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The exchange of fire between the two sides continued for nearly seven hours.
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keeping in mind the law and order aspect, the hearing be held in January or March, 2019.
"Let these matters be listed in the second week of January, 2019. All interlocutory applications shall be taken up along with the main matter," the bench had then said.

Article 35A, which was incorporated in the Constitution by a 1954 Presidential Order, accords special rights and privileges to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and bars people from outside the state from acquiring any immovable property in the state.
It denies property rights to a woman who marries a person from outside the state. The provision, which leads to such women from the state forfeiting their right over property, also applies to their heirs.
The bench is hearing several petitions including the one filed by NGO 'We the Citizens' through lawyer Barun Kumar Sinha.
On August 6, last year, the apex court had said a three-judge bench would decide whether the pleas challenging Article 35A
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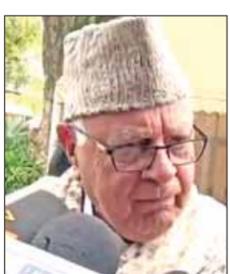
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Dr Jitendra Singh had said, "I have said this many times before also that since decades, it has been the tendency of Kashmir-based politicians that they call Kashmir an integral part of India when in power and raise questions on the identity of Kashmir and begin seeing positives in Pakistan and their government when out of power."
"This is not restricted to only one party, the PDP. National Conference has shown the same character. When Farooq Abdullah was the CM, he used to
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Committee of secretaries formed to ensure justice for Kargil: Guv

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JAMMU: Amid ongoing protests by people of Kargil over their demand for rotational divisional headquarters, Governor Satya Pal Malik has said a committee of secretaries has been formed to ensure justice for the district.
Hundreds of Kargil residents, including women and children, took out a rally in the winter capital Jammu on Monday and raised slogans in support of their demand for equal share in the recently created separate division

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SAMBHA: The Senior Superintendent of Police Samba on Monday posted three SHOs, three In-charge Police Posts (IC/PPs) among nine police personnel.
Inspector Shiv Dev Singh has been posted as SHO Samba, Inspector Kuldeep Raj as SHO Ramgarh, Inspector Manraj Singh as SHO Purmandal, Sub Inspector Vinod Kumar presently posted as Investigation Officer in Bari Brahmana Police Station has been transferred and posted as In-charge Police (IC/PP) Post Rajpura, S-I Tariq Ahmed from
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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik has dismissed the criticism by the PDP and the NC over his "political" statements, saying he was presenting the viewpoint of the "President's government in New Delhi".
Last week, Malik rejected Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti's demand for action against an Army officer accused of torturing and threatening a civilian, saying she didn't need to be taken seriously and he stood by

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.5°C Min: 09.5°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 67

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.8°C Min: -0.4°C

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Max: 81 Min: 45

Sunset : 18:14 Hours
Sunrise : 07:17 Hours

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