serious differences within its camp over the visit.

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US Congress panel to discuss Jammu and Kashmir today

Sources told The Indian Express that while tough questions are expected from US Congressmen during the hearing, Delhi will watch the language used by US administration officials Wells and Destro in their testimonies.

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'English-speaking liberal media' didn't present 'fair picture' on Art 370: Jaishankar

"This change is our internal business but obviously there was interest around the world because different people had views about it and our neighbours made a bit of a fuss about it," Jaishankar said.

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Anyone harming peace process, development in J&K will be jailed: Ram Madhav

"There will now be only two paths for J&K-- peace and development and whosoever comes in between will be dealt with sternly. There are many jails in India for those," BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav said.

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Manmohan Singh signals a Congress shift on Article 370 and Veer Savarkar

Article 370 was temporary, says Singh; softens party's criticism of Savarkar

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Indian ambassador briefs US lawmakers on ground situation in Kashmir

The briefing comes as there has been an increasing voice of dissent and uneasiness among lawmakers on the curbs in Kashmir, several of which have been removed.

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Day after, J&K releases Farooq Abdullah's sister, daughter among 13 women held during protest

The police did not register an FIR; they were arrested under Section 107 of CrPC for defying prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144.

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Chhattisgarh labourer shot dead by militants in Kashmir's Pulwama

Two days ago, another non-local resident was killed in Shopian district. Militants shot dead the driver of a truck from Rajasthan transporting apples in Sindhu Sermal village of Shopian district.

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Erasing the slate

J&K needs full democracy, noisy and chaotic as it may be. Not a bonsai pruned and stunted in North Block and/or Raj Bhavan

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Srinagar protest: Farooq Abdullah's sister, daughter among women activists detained

Demanding restoration of civil liberties and fundamental rights of the citizens, the women said they feel "betrayed, humiliated and violated as people".

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Omar and Mehbooba detained under PSA... had to take precautions: Amit Shah

Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti were among mainstream party leaders placed under detention ahead of the August 5 announcement that ended the special status of the state under Article 370.

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After 70 days of lockdown, BSNL postpaid mobile services restored in Kashmir; no internet yet

As per sources, the continuance of the mobile services would depend on how the security situation in the Valley unfolds.

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Nearly 4,500 J&K students avail PM's scholarship scheme — highest in 6 years

Of these, roughly 2,400 students are from the Jammu region, 1,474 from Kashmir and the rest from Ladakh, according to government data reviewed by The Indian Express.

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68 days later, mobile services to return in Valley from Monday

Partial fixed-line telephony was resumed in the Valley on August 17 and by September 4, nearly 50,000 landlines were declared operational.

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Express daily briefing: J&K Govt ad urges people to shed fear; Diana Edulji speaks up, slams CoA; and more

From PM Modi and Xi Jinping's second informal summit to Virat Kohli completing his seventh Test double hundred, here's all that is making news Saturday morning.

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J&K Govt ad urges people to shed fear as Valley works out its own open-and-shutdown schedule

The Valley though remains sullen over the loss of the state's special status and the lockdown.

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Jammu and Kashmir: Only close kin allowed to meet detained leaders

The release from detention, under Section 107 of CrPC, is subject to signing of a bond for maintaining peace.

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Tourists can now visit Jammu and Kashmir; restrictions in Valley continue

Since August 5, the state has been reeling under an unprecedented security clampdown, with mobile communications cut and mainstream political leaders held under detention.

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In first three replies to HC, Jammu and Kashmir drops PSA charge after challenge

The J&K decision to drop the PSA charge in the first three challenges is significant given that the majority of over 250 writs of habeas corpus filed since August 5 challenged detentions

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65 days after lockdown, officials in Valley caution: Don't call this 'normal'

“There is a permanence to the change in the status of the state and the people post August 5. Silence, humiliation, resentment, anger and protest in the nature of self-imposed curfews has been the reaction so far. It hasn't manifested in violence. So far,” said an official.

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Time for India to lift restrictions in J&K: US panel

The committee said, “India's communication blackout in Kashmir is having a devastating impact on the lives and welfare of everyday Kashmiris. It's time for India to lift these restrictions and afford Kashmiris same rights and privileges as any other Indian citizen.”

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NC leaders visit Farooq and Omar, seek their release before polls; PDP cleared to meet Mufti
NC team says Abdullahs 'pained' but well and in high spirits; PDP given time on Monday, defers visit.

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Two months into detention, Farooq Abdullah meets NC leaders; flashes 'victory' sign

Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah are among the score of politicians in Kashmir who remain under preventive detention since August 5.

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India protests after China's envoy in Pakistan says working to help Kashmiris

Chinese ambassador in Islamabad Yao Jing said Friday that China would stand by Pakistan for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute.

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Imran Khan's provocative language doesn't behove office he holds: MEA

MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said this while responding to a question on the call for a march, to protest India's move, from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the Line of Control (LoC), which has been backed by Pakistan's military.

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'Desist from making such remarks': MEA on Malaysian PM's Kashmir comment

In his address to the UN General Assembly last week, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad remarked that India has "invaded and occupied" Jammu and Kashmir and that it must solve the issue with Pakistan through dialogue.

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Watch: Scuffle breaks out at JNU as MoS Jitendra Singh speaks on Article 370

Singh was invited to the varsity for a talk to deliver a lecture on 'Abrogation of Article 370: Peace, Stability and Development in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh'.

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Kashmir leaders to be released from detention 'one by one': J-K Governor's adviser

"Yes, one by one after analysis of every individual, they will be released," Farooq Khan said when asked if Kashmiri leaders will be released from detention after Jammu region leaders.

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Abrogation of article 370 was long-awaited: S Jaishankar

"What do you expect the Pakistanis to say (after current restrictions are lifted and normalcy is restored)... we expect calm and happiness to return," Jaishankar said.

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Eye on block polls: Curbs eased on movement of Jammu leaders, Valley waits

The lifting of restrictions on movements of Jammu Opposition leaders comes ahead of the first Block Development Council elections in the state, scheduled for October 24.

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Kashmir: SC fixes Nov 14 to hear pleas against Article 370 abrogation, puts embargo on fresh pleas

A five-judge bench headed by Justice N V Ramana allowed Centre four weeks time to file counter-affidavits to the cases, and one week time for the petitioner to file a rejoinder.

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Kashmiris are happy, Valley on road to progress, says J P Nadda

“Today the dream of One India, One constitution is fulfilled. Jammu and Kashmir is now on the road to progress. Two AIIMS are being constructed there. Moreover, the Barawals, Gujjars, Valmikis and others will also get their rights now. Women will also have the freedom to marry as per their choice, without the fear of losing their property rights,” Nadda said.

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Swamped with pleas, J&K HC at 50% strength, looks to SC help

Of the nine judges in the J&K High Court, only two judges have been assigned to hear the writs of habeas corpus in the Srinagar wing.

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SC refuses Vaiko's plea against Farooq Abdullah's detention

Vaiko, who said he is a close friend of Abdullah for the past four decades, has contended that constitutional rights conferred on the National Conference leader had been deprived of on account of “illegal detention without any authority of law”.

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Surveillance, area domination operations intensified in Kashmir

Public transport was off the roads in most parts of the valley but private cars and some passenger cabs on inter-district routes could be seen plying, officials said.

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Justice Ramana's Bench could hear Article 370 petitions beginning October 1

Supreme Court sources confirmed that the Bench had been constituted. They said that an official notification naming the other judges on the Bench would be uploaded soon on the court's website.

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Bench headed by Justice Ramana to hear pleas against Centre's decision on J&K

Hearing of the petitions challenging the Centre's decision to scrap the special status to Jammu and Kashmir will likely begin from October 1.

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Nine months after J&K panchayat polls, Panches, sarpanches stay put in hotels, fear visiting villages

In the video, the militants asked Dar to stay away from elections and force his son, a special police officer (SPO), to resign. Dar agreed and apologised.

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Relatives say two minors detained under PSA, J&K HC for probe, reply

The Srinagar wing of J&K High Court has ordered its own inquiry into a habeas corpus petition filed by a relative of a detainee who claims he is a 14-year-old boy and has been detained under the stringent Public Safety Act.

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Abrogation of Article 370 is illegal, the ongoing lockdown unsustainable

To our brothers and sisters in Kashmir, we should appeal not to mistake the government for the people of this country. They should believe in our goodwill and fraternity for them, notwithstanding the damage done to it by the present misadventure of our government.

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India slams UK's Labour Party for Kashmir resolution

"Clearly, this is an attempt at pandering to vote-bank interests. There is no question of engaging with the Labour Party or its representatives on this issue," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

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Home Ministry and top J&K officials meet to discuss state Reorganization Act

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam and Principal Secretary Rohit Kansal held a two-hour-long meeting with Additional Secretary (JK Division) Gynesh Kumar on how to implement the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

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PSA against Farooq Abdullah: J&K dossier has 27 charges, 3 FIRs, his quotes from 3 years ago

Abdullah, also a three-term Chief Minister of J&K, was already under detention at his Gupkar Road residence when the PSA order was issued against him by the Srinagar District Magistrate on September 14. His home was declared a subsidiary jail.

