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## Despite reminders from Raj Bhavan, PDD yet to submit report

ering various parameters, the State Government officials claimed that NHPC owed nearly Rs 346 crores to the PDD for illegal use of power. But, NHPC incumbents refused to entertain this claim of the PDD and have not paid a single penny to the State Government in this case". Annoyed over the refusal of the NHPC to clear dues, the State Government has deducted Rs 169 crores from the amount payable to the former for purchase of power. Besides, the Government has also blocked another Rs 169 crores payable to the NHPC on another pretext so as to recover the due amount.

Meanwhile, source in the PDD Department said, "to find a solution to this fiasco the State Government officials have also decided to hold confabulations with incumbents of the Union Power Ministry. The meeting, which is likely to take

place soon, has been organized with the objective of resolving the ongoing controversy between NHPC and the State Government officials".

**Responding to the failure of the PDD to submit detailed report to Raj Bhavan so far, an official on condition of anonymity said, "the incumbents of the Department are fine tuning the details and will submit the same to Governor's Secretariat soon".**

Earlier, taking cognizance of reports over the dispute between the two entities, the Raj Bhavan has sought a detailed report from the PDD officials. "A factual report in this matter may kindly be communicated to this Secretariat for the kind appraisal of the Governor", says the communiqué from Raj Bhavan to the PDD Department in the first week of August.

## Food Security Bill gets Parliament nod

of people," he said.

Noting that pricing of petrol was decontrolled by UPA Government and "on diesel, they have taken a principle decision", Chatterjee demanded that the Government should scrap it immediately.

M Venkaiah Naidu (BJP) rued that the Government's "totally anti-people" decision came without taking Parliament into confidence.

Derek O'Brien (Trinamool Congress) said the Government has declared a war on common man and ridiculed Moily for his "ill-conceived and ill-thought" idea to shut down petrol pumps at night.

Demanding scrapping of the oil price hike, O'Brien and his party colleague Sukhendu Sekhar Roy walked out shouting "down down with this anti-people Government."

Senior CPI-M leader Sitaram Yechury wanted a discussion on the issue but Deputy Chairman P J Kurien ruled it out asking him to take it up in the Business Advisory Committee meeting.

At this, Yechury accompanied by his party colleagues and some members from CPI walked out of the House saying, "You are not allowing a discussion on it and in between when a discussion is going on, the Government has increased prices of petrol and diesel. So we are walking out."

Yechury earlier insisted that the Chair should take up a discussion on the issue after Zero Hour saying it is already included in the list of business.

Earlier, when the House met for the day, O'Brien raised the issue of oil price hike saying it should be discussed first as it concerns the people of the country.

Chairman Hamid Ansari then said the issue has been listed for Zero Hour.

But, TMC members supported by some Left members, continued to press for discussion on the issue.

M Venkaiah Naidu (BJP) supported him saying besides the fuel price hike, the proposal to shut petrol pumps during night too needs to be discussed. With members persisting with their demand, Ansari adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

When the House met again, CPI-M leader Chatterjee raised the issue of oil hike in his Zero Hour mention, which was supported by almost the entire Opposition.

Ravishankar Prasad (BJP) said the announcement on oil price hike was done bypassing Parliament when it is in session. He asked the Chair to take note

## Pak resumes heavy firing, shelling on LoC

there had been reports of infiltration attempts in Manjakote sector of Rajouri district.

They added that Pakistan Army was getting desperate as a number of militants were awaiting infiltration from their side. However, the Pakistan Army hasn't succeeded in their plot to push ultras in view of high alert and strict surveillance maintained by the troops.

Besides attempts to push militants, Pakistan Army was also trying to trigger migration of civilians from the forward villages along the LoC in Poonch and Rajouri districts. However, the villagers despite suffering eight non-fatal casualties in firing from across the LoC, have

been staying bravely in the forward villages. There has been no migration from any of the forward villages, sources said, adding the people have assured troops that they would fully support them by staying in their houses notwithstanding heavy firing by the Pakistani troops.

**Firing and shelling that amounted to violation of ceasefire agreement between Indian and Pakistan were started by the latter on August 6 and continued almost regularly till intervening night of August 29 and 30. Indian side has given very effective and strong response to Pakistan, sources said.**

## Process set into motion for 8 pc reservation to Paharis

people as more than 50 percent of the community is already being covered under this category.

The Pahari speaking people are residing in Poonch, Rajouri, Karnah and Uri. While both Karnah and Uri are fully covered under RBA category, 117 out of total 380 villages of Rajouri and 36 out of 172 villages in Poonch come under this grouping for reservation benefits.

In Jammu and Kashmir, total 43 percent quota is presently reserved for different categories, which included RBA (20 percent), Scheduled Castes (8 percent), Scheduled Tribes (10 percent), Actual Line of Control (3 percent) and Other Social Castes (2 percent).

