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# BJP faces dilemma on Modi's name as Advani stays away

**PANAJI, June 8:** With the party patriarch L K Advani and some other senior leaders keeping away from the deliberations of its National Executive here, the BJP was tonight struggling to resolve its dilemma over Narendra Modi's role in the 2014 elections, an issue over which there appeared to be divisions within. Advani's absence as also that of Yashwant Sinha, Jaswant Singh, Uma Bharati and Shatrughan Sinha over shadowed its 400-member strong National Executive which formally discussed economic, foreign and other issues including the Maoists problem.



BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley, BJP National President Rajnath Singh and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj stand while 'Vande Mataram' is being played before the start of the BJP National Executive meeting in Panaji on Saturday. (UNI)

Party President Rajnath Singh put a brave face on the situation by saying 85-year-old Advani had been told by him to stay back in Delhi because of ill health. Yesterday the party had indicated that he may fly to Goa

but it became clear that he will skip the Goa conclave which concludes tomorrow.

Given the divisions, it was far from clear whether Modi would be anointed the Chairman

row, Singh was said to be working through back channels to find a way out.

Various formulae were up in the air including one under which Modi may be made

of the 2014 election campaign committee at this conclave for which there is clamour from his supporters and the rank and file. Even as party Vice President Muktar Abbas Naqvi promised a "major announcement" tomorrow

Convenor rather than Chairman of the campaign committee and another committee may be set up for the management of election, something the Advani camp has

College, Kathua bagged seventh position securing 83.45 per cent marks.

Anu Radha got eighth position for Government College for Women, Udhampur with 83.27 per cent marks while Kunal Sharma of GGM Science College, Jammu claimed ninth spot in the merit list with 83.21 per cent marks.

Noopur Sharma grabbed 10th position with 82.96 per cent marks. She was a student of Government Women Degree College, Kathua.

All 10 toppers in Commerce faculty were girls. Nine of them were students of Government College for Women, Parade Ground.

Vriti Jain of GCW Parade Ground stood first with 73.15 per cent marks while Shalun Manhotra of the same College came second with 72.55 per cent marks. Parwali Gupta and Shina Gupta of the same College claimed third and fourth positions taking 72.3 and 72.15 per cent marks.

Government Degree College, Kathua student Avneet Kour got fifth position with 71.85 per cent marks.

Yamini Gupta (71.8 per cent), Shefali Gupta (71.25 per cent), Mansi Koushal (70.9 per cent), Richa Sharma (70.85 per cent) and Mehak Gupta (70.65 per cent) secured sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth positions respectively. All of them were students of Government College for Women, Parade Ground.

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## Govt to cancel all backdoor appointments, initiate action

Sanjeev Pargal

**JAMMU, June 8:** The Government has decided to cancel all backdoor appointments made in different departments unauthorisedly by the officers, who were either not competent to engage the workers or had appointed the workers without any vacancy. It would also seek an explanation from the officers, who had made the appointments.

The Government had in the month of April ordered disengagement of all consolidated, casual, daily wagers, need based, contingent and local paid workers, who had been appointed in various departments by the unauthorised officers and without any vacancies.

Nearly 5873 backdoor appointments had come to the notice of the Government at that time. The Government had issued an order for cancellation of the appointments, which had been made by the officers, who had no authority to engage the workers or their departments had no need for the appointments, which had purely been made on "political grounds".

Official sources told the Excelsior that the Government

has now directed all its departments including Power Development Department (PDD), Public Health Engineering (PHE), Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC), Forests, Public Works Departments (PWD), Rural Development Department (RDD), Floriculture and School Education to disengage the workers, who had been recruited by the unauthorised officers and submit a report to it for initiating action against the officers, who had violated the norms.

"Although all these departments figured in the Government list, which were entitled to make need based appointments but they should have been made by the competent officers based on the requirements," sources said and added that "in addition to these departments, no other office was authorized to make such appointments".

However, according to sources, it has come to the notice of the Government that some Departments, which didn't figure in the list of "authorized departments" to make need based appointments, had

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## Out of 120 cr population, only 3.5 cr paying taxes Data-bank of IT assesseees being created for close monitoring: CBDT Chairperson

Mohinder Verma

**JAMMU, June 8:** Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is creating on-line data-bank in order to have effective coordination and dissemination of information about each and every Income Tax assessee, which would result into close monitoring of returns and make detection of the defaulters much easier.