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'Howdy, Modi': PM takes dig at Pakistan, says Article 370 decision troubled some

"India's decision on Article 370 has troubled some people, who can't handle their country, who support terrorism," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the 'Howdy, Modi' event in Houston on Sunday.

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Brown bread, Hollywood movies, gym access: MoS Singh says met every demand of Kashmir 'house guests'

He said that the situation in Kashmir was normal and there are no restrictions there.

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Amit Shah blames Nehru for Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir's existence

"Rahul Baba you have come into politics now, but three generations of BJP have given their life for Kashmir, for the abrogation of Article 370. Congress sees politics behind Article 370 abrogation, we don't see it that way. It's part of our goal to keep Bharat maa undivided," Amit Shah said.

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Order release of detained J&K leaders: NPP chief to President Kovind

The NPP leader said that Article 21 of the Indian Constitution has been buried into the graveyard of the President's Rule.

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Top news today evening: Govt slashes corporate tax rates, The Zoya Factor movie review, and more

From cuts in corporate tax rates to PM Narendra Modi and Mongolian President jointly unveiling a statue of Lord Buddha via video conferencing, here are the top news today evening.

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Under wraps so far: 252 habeas corpus pleas in J&K High Court since August 5

Little urgency has been shown by the High Court — each case is either in the stage of admission or has been listed for orders

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PM Modi will not discuss Article 370 at UN, it's internal matter: Govt

While Pakistan has been trying to internationalise the ending of J&K's special status under Article 370, and plans to raise it at the UNGA, India has maintained that it is an "internal matter".

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J&K lockdown puts curbs on media, says apex court petitioner Bhasin

"The communication blockade has made it extremely difficult for journalists. There are no editorials... columns have disappeared and instead, there are articles on how to clean your homes, how to pray, about how technology is not necessary for everything. The official version is that everything is normal in the Valley," said Bhasin.

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Yashwant Sinha on deportation from Srinagar: Was treated as if I am a terrorist, hijacker

On being asked if he was targeted for being critical of the present regime, Sinha said, "I have been giving suggestions to the government as to how peace can be restored in the valley. So I don't find any reason for the authorities to stop me. Only they can explain it."

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Win PoK not by war but by making Jammu and Kashmir prosperous: Governor Satya Pal Malik

"If we give respect to the people of Jammu and Kashmir... make, demonstrate a bright future for the children here, bring businesses here... I guarantee that in a year, there will be a revolt in PoK and you will get PoK without war," Governor Malik said.

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Changing times: The musclemen of new India are crushing old values

The muscleman on the ground kills because he demands obedience to his beliefs. The muscleman in the university targets faculties who disagree with the new norm. The muscleman in court tries to dictate to the judge: This is an era of musclemen and the rule of law has little value.

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India's actions over the status of J&K provide an opportunity to revisit four-point plan for Kashmir

At this point — not unlike a 1971 moment for Pakistan — if India wishes to salvage something of its own credibility as the world's largest democracy, it should first roll back all the restrictions imposed in J&K, free all political prisoners, restore communications and other rights of people.

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How PSA Board has become a rubber stamp — OKs almost all detention orders

The PSA Advisory Board is meant to act as a check and balance on the government's use of this stringent law and that's why the judiciary was made part of its appointment exercise. Ironically, it was PDP-BJP govt that cut judiciary out of the process.

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Sardar Patel inspiration for Jammu and Kashmir decision, says PM Modi

"For 70 years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir were discriminated against as a result of which the entire country suffered in the form of violence, separatism and incomplete aspirations," Narendra Modi said.

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History shows lack of debate is a symptom of majoritarianism

A majoritarian parliament is different from majority in the parliament. Majority in parliament gains legitimacy through deliberation but in a majoritarian parliament, numbers trump every other moral consideration.

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Pulwama to Aug 5: Jammu and Kashmir HC indicted Govt for PSA arrests — in 80% cases

An analysis of the 39 orders quashing the detentions reveals a telling pattern that the Abdullah order will be tested against if and when there is a legal challenge

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Explained: What is Jammu and Kashmir's Public Safety Act?

The PSA, under which former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has been detained, allows for detention for two years without trial. How is the stringent Act enforced, and what are the options for appeal?

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Formidable reasons for Jammu and Kashmir curbs, but ensure normalcy returns: SC

Told by a lawyer that people in J&K cannot access the High Court there, CJI Gogoi called it a "serious matter" and sought a report from the HC. He said "if required, I will go personally and check... I will speak to the Chief Justice... if it's not correct, be ready to bear the consequences".

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Public? Safety?

Move to book Farooq Abdullah under PSA shows arbitrariness — and a lack of plan to address the crisis in J&K

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Abrupt move in Valley feeds into the already prevailing sense of alienation, religious radicalisation

The change in Jammu and Kashmir's status will make little difference vis-a-vis Pakistan, situation on the ground in the Valley. It cannot but feed into the already prevailing sense of alienation.

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After plea seeks presence of Farooq Abdullah, Govt slaps PSA, prolongs his detention

Police sources said before the PSA charge was slapped, two NC leaders met Abdullah who told them he was in no mood to relent.

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Raja Mandala: Myth of religious solidarity

Reactions of several Muslim countries to India's decision on Kashmir shows that political and economic interest bind nations — not ideologies.

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Jammu and Kashmir petitions in SC: Here's what the top court said

The top court allowed Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to travel to four districts in Kashmir and directed the Centre and the J&K government to ensure that normalcy is restored in the state.

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SC directs Centre, J&K to restore normalcy keeping in mind national interest

The Supreme Court was hearing a petition by Kashmir Times Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin who said she was not able to publish her newspaper as communication was “crippled” after the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370.

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Next step in lifting Valley curbs: Allow BSNL post-paid mobiles

The second step in restoring communication may be in the direction of allowing Internet services for commercial organisations.

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Vadodara: MS University asks students to join rally supporting abrogation of Article 370

“We had sent out messages at least twice to all registered students in the University. This was for a good cause and we had asked students and staff members to voluntarily join the rally. No one was forced,” said a University Syndicate member of the BJP.

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Explained: The HC order that allows two MPs to meet Abdullahs, with conditions

The single-judge Bench barred the two Lok Sabha MPs — one of whom is a retired judge of the same High Court — from speaking to the media regarding the meeting, and imposed restrictions on the nature of the meeting.

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With essential kits and money, Delhi group helps students from Kashmir Valley

The association, which began its operations five days after the lockdown, has been to UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Punjab.

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Entire J&K part of sovereign India, Pakistan should leave PoK: British MP

The Conservative Party MP countered the Pakistan government plan to move a UN resolution in the wake of India's decision to end the special status granted to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Asking children not to go to schools biggest disservice to Islam: J&K Governor's advisor

Posters have appeared in Srinagar warning people to keep their children away from schools after the Centre abrogated Jammu and Kashmir's special status last month.

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Express daily briefing: India will decide Net fate, says Nick Clegg; Tavleen Singh on 9/11; more

India, the US and Europe will be architects of the new rules of the Internet and these “three planets” will determine if the world will head for an open or closed Web, former Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Nick Clegg said.

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J&K: Shopian villagers line up at DC's office to ask about their young men

While the J&K Police has not officially released any data on such detentions and subsequent release, many high-ranking police officials in Srinagar confirm that the numbers could be as high as 4,500.

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Fifth Column: Remember 9/11 and why it happened

Kashmir may once have been a problem between Hindus and Muslims, but for many years now the real problem has been the spread in the Valley of jihadist Islam.

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Youths from J&K responding by joining Army: Prasad on abrogation of Article 370

Prasad claimed that lakhs of the “Indian taxpayers money was wasted in J&K”, where only separatism and terrorism thrived.

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Express daily briefing: Srinagar NIT students camp in NCR for job interviews, how world is losing fertile land, more

Maharashtra-owned MMTC Ltd has floated a tender for import of onions from “Pakistan, Egypt, China, Afghanistan or any other origin”, triggering criticism from farmers in the state.

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Locked down, Srinagar NIT students camp in NCR for job interviews

About 70 students are camping in a hostel in Ghaziabad for the last three weeks, at their own expense, to organise their placement drive. The total final year class has 360 students of whom 80 are from Jammu and Kashmir, most from the Valley.

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J-K High Court: MPs can meet Farooq, Omar Abdullah but can't brief press

Following the Centre's decision to scrap J&K's special status, Farooq Abdullah has been placed under house arrest in Srinagar while Omar Abdullah has been detained at Hari Niwas.

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International community believes India, not us: Pakistan minister on Kashmir

The minister said, "The ruling elite has destroyed the country. The ruling elite of this country destroyed the name. People think we are not a serious nation."

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US lawmakers seek immediate end of communication blackout in Kashmir

The two US lawmakers said the international media and independent human rights observers must immediately be allowed into Jammu and Kashmir to investigate reports of abuse.

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In Andhra Pradesh, rights group leader, others booked for meet on Article 370, J&K

The organisers denied there was any attempt to disturb peace and accused BJP leaders of filing police complaints to “stifle opposing voices”.

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Vallabhbai Patel’s pain removed by another great son of Gujarat: Prasad on J&K

Congratulating Modi on the moves regarding J&K, Prasad also gave credit to Home Minister Amit Shah for deftly “piloting the project”.

