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Army jawans keep vigil on Pakistan Army and militants from an extreme forward picket on LoC in Poonch.

Plot to kill soldiers hatched at PoK's Kathak school

the LoC. However, they added, the troops were very alert and were ready to give effective reply to Pakistan as and when required.

"Troops were fully alert. They were not demoralized though the killings of five of their colleagues have shaken them. The jawans were conducting regular patrol of the area and were ready to meet with any eventuality," they said. Sources said the operatives of the Musa company of the SSG, which is tasked for carrying out such 'hit' operations, would have also been involved in attack.

According to sources, the SSG comprised seven battalions along with four company level formations. Musa company specialises in amphibious operations and tasks in riverine areas. In the January attack in which one Indian Army jawan

was beheaded by the Pakistan Army teams, SSG troops had taken part in the operations along with LeT terrorists.

The SSG leads the Border Action Teams of Pakistan Army which also includes terrorist elements.

Meanwhile, despite tensions on the LoC, a group of five militants is reported to have made an attempt to infiltrate into the Indian territory from forward area of Chapti in Krishna Ghati sector in Poonch district at 5.30 am today.

The BSF jawans of 135 battalion, deployed in the area, opened firing to neutralize the militants. After the BSF firing, the militants retreated to PoK, sources said, adding that there were no casualties. The militants were also reported to have fired few shots toward the BSF before fleeing back.

30 Judicial Officers transferred in major reshuffle

Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Additional District Judge (Matrimonial), Jammu vice Nighat Sultana, Mohd Ashraf Malik, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ganderbal vice Syed Taujeer Ahmad, M K Sharma, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Udhampur has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bhandarwah vice Brij Mohan Gupta.

Madan Lal, 2nd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar has been transferred and posted on deputation as Judicial Member J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu against the vacant post. Yash Pal Kotwal, 3rd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bandipora vice Mohd Ali Khan. Tahir Khurshid Raina, temporarily appointed as District Judge, has

been posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kargil vice Shakti Kumar Gupta.

Shazia Tabasum, Tasleem Arief and Sonia Gupta, temporarily appointed as District Judge, have been posted as 2nd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Baramulla and Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kathua respectively.

Similarly, Rajinder Sapru and Naseer Ahmad Dar, temporarily appointed as District Judge, have been posted as 3rd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar and Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag respectively. Muzaffar Iqbal Qureshi, District Judge, recommended for compulsory retirement, will remain attached with Registrar Judicial High Court Wing, Srinagar till further orders. Similarly, Brij Mohan Gupta and Shakti Kumar Gupta, District Judges, recommended for compulsory retirement, will remain attached with Registrar Judicial High Court Wing, Jammu till further orders.

Rs 1.97 lakh fake currency seized

him at Mendhar police station for further investigations. Police parties headed by SHO Mendhar Bishesh Kumar made the arrest under the super-

vision of SSP Poonch Shamsheer Choudhary, Additional SP Yougal Manhas and SDPO Mendhar SP Amit Bhasin.

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S. No	Name of Items	Amount of CDR
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04	Stationery Items	Rs.2000/-
05	Maintenance & Repair	Rs.1000/-
06	Stitching/Tailoring	Rs.1000/-
07	Laboratory	Rs.1000/-
08	Sports Items	Rs.1000/-
09	Uniforms Items	Rs.2500/-

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Antony retracts statement, blames Pak for killings

Sending out a message to Pakistan, he said, "Our restraint should not be taken for granted; nor should the capacity of our armed forces and resolve of the Government to uphold the sanctity of LoC ever be doubted."

"Those in Pakistan who are responsible for this tragedy and the brutal killing of two soldiers earlier this year should not go unpunished.

"Pakistan should also show determined action to dismantle terrorists networks, organisations and infrastructure and show tangible movement on bringing those responsible for the Mumbai terrorist attack in November 2008 to justice quickly," the Minister said.

Referring to his statement on Tuesday which created a huge political storm, he said, "When I reported the incident to the House, it was Government's obligation to report the facts as we knew them at that point of time, and my statement was based on the available information."

Soon after the new statement, Swaraj said, "We are happy that the Defence Minister has accepted his mistake and tried to rectify it...He has said the Pakistan army was involved and that our restraint should not be taken for granted."