This was stated by the Chairperson of the CBDT, Dr Sudha Sharma in an interactive session here this morning after formally inaugurating Aayakar Seva Kendra at Income Tax Office complex.

"The on-line data bank and a new system having many checks and balances would be in vogue within next two years and will immensely help us in having close watch on our assesseees", she said, adding "this system would also help in generating quick information about the defaulters and high-value transactions as close monitoring plays important role in checking tax evasion".

Stating that tax evasion remains a matter of serious concern for the country, the

CBDT Chairperson disclosed that till the month of March over 1.05 lakh letters were issued in the cases of the high value transactions, which were not reflected by the concerned assesseees intentionally with the hope that they would go scot



Dr. Sudha Sharma, Chairperson of CBDT, speaking at an event.

free. "But we have not only tracked them but also asked them to explain their position", she added.

Dr Sharma said that on-line data-bank would also help in minimizing the assesseees-taxmen interface. "We are slowly and gradually moving towards a stage where there will be very minimum interface of the assesseees with IT Department on the pattern of many other coun-

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## Difficult terrain, poor connectivity creating hurdles on Dharm-Sangarh rail tunnel project

Nishikant Khajuria

**JAMMU, June 8:** Extremely difficult terrain, remote sites, poor road connectivity and hostile weather conditions are creating hurdles in smooth work on India's second largest tunnel under Udhampur-Baramulla-Srinagar Rail line project near Sangaldhan in Ramban district.

Notwithstanding all our efforts of the executing agency, the excavation and allied works on 10.2 kilometre long twin tunnel from Dharamkund near Sangaldhan to Sumbharh in Ramban district is still in initial phase due to mobilization hiccups even after more than eight months since the project was awarded, official sources informed the Excelsior.

Rs 884 crore worth project for this tunnel (T48) has been awarded to Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) Limited, India's leading infrastructure company, which has also built the Pir Panjal tunnel between Banihal and Qazigund on the rail line. HCC received the order for construction of T48 tunnel in September-October 2012. It is a repeat order to HCC awarded by IRCON International Limited, which is engaged in constructing the

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line.

Even as the logistic operations were started immediately after the work was allotted to the company, it took months to transport required machinery at the site due to extremely poor road connectivity in this hilly area and no approaching way.

Old bridges en route Dharamkund and Sumbharh were the main constraints in transporting heavy machinery to the site, sources explained and gave example of limited capacity of Dharamkund bridge on Chenab river due to which they were using 50 kilometre longer route via Reasi to reach Sumbharh. "On these old bridges with limited capacity, we are left with no option other than to take some longer route or unload the machinery before crossing them," sources said.

No road connectivity with the actual site of work was another major problem for which the construction company had to develop kilometres long approach roads through extremely difficult terrain while hostile weather conditions were making the task more complicated. "Due to rainfall, these small and narrow approach roads get blocked thus putting brakes on progress of the ongoing work," sources said.

When contacted, the HCC Project Manager Sharnappa Yalal said that mobilization of men and machinery at the site was 95 percent complete and the ongoing work is likely to gain pace in coming months. "Despite all hurdles and hostile conditions, we are hopeful to complete the project within the stipulated time of 60 months," he claimed.

While excavation work on T48 tunnel has been started from both ends after portal developments at Dharam and Sumbharh, an adit tunnel is being constructed from Kholi, at five kilometre aerial distance from Dharam, to start digging on two more points for speeding up work on actual tunnel, Mr Yalal informed the Excelsior.

So far 240 metre natural tunnel has been dug from Dharamkund end in addition to added tunnel structure of 310 meters while on the Sumbharh side, excavation of natural tunnel is all set to begin as portal developments such as work on leveling of the entry point and removal of loose rocks are near completion, he added.

However, the under construction Kholi adit tunnel is likely to take approximately nine more months to reach the main tunnel alignment point, he further said.

