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Sack 'arrogant' MoS to save Coalition: Wani urges CM

While taking the battle to corridors of the Chief Minister, the Cabinet Minister has sought his personal intervention in the matter. "Chief Minister is appealed to take the matter seriously and take immediate action against the erring MoS, who is hell bent to tarnish the image of the present coalition Government", says the statement.

Elaborating further, Mr Wani said, "It is to inform that the concerned MoS (Kitchloo) was deeply hurt when recently his close relative was not given choice posting in Estate Department, Jammu which is under the control of Chief Minister and the orders of posting has been approved by none other than the Chief Minister himself".

Regarding the recent posting made by the Department, the communiqué says, "it is to inform that 106 promotee Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) were to be adjusted against the vacancies existing in and outside the

department, which necessitated transfer and postings also and same was done by the R&B Department in the interest of administration after holding detailed discussions with the concerned Chief Engineers".

Further, urging Omar Abdullah to take notice of utterances of his junior Minister, Mr Wani said, "Chief Minister should take the matter seriously and check the credentials of such an arrogant MoS, who recently was involved in thrashing of a senior KAS officer, which is unacceptable to every civilized society and who doesn't believe in hierarchy of power".

"The MoS has been trying to create ripples amongst the coalition partners on frivolous, false and non-issues. The concerned Minister has time and again been informed about his power but present act on his part is unbecoming of a public man. Such elements existing in the coalition should invariably be shown door as they are rot for smooth functioning of the system".

15,000 visit Kheer Bhawani

visit to the shrine is symbolic and they try to befool us. If they were serious they could have made special arrangements for us, which they have failed to provide. By their visits they try to score political points over one another."

Reacting to the protests by few Kashmiri Pandits during his visit to the shrine, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah tonight tweeted that he had an excellent visit to Kheer Bhawani this morning, a small rowdy fringe element notwithstanding.

Minister of State for Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation, Ajaz Ahmad Khan and National Conference provincial president and legislator Nasir Aslam Wani.

Meanwhile, sources said, majority of Kashmiri Pandits have taken strong exception to few people of their community raising slogans against the Chief Minister. "There was a feeling within the Pandit community that such a situation should have been avoided especially when it was a religious gathering," they added.

He wrote on the micro-blogging site Twitter that he met and interacted with a large number of pilgrims visiting Kheer Bhawani. He said he was fortunate to make an offering as well.

"Biggest satisfaction was seeing large numbers of pilgrims coming in their own cars and taxis where earlier their convoys were given armed escorts," Omar said, adding, "ordinarily I wouldn't have posted so many pictures but they speak louder than words".

The KPs have decided to identify and isolate the elements, who triggered the protest. They were of the view that handful of the protesters were not well wishers of the community.

Meanwhile, in a statement National Conference's Minority Cell has condemned the "unruly scene" created by "vested interests" at Kheer Bhawani to "vitiate" the serene atmosphere on the auspicious occasion of Jaishtha Ashtami.

Earlier, Omar faced a protest by Kashmiri Pandits in his home constituency at Ganderbal when some Kashmiri Pandits, who had come to pay obeisance at the Temple of Ragnia Mata on the occasion of Kheer Bhawani mela, raised slogans against him for his failure to provide basic facilities to them.

The protesting Pandits alleged that at their residences in Jagti township in Jammu they have 16 hours of curtailment in electricity amid the sweltering summer, which is an injustice to them.

In a joint statement, Anil Dhar (Working President), M. L. Munshi, A K Hangloo, Jatin Bhat and others described as unfortunate the incident saying this is no way of highlighting the problems.

"For their political motives, they (protestors) have exploited the sentiments of some devotees ignoring the sanctity of the occasion. By provoking a handful of devotees when the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited the revered shrine to meet and felicitate the devotees on the annual festival, the elements behind mischief have the vested interests have not done any good to the community," the statement said.

The protesters tried to block CM from entering into the Temple but local police and his security guards made way for him into the temple.

Omar was on a visit to greet Kashmiri Pandits who had arrived to participate in the Mela in thousands at Kheer Bhawani temple.

Omar was accompanied by

In a separate statement, NC MLC Vijay Bakaya has also condemned the incident.

The Chairman of the JKLF Mohammad Yasin Malik also visited Kheer Bhawani temple and a group of Pandits protested against his visit while majority welcomed him.

Kabir first CJI to visit KU

ited this university before. I am extremely happy to be here," he said at the beginning of his 30 minute address to the students during which he delved upon the prospects of law graduates.

The Chief Justice also had word of appreciation for the university anthem which was played to welcome the guests that included senior Supreme Court Judge, Justice T S Thakur, and Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court M M Kumar.

"The lyrics and the music of the university anthem are beautiful. The person who wrote it must have been equally beautiful in thoughts," Justice Kabir said.