Taking on Congress, Swaraj suggested that those who had accused BJP of playing politics over the killing of the five soldiers were wrong. They should know that her party was trying to get corrected the Defence Minister's statement made on Tuesday, she said.

Swaraj said the Opposition wanted to express the commitment of the nation on the issue and send a message to Pakistan that it cannot commit such acts again.

Antony acknowledged her remarks with folded hands.

While Swaraj signalled that the issue was over for BJP, NDA ally Shiv Sena expressed dissatisfaction with Antony's statement. Sena leader Anant Geete said India cannot hold talks with Pakistan in such a situation.

Antony was to make the same statement in the Rajya Sabha also. However, soon after he started reading the statement amid din, the House was adjourned by Deputy Chairman P J Kurien in view of the uproar. Later in the Rajya Sabha, Deputy Chairman Kurien refused permission to Najma Heptulla and Thawar Chand Gehlot (both BJP) to seek on the ground the Minister could not complete his statement nor had he allowed him to table it.

At this, Overseas Affairs Minister Vayalar Ravi sought to know the status of the Defence Minister's statement saying he had started reading his statement in the pre-lunch session and it should be on record.

"The Minister only read two or three sentences. I have not allowed him to lay it on the table," Kurien said, adding that Antony would have to make the statement again for the opposi-

Sharif sad over LoC killings

the Line of Control. However, a statement issued by the Foreign Office made no reference to Tuesday's incident in which Indian soldiers were killed by "specialist troops" of the Pakistan Army.

"It was imperative for both India and Pakistan to take effective steps to ensure and restore ceasefire on the LoC," Sharif said.

He further said it is "incumbent upon the leadership of both sides not to allow the situation to drift and to take steps to improve the atmosphere by engaging constructively with a view to building trust and confidence". Sharif said he was looking forward to the meeting with Singh in New York during which he intends to discuss steps to further build trust and consolidate the bilateral relationship.

Relations between the two sides soured this week after the killing of the five Indian soldiers. Indian Defence Minister A K Antony said in parliament today "specialist troops of the Pakistan Army were involved in the attack" and a "group from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir side crossed the LoC and killed" the

Special trains on Eid

The Banihal-Qazigund section, part of the Kashmir rail link project, was recently commissioned with much fanfare in the presence of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi.

The special train service will be available for three days from August 9 to 11 in the section.

The Special train will start operation from Budgam at 6.10

am to seek clarifications from him.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Rajeev Shukla then said, "We will again request Defence Minister to clarify...On Monday he will make the statement in the House again."

Meanwhile, the BJP and the CPI today differed over the issue of holding talks with Pakistan in the wake of killing of five Indian soldiers, with the main opposition saying there is sufficient ground not to hold dialogue with the neighbouring country.

"Five soldiers have been killed. Right now, there is sufficient ground to declare that the Indian Prime Minister will not hold any talks with Pakistan till they fulfil the commitment given to (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee..." BJP leader M M Joshi said.

The main opposition has always insisted that the January 6, 2004 joint statement between the two countries- signed by then Prime Minister Vajpayee and President Pervez Musharraf-should be the basis for all bilateral engagement between the two nations.

In the joint statement, Pakistan had committed not to allow territories under its control to be used for terrorism against India.

Joshi's statement assumes significance in the wake of reports that Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh may hold bilateral talks with his Pakistan counterpart Nawaz Sharif during his forthcoming visit to the US for United Nations General Assembly meeting.

At the same time, CPI leader Gurudas Dasgupta said peace negotiations with the neighbouring nation should continue.

He, however, condemned the killing of five Indian jawans at Poonch sector along the Line of Control (LoC) by Pakistani Army.

"Every incident, which leads to the loss of life, should be combated by India fearlessly. And every piece of incident has to be taken care of," Dasgupta said.

Meanwhile, a call on a meeting between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan next month in New York will be taken after all the inputs are brought in, External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said today, asserting that it was not the "appropriate" time now to comment on it.

Maintaining that he was not in a position to say anything as it was not the appropriate time, Khurshid told reporters that let us wait for the appropriate time and a call will be taken after all the inputs were brought in.

He was responding to a query whether there will be a meeting between Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in the backdrop of killing of five Indian soldiers by Pakistan Army along LoC (PTI)

Indian soldiers.

Pakistan has already denied its troops were involved in the incident. It has also said two of its soldiers were injured in firing across the LoC.