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UN chief steers clear on J&K: Engage through dialogue

Modi met Guterres in Biarritz on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting on August 26, and laid out India’s basic position on the issue that it is an “internal matter” and Article 370 is under the Indian Constitution.

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Jammu and Kashmir News highlights: Reorganisation Bill gets Parliament nod

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Highlights: With special provisions gone, Indian laws will now apply to the newly created Union Territories.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-live-updates-section-144-srinagar-omar-abdullah-mehbooba-mufti-5878558/>

Explained: What is Section 144 of CrPC?

Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) is issued in urgent cases of security threat or riot and bars the assembly of five or more people in an area where it has been imposed. The notification is issued by the District Magistrate of the area.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/what-is-section-144-crpc-jammu-and-kashmir-5878543/>

Explained: What's changed in Jammu and Kashmir?

Jammu and Kashmir has lost its special status, and reduced to two Union Territories. What is the history of Partition and accession to India that has been overturned? What are Articles 370 and 35A, that were supposed to define the special status of the state? <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-article-370-has-not-been-scraped-but-kashmirs-special-status-has-gone-5880390/>

The story of Indian democracy written in blood and betrayal

BJP thinks it is going to Indianise Kashmir. Instead, we will see, potentially, the Kashmirisation of India.<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/jammu-kashmir-article-370-scrapped-special-status-amit-shah-narendra-modi-bjp-5880797/>

PDP MP: 'What we have torn is just a book, BJP has torn the Constitution'

The government's move to scrap special status would further alienate the people of Jammu and Kashmir, says PDP MP Nazir Ahmed Laway.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/pdp-mp-nazir-ahmed-laway-what-we-have-torn-is-just-a-book-bjp-has-torn-the-constitution-5881025/>

Rupture in history, stitching a future

Historic changes draw an audacious red line across Jammu and Kashmir and its compact with the Union. How government carries this forward will decide many things for India.<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/jammu-and-kashmir-special-status-article-370-amit-shah-narendra-modi-bjp-govt-5880808/>

Stripping J&K of its special status: Ideological project began with Shyama Prasad Mookerjee:

For the BJP, Article 370 has been a lightning rod. But political compulsions forced it to keep it on the backburner when it had to run coalition governments during 1998-2004.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/stripping-jk-of-its-special-status-ideological-project-began-with-sp-mookerjee-5881036/>

Move to scrap J&K special status: Cards close to his chest, Amit Shah surprises Oppn, most ministers

In the last two days, Shah worked from his office in Parliament House complex, holding meetings with all those mattered on this issue.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/move-to-scrap-jk-special-status-cards-close-to-his-chest-amit-shah-surprises-oppn-most-ministers-5880896/>

Using Article 370 to scrap Article 370? The legal debate ahead

The government sought to dilute the special status to Jammu and Kashmir guaranteed under Article 370 of the Constitution without scrapping the provision. It did so without bringing a Constitutional amendment that would require two-thirds majority in the Parliament.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/kashmir-special-status-using-art-370-to-scrap-art-370-the-legal-debate-ahead5881061/>

Sheikh Abdullah, Ayyangar, Sardar Patel: How Article 370 was negotiated, debated

In November 1963, in a debate in Parliament, when Hari Vishnu Kamath argued that Kashmir was “not fully” integrated, Nehru asserted that it was, indeed, “fully integrated” with India. <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/sheikh-abdullah-ayyengar-sardar-patel-how-article-370-was-negotiated-debated-5881060/>

With J&K status change, 15th Finance Commission will have to redo math

The Finance Commission (FC) recommends how tax revenues collected by the Central government should be shared between the Centre and the states. <https://indianexpress.com/article/business/with-jk-status-change-15th-finance-commission-will-have-to-redo-maths-5880869/>

J&K bifurcation: All laws will now apply — from property purchase to Indian Penal Code

From property-related laws, criminal laws to crucial central laws like Right to Information & Education — these will be among the many that will be applicable to the proposed Union Territories (UTs), Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/kashmir-special-status-revoked-article-370-all-laws-will-now-apply-from-property-purchase-to-indian-penal-code5881064/>

Voices in Rajya Sabha: ‘Dark day... don’t want a Palestine’, ‘destroyed a 70-year-old blot’

The Rajya Sabha Monday passed the J&K Reorganisation Bill. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-article-special-status-amit-shah-rajya-sabha-5881013/>

Betrayal, say NC and PDP; powder keg lit, warns Opposition, will have disastrous fallout:

Targeting the BJP-led central government in both Houses of Parliament and outside, a stunned Opposition led by the Congress said the Centre had committed a “cardinal blunder” and a “fatal legal error”.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/j-powder-keg-lit-warns-opp-will-have-disastrous-fallout-5881078/>

Article of faith: History of the RSS and BJP opposition to Article 370

On Monday, RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat “congratulated the courageous step taken by the government” and said that it “was very necessary not just for Jammu and Kashmir but

(also) for the whole nation.<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/article-of-faith-history-of-the-rss-and-bjp-opposition-to-370-kashmir-special-status-5881052/>

Jammu and Kashmir bifurcation: India briefs UNSC members, Islamabad summons Delhi envoy

Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria to the Foreign Office on Monday and conveyed a “strong demarche on the announcements made and actions taken” by the government over Jammu and Kashmir.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-briefs-unsc-members-islamabad-summons-delhi-envoy-5881022/>

Jammu and Kashmir will truly be integral part of India... I want to tell Valley nothing negative will happen: Amit Shah

Two-thirds of those present in Rajya Sabha pass Bill to bury Article 370 and redraw map of J&K.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-kashmir-article-370-will-truly-be-integral-part-of-india-i-want-to-tell-valley-nothing-negative-will-happen-amit-shah-5881088/>

In J&K, Governor Satya Pal Malik reviews security, curfew clamped in parts of Jammu too

Curfew was imposed in areas of Pir Panjal and Chenab Valley which are adjacent to Kashmir. These included Kishtwar, Doda and parts of Ramban districts, and Rajouri and Poonch districts.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-jk-governor-satya-pal-malik-reviews-security-curfew-clamped-in-parts-of-jammu-too-5881333/>

Devendra Fadnavis hails decision to scrap Article 370 in J&K

Devendra Fadnavis said Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah must be congratulated for what he said was a historic decision.

Uddhav Thackeray on Article 370: Balasaheb, Vajpayee’s dream fulfilled

“They (Modi and Shah) have shown the world that there is still firmness in our country. Though August 15 is Independence Day, I will say our country has got complete freedom today,” Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said.

Article 370 scrapped: Haryana House resolution hails Centre, Congress supports move

The BJP members also raised Mookerjee’s slogan “Ek desh mein do vidhan, ek desh mein do pradhaan, ek desh mein do nishaan nahi rahenge, nahi rahenge”.

Parliament HIGHLIGHTS: Bill to divide J&K into two Union Territories passed in Lok Sabha

Parliament HIGHLIGHTS: The Bill to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories — Jammu and Kashmir with a legislature similar to Delhi or Puducherry, and Ladakh without one like Chandigarh, was passed with a two-thirds majority in Rajya Sabha.

Will buy land in J&K for resorts: Tourism Ministers of Maharashtra, Karnataka

Looking to leverage the move in the upcoming state polls, the Maharashtra Cabinet Tuesday sanctioned the state tourism department’s proposal, making a token budgetary provision of Rs 2 crore for the investment.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/will-buy-land-in-jk-for-resorts-tourism-ministers-of-maharashtra-karnataka-5963611/>

J&K team meets Amit Shah, says he assured curbs to be eased in 25 days

Most sarpanchs The Indian Express spoke to said the Home Minister told them that communication will be restored across the state in the next 20-25 days.<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jk-team-meets-amit-shah-says-he-assured-curbs-to-be-eased-in-25-days-5963543/>

India calls violence outside London embassy 'unacceptable', asks UK to take strong action

This is the second time violent protests have taken place outside the IHC building in London over the Kashmir issue. Earlier, clashes had taken place on the Independence Day on August 15. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/indian-high-commission-in-london-vandalised-as-protests-over-kashmir-turn-violent-5964642/>

2 Pakistani infiltrators with LeT links caught in Kashmir

"Pakistan is desperate for terrorists to infiltrate... to disrupt peace in the Valley," General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's 15 Corps Lt General K J S Dhillon said. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jammu-and-kashmir-pakistani-let-infiltrators-police-army-5965247/>

J&K: 290 booked under PSA since August 5, says official

The Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) allows the government to detain a person without trial for a period of three to six months. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/jk-290-booked-under-psa-since-august-5-says-official-5967160/>

Express daily briefing: Article 370 was never intended to be forever, says Shashi Tharoor; Mumbai battered by incessant rains again; and more

From Congress leader Shashi Tharoor speaking on the party's stand on the scrapping of Article 370 and with Mumbai battering heavy rains again, the IMD has issued an 'orange alert' for today, here's the top news on Thursday morning. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/express-daily-briefing-article-370-was-never-intended-to-be-forever-says-shashi-tharoor-mumbai-battered-by-incessant-rains-again-and-more-5967499/>

Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija allowed to meet her in Srinagar

Mehbooba Mufti's family members were recently allowed to meet her "twice" at Chesmashahi hut, government sources have told The Indian Express

SC fixes pleas of Kashmir Times editor, others for hearing on Sep 16

The editor also alleged that it is difficult to travel beyond Srinagar and journalists are finding it difficult to report. <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/sc-fixes-pleas-of-kashmir-times-editor-others-for-hearing-on-sep-16-5968511/>

Abolition of Article 370 not in national interest: Yogendra Yadav

"The step taken was not just an incorrect procedure but will also be regretted by the country in the years to come," Yogendra Yadav said.

