With supplies cut off, Uttarakhand village scrapes by on rice, potatoes

PITHORAGARH, OCT 12 /--/ Residents of a remote village in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district have been forced to survive only on home-grown potatoes and rice for the last two months after a crucial connecting road got damaged in heavy showers, hitting the supply of essentials.

The locals of Golpha village are mulling an agitation demanding restoration of the 10-km stretch between Golpha and Madkot, from where they received essential supplies earlier. Located in the newly-constituted Bangapani sub-division near the India-China border, Golpha has not received PDS supplies since July when the route got damaged in heavy showers. "We are being compelled to start an agitation and sit on Dharna at the sub-divisional headquarters, as our children have not tasted roti and salt since two months. We are surviving only on homegrown potatoes and rice as no supply of essentials like wheat, salt or onion, are reaching the village due to the road blockage," Digar Singh Pharswan, a villager said.

Meanwhile, Pithoragarh district magistrate C Ravishankar said supply department officers have not informed the administration about the dire food situation in the area. "I have ordered an inquiry against the officers concerned and also instructed the PWD to complete damaged portion of the route in one week's time," Ravishankar said. According to the locals, at least five families have left the village due to non-availability of ration for the last two months and the thin possibility of the route being repaired in the near future. The food grain inspector (FGI) at Madkot, who is responsible for supplying ration to high-altitude villages in this part of Munsiyari, acknowledged that ration was not dispatched to the village after July this year. "No ration dealer from Golpha has come to lift PDS ration after July this year as it cannot be carried beyond Danibagar bridge due to blockage of the route to the village. Even mules cannot take ration to the village," FGI Madkot Jagdish Singh Rathod said.

However, he said, the godowns at Madkot have enough ration to be supplied to the high altitude villages under the PDS system. "The onus for repairing the road and bridges on the 10-km stretch rests on the district administration and the PWD. As far as we are concerned we have enough stock in our godowns in Madkot to cater to the needs of the people residing in high altitude villages," district supply officer Manoj Kumar Burman said.

StateNotes

Ex-minister's brother killed in car mishap

SIVAGANGA, OCT 12 /--/ Former AIADMK minister Gokula Indira's brother died in a car accident near Okkur in this district, police said today. The mishap occurred when Devapandi, the AIADMK leader's brother, was proceeding from Ramanathapuram to Tiruchi and the car turned turtle after the driver lost control of the vehicle, they said. While Devapandi died on the spot, the driver Baskar and his friend Mani suffered minor injuries, police added.

Maoist arrested in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, OCT 12 /--/ The police today arrested a Maoist, carrying a reward of Rs 3 lakh on his head, in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district. Punem Sona (30), who was active as deputy commander of the Local Organisation Squad (LOS) of Maoists, was apprehended from a forest near Futapalli village under Usoor police station area, a police official told news agency PTI. Acting on specific inputs about the presence of Sona in Futapalli village, around 450 kms from here, a team of local police on Wednesday launched a search operation near the area, he said. The patrolling team waited in a concealed position in the forest for the cadre before catching him, he said.

2 minor sisters gangraped, beaten in UP village

SHAHJAHANPUR (UP), OCT 12 /--/ Two sisters, both in their teens, were allegedly gangraped and beaten by three men in an Uttar Pradesh village, police said today. The sexual assault took place Tuesday night at Bannu Nagaria village here when the sisters had gone to answer nature's call, a police official said. The two girls, one 15 and the other 17, were beaten up by the attackers. One of them was seriously injured. The incident took place around 9 pm when three unidentified persons dragged them to a far off field and allegedly gangraped them, said Om Prakash Gautam, in-charge of the Madnapur police station. When the girls resisted, they were beaten. (PTI)

Tension grips Rajasthan's village after singer's death

JAIPUR, OCT 12 /--/ Nearly 20 families of the Langa Manganiyar community in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district are living in temporary shelters after tension over the murder of a 45-year-old folk singer escalated, a police official said. After the murder of folk singer Amad Khan on September 27 allegedly over his presentation of religious verses at a function at a local temple, villagers who belonged to the community refused to live in Dantal village. A case was registered on October 2 at the Phalsoond police station, Superintendent of police Jaisalmer Gaurav Yadav said ruling out any communal angle in the incident. He said on October 4, we have arrested prime accused and occultist Ramesh Suthar for allegedly killing the singer. We have sent his viscera sample for examination to know the exact cause of death, Yadav said, adding more arrests are likely to be made in the case. He said that the members of the Langa Manganiyar community had met the district collector on Monday who made their living arrangements in Jaisalmer.

