

## Truce after RSS chief's intervention

# BJP crisis over, Advani not to press resignation

NEW DELHI, June 11:

BJP today reached a truce with sulking patriarch L K Advani who agreed not to press for his resignation from key party posts after RSS intervened to end the two-day crisis triggered by his opposition to Narendra Modi's elevation.

"Today afternoon, RSS sarsanghchalak (chief) Shri Mohan Bhagwat spoke to Shri Advani and asked him to respect BJP Parliamentary Board decision and continue to guide the party in national interest.

"Shri Advani has decided to accept Shri Bhagwat's advice," said a statement read out by party President Rajnath after meeting Advani in the company of other leaders.

Flanked by leaders including Sushma Swaraj and Nitin Gadkari, Singh made the announcement at Advani's residence but the party veteran was conspicuous by his absence.

Asked why Advani was not present, Singh said, "I told him that this is my press conference and it will not look nice that you

sit and hear me."

In a bid to mollify Advani, Singh said he had assured him that all his "concerns" regarding functioning of the party, which he had cited as a reason for quitting the party posts,

chief made it clear that there will be no going back on the decision to appoint Modi as Campaign Committee chief, a major cause for Advani's resignation.

The denouement to the two-day political drama came after



BJP president Rajnath Singh, flanked by senior leaders Sushma Swaraj and Nitin Gadkari, announcing withdrawal of resignation by veteran party leader LK Advani, in New Delhi on Tuesday. (UNI)

would be "properly addressed".

"The President will discuss the modalities of addressing these concerns with Shri Advani," Singh said without elaborating.

Earlier in the day, the party

hectic parleys and persuasion by a number of leaders who met Advani and impressed on him the need to end the crisis triggered by his resignation.

Modi, whose elevation was the bone of contention, im-

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## Upcoming estates, thrust industries covered

# Centre approves Rs 296 cr worth industrial package for J&K

Neeraj Rohmetra

JAMMU, June 11: In a major boost to the State's economy, the Union Ministry of Commerce has issued the formal notification pertaining to extension of industrial package to the State for another five years.

Top official sources from New Delhi said, "the notification, which was issued at 6.00 pm today by the Commerce Ministry would be effective from 14 June, 2013, when the earlier package of incentives had come to an end". They added: "the package, which has brought cheers to entrepreneurs across the State is worth nearly Rs 296 crore and has several important features. Though, the package has been extended for five years, there is provision for further extension of package at the end of this period".

Sources said, "Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah had himself taken up the issue of extension of package in his separate meetings with Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh and Union Finance Minister, P Chidambaram", adding, "top

brass of State's Industries Department had been vigorously pursuing the issue at different levels with incumbents of Union Finance and Commerce Ministry for the past several months".

Confirming the issuance of notification, Commissioner/Secretary Industries, Shantmanu told EXCELSIOR, the notification for extension of the industrial package for another five years has been issued today. The package of incentives would be applicable from June, last year.

"There are several important features of the freshly announced industrial package. Two key features of the package are inclusion of all the thrust areas, recommended by the State Government and applicability of the package to all new upcoming industrial estates in the border State".

EXCELSIOR had exclusively reported last month that the Union Finance Ministry had given nod to the extension of industrial package to Jammu and Kashmir by five years and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion under the Union Ministry of Commerce and

Industry was likely to be issued notification in this regard.

Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme, Central Interest Subsidy Scheme, Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme and Transport Subsidy Scheme have been approved by the Union Finance Ministry under the new package.

Sources said, "the State Government has recommended the names of 20 estates, which are all set to be established during the current financial year. Out of the 20 industrial estates which will be brought under the ambit of industrial package eight are coming up in Jammu region and 12 in Kashmir valley", adding, "industrial estates of Jammu are being established at Ghatti, Govindsar Phase-II, Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) Samba Phase-III, Hiranagar, Thandapani and Lamberi in Rajouri district, Kishtwar, Majalta in Udhampur district and Nimbla in Reasi district".

