

## Wanted in 40 blasts, being handed over to NIA Top IM terrorist Yasin Bhatkal arrested on Indo-Nepal border

NEW DELHI/PATNA, Aug 29:

Yasin Bhatkal, co-founder of banned terror outfit Indian Mujahideen, wanted in around 40 blast cases and carrying a reward of Rs.35 lakh, has been arrested from Indo-Nepal border, in the second prize catch after LeT mastermind Abdul Karim Tunda in the last fortnight.

On the run for over five years in several countries including Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan, 30-year-old Yasin was nabbed in a joint operation by intelligence agencies and Bihar police. He was arrested along with another IM leader Asadulla Akhtar alias 'Haddi'.

Yasin and Akhtar will be flown to Delhi tomorrow in a special plane and formally handed over to NIA, a senior official said.

While Delhi and NIA had announced Rs.10 lakh each, Mumbai police had announced Rs.15 lakh to anyone giving information leading to Yasin's arrest.

"Yasin Bhatkal was traced along the Bihar-Nepal border

last night by our intelligence agencies. He is under the custody of Bihar police and his interrogation is going on," Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde told



Chief of the Indian Mujahideen Yasin Bhatkal being produced in a court in Motihari, in Patna on Thursday. (Inset) file photo of Bhatkal. (UNI)

reporters outside Parliament House today.

National Security Adviser

Shivshankar Menon briefed Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on the arrest.

Yasin was taken to Motihari in Bihar for being produced in a court for transit remand.

He hit the spotlight after the 2008 Delhi serial blasts in which

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## Except Baseer Khan all other accused already challaned on HC directive DoPT accords sanction to prosecute IAS officer in infamous Gulmarg land scam

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Aug 29: In a significant development, the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, has accorded sanction to prosecute the IAS officer of J&K Cadre Baseer Ahmed Khan, who is presently posted as District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, for his alleged involvement in the infamous Gulmarg land scam. With this decision, the decks are cleared for presentation of challan against him in the court of Special Judge Anti-corruption.

Informed sources told EXCELSIOR that after analyzing the documents furnished by the State Government in compliance to the directions of the Division Bench, the Department of Personnel and Training has accorded sanction to prosecute the serving IAS officer Baseer Khan for his involvement in the infamous Gulmarg land scam.

In the separate communication addressed to the State Government and counsel for the Government of India in the High Court, Jammu Wing, Under Secretary in the

Department of Personnel and Training, Anurag Sharma has mentioned that the competent authority in terms of Section 6 of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act has accorded sanction for the prosecution of Baseer Khan (IAS) in FIR No.8/2009 VOK (Vigilance Organization Kashmir), sources said.

The sanction order to the J&K Government was conveyed vide letter dated August 21, 2013 while as the same was conveyed to the counsel for the Government of India few days later, sources informed, adding "the sanction letter has now been placed before the Chief Secretary, Mohd Iqbal Khandey for further necessary orders in the matter".

The stand taken by the DoPT in case of Baseer Ahmad Khan would be communicated to the High Court on next date of hearing in the PIL. Though the PIL was listed on August 27, 2013 before the Division Bench comprising Justice Virender Singh and Justice A M Magray yet the same could not be taken up due to heavy schedule.

In the infamous Gulmarg land scam case, all other

alleged accused including the then Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Mehboob Iqbal have already been challaned on the directions of the Division Bench passed on August 28 last year. The challan against Baseer Ahmed Khan, who was Deputy Commissioner Baramulla when the scam came to fore, could not be produced for want of prosecution sanction from the Department of Personnel and Training.

In its last order issued on July 19, 2013 the Division Bench comprising Mansoor Ahmad Mir and Justice Tashi Rabstan had granted four weeks time to the Union of India for sanctioning prosecution of alleged tainted officer in the Gulmarg land scam and DoPT has ensured compliance of the same within the stipulated time-frame by granting prosecution sanction.

Earlier, in compliance to the directions of the Division Bench passed on August 28, 2012, the State Government had forwarded the papers of Baseer Ahmad Khan to the DoPT for examination and issuance of necessary orders. However, the accord of prosecution

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## Controversy over appointment of GMC Principal Justice Magrey directs PSC to produce record

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Justice A M Magrey today directed the Public Service Commission to produce the record pertaining to promotion of Dr Shashi Gupta, who is presently Incharge Principal Government Medical College, Jammu.

The direction was passed by Justice Magrey in a petition filed by Dr Indu Koul seeking direction to State respondents not to promote Dr Shashi Gupta, presently Incharge Principal Govt Medical College Jammu.

While admitting the petition, Justice Magrey issued notices to State-respondents, PSC and Dr Shashi Gupta which were accepted by the counsel for the respondents.