## Asaram sent to jail

During the hearing, defence counsel pleaded that proper medical attention and care be given for Asaram in the Jail. To this, the prosecution assured the court that all required assistance will be given.

Police said it did not seek extension of police remand as their course of initial investigation and questioning was over.

"Our investigation was complete so we did not seek for extension of the police custody. The accused has cooperated with us," DCP Ajay Lamba told reporters after the hearing.

"Our case is very strong and we have vital evidences against the accused. We are moving in the right direction. We will file chargesheet in the case soon," he added.

After the hearing, some people who had gathered outside the court shouted slogans welcoming its order.

Asaram was arrested amid high drama on the intervening night of Saturday-Sunday in

Once approved, the eight percent quota to Paharis and a cut in 5 percent for RBA would increase the total reservation to 46 percent, which will be still four percent less than the maximum limit, sources explained.

When contacted, Kafil-ur-Rehman, Vice-Chairman of State Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, confirmed that the process has been set into motion for eight percent reservation to Pahari speaking people in Jammu and Kashmir and a joint meeting of the Pahari Board, Social Welfare and Law Departments would be held within days for giving final shape to the draft, which will be sent to the State Cabinet for its final nod.

Indore and was brought here yesterday for interrogation.

Asked about reports that Asaram was suffering from a neurological disorder, the DCP said, "It has been proved to be a lie. His son can say what he wants to say. We can't comment on anybody's statement".

"A team of doctors said he is perfectly OK. He is mentally and physically fit," Lamba said, adding the accused is also taking food whenever served.

Asaram had yesterday cleared a potency test conducted on him at the SN Medical College here. He was also taken to his Manai Ashram, about 30 km from Jodhpur, where the girl was allegedly sexually assaulted.

Police had conducted a physical verification and tried to recreate the scene of crime.

Asaram's arrest followed an FIR filed by the girl alleging she was sexually assaulted by him at his ashram. He has denied the charges. (PTI)

## Govt makes headway towards setting up of modern zoo in Jammu city outskirts

shortly call us for discussion on the Master Plan so that Authority's suggestions, if any, could be incorporated". He, however, said that the Master Plan has been prepared in the light of guidelines laid down by the Central Zoo Authority.

**In response to a question, Mr Singh said that a long list of animals for the upcoming zoo has also been submitted to the Central Zoo Authority. Initially, the animals found in Shivalik Range of mountains would be kept in the zoo till zoo to zoo transfer of animals begins on the instructions of the Central Zoo Authority, he added.**

According to the sources, almost all new animals coming to new zoo are acquired from

## Geelani calls for strike on Sept 7

"We had appealed chief organiser German Ambassador Michael Steiner to cancel the event, but there has been no response from him," said Geelani.

Geelani said: "I appeal peace loving Kashmir people particularly students to hold demonstration after Friday congregation on September 6. On the day of the event Kashmir people should observe a complete shutdown. The shutdown is not against any nation or person but we want to tell the world about the pain and oppression that we have undergone. We want to tell the world that in a place where people mourn the death of their loved ones organizing music events is rubbing salt on their wounds."

"We have reports that Zubin Mehta is carrying forward the program of Israel. His agenda is to go to occupied nations and perform musical shows in order to hide the human rights violation and cover occupation," Geelani said.

## Employees call for 3 day strike

same day the employees from Jammu Division will protest under the leadership of Gafour Dar," the spokesman said.

The employees of the Civil Secretariat will protest under the leadership of JCC Convenor Rouf Ahmad Bhat within the Secretariat premises.

He said that all the

## Farooq assures harmony in Kishtwar

Khanna also wondered why the DIG and the SSP have not been suspended so far even though the Home Minister has quit. Members from the BJP associated with Khanna on the issue.

J&K Home Minister Sajad Kitchloo had resigned owning

other zoos through captive breeding programmes and the animals from the wild are acquired only as rescued ones or for planned breeding programme. Moreover, animals, which are victims of man-animal conflicts as a result of disturbances and loss of habitat, are rescued and brought to zoo.

The establishment of modern zoo would help in diverting pilgrims visiting cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi for wildlife tourism besides helping in conservation of wildlife in a planned manner and developing amongst visitors an empathy for wild animals and motivate them to support the cause of wildlife conservation.

"However, we welcome all the people may they be Indians or Germans but Kashmir is a conflict zone. Our stand has always been clear that no international event of any nature must be held in the region as it dilutes its status of being the most protracted conflict in recent history," Geelani said.

The move has not only faced opposition from civil society and Human Rights groups but also lawmakers and artists have raised concerns over the event.

The civil society of Kashmir is simultaneously holding a cultural event "Haqeeqat-e-Kashmir" (The Reality of Kashmir) on September 7, the day which coincides with Zubin Mehta concert scheduled to be organized by Germany along with 100-member orchestra team.