## Goswami reviews Centrally Sponsored Schemes Centre assures assistance under PMRP, other Schemes

Excelsior Correspondent

**JAMMU, June 8:** Union Home Secretary (designate) Anil Goswami on third day of his visit to the Kashmir Valley today had a high level review of Prime Minister's Re-construction Plan (PMRP) and assured full assistance to the State under the Plan during current financial year of 2013-14.

In addition to PMRP, Mr Goswami, who would take charge of Home Secretary on June 30 from RK Singh, also reviewed the projects approved by Prime Minister's Special Task Force (STF).

Mr Goswami, who had earlier held a high level review of security scenario with top brass of para-military, police and civil officers on his arrival here on June 6 and met Governor NN Vohra, today reviewed the pace of projects under PMRP and STF and assured the State that the Union Government would ensure full assistance to the State under the PMRP during 2013-14.

Chief Secretary Mohammad Iqbal Khandey, Principal Secretary, Planning and Development B R Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief

Minister and Finance Department B B Vyas, Principal Secretary Home Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary Power Arun Kumar Mehta, Union Home Joint Secretary (Kashmir) R K Srivastava, Administrative Secretaries of the State Government and other senior officers were present in the

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meeting and gave a detailed briefing to Mr Goswami on the PMRP and STF projects.

Mr Goswami held detailed discussions with the State bureaucrats regarding the physical and financial position of developmental projects under PMRP. He called for enhanced annual outlay, covering cost escalations and rejigging of PMRP to meet pressing developmental requirements of the State.

The State officials apprised Mr Goswami that a cumulative expenditure of Rs 9157.76 crore has accrued under various sectors by March 2013. However, under the State sector Rs 5071.17 crore have been released under PMRP till date, against which 96 per cent funds amounting to Rs 4849.89 crore have been utilised.

During the last financial year

i.e. 2012-13, Rs 700 crore was approved under PMRP and for 2013-14, the State has proposed an allocation of Rs 1128.49 crore to complete the on-going projects.

Reviewing progress of Prime Minister's Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) programme, the State officials briefed the designate Home Secretary that out of 2504 unconnected habitations, as many as 1344 have already been completed and Rs 577 crore released by Union Government through PMRP route for land acquisition stands utilised.

However, to cover rest of the habitations, an amount of Rs 800 crore is needed for land acquisition and successful implementation of the programme. The matter stands already taken up with the Union Government, which needs to be further expedited for early release of required funds, the State officers said.

While discussing power sector, the State officers informed Mr Goswami that under PMRP, the projects, which are funded under State Plan, have shown considerable impact on the ground.

However, the project for

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## Police officer among 5 drown

Excelsior Correspondent

**SRINAGAR, June 8:** An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Police was among five people who drowned in Kashmir today and rescue operations have been launched to trace them.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Pahalgam, Arif Ahmad Shah told Excelsior that ASI and Incharge of seasonal Police Chowki Chandanwari slipped into river Lidder at around 8 a.m. today.

Shah said that massive operation was launched by local police, National Disaster Relief Force, Central Reserve Police Force and Army to trace him in the river but so far he has not been traced.

The SDO Pahalgam is supervising the operation and

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## Two jawans killed in mishap

SRINAGAR, June 8:

Two CRPF personnel, including an officer, were killed and six others injured when their vehicle turned turtle in Baramulla district of north Kashmir, police said today.

The CRPF vehicle turned turtle at Watlab, 60 kms from here, around midnight resulting into the death of two personnel belonging to 177th battalion - Inspector Yoginder Singh and constable Pervaiz Ahmad, a police spokesman said.

He said six other jawans travelling in the vehicle were injured in the accident and admitted to a hospital.

The CRPF vehicle was on its way to a camp in Sopore township when the accident took place, the spokesman said. (PTI)

## Army calls off searches on LoC

Excelsior Correspondent

**JAMMU, June 8:** Army today called off search operation in the dense forest areas of Sabjan, Mandi sub sector in Poonch district along the Line of Control (LoC) where a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) Subedar Bachan Singh was killed yesterday afternoon when Pakistan troops opened heavy fire on Indian posts in a bid to give cover to the infiltrating militants.

"Massive search operation, which was launched yesterday by the Army troops following Intelligence reports that five to six militants had tried to sneak into this side through thick vegetation, was

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