

JNU Attack An Act Of 'Terrorist Leftist Students': Ram Madhav

VADDARA, Jan 11 (PTI): BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav on Saturday alleged that the violence in Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was an act of a small number of "terrorist Leftist students", who have been hampering studies and research of thousands of students there for decades.

He called the January 5 violence in JNU as "conspiracy of Leftists and their supporters".

"Since decades, thousands of students have been tortured due to the terror of Leftists in JNU. The violence seen now is the culmination of the same thing. A few, small number of terrorist Leftist students have always been hampering the rights of thousands of students to study and conduct research in JNU," Madhav alleged.

Masked people armed with rods and sticks had stormed in the JNU campus on the night of January 5 and assaulted students and faculty, and vandalised property, leaving several people injured.

Leftist outfits and the RSS-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) have blamed each other for the violence.

When questioned about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Madhav claimed normalcy was returning to the union territory, with internet being restored "to a great extent" and local leaders in detention being released.

He claimed that only "20-25" leaders are yet to be released and this would happen in a phased manner.

"People are living a normal life in Jammu and Kashmir.

There were two major restrictions there, one being



internet which is about to be removed. To a great extent, mobile services have been restored. Most of the leaders under detention are out. And I believe government will release the remaining 20-25 leaders in phases," he claimed.

He said there was no need to have a special discussion on J-K as it was not like "any other territory" in the country.

The BJP leader said that allowing foreign delegations in the restive region was part of an effort to remove "misunderstanding being spread" across the world about J-K.

"Everybody will be allowed to visit there as per the situation," he said when asked about the opposition leaders not being allowed to visit the UT.

Praising the Narendra Modi gov-

ernment, Madhav claimed that "90 per cent people" were supporting the decisions of the Centre, like removal of Article 370 in J-K, the Ram Mandir issue and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

He asserted that the CAA, which is at the centre of protests across the nation, was not discriminatory.

"Citizenship is not a separate Act. Everybody has the right to acquire citizenship after fulfilling certain requirements. An amendment has made it possible for particular sections to get citizenship at the earliest. But people are being misled by false propaganda," he added.

"A few people who cannot take on Modiji politically are using terrorism and lies to create disturbance in the country," Madhav said.

CRPF Transfers DIG Accused Of Throwing Hot Water On Jawan With 'Best Wishes'

NEW DELHI: The CRPF has transferred the DIG-rank officer, accused of throwing hot water on a jawan who served it to him at a training centre, to the Manipur and Nagaland sector with immediate effect, officials said on Saturday.

Official sources said while the transfer has been done pending a detailed probe into the incident, the CRPF headquarters, in its order on Friday, extended "best wishes to the officer for a successful tenure in the new assignment".

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) D K Tripathi, according to the order, has been transferred out to the Manipur and Naga-

land sector from his current posting in Mokamaghat, Bihar.

The purported incident took place early this month at the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recruit training centre in Bihar's Rajgir district. The jawan, constable Amol Kharat, is reported to have suffered scalding injuries to his face and chest.

Officials said the DIG has been transferred after a preliminary inquiry report into the incident was submitted by an Inspector General-rank officer. A full investigation into the incident was underway.

The contents of the preliminary inquiry report were not immediately known but of-

icials said a recommendation for a detail and full probe was made.

When asked as to why the transfer order extended good wishes to the accused officer, sources said it was a "standard format for issuing transfer and posting orders".

DIG Tripathi had earlier told PTI that as the inquiry was underway, it will not be proper on his part to comment on the "one-sided story" in circulation.

Earlier, an official communication by the force had said that the DIG, who was staying at the officers' mess of the Rajgir-based institute for an official work, had ordered hot wa-

ter to drink. Constable Kharat, who was on duty at the facility, served him the water in a thermos flask.

The officer is said to have burnt his mouth on drinking the water, following which he summoned Kharat. An altercation ensued between the two and the DIG "threw" hot water on the jawan's face and in his winter jersey.

