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WEB EDITION

INDIA-CHINA STANDOFF

Fighters, warships moved to forward bases after bloodiest day in Ladakh



The government has given powers to the armed forces to make emergency procurements to stock up its war reserves in the wake of escalating conflict with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). According to sources, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat has been asked to coordinate with the three services on prioritising the requirements, where necessary. Air Force assets, including fighters, too have been moved up to forward locations. The first signs of discomfort in the Indian camp started, when the Chinese side, a few days ago, began pressing hard for another round of Corps Commander-level meetings to kickstart talks on the Pangong Tso.

Twenty Indian soldiers, including a Colonel, were killed and several others grievously injured in a violent physical skirmish with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley region of eastern Ladakh on Monday, in a massive escalation of the continuing military confrontation in the high-altitude region, since early-May even though no bullets were fired

GALWAN VALLEY: THE SITE OF THE 1962 SINO-INDIAN CONFLICT



- The Monday face-off between the Indian and Chinese troops marks the first instance of violence at Galwan Valley in Ladakh, since the 1962 war
- The Valley lies along the western sector of the India-China border, the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and close to Aksai Chin, an Indian territory under Beijing's control
- According to experts, its location is of strategic importance, along a sector of the border that remains largely undefined
- The Valley derives its name from the river Galwan, which is named after Ghulam Rassul, a British-era explorer

from Leh. The river flows from the Aksai Chin region. ■ The area is believed to have triggered the 1962 war between the two nations. ■ Since then, the region remained violence-free until Monday ■ The latest tensions can be traced to Chinese objections over India's road construction activities in this region— improving the Darbuk-Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie road that strategically connects Leh to the Karakoram pass, along the Galwan river. ■ The road, that has taken nearly two decades to construct, runs parallel to the

LAC, and lies opposite China-occupied Aksai Chin. The highway increases India's access to a section of the Xinjiang-Tibet highway that passes via Aksai Chin. India has also pre-emptively created a military outpost at the section of the Darbuk-Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie road that lies closest to Aksai Chin. ■ China is suspicious that the Indian constructions in the area are meant to facilitate quick movement of soldiers, if any attempt is made to recapture Aksai Chin ■ Aksai Chin was captured by China in 1962 (Source: TimesNow/Agencies)

HOW IT WORKS

THINKING OF STARTING A HOBBY CLUB?

HERE ARE A FEW OPTIONS

WHAT IS IT: Hobby clubs are clubs that stem from an interest in a hobby that most likely wouldn't be taught in high school, such as chess, anime, video games and skiing



CHECK THEM OUT

SCULPTURE CLUB

Analyse famous sculptures. Work on your own sculptures. Get feedback on your work from other club members. Plan a trip to a local museum (when you can or opt for virtual museum tours.)

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Analyse famous photographs. Take virtual group trips to picturesque spots to look at the objects you would capture in a frame and why. Create a dark room where you can develop photos.

ART REVIEW MAGAZINE

Start a magazine. Review famous pieces of art. Hold contests for student artwork to be published in the magazine. Write reviews of local art shows or start a club, like Shakespeare Club. Each semester, read a different Shakespeare play and put on a production of that play. Host a Shakespeare festival. Host a contest on virtual media for the best Shakespearean monologue, or a writing contest for a Shakespearean sonnet.

CLASSICS CLUB

Each semester read and perform a new classics play. Plan a trivia quiz to know where classical writers lived.

MONOLOGUE CLUB

Help each other find classical and modern monologues they like. Have your friends perform their monologue in front of the group. Give them feedback and ideas on how to improve the monologue performance. Perform all the monologues once per semester.

GALAXY FOLD 2 TO SPORT BIGGER SCREENS?

TECH BUZZ

South Korean tech giant Samsung is expected to launch its next foldable smartphone Galaxy Fold 2 with a 7.7-inch interior display and a 6.23-inch cover display on August 5. According to South Korean news portal ETNews, it is likely that Samsung made such a decision in order to differentiate Galaxy Fold 2 from Galaxy Fold, and listen to consumers who want bigger screens. According to reports, both the interior and exterior displays of the Galaxy Fold 2 are bigger than that of earlier Galaxy Fold. Galaxy Fold that was released last year, is made up of 7.3-inch interior display and 4.6 exterior display.

- Interior and exterior displays of the Galaxy Fold 2 will be bigger by 0.4 inch and 1.63 inches, respectively
- The upcoming Galaxy Fold 2 is said to feature a 12MP primary sensor, a 64MP telephoto lens and a 16MP ultra wide-angle lens
- The phone will have two camera sensors on the front side, but they won't be placed together
- The current Galaxy Fold handset is priced at ₹1.65 lakh. The company is planning to use a cheaper design for bringing down its price



NEWS IN BRIEF

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BAFTA FILM AWARDS PUSHED TO APRIL 11, FOLLOWING OSCARS CHANGE



ENTERTAINMENT

The British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) has announced April 11 as the new date for its 2021 film awards. The decision was taken after the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences shifted Oscars 2021 date from February 28 to April 25, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Originally, the 2021 BAFTAs were going to take place on February 14; the change allows for an extended eligibility period
- The new date will also allow the UK awards show to remain among the last of the Oscars precursors

COIMBATORE-BASED TEXTILE COMPANY DEVELOPS ANTI-VIRAL FABRIC



INNOVATION

Coimbatore-based textile company has developed an anti-viral fabric to contain the spread of coronavirus. The textile company says it has introduced an anti-virus treating technology called Viro block in collaboration with a Swiss company to develop the fabric.

This technology is being used on the fabrics that kill or deactivate the virus within 3 minutes of contact with it. Sundar Raman, MD of the company said, "The material has been tested internationally on the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The chemical is unique as it takes 3 minutes to deactivate the virus", he added.

- Using the technology, the product is being used to manufacture a range of N95 masks which are claimed to have 10 wash cycles

007 and other ways to bond with Covid-19

Amid the global scramble to find a cure for the coronavirus, Hollywood has come up with a pre-emptive celluloid strike against a lookalike pandemic. The latest James Bond movie, titled, 'No Time to Die', which will now release on November 12 and November 20 in the US will see 007 battling a pandemic. 'No Time to Die' will be the fifth and final film in which Daniel Craig will don the role of James Bond.



BONDING WITH CORONA

1 With buzzwords, like 'lock-down', 'quarantine', 'mask', 'self-isolation' and 'social distancing' having become part of a worldwide vocabulary, movie makers are reportedly lining up to tag such tropes to future films

give top billing to the C word

3 Not to be outdone, Bollywood has booked the title, 'Corona Pyaar Hai', a pun take on the Hrithik Roshan starrer, 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai'

2 A Canadian movie called 'Corona' made in February, just before the country went into lockdown, is the first feature film to

4 A Tollywood film company has registered the title, 'Coronavirus' and 'Covid-19' for a yet-to-be-shot film

POST- COVID WORLD

HOW THE future stadiums WILL LOOK

The coronavirus pandemic that brought sports to a standstill for months has everyone wondering what games will look like when spectators are finally allowed back in. It will almost surely be different in ways— big and small.

- Fans could have their every move scrutinised by cameras and lasers.
- There might be nobody in the next seat to high-five after a touchdown.
- Temperature screenings and medical checks could be mandatory. Virtual tickets will be the norm.
- Ticket sales will be capped. Entire rows and sections may be blocked off. Seats on the aisle will be left open to keep a buffer from fans walking up the stairs. Fans will be given an entrance time to prevent crowding at the gates.
- Lines at restrooms and concessions will be limited. Congregating in the corridors will no longer be allowed.



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