However, when asked about whether he supported the parallel event, Geelani replied: "Anyone can organize an event."

## NC yet to take decision on pre-poll alliance with Cong: Omar

Omar said the German Embassy was trying to give people exposure to the Bavarian Orchestra. "I think it is a good thing."

**Asked if the Government will allow a parallel show being organised by a civil society group, Omar said he was not opposed to holding any event as long as it is peaceful.**

A civil society group has

## Omar calls on Governor

activities in the past two months," an official spokesman said after the meeting.

He said the Chief Minister also briefed Vohra about steps

## CEOs, others transferred

Lal Hussain, Principal DIET Poonch was posted as CEO, Rajouri against an available vacancy.

Tarseem Lal, CEO, Reasi has been transferred and posted as CEO, Jammu. However Principal DIET, Reasi will hold the additional charge of CEO,

decided to hold a programme titled 'Haqeeqat-e-Kashmir' (Truth of Kashmir) at the same time as Mehta's performance on September 7.

The civil society programme is open to all artists, including musicians, cartoonists, photographers and calligraphists to showcase their works about Kashmir. The entry is free.

## Omar calls on Governor

being taken for securing more effective internal security management and for enhancing the pace of implementation of development projects.

## Rs 50 lakh recovered from Hajeej

the accused Fabiyun Wahid Gilkar and his associates including Rs 1.98 crore from auction of his house.

The amount of Rs 50 lakh was recovered from Delhi based party and the Vehicle Outlander of Gilkar. The property has been put to auction through Reliance Insurance Company by Session's Court Srinagar.

Reasi in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Surinder Mohan Principal DIET Shopian has been transferred and posted as CEO Samba.

Ravi Dubey CEO, Samba will report to SIE, Jammu till further orders.

## 10 injured in road mishaps

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 2: Ten persons were injured in two separate road accidents across the Valley.

A police spokesman a Motorcycle Pulsar without registration number turned turtle at Kitchama, Baramulla, resulting in injuries to motorcyclist Aman Chesti son of Syed Wahid Chesti, of Bhagi Islam and pillion Faisal Ahmad son of Sajad Ahmad Khan of Azad Gunj, Baramulla. Both the injured were shifted to hospital for treatment, the spokesman said.

Eight persons were injured when a Tata minibus JK01C/2961, turned turtle near Dobi Ghat Masjid in Gulmarg area of district Baramulla. All the injured were shifted to Sub District Hospital Tangmarg for treatment, the spokesman said police has registered cases in these accidents.

District and Session's Court has already disbursed 49 percent of the payment of Hajj aspirants 2011. Each aspirant has been given Rs 18,000 so far.

In 2011, hundreds of Hajj aspirants were duped by Hajeej India Hospitality Company. Police registered a case (FIR No. 58/2011) in Police Station Khanyar.

## Tributes paid to Munshi Prem Chand

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 2: J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Language paid tributes to great litterateur Munshi Prem Chand by organising literary programme at KL Saigal hall.

Padamshree SP Verma, president, Global Gandhi Family was the chief guest, whereas renowned litterateur Dr Raj Kumar presided over the function.

Neeru Sharma, Chief Editor presented the welcome address and threw light on the future programmes of the academy.

Dr Sat Paul Srivats read out a paper on the subject, which was highly appreciated by the audience.

Verma and Dr Raj Kumar in their speeches threw light on the life and work of Munshi Prem Chand.

At last, Azra Choudhary, Editor Hindi presented vote of thanks.

## India to strengthen infra on China border

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Sept 2: Following the Vice-Chancellor's assurance to positively consider all their demands, the agitating teachers of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University suspended their strike and resumed class work from today.

According to a handout, issued by Special Secretary to the VC, successful deliberation between the representatives of teachers and the official committee has broken the deadlock which was persisting for the last few days.

The teachers met the Vice Chancellor who assured to address all their demands on which they have agreed with the negotiating committee in a time frame and transparent manner.

The teachers also showed their faith on the University and assured the Vice Chancellor to contribute particularly in the development of BGSBU.

## PDD casual labourers protest wage delay

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 2: Power Development Department casual labourers staged a protest against the Government for not releasing their monthly wages from the last several years.

Dozens of casual labourers assembled at Press Enclave here and shouted slogans against State Government and PDD authorities.

"The Centre Government has released Rs 6.50 crore for our wages. But the State Government has withheld their salaries of last two years despite taking full day work from us," said the agitating workers.

They threatened to intensify their agitation if Government does not redress their demands at the earliest.

## Prof Afzal Zargar takes over as Registrar CUK

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 2: Prof. Mohammad Afzal Zargar has taken over the charge as Registrar Central University of Kashmir (CUK).

