

Omar meets Montek, moots Mass & Rapid Transport System

J&K gets Rs 7300 cr annual plan, total Central funds worth Rs 12,110 cr

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, July 9: The Planning Commission of India (PCI) today approved only Rs 7300 crores annual plan for Jammu and Kashmir for current financial year of 2013-14 rejecting the State proposal for Rs 8050 crores worth plan, a 10 per cent hike over the previous year.

Last year (2012-13) also, the State had been allocated Rs 7300 crores worth plan but had eventually been given only Rs 5800 crores with the Planning Commission imposing a cut of Rs 1500 crores.

The State's annual plan was finalised in about one and a half hour long meeting between Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at Yojana Bhawan, the headquarters of the PCI, in New Delhi this afternoon.

In addition, the Planning Commission gave its nod to Rs 600 crore for the State under Prime Minister's Re-construct-



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah being received by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia for a meeting to finalise the Annual Plan of the State for the year 2013-14 in New Delhi on Tuesday. (UNI)

tion Plan (PMRP), about Rs 3500 crores under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Rs 710 crores for land acquisition under Prime Minister's Grameen Sadak

June 25. The Cabinet had later approved the package.

Official sources told the Excelsior that total amount sanctioned by the Centre for Jammu and Kashmir today under annual plan, PMRP, PMGSY package and Centrally Sponsored Schemes stood at Rs 12,110 crores.

For financing the State's annual plan and the PMRP, apart from Rs 4892 crores of Central Assistance admissible to the State Government, an additional tranche of Central Assistance of Rs 5505 crores will be made available through a combination of Special Plan Assistance (SPA) and Special Central Assistance (SCA).

Sources said Rs 3100 crores under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the State were confirmed at this stage but the amount would go up to Rs 3500 crores.

In the plan meeting, Omar was accompanied by Finance Minister Abdul Rahim Rather, Planning Minister Ajay

MoD clears proposal for full body scanners at Uri, Poonch

* Cross-LoC trade at lowest ebb

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, July 9: Ministry of Defence has cleared proposal for the installation of full body scanners for the scanning of trucks loaded with goods coming from the Pak occupied Kashmir at Uri (Baramulla) and Chakkan-da-Bagh (Poonch) LoC points.

Authoritative sources told the Excelsior that Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has initiated the process of procuring the machines (large scanners) from the foreign firms including Germany and USA and the tenders for them have been placed. It is expected that both the scanners will be in

place at the cross LoC points at Uri and Poonch within couple of months.

The necessity to install full body scanners for trucks loaded with the goods was felt by the Indian security agencies after the Customs/ Excise and security staff at Chakkan-da-Bagh and Uri recovered some objection-

able material including live cartridges of guns, SIM cards and satellite phone concealed in the packed boxes of goods on several occasions. The security men seized live rounds at least on three occasions at Poonch LoC point, SIM cards on number of occasions and satellite phone

once. While the firms which had sent the consignment from PoK and even those were supposed to receive the goods were blacklisted and banned for further trade, the Trade Facilitation Officers at Chakkan-da-Bagh and Uri sent a proposal to the Dy Commissioners concerned for the installation of full body scanners to keep check on such activities. Moreover, it was very lengthy procedure to unload each truck and display entire goods by opening boxes before the security and Customs staff and then again re-pack as per routine practice.

The Deputy Commissioners

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Planning Deptt issues fresh guidelines to Adm Secys, DCs

Avoidance of critical components in DPRs enhancing projects' cost in J&K

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, July 9: As the avoidance of critical and important components while preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of various works has been resulting into escalation of project costs and putting additional burden on the State exchequer, the Planning and Development Department has issued fresh set of guidelines to all the Administrative Secretaries and the District Development Commissioners for strict adherence while taking up new projects.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that Planning and Development Department has been observing during the past quite some time that critical and important components were being ignored intentionally or unintentionally by various departments while preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of various schemes and works.

Due to this, the infrastructure thus created remains unutilized for the intended purpose for want of important components for long time and creates difficulties for the Planning and Development Department to arrange additional funds required to put in place such components, sources said.

"It has also been observed by the Planning and Development

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, July 9: Army foiled a major infiltration attempt in North Kashmir's Keran sector by eliminating 5 militants while an Army jawan was killed when their patrol party was fired upon near the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector last night.

LeT plans to target Srinagar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 9: After inputs that Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) is trying to target Srinagar city, police have announced rewards for providing information regarding top LeT commanders who they feel are frequently visiting the city.

