

Chenab above danger mark, Basantar bridge damaged

9 killed in floods, house collapse incidents; 24 rescued

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, Aug 14: Incessant rain and flash floods in rivers and seasonal nullahs across the region caused extensive damage to the roads, bridges, houses, railway track and Government buildings besides leading to the closure of many roads due to landslides affecting normal life while six persons were buried alive in house-collapse incidents and three others were washed away in swollen nullahs in Mahore and Gool whereas, 24 persons trapped in flash floods were rescued at different places and nearly 200 families were shifted to the safer places in Poonch, Surankote, Rajouri and Jammu facing flood fury.

Chenab was flowing nearly 5 ft above danger mark, sounding a red alert in many villages situated along both the banks downstream, causing land erosion and damage to standing crop. River

Chak and Island area were shifted to safer places by the District Administration whereas, traffic on busy Jammu-Pathankote National Highway was diverted to the new bridge over Basantar



Tawi river in full spate on Wednesday. More pics on page 3—Excelsior/Rakesh

Tawi was also in spate and flowing at danger mark (nearly 17 ft), causing damage to several houses along the banks. About a dozen Gujjar families near new bridge, Tawi barrage, Karnale

near Samba as old existing bridge got damaged due to heavy flood in river during this afternoon. The bridge at first pillar developed large crack, posing a danger to the traffic.

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Chamber calls off bandh as CM concedes demands

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Aug 14: Curfew continued for sixth consecutive day today without any relaxation in Kishtwar town while day curfew was almost lifted from seven other districts, which limped back to near normalcy after five days of massive protests across the Jammu region against August 9 violence in Kishtwar.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry today called off its call for extension of Jammu bandh by 48 hours after all of its demands pertaining to compensation to traders of Kishtwar, who had suffered massive losses in rioting and arson by the mob last Friday, were conceded by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The Chamber had extended the bandh call by 48 hours late last night after some of its queries were not addressed by Omar during email conversation between its office bearers and

the Chief Minister's Office. The only hitch pertaining to release of compensation within one month after the completion

No curfew in Jammu today

There will be no day curfew in any part of Jammu region on Thursday excepting Kishtwar district on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations, authorities said tonight.

While curfew was lifted from Samba district and Sunderbani town of Rajouri today, it will be lifted from all other six districts, where it was imposed on August 10 and 11 after violence in Kishtwar from 5 am tomorrow to facilitate the celebrations of Independence Day.

The assessment was also cleared today with Omar acceding to the demand.

The email conversation between the Chamber and the CM office resumed this afternoon with the CCI demanding that the distribution of relief should be completed within 15 to 20 days after the completion of assessment.

In his reply addressed to YV Sharma, president CCI Jammu, Mr Abdullah said: "In continuation of our mail dated 13/8/2013 addressed to you, you are hereby informed that the disbursement of the relief shall be made within a period of one month of the assessment getting completed".

Last night, the email communication between Chamber and the Chief Minister was deadlocked with former insisting on making distribution of relief time bound. The Chief Minister had conveyed to the Chamber president yesterday that the Government will provide adequate relief to those,

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President, Police Medals for 41 J&K Police officials

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: On the eve of Independence Day, 41 officers and personnel of Jammu Kashmir Police have been announced prestigious President

Medical for Distinguished Services. They are S Gopal Reddy, presently on deputation as ADGP Technical Services Hyderabad; Navin Aggarwal, ADGP Youth Services and Sports and Rauf U-Hassan IGP AP/IRB Kashmir.

SP Bhim Sen Tuti, presently on Central deputation, SP Ramban Javid Iqbal Mattoo, SP Tahir Sajjad Bhat and three martyrs among 18 cops are recipient of Police Medal for Gallantry. They included DySP Ifkhar



T Namgayal, IGP in PM's SPG; Navin Aggarwal, ADGP; Yogesh Sharma, SP; Pran Nath Pandita, DySP; Kuldeep Krishan Zutshi, DySP (Adm); Mohd Aslam Bhat, DySP Kargil Hqrs

Police Medal and Police Medal Awards for their gallantry and meritorious services. Two Additional Director Generals of Police and one Inspector General of Police are the recipient of President Police

President's Police Medal for Gallantry has been announced awarded to SP Imtiaz Hussain Mir, Constable Ajit Singh, Head Constable Sheraz Ahmad (Posthumously) and Constable Gulzar Ahmad (Posthumously).

Talib, DySP Zoheb Tanveer, DySP Zahoor Ahmad, Inspector Manzoor Ahmad (Posthumously), SI Veer Bahadur Singh Rathore, SI Romesh Lal, ASI Showkat Ahmad (Posthumously), HC Randheer Singh (Posthumously), HC Mohd Rafiq, HC Shabir Ahmad, HC Farooq Ahmad, Constable Sunil Kumar, SG Constable Amit Raina, Constable Karanjeet Lal and Constable Vishal Sharma.

Police Medal for Meritorious Services has been announced to 16 Police officers including Tsewang Namgayal, IGP in PM's SPG, Abdul Qayom Sofi (SP Enforcement, Srinagar), Nazir Ahmad Naikoo (DySP GRP Kashmir), Ali Mohd Shah (DySP Hqrs PCR Srinagar), Yogesh Sharma (SP Jammu), Sajjad Hussain Syed (DySP Pulwama), Asgar Ali Khan (DySP Telecom Jammu), Kuldeep Krishan Zutshi (DySP Admn,

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'Forces need to maintain vigilance'

Attempts from across border to destabilise J&K: Vohra

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: Governor N N Vohra today cautioned about the attempts from across the border to destabilise the State and asked security forces to remain vigilant to maintain peace and communal harmony.