"The land for majority of these industrial units has already been acquired while as process for the others are in advanced stage. All these

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## Bathinda-Jammu-Srinagar gas pipeline

# Governor gives nod to Ordinance, land acquisition proceedings to begin shortly

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, June 11: In a significant development, Governor N N Vohra has given nod to the J&K Gas Pipeline Ordinance to facilitate early start of work on Bathinda-Jammu-Srinagar gas pipeline and directions will be issued to the Deputy Commissioners of eight districts very shortly for starting land acquisition proceedings.

The draft Ordinance was prepared by the Revenue Department in consultation with the Law Department as per the State Cabinet decision dated April 10, 2013 and forwarded to the Governor, N N Vohra in the last week of the May for his consent.

"The J&K Gas Pipelines Ordinance was given assent by the Governor on June 6 and received at Revenue Department on June 9. Now the Ordinance has been sent for publication in the Government gazette", authoritative sources told EXCELSIOR.

Stating that Governor's approval to the Ordinance has also been conveyed to M/s

Gujarat State Petronet Limited, sources said, "soon after the publication of Ordinance in the Government gazette, the Revenue Department will issue directions to the Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar from where the gas pipeline will pass through, for initiation of land acquisition proceedings".

In response to a question, sources said that M/s Gujarat Petronet Ltd has already completed the survey of the alignment of the gas pipeline and will shortly start mobilizing men and machinery besides setting up of its camp offices at different places in Jammu and Kashmir provinces in order to start work on the project.

"As desired by the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, M/s Gujarat Petronet will try its level best to start work on the project from both sides and complete the same within stipulated time-frame as legal hurdles vis-à-vis right of user of land has already consumed much time", sources said.

Replying to another query, they said that Ordinance would not only facilitate the laying of gas pipeline but also other underground public utilities to be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir in future. "Earlier, there was plan to get a law enacted by the State Legislature in this regard but the same could not be done because of administrative problems, which hampered timely placement of bill before the State Cabinet for its approval to introduce bill in the Legislature", sources said.

The Ordinance has been drafted on the pattern of the Gujarat Pipelines Act with

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## No all party meet on AFSPA: HM

NEW DELHI, June 11:

The Government is considering the demand of various States including Jammu and Kashmir for withdrawal of the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and a final decision will be taken only after talking to all stakeholders.

Briefing the media, Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde said "before that (withdrawal of AFSPA), we have to consider all the stake holders' opinion.

"AFSPA is not in Kashmir. It is in many other places also." AFSPA, which grants special powers to the armed forces, is also in force in some northeastern States besides Jammu and Kashmir.

He rejected demand for an all-party meeting and making it

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## CBI books Jindal, ex-MoS Coal

NEW DELHI, June 11:

CBI has booked former Minister of State for Coal Dasari Narayan Rao and Congress MP and industrialist Naveen Jindal for alleged cheating, graft and criminal misconduct in its 12th FIR in the coal blocks allocation scam, causing embarrassment to the ruling Congress.

During its eight-month long probe into the scam, it is for the first time the then Minister of State has been named as accused in an FIR by CBI in which it has alleged that he received Rs 2.25 crore camouflaged as investment from one of Jindal's firm within a year of allocating him a coal block.

CBI sources said Jindal Steel and Power Limited and Gagan Sponge Iron Limited, also a firm of Jindal's, had bagged Amarkonda

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## Rahul visiting J&K on June 15

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 11: AICC (I) vice president Rahul Gandhi is visiting earthquake affected Doda and Bhandarwah towns on June 15.

Earlier, Mr Gandhi was scheduled to visit quake hit areas on May 28 but the visit was postponed due to his preoccupation in Chattisgarh, where the Maoists had killed senior party leaders.

Confirming the visit of Rahul Gandhi in June 15, official sources said he would first visit Budgam district in connection with 'Himayat' scheme. In the afternoon, he would fly to district Doda and visit Doda and Bhandarwah towns to assess the damage caused by earthquake on May 1.