CRPF officials had in the past said that prima facie the incident looked to be a case of "accident" and the officer did not throw hot water on the jawan. They said the water spilled during the altercation between the two. (AGENCIES)

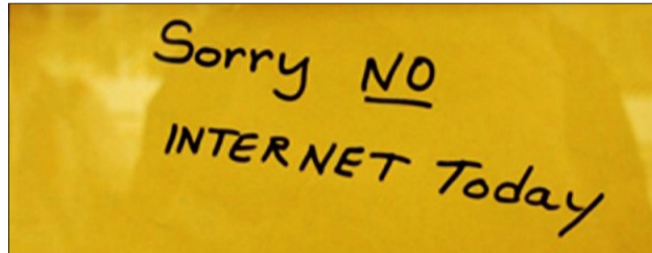
SC Order On Internet Gag: J&K's Home Secy To Chair Review Meet

To seek feedback from police officers, civil admin before submitting report to apex court

SRINAGAR- Day after Supreme Court asked the Jammu and Kashmir government to review the internet ban and to submit the report on same within a week, J&K's Home Secretary will chair a crucial review meet in coming week to seek feedback from all the concerned officers on the issue.

On Friday, the apex court had asked the J&K UT to submit a report on the prevailing internet gag in Kashmir within a week's time stating that using internet was fundamental rights of people.

"Home Secretary of J&K UT (ShaleenKabra) will chair a crucial review meeting in the



main suspended on all platforms since August 5 with Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries report claiming that Kashmir has lost Rs 18000 and 4.96 lakh jobs to the shutdown and internet gag since past months.

Sources said that the meeting is likely to be held for two days con-

tinuously to finalize the opinion as to whether the internet services would be restored in the J&K UT. "Mobile internet restoration may be delay while broadband services have been restored that too in the phased manner," sources said.

On January 1, a government spokesman said that internet has been restored in 80 government hospitals and health centers across Kashmir. Sources said that all the deputy commissioners and district police chiefs have been directed to submit the detailed report as to why the internet services shouldn't be restored in their respective areas. (KNO)

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Ready To Take Pak Kashmir

where he said there was a parliamentary resolution that entire erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir is part of India. Whenever the government directs it will be done.

Naravane stressed: "If that be the mandate so be it."

Last year in October, the then army chief and now the country's first Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat had said that the PaK territory is "illegally occupied" by Pakistan.

"The territory is not controlled by the Pakistani establishment, it is controlled by militants. Pakistan administered Kashmir is actually a militant controlled country or a militant controlled part of Pakistan," Rawat stated.

In September 2019, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had said that PaK is a part of India. "We expect one day we will have physical jurisdiction over it," he said.

On August 5, 2019, Home Minister Amit Shah had asserted in Lok Sabha that PaK and Aksai Chin are part of Jammu and Kashmir and that Kashmir Valley is an integral part of the country.

Moving a resolution for abrogating some provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019, Shah had said "Kashmir is an integral part of India, there is no doubt over it."

"When I talk about Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Aksai Chin are included in it," he said.

On border issue with China, India have had several rounds of talks. General Naravane said their priorities are to maintain peace and tranquillity on the border. "We are conscious of the fact there are threats from the both side," he said.

On his recent visit to Siachen, General Naravane said: "As far as land borders are concerned this is where (Siachen) the two countries -- (China and Pakistan) are the closest. So the chance for collusion is the most. Here and in Shaksgam valley."

About the China border, he said: "We have to balance our requirement. On northern border we are going in for capacity building, roads, habitats, storage for weapons by moving advanced weapons towards eastern side."

When Army Is Ready,

Earlier Saturday, Gen Naravane said the Army can take the control of PaK if it gets orders from the political authority.

"As far as Pakistan-administered Kashmir is concerned, many years ago there was a parliamentary resolution on it that entire J and K is part of India. If Parliament wants that area should also belong to us and if we get orders to that effect, then definitely we will take action on it," the Army chief said.

He was replying to a question on whether the Army was ready to reclaim PaK.

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at Sub-Jail Kothi Bagh here. A no-confidence motion had also been moved against the incumbent Mayor Junaid Azam Matoo but he managed to prove his majority.

Valley Braces For Fresh Spell

minimum temperature was minus 1.9 degree. The coldest night of the season was minus 5.6 degree so far.

Parts of the Lake remained frozen due to sever cold as sky was cloudy and icy cold winds also

continued. Shikarawalas were finding it difficult to move forward in the interior of the Dal.

The Lake, one of the major tourist attraction in the city, was completely frozen in 1965 when then rulers drove a jeep on the frozen surface of the water body from one to another end. Dal was also frozen in 80s and 90s when children were seen playing cricket and ice hockey and elders, including tourists, taking photograph.

However, the Met department spokesman said, due to cloudy sky, the night temperature would improve ahead of snowfall from tomorrow in Srinagar.

He said moderate rain or snow could occur and the maximum and minimum temperatures would be around 3 degree and minus 2 degree respectively during the next 24 hours in Srinagar.

World famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir district of Baramulla was coldest in the valley at minus 12.6 degree followed by famed health resort of Pahalgam minus 11.5 degree minimum temperature. The water level in all water bodies, including river Lidder has dropped as snow, main source of water to water bodies, remained frozen.

Qazigund, gateway of Kashmir on Srinagar-Jammu highway, where only stranded vehicles are allowed to move towards their respective destinations on Saturday, recorded minus 7.6 degree while it was minus 7.7 degree at Kokernag, a tourist spot in south Kashmir.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded minus 6.3 degree minimum temperature against yesterdays minus 6.1 degree.

Meanwhile, people continued to shiver in the Union Territory (UT) Ladakh, which remained cut off due to closure of the Srinagar-Leh highway for the past more than a month. All water bodies in the region also remained frozen, badly hitting the power generation in local projects. Border town of Drass remained coldest at minus 29.1 degree and Leh minus 18.2 degree.

He said there could be light snow and the maximum and minimum temperatures would be around 0 degree and minus 12 degree respectively in Leh during the next 24 hours.

1200 Vehicles Stranded On Banihal

Vehicles (HMs), loaded with diesel, petrol, LPG and other essentials, were stranded on the other side of the Jawahar tunnel. Similarly hundreds of passenger vehicles, which had left Srinagar on Friday, are stranded at Banihal and other areas, they said.

They further said due to below freezing temperature, the road between Jawahar tunnel-Ramban and Ramsu had become very slippery. HMs which had stranded for the past two days on the highway were allowed to move towards Kashmir yesterday morning. Large number of vehicles had crossed the tunnel for the valley, they said, adding, however over 1200 HMs remained stranded as the road had become very slippery in the afternoon.

The LMV passenger vehicles on way to Jammu were stopped at Banihal and Qazigund, they said, adding it was decided to allow these vehicles only after Kashmir bound HMs would cross tunnel. But due to slippery road conditions, vehicles were moving in a very low speed, they stated.

Jammu bound passengers alleged that despite one-way, vehicles were allowed from opposite direction also, leading to massive traffic jam.

Hundreds of passengers had to spend their night in vehicles despite below freezing temperature, they added, adding some passengers returned to Qazigund.

The passengers demanded that one-way traffic rule should be implemented strictly to avoid frequent and massive traffic jam on the Highway.

Meanwhile, the 434-km-long Srinagar-Leh Highway, the only road connecting Union Territory (UT) Ladakh with Kashmir valley, remained suspended for the past over one month on Saturday due to accumulation of over five feet snow and slippery condition.

The historic 86-km-long Mughal road, connecting Shopian in south Kashmir with Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region, and Anantnag-Kishtwar road also remained closed for the past 32 days. There is no possibility of reopening of these roads before April-May.

PDP Leader Resigns In Protest

consensus evolved among my electorate, I have reached to this conclusion that I should part ways from this party which has been unable to mitigate the sufferings of the people," Mirchal has said in his resignation letter.

The former PDP leader said that the present socio-economic and political situation demands a vibrant leadership which is not only known for its integrity but performance on the ground.

The PDP expelled eight of its leaders after they met the Lieutenant Governor on Tuesday and had submitted a memorandum for taking certain measures to revive political activity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Some of the expelled members also met the delegation of foreign envoys on Thursday.

The PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti along with many other political leaders continue to be in detention after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5.

Mehbooba faced a major jolt recently when the PDP patron and former Deputy Chief Minister Muzaffar Hussain Baig indicted Mehbooba Mufti for making provocative statements, which led to the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Rebel PDP Leaders Meet Bukhari

has been issued a show cause notice by party top brass, also met Bukhari.

After meeting the leaders, sources said Bukhari ruled out the possibility of creating any third front but he said that a new political party may take shape in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, the expelled leaders from PDP have raised a rebellion saying that they were still part of the party and that only President Mehbooba Mufti can take a final call about them.

NC Seeks Release

been offered nor would any deal ever be acceptable," the statement said

It said that there was no question of any of the party's leaders "going into exile or leaving the country".

"All those detained in the first week of August 2019 should be released unconditionally and allowed to resume normal activities," the statement said.

The Abdullahs were among a host of politicians detained on August 5 last year when the Centre announced abrogation of the state's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution and its bifurcation into union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The senior Abdullah was later slapped with the stringent Public Safety Act on September 17.

DGP Reviews Functioning

to be taken to further enhance the quality of education being imparted to the wards of police personnel and other students in the schools.

