

SRO on appointments on academic arrangements being amended Cabinet nod likely to new policy on riots, sectarian clashes victims

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JAMMU, Sept 3: In order to provide succor to the victims of riots and sectarian clashes, the State Government has framed a new policy and the same is likely to be passed by the State Cabinet, which is meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar tomorrow evening. The Cabinet will also take decision on the proposal of the Health and Medical Education Department to carry out amendments in the SRO-384 of 2009 titled J&K Medical and Dental Education (Appointment on Academic Arrangement Basis Rules), 2009.

Authoritative sources in the General Administration Department told EXCELSIOR that Order No.723-GR (GAD) of 1990 regarding grant of relief to the persons affected by law and order disturbances, primarily relates to the payment of extra relief for the cases of death/disability and damage to immovable property due to

bomb blast or other kind of sabotage. However, the cases of losses to immovable property on account of riots and other extra-

5 IPS, 9 KAS, 2 Accounts cadre officers being promoted
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JAMMU, Sept 3: State Cabinet will accord sanction to the promotion of 5 IPS, 9 Special Scale KAS and two Accounts Cadre officers.

According to the authoritative sources, Cabinet will accord sanction to the promotion of two IPS officers of 1995 batch to the Super Time Scale-II (IGP). These officers are T Namgyal (on perma basis) and T Punchok (with immediate effect).

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ordinary law and order disturbances don't fall within the purview of this order, sources added.

Keeping this in view and recent law and order disturbances in Jammu province after

the Kishtwar incidents on August 9, 2013, a proposal for grant of relief in cases of losses/damages to the immovable property due to the law and order situations/riots was placed before the Cabinet by the General Administration Department recently. Accordingly, the Cabinet on August 16, 2013, directed the GAD to frame a detailed scheme on this account in consultation with the Home, Finance and Revenue Departments.

After detailed deliberations with the Home, Finance and Revenue Departments the General Administration Department has prepared a policy for grant of ex-gratia relief and the same is being placed before the Cabinet tomorrow for discussion and approval, sources said. Under the policy, the parameters to be followed while providing ex-gratia relief to the victims of riots and other extra-ordinary law and order disturbances in respect of destruction/damage to immovable property have been laid,

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Civilian hurt in continued shelling

Alert in IB after movement of 2 militants

Sanjeev Pargal
JAMMU, Sept 3: A civilian was injured as Pakistan Army continued heavy shelling and firing in forward Indian posts and civilian areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch sector

tants at village Ratna Chak heading towards Mathra Chak along Tarnah Nullah.

Official sources said the mortar shells and rockets fired by the Pakistani troops once again landed in civilian areas causing serious injuries to a civilian, who has been



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Army personnel patrolling along the fencing in Poonch sector.

even as para-military and police personnel conducted searches in forward villages of Hiranagar sector along the International Border (IB) after a civilian reported movement of two mili-

identified as Mohammad Showkat son of Mohammad Sharief, a resident of village Kaiyan in Mandi sector of Poonch district.

Security forces and police evacuated the civilian from the site

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'Act has made me cautious' Omar favours bringing political parties under RTI purview

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Sept 3: Even as Parliament is considering to amend the RTI Act to exclude political parties from its ambit, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today made strong pitch for opening their records to the public through the transparency law.

In his valedictory speech at the eighth convention of the Central Information Commission, Omar said he was not sure whether his party would agree with his views but if political parties are availing Income Tax exemption, they should be accountable to the people.

"As of now, my party is not on that list of parties that have to be part of the right to information and I don't know whether my party will agree with what I have to say. But if I they did ask me what I thought, I would believe it is justifiable for my party to come under the purview of the Right to Information," the Chief Minister said.

He said the Income Tax exempted to political parties could otherwise be used elsewhere for developmental work.

"...But I am not paying that



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah addressing convention of CIC in New Delhi on Tuesday.

information that we don't ordinarily collect or that we don't ordinarily use in our day-to-day operations. As a political party, if there are records that I keep about functioning of my political party, then those records should be made available to the people. And if I don't keep those records, then I can't be forced," he said.

