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Veteran actor-MP Vinod Khanna no more
 Veteran actor and Member of Parliament Vinod Khanna - the dashing Bollywood star best known for his roles in films such as "Amar Akbar Anthony", "Qurbani" and "Insaaf" - died of cancer at a hospital here on Thursday morning. He was 70.

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Udaipur boy scores 100% in JEE main

Kalpiti Veerval, a student of MDS Senior Secondary School, Udaipur, has topped the prestigious JEE main, 2017, with a perfect 100%, or 360 marks, clinching the All India Rank 1. He is the first student to score full marks in the JEE main competition. The second and third ranks were bagged by Vasu Jain and Ananya Agarwal from Delhi respectively.

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Dry Days

The second of the seven-part series on persistent water scarcity in South Indian States highlights the long distances that residents of rural areas must traverse to obtain water for basic purposes, such as drinking, bathing and for flushing toilets. Given the paucity of options, daily life becomes an ordeal when these water sources fall short.

Ultras hit J&K Army camp, kill three

Two militants also shot dead in gun battle, civilian dies in clashes that followed

PEERZADA ASHIQ SRINAGAR
 A Captain and two soldiers were killed in a pre-dawn attack on an Army camp in Kupwara on Thursday. Two militants were also killed while a third is suspected to have escaped under cover of darkness in the 35-minute gun battle in the Panzgam Army installation, about 10 km from the Line of Control. A 75-year-old civilian was later killed as civilians clashed with security forces, demanding that the bodies of the militants be handed over for last rites.



Another stand-off: Villagers shout slogans against security personnel near the site of a gun battle in Panzgam village of Kupwara, north of Srinagar, on Thursday. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Indiscriminate firing
 The three militants managed to cross the second security layer of the camp located in a mountainous terrain, and were firing indiscriminately, officials said. "They came from the rear side using the ridges and tried to reach the living area but this attempt was repulsed. They were cornered near the exit point and killed," said Colonel Saurabh Sharma of the Army. The three deceased Army personnel were identified as Captain Ayush Yadav (26), Subedar Bhoop Singh Gujjar (46) and Naik Bhoota Venkataramana (38). Five other soldiers were injured and

were airlifted to Army's 92 Base Hospital in Srinagar. The troops recovered three AK rifles, indicating that there was a third terrorist, Col. Sharma said, adding that a search was on. "We recovered three AK rifles, nine magazines, 156 AK rounds, one Chinese pistol, three UBGL grenades, three hand grenades, two radio sets, two GPS devices and a smartphone," another official said. "They seem all foreigners. However, we are trying to establish their identities," said the Army spokesman. According to the Army, Gunner Rishi Kumar of Field Artillery Regiment displayed presence of mind and "waited for terrorists to come within range". "Mr. Kumar was hit on his head but was saved by a bulletproof patka (headgear). He ran out of ammunition and tried to pick up the weapons of the two slain terrorists. However, the third terrorist managed to escape after injuring Kumar," said the spokesman. Even as the encounter was on, local people came onto

the streets and started pelting stones at the forces. Students of a local school joined the protesters and blocked the main road leading to the Army camp, officials said. Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, G. M. Dar said a civilian, identified as Muhammad Yousuf Bhat, was killed during these protests, apparently hit by bullets. "The matter is being investigated," said Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Kupwara, Shamsheer Hussain. (With PTI inputs)

All-woman battalion for J&K

The Centre has decided to raise an all-woman India Reserve Battalion (IRB) in Jammu and Kashmir to tackle women stone throwers, a Home Ministry official said. The decision comes days after girl students were seen throwing stones at security forces in Srinagar on April 24.

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Casualties among forces rising

As many as 88 security personnel were killed in J&K in 2016, the highest since 2008, according to the South Asia Terrorism Portal. This year, at least 15 personnel have been killed and the Army anticipates a flare-up in attacks as summer sets in. Both 2015 and 2016 saw six major attacks each on military installations.