He will visit some damaged houses and Government buildings

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## Employees call protests on June 21, 22

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 11: The agitating State Government employees today announced two-day protests throughout the State on June 21 and 22 to press for their demands.

The decision was taken at a meeting of Joint Consultative Committee (JCC), an amalgam of various employees' unions, here.

Addressing media persons here, Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) leaders said that they took a unanimous decision, after 3-hour long meeting, to take the streets on June 21 and 22.

"JCC will hold protests at all district headquarters of the State on June 21 and for pen-down strike on June 22," Mohammad Gafoor Dar, a senior JCC leader told news conference.

"All the employees will assemble at Sher-e-Kashmir Park in Srinagar and march towards Rajbhawan at Chashmishahi," Dar said.

The employees have been demanding, among other things, extension of retirement age from 58 to 60, regularization of daily wagers, removal of pay anomalies in the clerical cadre,

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# Fresh day light infiltration bid on LoC in KG sector

\*Massive searches after heavy firing

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, June 11: Pursuing with its new found strategy of pushing militants during the day through the Line of Control (LoC) to escape Night Vision Devices (NVDs), Pakistan Army today again opened heavy firing, violating ceasefire agreement, on forward Indian positions in Nangi Tekri area of Krishna Ghati sector in Poonch district in an attempt to push a group of five to six militants into this side.

Indian troops retaliated to thwart the intrusion bid, official sources said, adding the militants tried to enter into this side taking cover of hostile weather conditions with thunderstorm and heavy rains lashing the area during the day.

According to sources,

Pakistan Army initially opened firing for about 10 minutes last night at 8.10 pm in Nangi Tekri area.

"As it was a small arms fir-



Troops take positions in KG sector on Tuesday.

-Excelsior/Nazki

"Today's firing was heavy and there were clear indications that Pakistan Army was trying to facilitate intrusion bid by the militants under the

ing, we didn't retaliate but maintained a strict vigil all over the LoC especially in Krishna Ghati sector. No infiltration attempt seemed to have been made during the night as the NVDs didn't show movement of the militants sneaking into this side," sources said.

However, at about 1.10 pm today, Pakistan Army from their forward posts again started heavy firing targeting all posts in Nangi Tekri area of Krishna Ghati sector in Poonch district.

cover of heavy thunderstorm and rains in the area besides thick growth of vegetations," sources said, adding that the Indian troops immediately realized the designs of Pakistan Army and retaliated

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# NH blocked, 8 trapped in floods rescued

\* Rains bring relief in Jammu

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, June 11: After intense hot weather for the last

one week, the people of Jammu region had a big relief with pre-monsoon rain and thunder showers of this season this afternoon while heavy rain, hail storm and flash-flood created havoc in many areas as Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was blocked after fresh land slides near Ramban and Bali Nallah.

At least eight villagers who were trapped in flash flood in a nallah at Surankot in Poonch, were rescued by Police and Army men in joint operation this

evening while flooded drain water created devastation in Mendhar town, especially in the main market. The water entered



An overcast sky with dark & thick clouds in Jammu on Tuesday evening.

-Excelsior/Rakesh

Jammu uprooted many trees and caused damage to electric wires and poles while hail storm in Thana Mandi, Bafliaz, Mandi-

Loran, Budhal and some hilly areas of Reasi, Udhampur and Kathua caused damage to the crop and new fruits trees. The power supply has also been badly affected in many areas due to wind storm.

In parts of Kashmir also the tourists and locals had some relief from the hot weather during this evening as the mercury had been 32 to 34 degree Celsius

in last few days, nearly five notches above normal day temperature. A few hilly areas of Kashmir witnessed down pour

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JAMMU  
Possibility of rain/ thunder shower.  
TEMPERATURE  
Max: 40.5 Degree C  
Min: 33.6 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY  
Highest: 59.0 per cent  
Lowest: 85.0 per cent  
Sunset on Wednesday: 07.39 p.m.  
Sunrise on Thursday: 05.24 a.m.  
KASHMIR  
Possibility of rain/ thunder shower.  
TEMPERATURE  
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Min: 21.0 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY  
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