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Easing of curbs in J&K depends on Pakistan's behaviour, says NSA

In his first interaction with the media since the August 5 revocation of the special status to J&K under Article 370, Doval also said public order and safety of residents was of greater priority for the government.

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Kashmir is Pak's 'jugular vein', altering status challenges our security: Imran Khan

PM Khan said his government had launched a proactive diplomatic campaign in the world capitals and at the United Nations to apprise the world community about Kashmir after India's decision to abrogate sections of Article 370 on August 5

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MHA update on J&K: All landlines restored, schools, health institutions fully functional

J&K has been under security lockdown and communication blackout since August 5 when the government decided to modify Article 370 of the Indian Constitution that gave it special rights.

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For uniformed forces, the last five weeks in the Valley have been a great test of commitment, capability

Centre's goal is to engage with Kashmiris tired of violence, provide safe spaces to express their desire for peace. Post-relaxation of curbs, the government's priorities will be development and employment generation, something jihad and azadi had little space for.

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Now people of J&K feel they have got freedom: Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Students in J&K will now be able to get benefits provided under the Right to Education Act and the mid-day meal scheme, the HRD Minister said.

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Kashmir, beyond legalities: Modi govt needs to recognise the essential dignity of its people

The challenge before the government, therefore, is to win an uncoerced allegiance of the Kashmiri people by recognising their dignity and identity — the “ultimate driver of history”, as Hegel said. Whether the government can do enough to assure the Kashmiri people of its sincerity in this regard is the question.

3 months ago <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/jammu-and-kashmir-issue-lockdown-article-370-5980819/>

Ailing CPM leader Tarigami shifted from Srinagar to AIIMS on SC order

Accompanied by a doctor, a relative and a police officer, Tarigami arrived here and was immediately taken to AIIMS, the officials said.

3 months ago <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/ailing-cpm-leader-tarigami-shifted-from-srinagar-to-aiims-on-sc-order-5978642/>

'There should be zero tolerance for terrorism': PM Modi tells EU delegation ahead of their J&K visit

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Jammu and Kashmir: Ahead of transition, admn works overtime on legislation

While the total budget for Union territories is Rs 7,500 crore, the budget for Jammu and Kashmir is more than Rs 90,000 crore.

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PDP leaders seek fresh permission to meet detained party prez Mehbooba Mufti

The governor administration had earlier given permission to a delegation of the PDP leaders to meet the former chief minister but the party deferred the proposed visit following serious differences within its camp over the visit.

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US Congress panel to discuss Jammu and Kashmir today

Sources told The Indian Express that while tough questions are expected from US Congressmen during the hearing, Delhi will watch the language used by US administration officials Wells and Destro in their testimonies.

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'English-speaking liberal media' didn't present 'fair picture' on Art 370: Jaishankar

"This change is our internal business but obviously there was interest around the world because different people had views about it and our neighbours made a bit of a fuss about it," Jaishankar said.

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Anyone harming peace process, development in J&K will be jailed: Ram Madhav

"There will now be only two paths for J&K-- peace and development and whosoever comes in between will be dealt with sternly. There are many jails in India for those," BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav said.

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Manmohan Singh signals a Congress shift on Article 370 and Veer Savarkar

Article 370 was temporary, says Singh; softens party's criticism of Savarkar

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Indian ambassador briefs US lawmakers on ground situation in Kashmir

The briefing comes as there has been an increasing voice of dissent and uneasiness among lawmakers on the curbs in Kashmir, several of which have been removed.

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Day after, J&K releases Farooq Abdullah's sister, daughter among 13 women held during protest

The police did not register an FIR; they were arrested under Section 107 of CrPC for defying prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144.

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Chhattisgarh labourer shot dead by militants in Kashmir's Pulwama

Two days ago, another non-local resident was killed in Shopian district. Militants shot dead the driver of a truck from Rajasthan transporting apples in Sindhu Sermal village of Shopian district.

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Erasing the slate

J&K needs full democracy, noisy and chaotic as it may be. Not a bonsai pruned and stunted in North Block and/or Raj Bhavan

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Srinagar protest: Farooq Abdullah's sister, daughter among women activists detained

Demanding restoration of civil liberties and fundamental rights of the citizens, the women said they feel "betrayed, humiliated and violated as people".

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Omar and Mehbooba detained under PSA... had to take precautions: Amit Shah

Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti were among mainstream party leaders placed under detention ahead of the August 5 announcement that ended the special status of the state under Article 370.

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After 70 days of lockdown, BSNL postpaid mobile services restored in Kashmir; no internet yet

As per sources, the continuance of the mobile services would depend on how the security situation in the Valley unfolds.

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Nearly 4,500 J&K students avail PM's scholarship scheme — highest in 6 years

Of these, roughly 2,400 students are from the Jammu region, 1,474 from Kashmir and the rest from Ladakh, according to government data reviewed by The Indian Express.

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68 days later, mobile services to return in Valley from Monday

Partial fixed-line telephony was resumed in the Valley on August 17 and by September 4, nearly 50,000 landlines were declared operational.

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Express daily briefing: J&K Govt ad urges people to shed fear; Diana Edulji speaks up, slams CoA; and more

From PM Modi and Xi Jinping's second informal summit to Virat Kohli completing his seventh Test double hundred, here's all that is making news Saturday morning.

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J&K Govt ad urges people to shed fear as Valley works out its own open-and-shutdown schedule

The Valley though remains sullen over the loss of the state's special status and the lockdown.

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Jammu and Kashmir: Only close kin allowed to meet detained leaders

The release from detention, under Section 107 of CrPC, is subject to signing of a bond for maintaining peace.

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Tourists can now visit Jammu and Kashmir; restrictions in Valley continue

Since August 5, the state has been reeling under an unprecedented security clampdown, with mobile communications cut and mainstream political leaders held under detention.

2 months ago

In first three replies to HC, Jammu and Kashmir drops PSA charge after challenge

The J&K decision to drop the PSA charge in the first three challenges is significant given that the majority of over 250 writs of habeas corpus filed since August 5 challenged detentions

2 months ago

65 days after lockdown, officials in Valley caution: Don't call this 'normal'

"There is a permanence to the change in the status of the state and the people post August 5. Silence, humiliation, resentment, anger and protest in the nature of self-imposed curfews has been the reaction so far. It hasn't manifested in violence. So far," said an official.

2 months ago

Time for India to lift restrictions in J&K: US panel

The committee said, "India's communication blackout in Kashmir is having a devastating impact on the lives and welfare of everyday Kashmiris. It's time for India to lift these restrictions and afford Kashmiris same rights and privileges as any other Indian citizen."

2 months ago

NC leaders visit Farooq and Omar, seek their release before polls; PDP cleared to meet Mufti
NC team says Abdullahs 'pained' but well and in high spirits; PDP given time on Monday, defers visit.

2 months ago

Two months into detention, Farooq Abdullah meets NC leaders; flashes 'victory' sign

Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah are among the score of politicians in Kashmir who remain under preventive detention since August 5.

2 months ago

India protests after China's envoy in Pakistan says working to help Kashmiris

Chinese ambassador in Islamabad Yao Jing said Friday that China would stand by Pakistan for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute.

2 months ago

Imran Khan's provocative language doesn't behove office he holds: MEA

MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said this while responding to a question on the call for a march, to protest India's move, from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the Line of Control (LoC), which has been backed by Pakistan's military.

2 months ago

'Desist from making such remarks': MEA on Malaysian PM's Kashmir comment

In his address to the UN General Assembly last week, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad remarked that India has "invaded and occupied" Jammu and Kashmir and that it must solve the issue with Pakistan through dialogue.

2 months ago

Watch: Scuffle breaks out at JNU as MoS Jitendra Singh speaks on Article 370

Singh was invited to the varsity for a talk to deliver a lecture on 'Abrogation of Article 370: Peace, Stability and Development in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh'.

2 months ago

Kashmir leaders to be released from detention 'one by one': J-K Governor's adviser

"Yes, one by one after analysis of every individual, they will be released," Farooq Khan said when asked if Kashmiri leaders will be released from detention after Jammu region leaders.

2 months ago

Abrogation of article 370 was long-awaited: S Jaishankar

"What do you expect the Pakistanis to say (after current restrictions are lifted and normalcy is restored)... we expect calm and happiness to return," Jaishankar said.

2 months ago

Eye on block polls: Curbs eased on movement of Jammu leaders, Valley waits

The lifting of restrictions on movements of Jammu Opposition leaders comes ahead of the first Block Development Council elections in the state, scheduled for October 24.

2 months ago

Kashmir: SC fixes Nov 14 to hear pleas against Article 370 abrogation, puts embargo on fresh pleas

A five-judge bench headed by Justice N V Ramana allowed Centre four weeks time to file counter-affidavits to the cases, and one week time for the petitioner to file a rejoinder.

