

## Regional NSD in J&K yet to become fully functional: Culture Minister

NEW DELHI, Aug 7:

Five regional centres of National School of Drama were yet to become fully functional as adequate space and infrastructural facilities had not been provided. Culture Minister Chandresh Kumari Katoch told Rajya Sabha today.

The regional NSDs were proposed to be set up in the 9th Five Year Plan at Bengaluru, Kolkata, Mumbai/Goa, Jammu and Kashmir and one in North East, she said in a written reply.

"None of the proposed regional NSDs have become fully functional so far. The governments of Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal have been approached for providing space and infrastructural facilities to start the regional NSDs. The process is underway for setting up these NSDs," Katoch said.

She said there was no fresh proposal to set up an NSD in southern states.

In reply to a separate question, Katoch said 119 posts were lying vacant in the National Museum, which is preserving over two lakh works of art.

She also said Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has found that 81 monuments, protected by Archaeological Survey of India, were missing and information was being collected by the field officers in this regard. (PTI)

## KP organizations call on IGP Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 7: A delegation of Kashmiri Pandit organizations, under the banner of Joint Forum of KP Organisations called on IGP Jammu Rajesh Kumar and impressed upon him that the murderers of the migrant in Jagti township should not be bailed out in any case.

While hailing the Police Department's quick action in arresting the killers, the delegation termed the incident not only gruesome, brutal or barbaric but satanic too and requested the IGP for harsh treatment of the culprits.

The IGP assured the delegation that the orders for routine patrolling in the Township would be issued at an earliest

and a full-fledged Police Post would be established soon.

The delegation later visited the Jagti Township and went to Community hall to observe mourning of Tej Nath Talashi. The leadership expressed shock over the sad demise of the slain member of the Community and expressed sympathy with the bereaved family and promised them support and succor.

The delegation comprised of Ashwani Kumar Chrungoo, president Panun Kashmir, HN Jattu, president AIKPC, RK Raina, vice president ASKPC, DN Kissu, chairman ADKPUF, Prem Singh, president KSDF, Virender Raina, Kamal Bagati, Prof GL Kaul, PN Raina, Sameer Bhat and Pulkit.

## Police to win public confidence: DIG Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 7: In order to bridge the gap between police and public, a police-public meeting was organised at Basohli by Shakeel Ahmed Beig, DIG Jammu-Kathua range.

A large number of respectable citizens including MLA Basohli Jagdish Raj Sapolia and a number of police personnel including Mohammad Rafiq Manhas, SDPO Basohli attended the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Beig said that complainants and the law abiding citizens should be treated with highest degree of respect, which can have a profound impact on their confidence in police as police cannot succeed without the backing of the society.

"Police personnel should be polite, professional, fare and impartial while dealing with the general public at the same time police must deal with hardcore criminals including drug peddlers and bovine smugglers with an iron hand in order to put an end to all such activities from the society," he added.

The DIG advised police per-

sonnel to win the confidence of public by virtue of good behavior and refrain from such acts that would defame the credibility and dignity of the police department.

He added a special training programme is being organized in DPL Jammu especially for the Munshis of all police stations of Jammu range to improve their communication skills.

Regarding rumours of child lifters and gangs of thieves allegedly operating in Jammu areas, Mr Beig advised the public that they should not pay any heed to such rumours as all such rumours have been found baseless and in case they find any persons under suspicious circumstances they must immediately contact nearest police station or PCR concerned so that immediate action is taken.

The DIG Jammu also paid surprise visit to police station Billawar and police posts of Ramkote and Manwal and took stock of their working.

Mr Beig directed all the police personnel to ensure people friendly policing in their respective areas in order to gain public confidence.

## 2 toddlers among 13 injured

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, Aug 7: Two toddlers were among 13 seriously injured, when the Tata sumo they were traveling in skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge near Gandoh.