A statement of the university said after holding the office, Prof. Zargar held a detailed interaction with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul Wahid, and discussed important matters and issues pertaining to the functioning of the university. He also held a meeting with the non-teaching staff of the varsity and underscored the need to work with zeal and zest for the overall development of the University. He asked the employees to provide all kind of necessary sup-

port and cooperation to the students, teaching staff and other allied departments.

Prof. Zargar was working as Head of the Department Biochemistry and Chief Proctor in the University of Kashmir.

He also worked as Assistant Director Academic Staff College, Coordinator, Head of Clinical Biochemistry and was the Convener of 8th and 9th JK Science Congress.

Prof Zargar has also been the member of academic and administrative bodies/authorities of various institutions, including University of Kashmir, SKUAST-K, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, University of Jammu etc.

## 13/7 blasts: MCOCA court issues transfer warrant against Yasin

MUMBAI, Sept 2:

A special MCOCA court today issued a transfer warrant to obtain custody of top Indian Mujahideen operative Yasin Bhatkal and his associate Asadullah Akhtar in connection with the 2011 triple blasts that killed 27 people.

"The court has issued transfer warrant against Bhatkal and Akhtar alias Haddi alias Tabrez in connection with the 13/7 blasts case," said Sharif Sheikh, one of the defence lawyers in the case.

During the hearing, ATS told the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act court that interrogation of Bhatkal and Tabrez was needed to gain insights into unfolding of bombings, after which the court issued the transfer warrant.

While Bhatkal and Tabrez were shown absconding among 10 others in the July 13 bomb blasts case, ATS had arrested

Naqee Ahmed, Nadeem Shaikh, Kanwar Pathrija, Haroon Naik and Qafeel Ansari.

According to ATS, 30-year-old Bhatkal alias Syed Mohammed Ahmed Zafar Siddiqui, along with Tarbez and absconding accused Waqas, had rented a flat on the third floor in Byculla's Habib building, where they allegedly assembled explosives before triggering blasts at Dadar, Zaveri Bazaar and Opera House on July 13.

According to Nadeem's confession, Bhatkal planted bomb at Dadar while Waqas and Tabrez parked two wheelers fitted with bombs at Zaveri Bazar and Opera House.

Wanted in around 40 blast cases and carrying a reward of Rs 35 lakh, Bhatkal was arrested from Indo-Nepal border on August 28, along with Tabrez.

Both are in custody of National Investigation Agency in New Delhi. (PTI)

## Army Chief on 4-day visit to Australia from today

NEW DELHI, Sept 2:

Army Chief Gen Bikram Singh will embark on a four-day visit to Australia from tomorrow during which the two sides will discuss ways to strengthen bilateral military ties.

"The visit assumes special significance in the light of improving economic and military coop-

eration between the two countries in consonance with our growing relationship with Australia," an Army statement said.

The visit comes after Defence Minister A K Antony went to that country in June and the two sides decided to strengthen their bilateral defence ties and agreed to hold a naval exercise in the near future.

"A structured mechanism is in place both at the level of Defence and External Affairs ministries and the bilateral cooperation has seen a significant expansion to include all areas of mutual interest," it said. (PTI)

## Heroin worth Rs 55 crore from Pak seized

AMRITSAR, Sept 2:

Border Security Force has seized 11 kilogram of heroin with a face value of Rs 55 crore in the international market.

Confirming the seizure here today, a BSF official said that the consignment of drug was pushed from Pakistan to India through Bikhwind Indo-Pak border last night.

It was being carried by Pakistani smugglers who escaped under the cover of darkness, he added.

On a search operation today, the BSF found 11 kilogram heroin on the spot. (PTI)

## JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR STATE SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR

Sub : Purchase of Sports Material for the Year 2013-14

## TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of J&K State Sport Council sealed tenders are invited affixed with revenue stamps of Rs 5/= from Registered Sports manufacturers/dealers/suppliers of sports goods for issuance of rate contract for supply of Sports material for the year valid upto 31st Dec 2014.

Tenders must be submitted properly without cutting and overwriting addressed to the Secretary, J&K State Sports Council Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar as per the prescribed "terms & conditions" forming Annexure "A" to the NIT. Copy of which can be had from the office of the Secretary, J&K State Sports Council Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar / MA Stadium Jammu against the cost of Rs 500/= (Non-refundable) on any working day during office hours from 29-8-2013 to 18.09.2013.

Tender must be accompanied with CDR of Rs 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) pledged in the Secretary, J&K State Sports Council which should reach to this office by or before 25-09-2013 upto 3 PM.

Tenders received upto scheduled date & time will be opened on 03-10-2013 at 2 PM through the Purchase Committee or any other convenient date at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar and the Purchase Committee shall have the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Tenderers quoting rates in response to this NIT will be deemed to have understood the detailed terms & conditions of this NIT.

Sd/- Secretary J&K State Sports Council

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