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Gathering dust

Lokpal Bills were introduced in the Parliament in
 • **May 1968** by the Congress govt. headed by Indira Gandhi
 • **April 1971** by the Congress govt. headed by Indira Gandhi
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 • **August 1998** by the NDA govt. headed by A.B. Vajpayee
 • **August 2001** by the NDA govt. headed by A.B. Vajpayee
 • **In August 2011** by the UPA govt. headed by Manmohan Singh
 • **In Dec. 2011*** by the UPA govt. headed by Manmohan Singh



*The Lokpal Bill 2013 is derived from this Bill | Other Bills lapsed/were withdrawn

No barrier to naming Lokpal: SC

'Opposition leader's absence no hurdle'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI
 The Supreme Court on Thursday found the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act of 2013 an "eminently workable piece of legislation", which provides for the appointment of Lokpal Chairperson and Members even in the absence of a recognised Leader of Opposition (LoP). The judgment goes against the very logic of the government's argument that appointment of Lokpal Chairperson and Members is not currently possible, and would have to wait till the 2013 Act is amended to replace the LoP with the single largest opposition party leader. The fact that the 16th Lok Sabha does not have a recognised LoP - the Congress could not get the required 10% membership in the Lok Sabha in the 2014 parliamentary elections - had stalled the implementation of the Lokpal Act.

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PM launches low-cost regional flights

Shimla-Delhi, Kadapa-Hyderabad flights flagged off under UDAN programme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI/SHIMLA
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the lives of the middle class were being transformed, while inaugurating the first flight under the UDAN - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik - scheme for regional connectivity. The Prime Minister inaugurated the first UDAN flight on the Shimla-Delhi route and simultaneously flagged off flights on the Kadapa-Hyderabad and Nanded-Hyderabad sectors through a video conference from Shimla.



For the common man: Narendra Modi flags off the first UDAN flight from Shimla on Thursday. Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Himachal CM Virbhadra Singh are seen. *PTI/PIB

"I had always wanted the man in streets wearing hawai chappals (slippers) to do a hawai yatra (plane journey)," said the PM at Shimla's Jubbarhatti airport. The Shimla-Delhi flight is operated by Alliance Air

which has deployed its 42-seater ATR plane on this sector. The fare for 24 seats on the flight has been fixed at ₹2,036. However, the Shimla-Delhi flight can accommodate a maximum of 15 passengers, while the Delhi-Shimla flight can carry 35 passengers due to height and temperature factors, according to Air India. Air India will receive a subsidy of ₹3,340 per passenger from the government for capping the fare.

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Now pay hospital bills from PF

SOMESH JHA NEW DELHI
 Now, you can withdraw your provident fund savings to pay hospital bills in case of serious illness by submitting a self-declaration form to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). The Labour Ministry has

issued a notification on April 25 doing away with the requirement of EPF subscribers to get their employer's approval or submit doctor's certificate to withdraw provident fund savings for medical purposes. "The move is in line with the government's policy of

moving towards a self-declaration regime. Employees will no longer be required to produce any certificate for taking all kinds of advance from their provident fund accounts," EPFO central provident fund commissioner V.P. Joy said.

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Move to rename Teen Murti Marg deferred

There was disagreement during meet

DAMINI NATH NEW DELHI

A proposal to change the name of Teen Murti Marg and Teen Murti Chowk to include the word Haifa was deferred at the last-minute during a meeting of the New Delhi Municipal Council on Thursday evening.



Teen Murti Chowk

The name of the busy road and the roundabout in Lutyens' Delhi was proposed to be changed to Teen Murti Haifa Marg and Teen Murti Haifa Chowk, a reference to the Israeli city where Indian soldiers fought during the First World War. The renaming was supposed to happen ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Israel later this summer.

While the NDMC issued a statement after the meeting that the decision had been "deferred," the office of the vice-chairperson sent a press release while the meeting was on, saying the proposal had been passed. Mr. Tanwar's statement said the names had "been changed" to honour the three Indian regiments that fought at Haifa. The three statues, or murtis, at the roundabout represent the three regiments of the princely states that fought in the battle.

Confusion prevailed
 But, sources said confusion prevailed during the meeting as there was a disagreement between certain members of the council, which includes Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi, NDMC chairman Naresh Kumar and NDMC vice-chairperson and BJP leader Karan Singh Tanwar. All four were present during

While Mr. Tanwar could not be reached for comment, Ms. Lekhi said in a text message that she "had left" the meeting and declined to comment further.

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