Omar also said while the political class claims to be the guardian or custodian of transparency, it income tax and therefore I should necessarily be accountable not just to the Election Commission, not just accountable to the Income Tax Department but I should be accountable to the country," he said.

Stressing that he did not wish to pick a fight with other political parties, Omar said he does not see any problem in sharing records of day-to-day functioning of political parties with people.

"At the end of the day, nobody can force us to collect

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Raghavan meets Sharif's Advisor

ISLAMABAD, Sept 3:

Senior officials from India and Pakistan today met here and are believed to have discussed the recent ceasefire violations along the LoC and a possible meeting between their Premiers on the sidelines of UN General Assembly in New York later this month.

Indian diplomatic sources told that High Commissioner T C A Raghavan called on Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz at the Pakistan Foreign Office.

They said it was a "courtesy visit".

However, state-run Radio Pakistan reported that the two officials also discussed tension on the LoC and "proposed" meeting

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'Pak n-arms not safe'

NEW DELHI, Sept 3:

Top-secret U.S. Intelligence files show new levels of distrust of Pakistan's nuclear arms and 'previously undisclosed' concerns over its biological and chemical sites.

The distrust is related to the fear that Islamists could seize materials from Government-run laboratories, The Washington Post reported today.

No other nation draws as much scrutiny as Pakistan across so many categories of national security concern, the report said.

Quoting a 178-page summary of the US intelligence community's

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LAHDC Councilors oath on Sept 7

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 3: All the newly elected 26 Councilors of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil would be administered oath of office and secrecy on September 7.

Reliable sources said that a formal order in this regard was issued by Election Authority, Kargil stating that the oath ceremony shall be administered by District and Sessions Judge, Tahir Khurshid Raina on September 7 at 11.30 am. "The function will be held at the main auditorium of the Town Hall", sources asserted.

Elaborating further on the process over the constitution of Council, sources said the Deputy Commissioner, Kargil Fida

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Dr Indu Khoda nominated as member AIIMS Patna

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 3: Dr Indu Koul Khoda, Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, GMC Jammu, has been nominated as member of the Institute Body, the highest decision making body of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, which is one of the six new AIIMS established under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

Various members of this Institute Body include Union Minister for Health Gulam Nabi Azad, Keshav Desiraju, Secretary in the Ministry of Health, GoI, Dr Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, GoI, Dr Girish Kumar Singh, Director of All India Institute of Medical Science Patna and others.

Sub-Judge suspended

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 3: Full Court today ordered suspension of R K Abrol, the then Chief Judicial Magistrate, Poonch and presently Sub-Judge Uri, with immediate effect.

According to the order issued by Suresh Kumar Sharma, Registrar General High Court, R K Abrol during his posting as Chief Judicial Magistrate Poonch had admitted on interim bail the accused persons namely Maqsood Hussain, Shahnaz Akhter and Shahid Iqbal, who were involved in a case of gang rape of an alleged minor girl.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the case had been committed by him to the Court of Sessions Judge Poonch on November 22, 2010 and his having become functus officio, he made the order of interim bail absolute on December 21, 2010 in abuse of his judicial powers", the order said.

"Consequent upon the Full Court Resolution in this regard, R

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Justice Magrey orders seizure of PS APD account

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 3: Justice Ali Mohd Magrey today ordered seizure of accounts of the Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department till the petitioners are paid the terminal benefits in accordance with Golden Handshake/Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

The direction was passed in a petition filed by Mahesh Chander Nagar and others, who had worked in different capacities in J&K Horticulture Produce, Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) before availing Golden Handshake/Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Justice Magrey has directed the Treasury Officer, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar not to entertain any bill of whatever nature from Principal Secretary Agriculture Production till the petitioners are paid the terminal benefits. "In case petitioners are paid the benefits to which they are entitled to, respondent will be at liberty to operate their account", Justice Magrey fur-

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Singh assures action if files not traced

PM meets BJP leaders, bid to end Parl stand-off fails

NEW DELHI, Sept 3:

Minister's residence, BJP maintained it is not responsible for the disruptions in Parliament and accused Congress MPs of causing disruptions.