Casino-cum-bar busted in Gurugram, 43 held

GURUGRAM, OCT 12 /--/ The Gurugram Police has busted a "casino-cum-bar" illegally running from a house in the posh South City area of Millennium City, an official said today. The police said that it had arrested 43 people, including the manager and four women, on charges of gambling in a raid last night. "The team was deployed near a house and a raid was conducted. Seeing the police party, all the 43 people, including the women, who were playing in the casino-cum-mini bar tried to escape. "They were later caught. The majority of accused were businessmen. They are residents of Delhi and Gurugram," Police PRO Ravinder Kumar told news agency PTI. They have been booked under relevant sections of the Gambling Act, the Arms Act and the Excise Act. (PTI)

BJP wins all 4 civic body by-polls in Maharashtra

Cong sweeps Nanded civic polls; stops BJP juggernaut

MUMBAI, OCT 12 /--/ The BJP today won all the four municipal corporation by-elections in the state.

The by-elections for the four seats in Mumbai, Pune, Kolhapur and Nagpur civic bodies were held on Wednesday. Of the four, one seat in Kolhapur Municipal Corporation was bagged by an outfit, which has a tie-up with the BJP at the local level. The state election commission, in a statement, announced the results of the by-elections. In Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the BJP narrowed its tally gap with Shiv Sena in the Mumbai civic body as its nominee today won the bypoll from Bhandup, beating the bickering ally's candidate.

BJP candidate Jagruti Patel defeated Shiv Sena's Minakshi Patil by polling 11,129 votes in ward no. 116. The BJP snatched the seat from Congress. In the by-election to Nagpur Municipal Corporation, BJP's Sandeep Gavai won from ward no. 35-A.

In Pune Municipal Corporation, Himali Navnath Kamble of the BJP won the bypoll from from 21-A ward. Ratnesh Shitolkar, who represented Tararani Aghadi Paksh, won the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation by-election from ward no. 11. Tararani Aghadi is headed by former Congress MLC Mahadevrao Mahadik and is in alliance with the BJP.

Meanwhile, the Congress today made a clean sweep in the Nanded-Waghala municipal corporation elections, winning 49 of the 54 seats for which results were declared. Results for 54 seats, out of the total 81, have been declared so far. Nanded is Maharashtra Congress president Ashok Chavan's home turf and it saw an aggressive campaign, with BJP making all efforts to wrest control of the civic body.

The campaign for the polls witnessed a bitter war of words among the Congress, BJP and Shiv Sena. Of the results declared so far, BJP has won three, while Shiv Sena is placed a distant third, winning a solitary seat.

The results indicate a rout of the AIMIM, which had around a dozen corporators in the outgoing body. The Congress has 41 members in the outgoing civic body, followed by 14 corporators of the Shiv Sena, 11 of the AIMIM and Nationalist Congress Party's 10.

Air Force officers salute the coffins of their fallen colleagues, who were killed in a gun battle with suspected militants in the Hajin area of Bandipora district in Kashmir on Wednesday, during a wreath laying ceremony in Chandigarh–REUTERS

2 girls mowed down by car owned by Sena leader's kin

PUNE, OCT 12 /--/ Two schoolgirls were killed and another was injured this morning when they were run over by a speeding SUV belonging to a local Shiv Sena leader's relative in Maharashtra's Baramati, leading to a protest by residents who set the vehicle ablaze. The SUV is registered in the name of a relative of Sena leader Pappu Mane, who often uses it, but was not inside the vehicle at the time of the mishap that occurred on the Baramati-Morgaon road, 120 km from here, a senior police official said. Following the accident, the driver and other occupants of the SUV fled from the spot, leaving behind the vehicle. A group of angry locals set it on fire and resorted to a 'rasta roko' (road block) to demand the driver's arrest, he said.

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BJP describes Kerala solar scam as 'biggest sex-cum-bribe' scandal

KOTTAYAM, OCT 12 /--/ The BJP today described the Kerala solar scam as the "biggest sex-cum-bribe" scandal that has "shocked" the nation, and demanded immediate arrest of all the accused.

"We demand arrest of all the accused in the solar scam. We want those accused of corruption, erasing evidence and trying to derail investigation and those facing charges of sexual exploitation be arrested without any delay," BJP national spokesperson G V L Narasimha Rao told newspersons. His reaction comes a day after the CPM-led LDF government in Kerala ordered vigilance and SIT probes against former chief minister Oommen Chandy, some of his former cabinet colleagues and two former MLAs in connection with the multi-crore rupees scam.

While announcing the government decision yesterday, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had said a criminal case would be registered and "SIT will probe allegations of rape levelled by (prime accused) Saritha (Nair) against some politicians in her letter on July 17, 2013". The decision was taken on the basis of the findings of the Justice G Sivarajan Commission, which probed the scam and had last month submitted its report to the government. Rao of the BJP described the scam as the "biggest sex-cum bribe" scandal that had completely shocked the political establishment of the country.