2 months ago

Kashmiris are happy, Valley on road to progress, says J P Nadda

"Today the dream of One India, One constitution is fulfilled. Jammu and Kashmir is now on the road to progress. Two AIIMS are being constructed there. Moreover, the Barawals, Gujjars, Valmikis and others will also get their rights now. Women will also have the freedom to marry as per their choice, without the fear of losing their property rights," Nadda said.

2 months ago

Swamped with pleas, J&K HC at 50% strength, looks to SC help

Of the nine judges in the J&K High Court, only two judges have been assigned to hear the writs of habeas corpus in the Srinagar wing.

2 months ago

SC refuses Vaiko's plea against Farooq Abdullah's detention

Vaiko, who said he is a close friend of Abdullah for the past four decades, has contended that constitutional rights conferred on the National Conference leader had been deprived of on account of “illegal detention without any authority of law”.

2 months ago

Surveillance, area domination operations intensified in Kashmir

Public transport was off the roads in most parts of the valley but private cars and some passenger cabs on inter-district routes could be seen plying, officials said.

2 months ago

Justice Ramana's Bench could hear Article 370 petitions beginning October 1

Supreme Court sources confirmed that the Bench had been constituted. They said that an official notification naming the other judges on the Bench would be uploaded soon on the court's website.

2 months ago

Bench headed by Justice Ramana to hear pleas against Centre's decision on J&K

Hearing of the petitions challenging the Centre's decision to scrap the special status to Jammu and Kashmir will likely begin from October 1.

2 months ago

Nine months after J&K panchayat polls, Panches, sarpanches stay put in hotels, fear visiting villages

In the video, the militants asked Dar to stay away from elections and force his son, a special police officer (SPO), to resign. Dar agreed and apologised.

2 months ago

Relatives say two minors detained under PSA, J&K HC for probe, reply

The Srinagar wing of J&K High Court has ordered its own inquiry into a habeas corpus petition filed by a relative of a detainee who claims he is a 14-year-old boy and has been detained under the stringent Public Safety Act.

2 months ago

Abrogation of Article 370 is illegal, the ongoing lockdown unsustainable

To our brothers and sisters in Kashmir, we should appeal not to mistake the government for the people of this country. They should believe in our goodwill and fraternity for them, notwithstanding the damage done to it by the present misadventure of our government.

2 months ago

India slams UK's Labour Party for Kashmir resolution

"Clearly, this is an attempt at pandering to vote-bank interests. There is no question of engaging with the Labour Party or its representatives on this issue," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

2 months ago

Home Ministry and top J&K officials meet to discuss state Reorganization Act

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam and Principal Secretary Rohit Kansal held a two-hour-long meeting with Additional Secretary (JK Division) Gynesh Kumar on how to implement the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

2 months ago

PSA against Farooq Abdullah: J&K dossier has 27 charges, 3 FIRs, his quotes from 3 years ago

Abdullah, also a three-term Chief Minister of J&K, was already under detention at his Gupkar Road residence when the PSA order was issued against him by the Srinagar District Magistrate on September 14. His home was declared a subsidiary jail.

2 months ago

'Howdy, Modi': PM takes dig at Pakistan, says Article 370 decision troubled some

"India's decision on Article 370 has troubled some people, who can't handle their country, who support terrorism," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the 'Howdy, Modi' event in Houston on Sunday.

2 months ago

Brown bread, Hollywood movies, gym access: MoS Singh says met every demand of Kashmir 'house guests'

He said that the situation in Kashmir was normal and there are no restrictions there.

2 months ago

Amit Shah blames Nehru for Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir's existence

"Rahul Baba you have come into politics now, but three generations of BJP have given their life for Kashmir, for the abrogation of Article 370. Congress sees politics behind Article 370 abrogation, we don't see it that way. It's part of our goal to keep Bharat maa undivided," Amit Shah said.

2 months ago

Order release of detained J&K leaders: NPP chief to President Kovind

The NPP leader said that Article 21 of the Indian Constitution has been buried into the graveyard of the President's Rule.

2 months ago

Top news today evening: Govt slashes corporate tax rates, The Zoya Factor movie review, and more

From cuts in corporate tax rates to PM Narendra Modi and Mongolian President jointly unveiling a statue of Lord Buddha via video conferencing, here are the top news today evening.

2 months ago

Under wraps so far: 252 habeas corpus pleas in J&K High Court since August 5

Little urgency has been shown by the High Court — each case is either in the stage of admission or has been listed for orders

2 months ago

PM Modi will not discuss Article 370 at UN, its internal matter: Govt

While Pakistan has been trying to internationalise the ending of J&K's special status under Article 370, and plans to raise it at the UNGA, India has maintained that it is an "internal matter".

2 months ago

J&K lockdown puts curbs on media, says apex court petitioner Bhasin

“The communication blockade has made it extremely difficult for journalists. There are no editorials... columns have disappeared and instead, there are articles on how to clean your homes, how to pray, about how technology is not necessary for everything. The official version is that everything is normal in the Valley,” said Bhasin.

2 months ago

Yashwant Sinha on deportation from Srinagar: Was treated as if I am a terrorist, hijacker

On being asked if he was targeted for being critical of the present regime, Sinha said, "I have been giving suggestions to the government as to how peace can be restored in the valley. So I don't find any reason for the authorities to stop me. Only they can explain it."

2 months ago

Win PoK not by war but by making Jammu and Kashmir prosperous: Governor Satya Pal Malik

“If we give respect to the people of Jammu and Kashmir... make, demonstrate a bright future for the children here, bring businesses here... I guarantee that in a year, there will be a revolt in PoK and you will get PoK without war," Governor Malik said.

2 months ago

Changing times: The musclemen of new India are crushing old values

The muscleman on the ground kills because he demands obedience to his beliefs. The muscleman in the university targets faculties who disagree with the new norm. The muscleman in court tries to dictate to the judge: This is an era of musclemen and the rule of law has little value.

2 months ago

India's actions over the status of J&K provide an opportunity to revisit four-point plan for Kashmir

At this point — not unlike a 1971 moment for Pakistan — if India wishes to salvage something of its own credibility as the world’s largest democracy, it should first roll back all the restrictions imposed in J&K, free all political prisoners, restore communications and other rights of people.

2 months ago

How PSA Board has become a rubber stamp — OKs almost all detention orders

The PSA Advisory Board is meant to act as a check and balance on the government's use of this stringent law and that's why the judiciary was made part of its appointment exercise. Ironically, it was PDP-BJP govt that cut judiciary out of the process.

2 months ago

Sardar Patel inspiration for Jammu and Kashmir decision, says PM Modi

"For 70 years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir were discriminated against as a result of which the entire country suffered in the form of violence, separatism and incomplete aspirations," Narendra Modi said.

2 months ago

History shows lack of debate is a symptom of majoritarianism

A majoritarian parliament is different from majority in the parliament. Majority in parliament gains legitimacy through deliberation but in a majoritarian parliament, numbers trump every other moral consideration.

2 months ago

Pulwama to Aug 5: Jammu and Kashmir HC indicted Govt for PSA arrests — in 80% cases

An analysis of the 39 orders quashing the detentions reveals a telling pattern that the Abdullah order will be tested against if and when there is a legal challenge

2 months ago

Explained: What is Jammu and Kashmir's Public Safety Act?

The PSA, under which former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has been detained, allows for detention for two years without trial. How is the stringent Act enforced, and what are the options for appeal?

2 months ago

Formidable reasons for Jammu and Kashmir curbs, but ensure normalcy returns: SC

Told by a lawyer that people in J&K cannot access the High Court there, CJI Gogoi called it a "serious matter" and sought a report from the HC. He said "if required, I will go personally and check... I will speak to the Chief Justice... if it's not correct, be ready to bear the consequences".

2 months ago

Public? Safety?

Move to book Farooq Abdullah under PSA shows arbitrariness — and a lack of plan to address the crisis in J&K

2 months ago

Abrupt move in Valley feeds into the already prevailing sense of alienation, religious radicalisation

The change in Jammu and Kashmir's status will make little difference vis-a-vis Pakistan, situation on the ground in the Valley. It cannot but feed into the already prevailing sense of alienation.

2 months ago

After plea seeks presence of Farooq Abdullah, Govt slaps PSA, prolongs his detention

Police sources said before the PSA charge was slapped, two NC leaders met Abdullah who told them he was in no mood to relent.

2 months ago

Raja Mandala: Myth of religious solidarity

Reactions of several Muslim countries to India's decision on Kashmir shows that political and economic interest bind nations — not ideologies.

2 months ago

Jammu and Kashmir petitions in SC: Here's what the top court said

The top court allowed Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to travel to four districts in Kashmir and directed the Centre and the J&K government to ensure that normalcy is restored in the state.

2 months ago

SC directs Centre, J&K to restore normalcy keeping in mind national interest

The Supreme Court was hearing a petition by Kashmir Times Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin who said she was not able to publish her newspaper as communication was “crippled” after the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370.

2 months ago

Next step in lifting Valley curbs: Allow BSNL post-paid mobiles

The second step in restoring communication may be in the direction of allowing Internet services for commercial organisations.