The Prime Minister called the BJP leaders to his residence to sort out issues that came up after his statement in Parliament earlier in the day on the missing coal blocks allocation files failed to break the deadlock.

The BJP leaders told the Prime Minister that "tempers are running high" in BJP over the manner in which Singh walked out of both Houses "in a huff" after his statement on the issue without answering any of the clarifications sought by the opposition.

The main Opposition also reiterated that it has been cooperating with the Government and helping in passage of important bills by sitting till late but has not been allowed to raise its issues.

BJP will hold a meeting of its senior MPs tomorrow morning to decide on whether to support the Government in passing key pending legislations or force adjourn-

ment.

Party sources said BJP may support passage of the Land Acquisition Bill which is slated to come up in the Rajya Sabha tomorrow.

BJP was upset as the Prime Minister left both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha immediately after making statements in the two Houses. BJP leaders said they wanted to seek clarifications from the Prime Minister but could not.

To protest this, BJP leaders boycotted a meeting called by Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar this afternoon and decided to vociferously protest in Parliament tomorrow.

Amidst this, the Prime Minister took the initiative of inviting the top BJP leaders for discussions.

Sources said Singh personally called up Advani and both leaders of the Opposition and invited them to a meeting with him tonight.

Earlier in the day, BJP led the Opposition onslaught in

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Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's efforts to reach out to BJP to end the Parliamentary stand-off over the missing coal files issue failed tonight with BJP not giving him any assurance on the smooth running of the House tomorrow.

Singh held a meeting with BJP leaders L K Advani, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley late this evening and requested them to cooperate in the passage of important financial legislations in Parliament but the Opposition was unmoved and said it will take a call on the issue after a meeting of its senior MPs tomorrow morning.

Asking the Opposition to forget the past, the Prime Minister sought BJP's support in passing of important financial legislations including the Pensions Bill and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Amendment) Bill, sources said.

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Minister's residence, BJP maintained it is not responsible for the disruptions in Parliament and accused Congress MPs of causing disruptions.

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Recruitment process in 2 GMCs set into motion

Govt threatens to terminate 262 doctors

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Sept 3: Following recent directives from the State High Court, the Medical Education Department where hundreds of posts of faculty members are lying vacant has started the recruitment process to avoid further reprimand from the Court of law.

According to highly placed sources, the authorities in Medical Education Department have started the process of filling up of vacant posts by calling the applications from the eligible candidates on contractual basis on the initiative of Minister of Medical

and Technical Education, Youth Services and Sports, Taj Mohi-ud-Din.

The Department is on the tenterhooks and all the vacant posts of doctors, Lecturers, Assistant Professors and Professors will be filled up soon, sources said.

Sources said that advertisement for some vacant posts of lecturers has already been issued while the remaining posts will also be filled up in a time frame to ease the work load on existing doctors of the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu which is facing dearth of senior doctors.

Sources said, the axe will also

fall on 262 doctors whose posts were sanctioned for Medical Education Department two years back for GMCs of Jammu and Srinagar but whose services were kept on the disposal of the Health and Family Welfare Department for the time being as till date they have failed to join their parent Department.

The Medical Education Department has decided to terminate their services in case they failed to join within days, sources added.

Sources said Taj Mohi-ud-Din has taken serious exception to the same and asked the authorities to issues the termination orders of all

the 262 doctors meant for the GMCs of Jammu and Srinagar who have failed to join the Department till date. Confirming this, the Minister told Excelsior that the services of all the 262 doctors sanctioned for GMCs will be terminated if they failed to join the Department after a fresh notice is served to them. Out of 262 doctors only 22 are with GMCs at present, he added.

He also maintained that all the vacant posts of faculty members will be filled up soon as the Department is on the job. The deserving faculty members in different departments of GMC who

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