The petitioner through her counsel submitted that promotion against the Assistant Professor ordered in favour of Dr Shashi Gupta has reference to clearance from the PSC. The Commission has cleared her promotion on notional basis on April 23, 1995 and the regular from June 25, 1996 while as in terms of Government Order No 494-HME of 96 dated July 26, 1996, promotion in

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## Cabinet meeting postponed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Cabinet meeting, which was scheduled to be held on August 30, has been postponed till further orders.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that the decision to postpone the Cabinet meeting was taken as almost all the Ministers of the Congress were busy in making arrangements for the party's convention to be held here on August 31, 2013.

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Ambika Soni, AICC Incharge J&K Affairs are scheduled to address the convention.

## Written test for promotion to IAS, IPS

NEW DELHI, Aug 29:

A State service officer may have to go through written test and interview to get promoted to IAS and IPS cadre under a revised scheme proposed by the Government.

"It has been approved in principle, to consider a few changes in the scheme of selection process for recruitment to the promotion quota of various cadres of All India Services," Minister of State for Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension V Narayanasamy said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

As per the existing regulations, the assessment of the suitability of a candidate is made on the basis of his service records.

"As per the revised scheme, it is proposed to assess the candidate on the basis of four components i.e. Written Examination,

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## IT surveys in 3 coaching institutes, doctor's clinic

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Tightening noose around those indulging in the evasion of tax, Income Tax Department today carried out surveys in three branches of Akash Institute's franchise and a clinic of oncologist.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that IT Department sleuths today carried out surveys in three branches of Akash Institute's franchise --two at Gandhi Nagar and one at Kachi Chawani and laid hands on several indiscriminating documents indicating evasion of tax by the owner of the branches--Dr Bharat Raj Gupta.

"There were reports that Dr Bharat Raj Gupta was concealing

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## Pak firing in Pallanwalla

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: After a lull of three days in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, Pakistan Army tonight opened firing at forward area of Bhadwal in Pallanwalla sector of Akhnor.

Official sources said Pakistan Army started small arms firing targeting four posts of the Army at Bhadwal at 10.30 pm.

Indian side retaliated effectively, leading to exchange of firing that continued till 11.40 pm.

Pallanwalla sector had been silent for the past quite some time now. This was rare ceasefire violation by the Pakistan Army in this sector.

Possibility of an infiltration attempt by the militants under the cover of Pakistan firing hasn't been ruled out, sources said, adding that no intruders were spotted during exchange of firing.

## Criminal escapes from PS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: A criminal managed to escape from the custody of police in Baderwah police station in Doda district yesterday. Police have suspended a constable and disengaged a SPO for dereliction of duty.

Police said a criminal identified as Mohsin Ganai son of Imtiaz-ul-Haq, a resident of Haveli Mohalla in Seri Bazaar, Baderwah was arrested yesterday afternoon.

While police officers were busy in security of Janamashtami procession, the accused dodged the local staff at police station by falling unconscious and vomiting. He was taken out of the lock-up and kept outside the police premises. Taking advantage of the situation, he managed to escape from the police station.

A fresh case against the accused has been registered at Baderwah police station under Sections 223 and 224 RPC.

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## No meeting for last 10 months Govt extends Sagheer CSC term till mid-Feb 2014

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Aug 29: The State Government today formally extended term of the Cabinet Sub Committee on Justice Sagheer Ahmed Working Group till the middle of February next year giving the CSC over five and a half months to complete its work and finalise the recommendations. The CSC has been given extension with retrospective effect from April 30, 2013 when its seventh extension of six months had expired.

Finance Minister Abdul Rahim Rather, who heads the CSC, told the Excelsior that the Government has issued an order extending term of the Committee till the middle of February, 2014.

"Hopefully," he said when asked whether the Committee would be able to finish its task during the present period of extension. He added that a date for meeting of the Committee would be decided in consultations with other members very soon. The CSC could meet any

time in the month of September.

The CSC on Sagheer Ahmad Working Group has not met once during the past 10 months. It didn't hold any meeting during seventh extension of six months from November 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013, mainly due to reshuffle in the Council of Ministry in which two CSC members—Qamar Ali Akhoun and Surjit Singh Slathia (both from NC) were dropped.

From April 30, 2013 to August end, the Committee remained without extension though it had been assured that its term would be extended, which was formally done today.

"We have to examine not one but various issues. Restoration of autonomy as recommended by Justice Sagheer Ahmad, who has since passed away, is one among over a dozen issues mentioned in the Working Group. It's a very lengthy report and that is why the CSC was taking time in submitting recommendations," Mr Rather said.

He added that the CSC in next meeting would discuss

whether to submit an interim report or not.

This happened to be eighth extension of the eight-members CSC (four each from National Conference and Congress) since it was constituted in January 2010 by the order of the State Cabinet after Justice (retired) Sagheer Ahmed had submitted his report to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in December 2009. The term of the CSC had expired on April 30 this year and since then its fate was hanging in balance in the absence of any Government direction on extension of the term.