Sharif was briefed by Foreign Ministry officials on the situation. During the briefing, Sharif emphasised that "existing military-to-military channels could be more optimally utilised to prevent misunderstanding and not allowing the situation to escalate".

"Pakistan is prepared to discuss steps with India for further strengthening of existing mechanisms both at the political and military levels," he was quoted as saying in the statement issued by the Foreign Office.

Sharif reiterated Pakistan's resolve to "persist in its efforts to improve relations with India through a constructive dialogue on all issues".

Information Minister Pervez Rashid, Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister on National Security, Tariq Fatimi, Special Assistant to the premier on Foreign Affairs, and other senior officials attended the meeting. (PTI)

am to arrive Banihal at 7.50 am the same day. In return the train will leave Banihal at 8 am to reach at 9.43 am.

Another train will depart from Baramulla at 2.10 pm to arrive Banihal at 5.55 pm.

Similarly, more trains will run in the section during the day including the last special train will depart from Banihal at 6 pm to arrive at Budgam at 8.10 pm. (PTI)

JAKFED Special Audit points to financial irregularities worth crores by top officials

irregularities committed by the officials at the helm of affairs and has brought to surface huge differences between the book entries and the actual findings.

Raising serious concerns over the functioning of JAKFED during that period, the report says, "though, the 278th meeting of the Board of Directors (BoD) was convened under the chairmanship of the Minister for Cooperative Manohar Lal Sharma, the minutes of the meeting issued by the then Managing Director (MD), Ravinder Gupta didn't have the approval of the Chairman", adding, "although the minutes of meeting were pasted in the minutes book lying in custody of Manager (Personnel), yet the said minutes had not been signed by the Chairman and any other member".

"The Management of JAKFED was persuaded vide questionnaire to put forth, if any draft approval was obtained. But, no such document was placed on record or produced to audit despite the fact that the decision so shown, taken were seen to have been largely implemented with huge financial involvements".

The Reports says, "it had been decided that the budget estimates for the year 2010-11 shall be discussed in the meeting of Secretary of the Government, Cooperative Department, Managing Director and FA/CAO JAKFED where after it shall be placed before the Chairman. But, from the records made available to audit the same didn't seem to have been discussed or got approved. Even for the year 2009-10 and 2011-12, no budget estimates have been got approved", adding, "budget proposals signed by the Manager Accounts and the FA/CAO JAKFED, during the financial years 2009-10 (Rs 2.84 crore), 2010-11 (Rs 0.46 crore) and 2011-12 (Rs 3.44 crore) have been found as expenditure in excess to budget estimates".

The document says, "during the years 2010-11 and 2011-12, the institution has ordered 22 promotion of various officials, but in most of the cases the promotions have been ordered on retrospective basis and with monetary benefits. To the utter surprise, several officials have been promoted in 2011 and retrospective effect had been given from 1988/86 leading to salary arrears of Rs 60 lacs and in none of the cases, approval of Chairman or Board of Management or other Higher Authorities have been obtained".

Further, "contrary to the mode of appointment of General Manager on deputation from State Government as per the Recruitment Rules, 1986, the post

SC notice on Ramban firing

The PIL also sought direction to provide security, lodging and medical facilities to Amarnath and Vaishnodevi pilgrims who get stranded during their journey due to imposition of curfew.

The PIL filed by Sudesh Dogra, political secretary of J&K National Panthers Party, said four civilians were killed and 44 persons including security personnel were injured on July 18 when a BSF team had opened fire at a mob that had gathered at its camp in Ramban district protesting against alleged manhandling of an imam of the area by the force.

The petition, filed through senior advocate Bhim Singh, said curfew was imposed after the incident due to which a large number of pilgrims got stuck on their way.

It also sought compensation of Rs 50 lakh for the family members of those killed in the firing and Rs 10 lakh for the injured persons. (PTI)

Consumers' long wait for subsidized sugar all set to be over next month

the pattern of practice in vogue prior to stoppage of levy sugar by the FCI, sources said.

"It would be the responsibility of the miller to transport the sugar to the Central Godown Shaheed Gunj, Srinagar and Central Godown Chatha, Jammu from Maharashtra and this condition was part of the several stipulations of the tender notice", sources said.

When contacted, Administrative Secretary, CAPD, Mohd Abbas confirmed that samples of the sugar have been sent for analysis and remaining codal formalities would be completed on the receipt of report within next 10 days. "We are hopeful of making subsidized sugar available to consumers from next month", he said, adding "the exercise took time as the Purchase Committee strictly adhered to the laid down procedure so that there would not be any problem at the later stage".

of General Manager has been filled up by promotion.