The ill fated vehicle bearing registration number JK06-2248 was on its way from Gandoh to Gowari, when the driver of the vehicle lost control over the steering and the vehicle plunged into 200 feet deep gorge near Gandoh.

On getting information, locals and police rushed to the spot and started rescue operation. All the injured were shifted to Sub-District Hospital, Gandoh, from where they were referred to

## 2 buffaloes, 3 goats buried in house collapse

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 7: Two buffaloes and three goats of Thoru Ram son of Ram Singh of Jakhhol Raj Bagh in Kathua district were buried under the debris late last night when his house and cattle shed collapsed due to heavy rains in the area.

According to reports the family of Thoru Ram was not at their residence during the night. The house holds goods and other property of Mr Ram valuing over one lakh was also damaged in the house collapse.

Soon after the incident a Police party from PP Jakhhol rushed to the spot for rescue operations. The police team however managed to save some other house hold goods which were intact.

District Hospital Doda. Later, all the injured were referred to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for specialized treatment.

The injured have been identified as Bibi (3 months), daughter of Shah Hussain, Baby (10 months), son of Farooq Ahmed, Abid Hussain, Mahesh Kumar, Mobina Begum, Mohammad Ashraf, Mohammad Ishtiaq, Zaina Begum, Tariq Hussain, Muneer Ahmed, Waseem Akhtar, Shah Mohammad and Tahira Begum, all residents of tehsil Gandoh, district Doda.

Police has registered a case and investigation started. member of the Community and expressed sympathy with the bereaved family and promised them support and succor.

The delegation comprised of Ashwani Kumar Chrungoo, president Panun Kashmir, HN Jattu, president AIKPC, RK Raina, vice president ASKPC, DN Kissu, chairman ADKPUF, Prem Singh, president KSDF, Virender Raina, Kamal Bagati, Prof GL Kaul, PN Raina, Sameer Bhat and Pulkit.

## Traffic remains disrupted on Dhar road

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Aug 7: The vehicular traffic remained disrupted on the Dhar road this morning due to heavy landslides at Dramni village during last night.

The traffic on the road was restored at 11-30 am after the GREF personnel engaged their men and machinery on the road to remove the mulba from there.

## Oppn unlikely to have direct say in appointment of judges

NEW DELHI, Aug 7:

The Opposition is unlikely to have a direct say in appointment of senior members of the judiciary in a fresh government proposal to replace the two-decade-old collegium system under which judges appoint judges.

The Union Cabinet is likely to consider tomorrow a Law Ministry proposal to set up the National Judicial Commission (JAC) to ensure say for the Executive in appointment of judges of the Supreme Court as well as of the 24 High Courts.

The proposed JAC will be a six-member body headed by the CJI. Two judges of the Supreme Court, the Law Minister and two eminent persons will be the members. Secretary (Justice) in the Law Ministry will be the member secretary.

While an earlier proposal circulated in April this year said "One view has been that the Leader of the Opposition should be made a member of the JAC. This suggestion could be considered," according to the fresh note, the Leader of the Opposition will not be part of the proposed body.

However, the Leader of the Opposition of either House of Parliament will be part of a committee to be set up to nominate two eminent persons to the JAC. The committee will also have the Chief Justice of India and the Prime Minister as other members.

"In a way, the opposition, by way of the Leader of the Opposition, will have an indirect say in appointment of judges as he or she will select the two eminent personalities to be nominated to the JAC," said a senior government functionary.

The earlier proposal had said that two eminent jurists will be part of the JAC. But these have been replaced with two eminent

personalities.

This would mean that the JAC will have three judges, including the CJI and three non-jurists, including the Law Minister.

The fresh changes are understood to have the approval of the BJP as Law Minister Kapil Sibal had recently shared the draft of the JAC bill with Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley who had suggested replacing jurists with eminent personalities.

The move to set up JAC would entail amendments to five Articles of the Constitution and insertion of a fresh one.