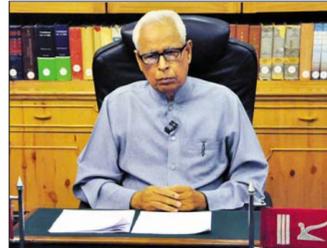
"Since the beginning of this year, there have been continuing attempts at infiltration and repeated attacks on our security forces, leaving no doubt that the adversary agencies and forces across the Line of Control remain committed to their agenda of destabilising Jammu and Kashmir.

"In this scenario the security forces shall need to maintain eternal vigilance. And side by side, the State police shall need to take timely pre-emptive action to ensure that the subversive elements, who receive encouragement and support from adversary agencies, are not allowed to instigate incidents for disrupting communal harmony in any part of the State," Mr Vohra said in a message on the eve of Independence Day.

The Governor said the administration shall also need to

take effective initiatives to ensure that societal harmony is maintained in all regions of the State.

Mr Vohra appealed to the leaders of all political, social, cultural and religious organisations, and all other segments of



society to join hands and work closely together for enabling the peaceful resolution of all outstanding issues, through dialogue and discussion. "We must also join hands to work unitedly for taking the State speedily forward on the path of progress and prosperity," he said.

The Governor observed that Jammu and Kashmir will be able to achieve rapid human development and steady economic growth only when there is sus-

tained peace along the LoC. He said "while looking forward to the early realisation of such a development, we must thank the Army for maintaining eternal vigil on the LoC and pay homage to the valiant officers and men who have laid down their lives for maintaining the territorial integrity of our country".

Mr Vohra said that in the country's march towards growth and development, the State has not so far been able to be in the vanguard

because of the prolonged period of disturbances, turmoil and violence which our people have gone through. However, it is a matter for some satisfaction that, notwithstanding the continuing external support to terrorism, in the past few years the activities of terrorist networks have been progressively contained. "For this we owe gratitude to our people, J&K Police and the security forces who have made continuing sacrifices to combat terror-

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Independence Day Greetings To All Our Readers. Offices of Daily Excelsior, Excelsior Printers Pvt Ltd and KN Modern Printers are closed today. There will be no issue of your newspaper on August 16. —Editor

Patience has limits: Prez to Pak

NEW DELHI, Aug 14:

India today told Pakistan that "patience has limits" and all "necessary steps" will be taken to ensure internal security and protect territorial integrity.

Without mentioning Pakistan by name, President Pranab Mukherjee said despite India's consistent efforts to build friendly relations with neighbours, there have been tensions on

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Intrusion bid foiled, 3 killed

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: Army today foiled a major infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Keran sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district by killing three militants.

An Army spokesman said here that the troops noticed movement of militants and opened fire, killing three of them.

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No sweets exchanged, BAT attack foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Amid escalating tensions along the border, the BSF has foiled an attempt by a Pakistani Border Action Team (BAT) to attack a forward post along the Line of Control (LoC).

Surveillance equipment detected the Pakistan team approaching the forward post.

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Govt to file detailed affidavit

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Responding to the directions of Supreme Court pertaining to Kishitwar clashes, the State Government has asked all concerned departments particularly Home Department to provide all details pertaining to the circumstances that led to the violence and subsequent steps initiated by the administration to

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2 officers get CM's medal

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: The Government accorded sanction to the award of Chief Minister's Vigilance Medal in favour of two officers of the State Government for displaying conspicuous and exemplary courage in exposing corruption and creating awareness against corrupt practices for the year 2013

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SET exam postponed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: The State Eligibility Test (SET)-2013 examination, which was scheduled to be held on August 18, has been postponed in view of the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Fresh date for the test shall be notified later on, said a communication from the State Eligibility Commission.

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Create conducive atmosphere for dialogue: Omar to Pak

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today asked Pakistan to restore peace along the border and create conducive atmosphere for starting a dialogue process with India to address all issues.

"It is the talking process which can melt the ice and help find solution to all matters," Omar said in his Independence Day message.

The Chief Minister reiterated his stance on Jammu and Kashmir's political issues calling for a political approach to resolve these across the table amicably.

"Power or gun has never been and will never be instru-

mental to resolve problems," he said.

Omar also called for sustained dialogue between the Centre and the separatists, saying his Government would work as an active facilitator in this regard.

He said those who have so far shunned the practice of putting their viewpoints across the table should come for dialogue.

Omar said democracy in India is so strong that their viewpoints would be heard in detail and earnestly.

Parl rejects Pak Assembly resolution

*It will serve no purpose: Farooq

NEW DELHI, Aug 14:

Parliament today rejected the resolutions passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan making "baseless and unfounded allegations against the Indian Army and the people of India".

Speaker Meira Kumar and Rajya Sabha Chairman Hamid Ansari placed a counter resolution in their respective Houses, which said, "There should be absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind including members of the Pakistan National Assembly that it was the Pakistan Army that was involved in the unprovoked attack on an Indian Army patrol on our side of the LoC on August 6, 2013.

"It is unfortunate that Pakistan choose to indulge in such unprovoked attacks at a time when efforts were being made to establish a long lasting framework of peaceful, friendly and cooperative ties so that both the countries may henceforth devote their resources and energies to pressing task of advancing the welfare of their people."

reiterated that entire Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

"The entire Jammu and Kashmir including the territory forcibly and illegally occupied by Pakistan is an integral part of India and will remain so..." it

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