2 months ago

Vadodara: MS University asks students to join rally supporting abrogation of Article 370

“We had sent out messages at least twice to all registered students in the University. This was for a good cause and we had asked students and staff members to voluntarily join the rally. No one was forced,” said a University Syndicate member of the BJP.

2 months ago

Explained: The HC order that allows two MPs to meet Abdullahs, with conditions

The single-judge Bench barred the two Lok Sabha MPs — one of whom is a retired judge of the same High Court — from speaking to the media regarding the meeting, and imposed restrictions on the nature of the meeting.

2 months ago

With essential kits and money, Delhi group helps students from Kashmir Valley

The association, which began its operations five days after the lockdown, has been to UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Punjab.

2 months ago

Entire J&K part of sovereign India, Pakistan should leave PoK: British MP

The Conservative Party MP countered the Pakistan government plan to move a UN resolution in the wake of India's decision to end the special status granted to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

2 months ago

Asking children not to go to schools biggest disservice to Islam: J&K Governor's advisor

Posters have appeared in Srinagar warning people to keep their children away from schools after the Centre abrogated Jammu and Kashmir's special status last month.

2 months ago

Express daily briefing: India will decide Net fate, says Nick Clegg; Tavleen Singh on 9/11; more

India, the US and Europe will be architects of the new rules of the Internet and these “three planets” will determine if the world will head for an open or closed Web, former Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Nick Clegg said.

2 months ago

J&K: Shopian villagers line up at DC’s office to ask about their young men

While the J&K Police has not officially released any data on such detentions and subsequent release, many high-ranking police officials in Srinagar confirm that the numbers could be as high as 4,500.

2 months ago

Fifth Column: Remember 9/11 and why it happened

Kashmir may once have been a problem between Hindus and Muslims, but for many years now the real problem has been the spread in the Valley of jihadist Islam.

2 months ago

Youths from J&K responding by joining Army: Prasad on abrogation of Article 370

Prasad claimed that lakhs of the “Indian taxpayers money was wasted in J&K”, where only separatism and terrorism thrived.

2 months ago

Express daily briefing: Srinagar NIT students camp in NCR for job interviews, how world is losing fertile land, more

Maharashtra-owned MMTC Ltd has floated a tender for import of onions from “Pakistan, Egypt, China, Afghanistan or any other origin”, triggering criticism from farmers in the state.

2 months ago

Locked down, Srinagar NIT students camp in NCR for job interviews

About 70 students are camping in a hostel in Ghaziabad for the last three weeks, at their own expense, to organise their placement drive. The total final year class has 360 students of whom 80 are from Jammu and Kashmir, most from the Valley.

2 months ago

J-K High Court: MPs can meet Farooq, Omar Abdullah but can't brief press

Following the Centre's decision to scrap J&K's special status, Farooq Abdullah has been placed under house arrest in Srinagar while Omar Abdullah has been detained at Hari Niwas.

2 months ago

International community believes India, not us: Pakistan minister on Kashmir

The minister said, "The ruling elite has destroyed the country. The ruling elite of this country destroyed the name. People think we are not a serious nation."

2 months ago

US lawmakers seek immediate end of communication blackout in Kashmir

The two US lawmakers said the international media and independent human rights observers must immediately be allowed into Jammu and Kashmir to investigate reports of abuse.

2 months ago

In Andhra Pradesh, rights group leader, others booked for meet on Article 370, J&K

The organisers denied there was any attempt to disturb peace and accused BJP leaders of filing police complaints to "stifle opposing voices".

2 months ago

Vallabhbhai Patel's pain removed by another great son of Gujarat: Prasad on J&K

Congratulating Modi on the moves regarding J&K, Prasad also gave credit to Home Minister Amit Shah for deftly "piloting the project".

2 months ago

UN chief steers clear on J&K: Engage through dialogue

Modi met Guterres in Biarritz on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting on August 26, and laid out India's basic position on the issue that it is an "internal matter" and Article 370 is under the Indian Constitution.

Their hearts only beat for Maoists and terrorists: PM Modi on opposition against Kashmir move

The government, on August 5, revoked the state's special status and proposed to bifurcate it into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The resolution to scrap Article 370 was adopted by the Parliament, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill was passed with a two-thirds majority the next day.

3 months ago

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Sources said the MHA is taking a serious view of people who are trying to create mischief through social media platforms.

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Poll panel sources, however, said delimitation work in Jammu and Kashmir is unlikely to begin unless the Delimitation Commission is notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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Never invited him with pre-conditions: J&K Guv after Rahul Gandhi accepts 'invitation'

J&K Governor's statement comes after Gandhi said he and other opposition leaders would visit Jammu and Kashmir, which has been under a security lockdown ever since the Centre decided to revoke the special status enjoyed by the state under Article 370.

3 months ago

J&K restrictions to be lifted only after local administration's nod: MHA

The J&K administration, meanwhile, said restrictions were being eased out in a phased manner in the Valley and the situation in the Jammu division had been restored.

3 months ago

J&K situation 'very sensitive', govt should get time to ensure normalcy: SC

The Supreme Court refused to pass any immediate order to the Centre to lift restrictions, including on communication services, in the region imposed after the revocation of Article 370

3 months ago

Don't need aircraft, ensure freedom to travel, meet people: Rahul Gandhi on Guv Malik's offer to visit J&K

In a tweet addressed to Governor Malik, Gandhi said he along with a delegation of opposition leaders will take up his "gracious invitation" to visit J&K and Ladakh, but added they don't need the aircraft

3 months ago

Kashmir Times editor seeks urgent hearing of plea for removal of media restrictions in J-K

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra told advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Bhasin, "you hand over the memo to the registrar and he will look into it".

3 months ago

'Read Mahabharat properly': Congress to Rajinikanth for likening Modi, Shah to Krishna, Arjuna

A day after Rajinikanth appreciated Amit Shah for scrapping Article 370 and compared PM Modi and him to "Krishna and Arjuna", Tamil Nadu Congress Committee President said he did not expect such a reaction from him adding he was surprised by it.

3 months ago

J&K move won't impact Line of Control or Line of Actual Control: India to China

Last week, China had objected to the formation of Ladakh as a Union Territory, saying it undermined its territorial sovereignty. It had also expressed "serious concern" about the situation in the region and said "relevant sides need to exercise restraint and act prudently".

3 months ago

Sorry girls, no new dress, no ice cream. Eid Mubarak

Today is Eid. It has been 10 days since I left home last. I couldn't buy a new dress for Nouma nor did I get ice cream for Sameeha. I couldn't even call them and wish them on Eid.

3 months ago

Eid cheer missing in Valley, people pray at local mosques, movement curbs remain

Although prohibitory orders were relaxed to allow people to offer prayers, the security lockdown and downing of communication lines continued for the eight consecutive day. Police and paramilitary personnel had placed barricades on all roads and there were strict curbs on movement of civilians.

3 months ago

Meet the man in Ajit Doval Shopian video: 'Didn't know it was NSA'

"If I had known that I was to meet Doval, I would not have gone, even if they had dragged me along," Mangray, the man in the video, said.

3 months ago

Pakistan goes to UNSC, its chief Poland puts it bluntly: Find bilateral solution to J-K

Poland's backing of a bilateral solution to the Kashmir dispute comes after Russia, a UNSC permanent member, underscored Saturday that India's move was carried out "within the framework of the Constitution of the Republic of India".

3 months ago

Deployed in Valley under lockdown, central forces too wait to call home

The government had brought satellite phones for its use, but soon found that they weren't working. Subsequently, the cellphone companies, especially the government-owned BSNL, were asked to de-block a select number of phones.

3 months ago

By reorganising Kashmir's political status, Modi govt is addressing a colonial mess

India's recent decision to revoke the special status of Kashmir is about the unfinished task of extending effective territorial sovereignty over lands it has claimed.

3 months ago

With removal of special status, Kashmir has finally become one with India

One need look no further than the generational impact of Article 370. It simply did not allow the people to people bond, to build and flourish.

3 months ago

Women marrying outside Kashmir will no longer be deprived of rights: Mansukh Mandaviya
Mandaviya said that people with politically-vested interests and separatists were against the government's move.

3 months ago

Voices from J&K must be heard, says Manmohan Singh in first remarks on Article 370

Singh made his first remarks on the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir after paying homage to his cabinet colleague and former Congressman S Jaipal Reddy.

3 months ago

Peace prevailing in J&K post end of special status: Prakash Javadekar

The BJP leader also dismissed "rumours" about the death of a few people in a firing incident in the northern state, whose special status granted under Article 370 of the Constitution has been scrapped.

3 months ago

Amid tensions over Article 370, no exchange of sweets along Indo-Pak border on Eid al-Adha

Officials said the Pakistani side did not respond to Border Security Forces' move to exchange sweets and greetings along the IB running through the states of Jammu, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat

3 months ago

Govt wouldn't have scrapped Article 370 if J&K was Hindu-dominated, says Chidambaram; BJP hits back

"If J&K was a Hindu-dominated state, BJP would not have done this. They did it only because the region is dominated by Muslims," P Chidambaram said.