The views of the Governors, Chief Ministers and respective Chief Justices of the 24 High Courts will be elicited in writing for appointment of judges as per the procedure which could be determined by the JAC.

Bar associations, jurists and other bodies may also be asked to suggest names. The proposed body will recommend appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and Chief Justices and judges of the High Courts. The panel will also recommend transfer of Chief Justice and judges of the High Courts.

"Any person who is not recommended for appointment as a judge by the JAC shall not be appointed by the President," the note says.

The Department of Justice in the Law Ministry will process the recommendations made by the JAC for seeking approval of the Prime Minister and the President.

Justifying the move to scrap the collegium system, the Law Ministry said, "The need for this proposal arises primarily because the present system of appointment of judges in the country is unprecedented as in no other country in the world,

does the judiciary make appointments for itself."

It said the present system has resulted from the decisions of the Supreme Court "which it is believed are inconsistent with the constitutional scheme."

The note said the collegium system has no constitutional backing or Parliamentary endorsement.

"The proposed amendments will provide constitutional backing to the process of consultation through the institution of JAC and will make the process truly participatory between the executive and the judiciary without in any way compromising the independence of the judiciary," the Cabinet note reads.

The practice of judges appointing judges started after 1993, replacing the system of government picking judges for higher judiciary comprising the Supreme Court and High Courts.

The move to set aside the 1993 Supreme Court judgement, which led to the collegium system, will require Constitutional amendment.

The last effort to replace the collegium system in 2003 did not succeed. The then NDA government had introduced a Constitution Amendment Bill but the Lok Sabha was dissolved when the bill was before a Standing Committee.

Amid government's plan to overturn the collegium system, successive CJIs, including incumbent P Sathasivam have strongly defended the present practice saying appointments to the higher judiciary are made after "intense deliberations".

The Supreme Court collegium consists of five top judges of the apex court, headed by the Chief Justice of India. (PTI)

## Pinaka rockets successfully test fired from a base in Odisha

BALASORE, ODISHA, Aug 7:

Indigenously developed Pinaka rockets were successfully test-fired from a multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) from a base at Chandipur-on-sea near here today.

"Two rounds of Pinaka rockets were successfully tested from an armament establishment," defence sources said.

Describing the tests as routine trials conducted for training purpose, they said on January 30 and 31, and February 28, this year, ten rounds of Pinaka rockets were tested from the same base.

Pinaka, which has undergone several tough tests since 1995, has already been inducted into the armed forces.

"In July this year, more advanced, second generation the Pinaka Mark II Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher System had undergone successful firing trials at Chandhan area in Pokhran field firing ranges in western Rajasthan and is in development stage," a defence official said.

"The development and trials of the advanced system will continue and the rocket is expected to be pressed into service very soon," he added.

Today's tests were conducted by personnel from Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune unit at Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE) firing point-2 at Chandipur, the sources said.

"The MBRL, capable of acting as a force-multiplier, has

been developed to supplement artillery guns," the official said.

Pinaka is an area weapon system with a range of 40 km.

The quick reaction time and high rate of fire of the system gives an edge to the Army during a low-intensity conflict situation, he said.

The unguided rocket system is meant to neutralise large areas with rapid salvos. Pinaka system can fire a salvo of 12 rockets in 44 seconds, the sources said, adding the battery of six launchers can neutralise at a time a target area of 3.9 sq km.