Pointing out further financial irregularities, the Report says, "the imprest outstanding stood at nearly Rs 11 crores on 31-03-2009 and Rs 12 crores on 31-02-2012, out of which nearly Rs 5 crores are still outstanding against the officials, who have already retired since long. Except in case of B K Bakshi, ex-senior Manager, whose outstanding imprest came down from Rs 118.93 lac to Rs 92.53 lac during the three years, no recovery or adjustment was done in case of other retirees".

"Other major imprest holders included Mukesh Damral, senior Manager (Rs 6 crore as on 31.03.2012); S B Gandotra, AGM (Rs 63 lac on 31-03-2012); Fayaz Khalil, AGM Srinagar (Rs 17.36 lac on 31-03-2012) and Gulzar Ahmad (Rs 1.27 lac). Besides, accounts of several ex-officials continued with credit balance, which wasn't justified".

The Report says that despite huge imprest outstanding, CPF was released in favour of several retired employees.

"The institution received Rs 250 lacs as compensation against land transferred to Dental College and Rs 87.31 lac from IFFCO as freight reimbursement in the year 2010-11 and the amount had been diverted for some other purposes. Rs 3.72 crores had been spent for deposit of CPF, payment of arrears and purchase of CTC Tea and amount transferred to fertilizer/cement accounts and for this no Resolution whatsoever was made available", says the Report adding, "astonishingly the compensation / sale proceeds of land had been utilized for salary arrears and CPF instead of reinvesting".

Elaborating further on the financial mismanagement by the officials at that point of time, the Report says, "there are serious variations in the bank accounts and there is committed liability of nearly Rs 4.7 crores till March 2012. Besides, CPF of both employees share and employers' share hadn't been deposited for three years".

Commenting on the functioning of Srinagar office of the institution, the Report says, "the Srinagar office suffered losses during these years and couldn't even earn its own establishment costs".

"Huge amount of freight were released for direct supply of cement stocks to enroute stations from Srinagar to Jammu even as the issue had been pointed out by the then concurrent audit and FA/CAO. There were also glaring violations in purchase of cement", says the Report adding, "M/s Advance Goods carrier and M/s Iqbal Transport were paid pending freight transportation charges

of previous years, while no provision was made in the relevant years. The release of pending claims wasn't justified".

Further, the document says, "bills receivable account cement/allied account were kept in such a way that the same didn't reflect the closing position of outstanding account. Huge outstanding appeared in cement accounts of Valley based parties also not justified in addition to credit sale to individual cement buyers. Cement bills payable accounts, stock, despatches, also indicated a mess and no clarification has been given".

The Report has also stated that huge amounts of bitumen was purchased but no purchase entry appeared in the books. "There was Rs 30 lac variations in Tar steel Account between accounts branch and concerned sections. Documents also indicated huge variations between fertilizer purchase between accounts and agriculture sections".

"There is huge imbalance in payment of rent to hired shops for sales centres and hefty amount of Rs 121 lacs as retention in sales centres in fertilizer, cement, CTC tea. The documents also indicated huge cash retention of LPG in Head Office and R S Pura unit", says the Report.

Another glaring irregularity, the Enquiry Committee pointed out is that there were arbitration cases worth nearly Rs 24 crores. "There were variations in the accounts of institutions and those prepared by the Chartered Account for filing of Income Tax

Land sinking near Ramkote

slowly posing danger to the life of the people of nearly five families and their maize fields. They started shifting the households items of these families in trouble to the safer zone besides their cattle.

The incident created panic among the other residents of the area. The village head sounded alert and informed Sub Divisional Magistrate, Billawar and Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Tehsildar, N K Sharma and SHO Billawar Ashwani Kumar rushed to the spot. A police party from Ramkote had already reached this Model village Kamala. They found that besides houses many trees and fields with standing crop were also sliding down. Till this evening, nearly 300 feet wider land portion had gone about 100 feet down. The houses had also partially damaged.

The local administration shifted these families to local community hall and Panchayat Ghar. The Tehsildar said that these families have been shifted to the safer places and some more families in the vicinity

Returs". Secretary Cooperative, Mohammad Afzal Bhat when contacted said that the Special Audit Report had been submitted and the Government was examining all the documents pertaining to the case.