3 months ago

Bilateral differences shouldn't become disputes: Jaishankar to China on backdrop of J&K move

Jaishankar's reaction came after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said it was "very closely" following the India-Pakistan tensions over Kashmir and its "ramifications" while asking New Delhi to play a "constructive role" for regional peace and stability.

3 months ago

Kashmir Highlights: No exchange of sweets along Indo-Pak border on Eid; police say prayers end peacefully

Jammu and Kashmir News Highlights: The Delhi Transport Corporation Monday cancelled the Delhi-Lahore bus service after Pakistan decided to discontinue the service in the wake of India's decision of revoking the special status for Jammu and Kashmir.

3 months ago

Explained: How PoK has featured in RSS, Jana Sangh discourse for nearly 7 decades

Kashmir was one of the issues on which the founder president of the BJS — the predecessor and first avatar of the BJP — Syama Prasad Mookerjee, walked out of the Cabinet of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

3 months ago

India, China foreign ministers to meet today

Sources told The Indian Express that if Beijing raises the J&K issue, the Indian side will be very categorical in its response that it is an internal matter. Jaishankar's visit was scheduled before the government announced its decision on J&K.

3 months ago

BJP's favoured face Sajad Lone detained, his wife despairs of road ahead

Days ahead of New Delhi's move, Sajad Lone was part of the all-party meet in Srinagar that had called "any fiddling with J&K's special status an aggression against the people of the state".

3 months ago

Fingers crossed for Eid in J&K: Some easing of lockdown but curfew back in Srinagar

Srinagar DM meets Imams, administration lists 300 phone booths, delivery of vegetables. Meanwhile, sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the government was assessing the situation and would gradually lift restrictions.

3 months ago

In separatist stronghold Sopore: 'Do not misunderstand our silence as surrender'

"We are quiet but don't misunderstand our silence as surrender," says Altaf Ahmad, 38, a resident of Noorbagh in Sopore. "This silence is strategic. They want us to react. But we know; it is a long battle ahead."

3 months ago

J&K and the world: India's strategies for internal security, territorial defence and diplomacy will have to act in unison

India's diplomatic response must be at multiple levels. One is the legal dimension. Realists might scoff at legal niceties. But legal arguments are important and Delhi must present a solid legal brief about its actions, since there is little international understanding of the complex historical evolution of Kashmir.

3 months ago

Magsaysay winner Sandeep Pandey: Briefly put under house arrest over Article 370 dharna

Sandeep Pandey and several other activists, including advocate Mohammad Shoaib, had planned a demonstration at the Gandhi statue in Hazratganj on Sunday evening. A police team visited Shoaib's house in the morning.

3 months ago

Amit Shah: No benefit to country, Kashmir from Article 370

Amit Shah said as a Home Minister, he had no confusion on what will happen after the removal of special status under Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

3 months ago

Rajinikanth hails removal of Article 370, likens Modi, Shah to 'Krishna and Arjuna'

Comparing the combination of PM Modi and Shah to Lord Krishna and Arjuna, the actor said, "We don't know who is Krishna and who is Arjuna."

3 months ago

Removal of Article 370 will end terrorism in Kashmir: Amit Shah

I was firm that Article 370 should be removed.... after (scrapping) Article 370, terrorism in Kashmir will end and it will progress on the path of development," Shah said.

3 months ago

After Rahul Gandhi's claims of 'people dying', J&K Police says situation peaceful

Following the Congress Working Committee meeting at the AICC headquarters, Rahul on Saturday urged Prime Minister to assuage the concerns in a transparent manner.

4 months ago

China fully supports Pakistan in approaching UNSC over Kashmir: FM Qureshi

"China has clear position that India has taken unilateral step in Jammu and Kashmir which are illegal and against the norms of international law," Qureshi said.

4 months ago

Valley suffers news drought as Net, phones blocked, curfew passes not given to journalists

While local newspapers are forced to reduce the number of pages, Kashmir Press Club general secretary Ishfaq Tantray on Saturday appealed to the Press Council of India and international journalists' associations to take up with the government the issue of this "media gag".

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Never invited him with pre-conditions: J&K Govt after Rahul Gandhi accepts 'invitation'

J&K Governor's statement comes after Gandhi said he and other opposition leaders would visit Jammu and Kashmir, which has been under a security lockdown ever since the Centre decided to revoke the special status enjoyed by the state under Article 370.

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J&K restrictions to be lifted only after local administration's nod: MHA

The J&K administration, meanwhile, said restrictions were being eased out in a phased manner in the Valley and the situation in the Jammu division had been restored.

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J&K situation 'very sensitive', govt should get time to ensure normalcy: SC

The Supreme Court refused to pass any immediate order to the Centre to lift restrictions, including on communication services, in the region imposed after the revocation of Article 370

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Don't need aircraft, ensure freedom to travel, meet people: Rahul Gandhi on Guv Malik's offer to visit J&K

In a tweet addressed to Governor Malik, Gandhi said he along with a delegation of opposition leaders will take up his "gracious invitation" to visit J&K and Ladakh, but added they don't need the aircraft

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Kashmir Times editor seeks urgent hearing of plea for removal of media restrictions in J-K

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra told advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Bhasin, "you hand over the memo to the registrar and he will look into it".

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'Read Mahabharat properly': Congress to Rajinikanth for likening Modi, Shah to Krishna, Arjuna

A day after Rajinikanth appreciated Amit Shah for scrapping Article 370 and compared PM Modi and him to "Krishna and Arjuna", Tamil Nadu Congress Committee President said he did not expect such a reaction from him adding he was surprised by it.

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J&K move won't impact Line of Control or Line of Actual Control: India to China

Last week, China had objected to the formation of Ladakh as a Union Territory, saying it undermined its territorial sovereignty. It had also expressed "serious concern" about the situation in the region and said "relevant sides need to exercise restraint and act prudently".

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Sorry girls, no new dress, no ice cream. Eid Mubarak

Today is Eid. It has been 10 days since I left home last. I couldn't buy a new dress for Nouma nor did I get ice cream for Sameeha. I couldn't even call them and wish them on Eid.

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Eid cheer missing in Valley, people pray at local mosques, movement curbs remain

Although prohibitory orders were relaxed to allow people to offer prayers, the security lockdown and downing of communication lines continued for the eight consecutive day. Police and paramilitary personnel had placed barricades on all roads and there were strict curbs on movement of civilians.

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Meet the man in Ajit Doval Shopian video: 'Didn't know it was NSA'

"If I had known that I was to meet Doval, I would not have gone, even if they had dragged me along," Mangray, the man in the video, said.

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Pakistan goes to UNSC, its chief Poland puts it bluntly: Find bilateral solution to J-K

Poland's backing of a bilateral solution to the Kashmir dispute comes after Russia, a UNSC permanent member, underscored Saturday that India's move was carried out "within the framework of the Constitution of the Republic of India".

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Deployed in Valley under lockdown, central forces too wait to call home

The government had brought satellite phones for its use, but soon found that they weren't working. Subsequently, the cellphone companies, especially the government-owned BSNL, were asked to de-block a select number of phones.

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By reorganising Kashmir's political status, Modi govt is addressing a colonial mess

India's recent decision to revoke the special status of Kashmir is about the unfinished task of extending effective territorial sovereignty over lands it has claimed.

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With removal of special status, Kashmir has finally become one with India

One need look no further than the generational impact of Article 370. It simply did not allow the people to people bond, to build and flourish.

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Women marrying outside Kashmir will no longer be deprived of rights: Mansukh Mandaviya
Mandaviya said that people with politically-vested interests and separatists were against the government's move.

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Voices from J&K must be heard, says Manmohan Singh in first remarks on Article 370

Singh made his first remarks on the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir after paying homage to his cabinet colleague and former Congressman S Jaipal Reddy.

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Peace prevailing in J&K post end of special status: Prakash Javadekar

The BJP leader also dismissed "rumours" about the death of a few people in a firing incident in the northern state, whose special status granted under Article 370 of the Constitution has been scrapped.

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Amid tensions over Article 370, no exchange of sweets along Indo-Pak border on Eid al-Adha

Officials said the Pakistani side did not respond to Border Security Forces' move to exchange sweets and greetings along the IB running through the states of Jammu, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat

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Govt wouldn't have scrapped Article 370 if J&K was Hindu-dominated, says Chidambaram; BJP hits back

"If J&K was a Hindu-dominated state, BJP would not have done this. They did it only because the region is dominated by Muslims," P Chidambaram said.

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Bilateral differences shouldn't become disputes: Jaishankar to China on backdrop of J&K move

Jaishankar's reaction came after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said it was "very closely" following the India-Pakistan tensions over Kashmir and its "ramifications" while asking New Delhi to play a "constructive role" for regional peace and stability.

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Kashmir Highlights: No exchange of sweets along Indo-Pak border on Eid; police say prayers end peacefully

Jammu and Kashmir News Highlights: The Delhi Transport Corporation Monday cancelled the Delhi-Lahore bus service after Pakistan decided to discontinue the service in the wake of India's decision of revoking the special status for Jammu and Kashmir.