The system's capability to incorporate several types of warheads makes it deadly for the enemy as it can even destroy solid structures and bunkers. (PTI)

## MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

Chief Engineer (Air Force) Zone C/o 39 Wing, AF on behalf of the President of India invites applications from eligible enlisted contractors of MES and enlisted/un-enlisted contractors working with Govt Departments meeting eligibility criteria of selection of Contractors for issue of tender of under mentioned work :-

- Name of work : Provn of Living in Accommodation with Central Heating for A/Ws and DSC Personnel at Nathatop Rs 650.00 Lakhs
- Estimated Cost : 21 (twenty one) Months
- Period of Completion : Rs 6,50,000.00 in favour of (GE (AF) Udhampur in the shape of call deposit receipt from any scheduled Bank. (BGB not accepted.)
- Earnest Money (in favour of) : Rs 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only in the shape of DD/Bankers cheque from any scheduled/Nationalized Bank in favour of GE (AF) Udhampur).
- Cost of tender : 09 Sep 2013
- Last date of receipt of applications : Class 'A' Category a(i)
- Eligibility criteria :- (a) For MES enlisted Contractors : (i) Meeting enlistment criteria of MES with regard to having satisfactorily completed requisite value of works, annual turnover, working capital, fixed assets, verification of partners/Directors etc. (ii) No recovery outstanding in Govt Deptt security clearance etc.
- Contractors are requested to quote their Index No & Pin Code on application.
- Date of issue of tender on or after : 14 Sep 2013
- Date of receipt of tender : 29 Oct 2013

### NOTE :-

- The contractor enlisted in one class below the "Eligibility Criteria" given above may also apply. Accepting Officer may consider such application in the event of inadequate response from eligible class contractors.
- Application not accompanied by requisite value DD/Bankers cheques towards cost of tender shall not be considered for issue of tender.
- Contractors not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including affidavit for no recovery outstanding.
- In case of rejection of application for issue of tender, the applicant shall be refunded the cost of tender. Contractor may appeal to next higher Engineer Authority i.e CENC for rejection of his application for issue of tender whose decision shall be final and binding. However, contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever for non issue of tender.
- A. In case of remote and difficult areas; the contractor enlisted upto two class below the eligible class may also apply. Applications from one class below eligible class may be considered in the event of inadequate response from the applicants of eligible class. Applications from two class below eligible class applicants may also be considered in the event of inadequate response from the applicants of both eligible class and one class below eligible class.
- B. In case of area not classified as remote and difficult. The contractor enlisted upto one class below eligible class may also apply. Application from one class below eligible class applicants may be considered in the event of inadequate response from the applicants of eligible class.
- The above details are also available on MES Website : www.mes.gov.in and India Trade Journal. Full Notice of tender IAFW-2162 & Enlistment Criteria is available in all offices of MES and also on MES website.

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## 'LeT bid to reignite jihad in Kashmir'

NEW DELHI, Aug 7:

Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) is planning a major campaign to "reignite" jihad in Jammu and Kashmir to match the timetable of draw down of US-led NATO forces from Afghanistan, a noted American security expert, and author of "Storming the World Stage: The Story of Lashkar-e-Toiba", has cautioned.

Pakistani militants have their own "Pivot East" plan, Stephen Tankel of the Carnegie Foundation said in his latest commentary on LeT, while referring to the US plans to evolve its pivot in Asia.

"Indications that Pakistan-based militants plan to reignite jihad in Indian-administered Kashmir. Lashkar-e-Toiba, a Pakistani militant group, I follow closely, has been telling everyone, who will listen the press, their own rank-and-file, Kashmiri separatist leaders when they visit Pakistan, me when I last communicated with them-that they plan to ramp up in Kashmir as US troops draw down in Afghanistan," the American scholar, who is also a Senior Editor, War on the Rocks, and an Assistant Professor at an American University, wrote in his commentary under the heading, "Pakistan militants plan their own Pivot East".

According to him, the Pakistani militant group is working closely with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) to make the violence to appear as indigenous. "Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) is somewhat of a stalking horse for the LeT. The two groups appear to be working in tandem to slowly reignite the conflict, taking care to

make any violence appear indigenous," Prof Stephen Tankel said.

This not only provides plausible "deniability" to Pakistan-based actors, but also is likely part of a strategy to trigger a genuine grassroots uprising, according to him.