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## Massive searches in Manjakote after infiltration reports on LoC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Army and police have launched massive searches in Manjakote sector of Rajouri district following inputs given by the people that two groups of militants might have succeeded in infiltration into this side from Tarkundi forests on the intervening night of August 27 and 28.

Reliable sources revealed that the people living in the forward areas around Tarkundi forests in Manjakote sector in Rajouri district sounded Army and police yesterday about movement of the militants after which Army and police personnel launched a massive search operation.

However, no contact had been established with the militants so far.

Army didn't confirm the reports of successful infiltration but admitted conducting searches in Manjakote sector.

IGP Jammu Rajesh Kumar said: "we are maintaining alert in the areas falling along the LoC. We are looking for every suspect. As firing between India and Pakistan continued for over 20 days, we have to be alert to thwart any mischief". However, he added, police hasn't received any report of successful infiltration so far.

According to sources, the locals had observed movement of two groups of militants around Tarkundi forests in

Manjakote sector early yesterday. Immediately thereafter Army and police started massive searches in entire Manjakote sector to track down the militants, if any.

SSP Rajouri Mubassir Latifi said: "we are on the job. Searches are being conducted. So far, there had been no contact with any militant. The report of infiltration can't be corroborated unless movement of the militants was observed".

Sources said since Balakote sector of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district also shared boundaries with Manjakote sector of Rajouri, Army in Balakote and local police have also launched searches in the area.

It may be reported here that

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## Dr Baldev is Director FW, Dr Pathania Director Health

## Promotions, transfers, adjustments in Health Deptt

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Affecting much awaited promotions and adjustments in the Health Department, the Government today ordered placement of various officers as Incharge Director and Incharge Deputy Directors besides transfers and postings of Incharge CMOs, BMOs and Medical Superintendents.

Dr Baldev Raj Sharma, Incharge Deputy Director Hqrs, Jammu on his placement as Incharge Director, is transferred and posted as Incharge Director Family Welfare, MCH J&K relieving Commissioner Secretary Health and Medical Education of the additional charge.

Dr Baljit Pathania, Incharge Deputy Director Schemes Jammu, on his placement as Incharge Director, is transferred and posted as Incharge Director Health Services Jammu.

Dr A D Singh, Incharge

Deputy Director J&K State AIDS Prevention and Cultural Society, is transferred and deputed to Labour Department for his posting as ADMO (ESH) while Dr Maqbool Ahmad Zargar, Senior Consultant (ENT) at Government Hospital Sarwal, is transferred and posted as Superintendent JLN Hospital Srinagar against available vacancy.

Six Incharge Assistant Directors/ Incharge CMO and equivalent, who have been placed against the post of Deputy Director in their own pay and grade, included Dr Shobna Sharma, Incharge AD Schemes, DHS Jammu; Dr Mohd Abdullah Bhat Incharge AD DHS Kashmir; Dr Anil Kumar Amla, Incharge CMO Udhampur; Dr Gurjeet Singh Soodan, Incharge AD Family Welfare; Dr V P Sharma, STO Jammu and Dr Gurjit Singh, Incharge CMO Budgam.

On the promotion, Dr Shobna Sharma has been posted

as Incharge State Malariologist Officer, Jammu against available vacancy while Dr Mohd Abdullah is posted as Incharge Deputy Director Hqrs DHS Kashmir against available vacancy.

Dr Anil Kumar is posted as Incharge Deputy Director Hqrs DHS Jammu vice Dr Baldev Sharma while Dr Gurjeet Singh Soodan has been posted as Incharge State Tuberculosis Officer, DHS Jammu vice Dr V P Sharma, who is transferred and posted as Incharge Deputy Director Schemes, DHS Jammu vice Dr Baljit Pathania.

Dr Gurjit Singh is transferred and posted as Incharge Deputy Director Schemes, DHS Kashmir against available vacancy.

Consequent upon the placement of these officers as Incharge Directors and Incharge Deputy Directors, transfer and postings of 12 doctors, including Incharge CMO, BMO and Medical Superintendents have

been ordered with immediate effect.

Dr Bashir Ahmad Malik, Incharge CMO Bandipora, is transferred and posted as Incharge Assistant Director HEB.

Dr G M Dar, Incharge BMO Magam, is transferred and posted as Incharge CMO Bandipora vice Dr Bashir Ahmad Malik.

Dr Fayaz Ahmad, Incharge CMO Shopian, is transferred and posted as Incharge CMO Budgam vice Dr Gurjit Singh.

Dr Mohd Mumtaz Bhatti, Incharge BMO Mendhar is transferred and posted as Incharge CMO Shopian.

Dr Robinder Khajuria, Incharge CMO Kishtwar, is transferred and posted as Incharge

Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Sarwal vice Dr Mohd Younis who is transferred and posted as Incharge CMO Reasi.

Dr Anoop Singh Manhas, Incharge State Vencriologist

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