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Explained: How PoK has featured in RSS, Jana Sangh discourse for nearly 7 decades

Kashmir was one of the issues on which the founder president of the BJS — the predecessor and first avatar of the BJP — Syama Prasad Mookerjee, walked out of the Cabinet of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

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India, China foreign ministers to meet today

Sources told The Indian Express that if Beijing raises the J&K issue, the Indian side will be very categorical in its response that it is an internal matter. Jaishankar's visit was scheduled before the government announced its decision on J&K.

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BJP's favoured face Sajad Lone detained, his wife despairs of road ahead

Days ahead of New Delhi's move, Sajad Lone was part of the all-party meet in Srinagar that had called "any fiddling with J&K's special status an aggression against the people of the state".

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Fingers crossed for Eid in J&K: Some easing of lockdown but curfew back in Srinagar

Srinagar DM meets Imams, administration lists 300 phone booths, delivery of vegetables. Meanwhile, sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the government was assessing the situation and would gradually lift restrictions.

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In separatist stronghold Sopore: 'Do not misunderstand our silence as surrender'

“We are quiet but don’t misunderstand our silence as surrender,” says Altaf Ahmad, 38, a resident of Noorbagh in Sopore. “This silence is strategic. They want us to react. But we know; it is a long battle ahead.”

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J&K and the world: India’s strategies for internal security, territorial defence and diplomacy will have to act in unison

India’s diplomatic response must be at multiple levels. One is the legal dimension. Realists might scoff at legal niceties. But legal arguments are important and Delhi must present a solid legal brief about its actions, since there is little international understanding of the complex historical evolution of Kashmir.

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Magsaysay winner Sandeep Pandey: Briefly put under house arrest over Article 370 dharna

Sandeep Pandey and several other activists, including advocate Mohammad Shoaib, had planned a demonstration at the Gandhi statue in Hazratganj on Sunday evening. A police team visited Shoaib’s house in the morning.

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Amit Shah: No benefit to country, Kashmir from Article 370

Amit Shah said as a Home Minister, he had no confusion on what will happen after the removal of special status under Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

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Rajinikanth hails removal of Article 370, likens Modi, Shah to 'Krishna and Arjuna'

Comparing the combination of PM Modi and Shah to Lord Krishna and Arjuna, the actor said, "We don't know who is Krishna and who is Arjuna."

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Removal of Article 370 will end terrorism in Kashmir: Amit Shah

I was firm that Article 370 should be removed.... after (scrapping) Article 370, terrorism in Kashmir will end and it will progress on the path of development," Shah said.

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After Rahul Gandhi's claims of 'people dying', J&K Police says situation peaceful

Following the Congress Working Committee meeting at the AICC headquarters, Rahul on Saturday urged Prime Minister to assuage the concerns in a transparent manner.

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China fully supports Pakistan in approaching UNSC over Kashmir: FM Qureshi

"China has clear position that India has taken unilateral step in Jammu and Kashmir which are illegal and against the norms of international law," Qureshi said.

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Valley suffers news drought as Net, phones blocked, curfew passes not given to journalists

While local newspapers are forced to reduce the number of pages, Kashmir Press Club general secretary Ishfaq Tantray on Saturday appealed to the Press Council of India and international journalists' associations to take up with the government the issue of this "media gag".

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Notes via TV, letters via strangers: cut-off Valley seeks news of families

With TV channels and newspaper reporters limited to a small perimeter in Srinagar, news from other parts of the Valley, both from north and south, and even peripheries of the city, is only trickling in through patients and their attendants travelling to Srinagar hospitals.

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J&K likely to be on table as Modi talks to world leaders in France

While his predecessor Manmohan Singh has attended the G-8 summit five times between 2005 and 2009, this will be Modi's first visit - at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron - to this gathering of major western economies of the world.

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In Valley town, VHP man pleads his detained Kashmiri friend's case

Standing at the gates of the guest house, Khanna, a former president of the Amritsar market association and a member of an organisation that had been most vocal in demanding the abrogation of Article 370, said Sofi was "a friend of 29 years" and almost "a family member".

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US working on two-prong strategy to ease Indo-Pak tensions over Kashmir issue: Senior officials

The first strategy is to exert pressure on Pakistan to refrain it from indulging in any cross-border infiltration or providing material or financial support to terrorist activities in India, particularly in Kashmir, they said.

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J&K HIGHLIGHTS: Clear that situation isn't normal, Rahul after being sent back from Srinagar airport

Jammu and Kashmir HIGHLIGHTS Today: The 12-member delegation of Opposition leaders was sent back from the Srinagar airport.

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J-K: Resentment and fear make people down Valley shutters

With the near total shutdown of communications, officials said they have been finding it hard to get public feedback to the measures, and only when phones and Internet are restored will a picture emerge.

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J-K: Govt makes first contact with Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti

The sources said while panchayat elections held last year were seen as a "success", it will be a while for the panch and sarpanch to build any sizeable political base. "That's a few years away. Right now, we need leaders to spread the right message," another source said.

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Opposition leaders head to Srinagar today, J&K authorities say don't disturb

The Opposition leaders' decision comes a day after the parties held their first street protest in the capital demanding the release of detained political leaders in J&K, and is an attempt to mount pressure on the government to ease the restrictions.

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Rahul Gandhi to join opposition delegation to J&K tomorrow

There has been a clampdown in Kashmir ever since Centre abrogated provisions of Article 370.

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Jammu: MoS's brother, Opposition brass confined to their homes, cops outside

The Indian Express visited the homes of at least five of leaders in Jammu to find that they were confined inside with tight curbs in place: all visitors were questioned by police posted outside, and only friends, relatives and supporters were allowed in.

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When India reworks its democracy, Kashmir could become a part of us

The Humpty Dumpty we call Kashmir cannot be put together again till we re-invent our democracy. August 15, 2019, might be the beginning or the end of it. That is the question India has to answer.

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What do peace and development mean in and outside Kashmir? The gap widens

As the debates about religion and region get shriller, I am reminded of my identity — a Muslim from Kashmir — at each moment when I think of using Article 19 of the Constitution of India, or merely when telling someone my name.

3 months ago

Modi and I have discussed Kashmir, will tell Imran to settle it bilaterally: French's Macron

Macron said that he had discussed Kashmir with Modi, and called for stability while stressing that no one should incite violence over this issue. He also called for the rights of people to be maintained. Prime Minister Modi, however, did not refer to Kashmir in his statement to the media.

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No point in talking to India: Imran Khan on Kashmir

“There is no point in talking to them. I mean, I have done all the talking. Unfortunately, now when I look back, all the overtures that I was making for peace and dialogue, I think they took it for appeasement,” Imran Khan said.

3 months ago

Latest Trumpism on India-Pakistan: Will do best I can to mediate

Donald Trump's latest remarks have set the stage for a possible meeting between him and Modi at the G-7 summit meeting in Biarritz, France, between August 25 and 26.

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Jammu and Kashmir: Five districts, 26 schools, most closed — zero attendance

The administration said attendance of students and teachers has improved in over the last two days.

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Top news today evening: SC likely to hear Chidambaram's plea Friday, Parle may cut 10,000 jobs, and more

From the Supreme Court listing the hearing of corruption cases against P Chidambaram for Friday to Bangladesh backing India's decision to abrogate the special special of Jammu and Kashmir, here are the top news of this evening.

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Explained: Can Pakistan get the ICJ to undo India's decision on J&K's special status?

Tensions between India and Pakistan soured ever since India abrogated provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated it into two Union Territories.

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Bangladesh backs India on Kashmir issue: It's an internal matter

"Bangladesh maintains that the abrogation of Article 370 by the Indian Government is an internal issue of India," a statement issued by Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

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Kashmir a bilateral issue, resolve through dialogue: Johnson to Modi

The conversation comes ahead of the G-7 Summit to be held in France over the coming weekend, where the two leaders are scheduled to meet for the first time since Johnson assumed office.

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Trump on Kashmir issue: 'Will talk to PM Modi at G-7 Summit, do best to mediate'

Responding to a question on Jammu and Kashmir, US President Donald Trump called it a "complicated place" and added that the situation in the Valley has "a lot to do with religion".

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Jammu & Kashmir: Mobiles down, Valley queues up for landlines

While the government said that landline services were being restored slowly across the Valley, in Srinagar's Lalchowk, where the main exchange is located, subscribers said that services were restored for two hours Monday and then disconnected again.

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US Defence Secretary speaks to Rajnath Singh: Appreciate J&K is internal matter

This is the first time that the US has described the current J&K situation as India's "internal matter".

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Manager who denied room to Kashmiri man in Delhi warned, says OYO

"This was an absolutely isolated incident. No person is being denied accommodation in our hotels because they hold identity cards of J&K. We have among the largest number of hotels in J&K," the employee said.

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Hyderabad: Complaint against reporter's 'anti-national' post on J&K

The reporter, Rehana Begum of NTV, had in her post described the "pain" of Kashmiris "in shackles" following the lockdown in J&K. She later deleted the post.

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Twitter denies allegations of bias for suspending Pakistan accounts posting about Kashmir

Pakistani government on Monday complained to Twitter about 200 accounts that have been suspended for posting about the Kashmir issue.

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Donald Trump dials PM Narendra Modi who calls out Imran Khan: His anti-India talk doesn't help peace

Sources told The Indian Express that it was Trump who "initiated" the phone call on Monday and they described the conversation as a "good exchange" between the two leaders.