"Beyond launching more high-profile attacks, militants are recruiting locals to engage in ad hoc attacks. They are also working through above ground supporters to provoke civil unrest, of which Indian-administered Kashmir has seen plenty since the conflict subsided," he added.

On how the LeT communicates, he said the militants appear to be using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) to send instructions to their supporters. LeT is also sending money to support those stoking civil unrest.

Yet, Prof Tankel is convinced that Kashmir no longer retains the tag of being the most dangerous fault line in the world. It will remain a flash point.

Though "Kashmir may no longer be the most dangerous fault-line in the world, but it will remain a flashpoint for conflict for the foreseeable future," Prof Stephen Tankel, who has held numerous 'conversations' with key people in Kashmir on both sides, summarized in his report.

He also does not think that Kashmir would return to the bad old days when roughly 2000 militants were chalking up attacks on a daily basis.

"In the past, it was the separatists call for freedom from India. Increasingly, it may mean freedom from an overly securitized environment in which encounter killings still occur and the army remains

immune from prosecution. It also increasingly may mean freedom to pursue the same opportunities as other Indians," Prof Tankel, a non-resident scholar in the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, observed in his assessment of the Kashmir situation today.

"Many of the complaints one hears in Kashmir are similar to those voiced elsewhere in India and pertain to corruption, poor governance and lack of economic opportunity. The difference is that it seems Kashmiris view these quotidian complaints through their troubled history of violent conflict," he added.

There were 340 violent incidents in 2011, the last year for which data is available from the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs. Contrast that with 2565 in 2004, when the insurgency was already flagging, or the 1990s when whole cities like Sopore were "liberated" by the insurgents.

"Regenerating that level of conflict is too tall an order, especially with a population that has seen enough of war and wants very little to return to it, the American expert asserted in his commentary.

He, however, slipped in a caveat.

"However, real grievances remain and because violent incidents are now the exception not the rule and there are so few militants in Kashmir, even a relatively modest uptick can have a disproportionate impact: on how the army, paramilitary forces and police respond; on the economy; on the population; and on India-Pakistan relations," Prof Tankel wrote in his commentary. (UNI)

## Over 1.23 crore e-returns filed by taxpayers in current season

NEW DELHI, Aug 7:

More than 1.23 crore e-returns were filed by taxpayers during the current filing season, a 68 per cent jump in numbers as compared to last year.

Latest data compiled after deadline for filing of income tax returns closed on August 5 shows, more than 87 lakh salaried class taxpayers filed their tax returns online this year, registering an overwhelming rise of 85 per cent in this category as compared to the last time.

"123.03 lakh returns have been e-filed till August 5, 2013 which is 68.3 per cent higher than 73.11 lakh returns e-filed in the corresponding period during last year. Upto August 5,

87,13,493 returns were e-filed under ITR 1 and ITR 2 (salaried class of taxpayers) which is 85.8 per cent higher than the 46,90,279 returns e-filed under ITR 1 and ITR 2 in the corresponding period last fiscal," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement today.

The board had earlier extended the last date for filing of IT returns for assessment year 2013-14 to August 5, both manual and e-filed, because of pressure on the computer servers of its Bangalore based Central Processing Centre (CPC) which deals with e-filing.

The CBDT said the deadline was extended from July 31 to August 5 as there was "an over-

whelming response to e-filing from every corner of the country."

Interestingly, 6.92 lakh returns were e-filed on August 5 alone, the last date of filing.

The department's servers, according to official data, received a peak rate of 2,303 returns per minute during the current filing spree.

A special team of the department has been deployed to continuously monitor the web portals and other technological parameters of the official e-filing website of the IT department-income tax india e-filing. Gov.In.

Electronic filing has been made mandatory for assesses having net taxable above Rs five lakh from this year. (PTI)

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2.	Chicken pickle.	1,297.470 Kgs	
3.	Mango juice.	39,679.900 Ltrs	
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