"The DGP, during the meeting also emphasised for enhancing and polishing the talents of the school children in co-curricular activities," the spokesperson said, adding "He gave directions regarding installation of CCTVs in the remaining schools and directed that more buses be purchased for providing better transport facilities to the students of these schools."

The DGP directed the officers to establish computer labs and libraries in the remaining schools and make them functional on priority bases so as to improve educational standards of these schools.

"He directed the administrative officers and Principals to focus on enhancing the academics, on priority. DGP asked the school administrators and Principals to maintain liaison with the parents of students and convene occasional meetings with them to get feedback to improve working," the spokesperson said.

Singh stressed upon the management to complete the works and fulfil the requirements of the schools so that they further excel in various fields.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Headquarters A G Mir, IGP Armed Jammu Shri Danesh Rana, Chairperson Police Wives Welfare Association (PWVA) Dr Rubinder Kaur, DIG DKR B. S. Tuti, PWVA members Archana Choudhary, Shabnam Mir, Asma Salaria, Suma Sinha, CO JKAP 8th Bn. Shiv Kumar, AIG Welfare/Comm. PHQ Manoj Pandith and other officers.

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the socio-economic fabric of the great nation like India.

Fuel Shortage Hits Srinagar,

petrol in black also remained closed due to shortage of petrol.

On Friday, the government spokesman had said that over 150 oil tankers have been deported to Srinagar from Kud, saying that 250 oil tankers were stranded at Kud from last couple of days.

"Over 150 oil tankers have been deported while rest of the tankers will be deported soon," spokesman said.

Not only fuel, but there is a shortage of LPG and other products in the valley as well, locals said.

The shortage of fuel, LPG and other products as per officials was the outcome of frequent closure of Srinagar-Jammu highway since November last year. The only road that connects valley with rest of the country was closed many a times since November 07, 2019, when Kashmir witnessed first and early snowfall of the season, causing hardships to the people. The highway reopened on Friday after two-day closure due to fresh snowfall that triggered slippery conditions of the road as well as landslides.

Meanwhile, divisional commissioner, Kashmir, Baseer Ahmad Khan said that 500 trucks that were stranded at Patnitop have been cleared since this morning, adding that he was personally monitoring the clearance of trucks from this morning and the shortage of fuel and other essentials would likely end by tomorrow. (KNO)

Post-370, Dal

Craves For Attention

together with the massive tourism related infrastructure along its 15.5 kilometre long Boulevard. And all the sewage and the agricultural effluents from a predominant part of these settlements empty into the lake including human excreta, from the houseboats.

Before the Government installed Sewage Treatment Plants around five years ago, the LAWDA figures estimated that 5.5 tonnes of phosphorous and 88.9 tonnes of nitrogen drained into the Dal each year from human settlements and farms inside and on the banks of the lake. The consequent influx of the nutrients, mostly nitrogen and phosphorus and their settling down at the lake bottom, acts as a super-fertilizer which encourages an indiscriminate growth of weeds. According to a study by environmental experts M R D Kundangar and Adnan Abubakar, this has caused drastic changes in the water quality over the years, reducing its transparency by a dramatic 70 percent.

But to its credit, Government has been working to an elaborate conservation plan to rescue Dal. The LAWDA has already set up Sewage Treatment Plants to treat the 36.7 million litres per day of run-off into the lake. The Authority has also installed mini Sewage Treatment Plants to treat the sewage from the houseboats. There is also a plan to build around 28 kilometres long sewers along periphery of the lake to intercept the inflow. The government also proposes to re-align the houseboats "to connect their outfalls with sewer system". About 10,000 cubic meter of the solid waste is collected annually by the NGOs and disposed off by the Srinagar Municipality.

But as the lake's existing condition reveals, the conservation efforts are far from making a redeeming difference. More so, when recurrent turmoil in the UT puts an extended halt to it.

Policeman Held Red-Handed with Bribe

In his complaint, Hussain alleged that a case was registered against him and his father, mother, wife and minor sister in Police Station Mendhar.

Khan was the investigating officer and had demanded the bribe in return for not presenting a charge-sheet against the complainant's sister in the court, they said.

Salman Sagar Shifted To Hospital

government of India abrogated Article 370 and split the state into two Union Territories. These political leaders include three-time former Chief Ministers Dr Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti. (KNT)

Kashmir Police Arrest Nigerian Fraudster

matter and soon will crack the cases he is involved in," he said.

Missing Cop Found Dead In Srinagar

missing report. During investigation, police detained two persons who admitted to have murdered Hajam in Srinagar.

Meanwhile, police have filed a case FIR 5/US 302, 120 and started further investigations.