The university anthem has been written by Jnanipeeth awardee and renowned Kashmiri poet Prof Rahman Rahi.

Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Talat Ahmad, in his speech, pointed out that with the visit of Chief Justice of India, the entire top brass of the country has visited the campus now.

"We had the President (Pranab Mukherjee), Vice President (Hamid Ansari) here last year. Now with you (Justice Kabir), it is complete," he said. (PTI)

President Pranab Mukherjee, Vice President Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh pose for a photograph with the newly sworn in Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State after the swearing in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday. (UNI)

Temp below normal in J&K

ous places reveals that the maximum temperature at Jammu was 33.5 degrees while the minimum was 23.6 degrees.

In Kathua, the minimum temperature was recorded at 32.6 degrees while the maximum was 23.7 degrees. In Samba the maximum temperature was 32.2 degrees while the minimum was 23 degrees. In Udhampur the maximum temperature touched 32.2 degrees while the minimum was 20.6 degrees and in Ramban the maximum temperature was 23.6 degrees and minimum was 16.3 degrees.

He said there would be light to moderate rain fall in various parts of Jammu region tomorrow.

Meanwhile, reports coming from Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and other districts said that there was heavy rainfall for about one and half hour this evening. However no loss of life and property was reported from any where. The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was open for vehicular traffic.

According to Dr M K Khushoo, Chief Scientist, SKUAST Jammu the onset of Monsoon and snowfall on upper reaches has led the decrease in temperature.

He said the rainfall as observed at Chatta Observatory near here was about 3 mm in Jammu region today. While the seasonal rainfall in the state was 78 per cent more from June 1 to June 17, he added.

He said the overall rainfall in the country was 68 per cent more. Terming it a good news especially for agriculturists he urged them to go for sowing of Kharif crops as there will be the good production this season.

Agencies add from Srinagar:

Icy cold winds continued in the Kashmir Valley, where the maximum and minimum temperatures remained below normal due to fresh snowfall on upper reaches and intermittent rain in plains during the past 24 hours.

A Met Department spokesman said there could be light rain or thundershowers at few places over Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

Rahul natural leader: PM

as the UPA and people will again repose their faith in us," he told reporters here.

He gave this reply when asked he would make way for Rahul Gandhi if UPA-III comes to power.

The Prime Minister's significant is significant as he had earlier two occasions virtually not ruled out himself being in the race for the top post again if the UPA wins a hat trick.

Hurriyat leader held with hawala money

made the arrest under the supervision of SSP Rajouri Mubassir Latifi.

Police was interrogating the Hurriyat leader to ascertain source of hawala money and the person to whom it was to be delivered.

A case under Unlawful Activities (Prevention Act) has been registered against the accused for further investigations at Thanna Mandi police station.

TRAI lowers roaming charges

ing plan will be offered (for post paid customers)," TRAI Chairman Rahul Khullar told reporters here.

The ceilings on roaming charges prescribed by TRAI in 2007 were Rs 1.40 per minute for outgoing local calls and Rs 2.40 per minute for outgoing STD calls.

These ceilings have been reduced to Re 1 per minute for outgoing local calls and Rs 1.50 per minute for outgoing STD calls.

Seven animals burnt alive

KATHUA, June 17: Seven animals were burnt alive after a shed caught fire in Kathal village of Bani last night.

According to police the shed belonging to Omkar Chand was razed to ground after catching fire last night due to short circuit. As Mr Chand and his family were outside the seven animals lying in the shed were roasted alive as no body from the village came to their rescue due to intensity of the fire.

The household goods and other material also perished in the fire, police said.

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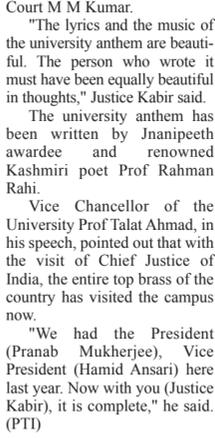
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Portfolios of newly-inducted ministers in UPA Govt

NEW DELHI, June 17:

1. Manikrao H Gavit: Social Justice & Empowerment
2. Santosh Chowdhary: Health & Family Welfare
3. E M S Natchiappan: Commerce and Industry
4. Jesudasu Seelam: Finance

The President also directed that consequent upon the allocation of the portfolios as above to the newly appointed Ministers, Mallikarjun Kharge, presently Minister for Labour and Employment, will be allocated the portfolio of the Minister for Railways, a President Secretariat communique said. (UNI)

President Pranab Mukherjee, as advised by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, has directed that the newly appointed Ministers be allocated portfolios as below :-

CABINET MINISTERS

1. Sis Ram Ola: Labour and Employment
2. Oscar Fernandes: Road Transport and Highways
3. Girija Vyas: Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation
4. Kavuru Sambasiva Rao: Textiles

MINISTERS OF STATE

People lock school

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Body recovered from canal

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Office of the General Manager District Industries Centre Kathua

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