Sources said that security agencies have inputs that three top LeT men - Divisional Commander Mohammad Qasim, top commander Sajjad Ahmad Bhat and Irshad Ahmad Gania - are making movements

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General Commanding of Kupwara based 28 Division of the Army, Major General, Lalit Pandey told reporters that eight to nine militants were moving in the forest area about 500 meters inside Indian territory near the LoC.

He said that the militants were immediately engaged by firing from the post located along the fence. He said the fire was very effective and resulted in the elimination of five militants, while the remaining flew towards the LoC under the cover of thick foliage.

The General said that three of them died on the spot while two more succumbed to injuries today. He said that the group of militants belong to Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul Mujahideen and had crossed the LoC during the day and were intending to cross the fence under the cover of darkness.

Major General Pandey said they already had information

about the likelihood of militants attempting infiltration in Keran Sector. He said that the troops were alert and vigilant. "They



Army jawans take positions during an encounter at Keran sector on Tuesday. -Excelsior/Aabid Nabi

detected the movement in the forest area about 500 meters on this side of the LoC", he added.

The General said that since the area where the militants were eliminated is near the enemy bunker and in mined area, retrieving of the bodies

was not possible. He said the search operation near the LoC is on to rule out presence of infiltrators.

The GOC said that there are 350 militants waiting on the launching pads on the other side of the LoC in Tangdhar, Keran, Macchil and Gurez sectors. He said that troops on the LoC are alert to foil any infiltration

and in mined area, retrieving of the bodies

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J&K gets 150 more MBBS seats

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 9: The Centre today accepted the proposal of the State Government to increase the intake capacity of Medical Colleges in the State and it would be applicable from this year's academic session.

The intake capacity of Government Medical Colleges of Srinagar and Jammu has been increased from 100 to 150 each and that of SKIMS Medical College, Bemia from 50 to 100. With this, 150 seats have been added to these colleges.

The hike in the intake capacity of these colleges had become necessary as the State is facing a shortage of qualified medicos due

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PLA intrudes into DBO, warns locals

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 9: People's Liberation Army of China has last week intruded into Daulat Beg Oldi sector of Ladakh region and threatened locals in Hindi, sources said here.

Sources said that during a flag meeting between PLA and Indian Army at Chushul on July 3, Indian Army raised concerns over the PLA intrusion into Indian territory and threatening of its citizens.

Sources said that PLA have also broken and taken away high resolution camera that Indian Army had reportedly installed at the

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Body of porter recovered amid firing Two Army jawans injured as another blast rocks LoC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 9: A day after three blasts rocked the Line of Control (LoC) in Sabjian sub sector in Poonch district, militants today detonated another Improved Explosive Device (IED) or landmine on the LoC at forward area of Khokhri in

Digwar sub sector of Poonch causing injuries to two Army soldiers.

Meanwhile, Army today recovered dead body of the porter, who was killed in the IED/mine blast at Sabjian yesterday morning and handed it over to his family for burial.

Body of Javed Iqbal son of Ghulam Rasool, a resident of village Gagrian in Poonch district, the dead porter, was recovered at 10 am today, official sources said, adding that the Army jawans displayed extra ordinary courage in retrieving the body amidst firing by the Pakistani troops.

Troops hadn't recovered the body yesterday as the area, where it was lying, fell within the close firing range of forward Pakistan Army posts. Pakistan Army fired at the Indian soldiers when they went to the spot to

recover the body. The brave jawans managed to take the body amidst firing without suffering any casualties.

Troops handed over the body to local police, which got the post-mortem conducted on it and then gave it to the family for burial. The body was buried this afternoon. Sources said the porter would be given financial help under the rules.

Yesterday, the local people had held a massive demonstration against Pakistan Army for their firing on the porters and not allowing the troops to retrieve his body.

As reported, a porter, hired by the Army along with others, was killed and three others were injured while two mules also perished in three IED/mine blasts triggered by the militants at the LoC at Sabjian sub sector when the porters were transporting goods of the Army from one place to another.

At 5 am today, another mine blast took place at forward area of Khokhri in Digwar sub sector of Poonch causing injuries to two Army jawans. They have been identified as Lance/Havaldar Nageshwar Singh and Subedar Satinder Pandey.

Army jawans evacuated the injured from the site and shifted them to Military Hospital, Poonch, where their condition was stated to be stable.

Sources said the Army jawans were patrolling the forward areas in wee hours of this morning when the blast occurred. It couldn't be ascertained immediately as to

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