Chairman Legislative Council Amrit Malhotra on April 6 this year had also constituted a House Committee for probe into the JAKFED scam which involved misappropriation of over Rs 300 crore.

The issue rocked the Legislative Council after a member of ruling coalition Nareish Gupta targeted the Government for its failure to make recoveries from the employees involved in the scam.

While giving details of the scam, the Cooperative Minister had stated that at least 35 employees were found involved in the scam were terminated and 15 others suspended. The cases are still pending with Vigilance, Accountability Commission and Crime Branch. He informed the House that 22 separate cases were registered in the case.

In June, 2012, the State Government had constituted a three-member Enquiry Committee to probe irregularities by Ravinder Gupta and ordered his attachment to the office of Registry Cooperative, Srinagar.

The Inquiry Committee comprised Rayaz Ahmad Mir, the then Joint Registrar Banking and Finance; Udhham Dask, Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Jammu and Accounts Officer,

have been asked to remain alert in next 24 hours. He said these families were also provided free ration and tents besides financial assistance from the District Administration.

The victims whose houses have been damaged in this incident are-Mangu Ram, Pritam Lal, Ajit Kumar, Prem Lal and Mohinder. Another family of one Anant Ram has also been asked to vacate the area. The affected people are likely to get tents by tomorrow or the day after.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the year 1986, similar incident took place at this village. About 150 meters of land had sunk creating panic in the area. Till today, nobody dared to raise any construction near that piece of land. The village Sarpanch and other Panchayat members had urged the Deputy Commissioner Kathua and the Divisional Commissioner to depute a team of Geologists to study the type of land and guide the villagers as they were terrorized and under tremendous pressure due to this unfortunate development.



Body of Army jawan Vijay Kumar Rai killed in LoC firing being consigned to flames at Bayapur in Maner district of Bihar on Thursday. (UNI)

Last rites of five army jawans performed with military honours

PATNA/KOLHAPUR, Aug 8:

Amid heart-rending scenes, the mortal remains of five army jawans killed by Pakistani troops along the Line of Control were today consigned to flames with full military honours in their respective villages in Bihar and Maharashtra.

In Ara in Bihar, the funeral pyre of Lance Naik Shambhu Saran (29) was lit by his two-year-old son Piyush while that of Naik Prem Nath Singh (35) was consigned to flames by his two-and-a-half-year-old son Prateek at Simaria Ghat on the bank of river Sarayu in Saran district.

The last rites of Sepoy Vijay Rai (27) were performed on the bank of river Ganga at his native village Bayapur in Maner block of Patna district with his six-year-old son Vivek lighting the pyre amid chanting of hymns and slogans of "Vijay Rai Amar Raha."

People turned emotional when Vivek consoled his mother and grandmother and said he

would join the army to avenge the killing of his father.

Rai's colleagues from Danapur regiment and Bihar Police personnel paid respect to him by reversing their arms.

Mortal remains of Lance Naik Raghunandan Prasad were consigned to flames at Dubhaigarh ghat on the bank of river Sarayu in Saran district. His uncle Tribhuban Prasad lit the pyre of the 23-year-old soldier who was a bachelor.

Large number of people from the jawans' villages and adjacent areas gathered at the funeral sites to pay their respect to the departed soldiers. Slogans against Pakistan for the audacious killings were raised.

When district magistrate told Triloki Rai, uncle of Shambhu Sharan, that compensation of Rs 10 lakh announced by the state government would be sent to his home, he retorted, "We don't want compensation but military action against Pakistan."

The bodies of the four soldiers were flown by a special Air

Force plane at the Jai Prakash Narayan airport here late last night.

In Kolhapur in Maharashtra, the last rites of Naik Kundalik Mane were held with full military honours at his native village Pimpalgaon.

Hundreds of people gathered at the cremation ground to pay their homage to the 36-year-old soldier, belonging to Maratha Light Infantry.

Cries of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" filled the air as the gun salute reverberated before the funeral pyre was lit.

Officers of the Southern Command had paid their respects to the martyr when the body arrived at Pune airport from Delhi late last night before being transported to Kolhapur by road.

In a provocative attack, a group of 20 heavily-armed men entered 45 metres into the Indian territory in Poonch sector on Tuesday and ambushed a patrol, killing five Indian soldiers. (PTI)