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Five attempts

by Pak's BAT

on border posts,

India hits back

with Bofors

SUSHANT SINGH

NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR,

AMID THE ongoing confusion in

Kashmir, there has been a

sudden increase in the quantum

and nature of ceasefire violations

on the Line of Control (LoC) in the past few days. This followed

attempted actions by Pakistan's

BAT (Border Action Team) and

opening of artillery fire, which

led to severe retaliation by Indian

troops against Pakistan Army

Sunday Express that there were

five BAT attempts on Indian mil-

itary posts on the LoC in the past

Top military sources told *The*

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SUNDAY STORY PAGE 11

Coffee and froth

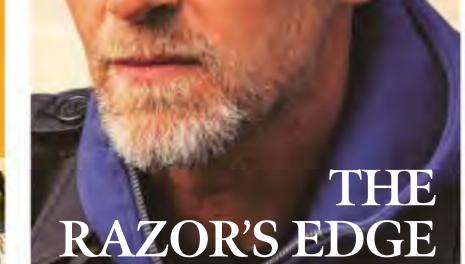
The tagline for his CCD was 'A lot can happen over coffee'. And for VG Siddhartha, it did. On the life and death of India's coffee king

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Tiger, Tiger

An estimated 2,967 tigers across 50 reserves. Following the pugmarks — from success in Pench to dip in Chhattisgarh





Before he learnt to turn his fears into stories, Norwegian writer Jo Nesbø was a stockbroker, a musician and an aspiring football player

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Imam Bara in Kargil opens doors — for homework, coaching

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EVERY DAY after school, Zaheer Abbas, a Class IX student, heads to the Imam Bara at his Hardas village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kargil district. Though it is a place of worship, for Abbas and at least another 100 students. it's where studies really begin.

This Imam Bara, which until a few years ago, was closed most of the time except for 10 days during Muharram, has now opened its doors to school students from Hardas who need the extra coaching, help with homework and often, go just to listen to some good stories.

And to teach the students. Mohammed Hassan, who heads the village education committee, convinced young men from the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

CONG SEEKS PM STATEMENT ON KASHMIR IN PARLIAMENT

Global travel alerts, Opp urges caution: Valley still grapples with what next

Governor says no changes to Articles 370, 35A



Omar Abdullah with party leaders. Shuaib Masoodi

BASHAARAT MASOOD & SHUBHAJIT ROY

SRINAGAR, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE QUESTION mark on what next continues to hang over the Valley. As tourists and Amarnath Yatra pilgrims started leaving the region Saturday, a day after the state government, citing security concerns, ordered them to leave immediately, at least six countries issued advisories against travelling to Jammu and Kashmir.



Tourism department officials said 10,000-15,000 tourists left Srinagar on Saturday. Shuaib Masoodi

Classes suspended, hostels closed, hospitals tell staff to 'be stationed'

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, AUGUST 3

EVEN AS J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik warned against "unnecessary panic", a slew of new orders, by educational institutes, hospitals and government departments, added to the uncertainty



Students leave NIT campus.

About 950 outstation students of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Srinagar were sent home on Saturday, a day after it announced that classes had been suspended "till further orders". "This is for information of all the students of the institute that the class work for all courses stands suspended till

few days. It has been assessed that these BAT groups comprised highly trained professional SSG **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Chhattisgarh: 7 Maoists killed in new Naxal zone **DIPANKAR GHOSE**

RAIPUR, AUGUST 3

SEVEN MAOISTS, including five women and an area committee secretary, were killed in an encounter with the Chhattisgarh Police Saturday in the Bagnadi area of Rajnandgaon district, bordering Maharashtra. With this operation, over the last week, 16 Maoists have been killed — an unusually high number during the monsoon when the forest tracks become difficult to navigate.

The encounter Saturday was also the first big operation in the MMC (Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh Confluence) zone, created by Maoists in a new area that adjoins all three states, affecting the dis-

are active in this zone but also that police is acting against Maoists in a new theatre of conflict.

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tricts of Rajnandgaon and Kabirdham in Chhattisgarh, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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After deradicalisation, safety net: Skills training, bank loans

SAGAR RAJPUT

AURANGABAD, MUMBAI, AUGUST 3

SOON AFTER he had undergone the deradicalisation programme of the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) two years ago, the 33-year-old father of

four from Aurangabad faced a daunting question: what next? He had lost his job as a seller of mobile phones in 2016. And the ATS officers knew that without a secure future, there was a

danger of him sliding back into

the jihadi slipstream.

They had a solution, though. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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