Alleging that the scam was not confined to the state, he said, "This is not a scam that has tainted only the UDF in Kerala, its tentacles go far beyond the state right up to Delhi." "Congress leaders in New Delhi and in Kerala both stand guilty in court of public opinion," he said. The BJP leader also demanded that the CPM-led LDF government in the state ensure there was custodial interrogation of "the accused."

TN parties oppose state 'move' to form 'staff rationalisation' panel

CHENNAI, OCT 12 /--/ DMK and PMK today opposed the reported move of the Tamil Nadu government to constitute a Staff Rationalisation Committee to identify unnecessary positions in the government service. DMK working president M K Stalin referring to the move said no efforts were made to fill thousands of vacancies in the Tamil Nadu government service. "A suspicion arises if the government has an ulterior motive to scale down the number of permanent government employees," by going in for a staff rationalisation panel, he said in a statement. Tamil Nadu Cabinet had reportedly given its approval for setting up a Staff Rationalisation Committee on Wednesday.

The panel will be tasked to identify unnecessary job positions and the move is aimed at cutting down revenue expenditure, it was said. Expressing apprehension, PMK chief S Ramadoss said the "objective," is to abolish a majority of positions and fill the rest either through outsourcing or contract employment. He said there was no post in the government which was "not necessary." On the contrary only more employees will be needed to implement the schemes brought in with vote bank in mind by Dravidian majors, the AIADMK and DMK. "It is not the hallmark of a good administration to abolish existing government jobs instead of creating new ones," he said in a statement.

Case against Hardik Patel for 'insulting' tri-colour withdrawn

RAJKOT, OCT 12 /--/ The Gujarat government has withdrawn a case against Patel quota stir leader Hardik Patel for allegedly insulting the tri-colour nearly two years ago. Rajkot collector Vikrant Pandey passed the order to withdraw the case against Hardik following instructions from the state government. Police had said Hardik jumped over the tri-colour when he was on the way to the Khandheri cricket stadium here to disrupt the India-South Africa ODI match scheduled that day.

Yogi asks police to identify foreign nationals staying illegally in UP

LUCKNOW, OCT 12 /--/ Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath has directed police officials to launch a survey to identify foreign nationals staying illegally in the state.

Adityanath also said that an intensive campaign should be conducted to check infiltration of suspicious elements from states sharing borders with Uttar Pradesh. "A statewide survey of foreign nationals, who are staying illegally in the state should be conducted, and they should be sent out," an official UP government statement said quoting Adityanath. The chief minister issued the directions at a meeting to review the law and order situation in the state on Wednesday. "There is no place for criminals in the state, and they should be forced to leave the state. Inefficient and insensitive police station in-charges should be identified, and they should be shown the door," he said.

J&K public relations dept employees go on indefinite strike

SRINAGAR, OCT 12 /--/ Jammu and Kashmir information and public relations (DIPR) employees have gone on an indefinite strike demanding revocation of attachment of a joint director by the government.

DIPR offices in Kashmir and Jammu divisions would remain shut till the attachment order of the joint director is revoked, a spokesman of the Information Department Employees Union said. The government had on Wednesday attached the department's Joint Director (Kashmir) Zahoor Ahmad Mir, pending an enquiry into alleged irrational distribution of advertisements among the print media. The employees staged a sit-in on the premises of the (DIPR) here. The union is not against an enquiry, but attaching an officer without any proof is uncalled for, the spokesman said.

"He (Mir) should not have been attached without having any proof. We are not against the enquiry. But he should be allowed to work as a joint director till the enquiry is completed. He is being punished without any proof," he said. The spokesman said the department's employees will not receive or distribute advertisements till their demands are met. Official press releases will also not be issued, he said. Employees of the advertisement wing are subjected to frequent intimidation and harassment by editors of some small organisations who demand a lion's share of advertisements and other monetary benefits for their publications, the spokesman alleged.

In the recent past, the frequency of such incidents has increased alarmingly and last week an editor barged into the office of the joint director for information (Kashmir) and abused, intimidated and threatened officers if bulk share of advertisements were not given, he alleged. In a similar incident, earlier this year, an FIR already stands registered against an editor for threatening employees of the advertisement wing, the spokesman said. The striking employees have sought the intervention of chief minister Mehbooba Mufti and information minister Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali in ensuring their security and dignity, he said.

The strike has forced various government offices to issue press releases from personal email accounts of officers and other employees.

Appendix 'A' to CWE (P) Kolkata letter No. 8439/06/E8 dated 10 Oct 2017

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

Headquarters Commander Works Engineer (P), Military Engineer Services, Ballygunge Maidan Camp, Gurusaday Road, Kolkata-700019 on behalf of President of India invites application for e-tender (online) under 2 cover system for the following work. For details refer website www.eprocuremes.gov.in. Please note that subletting of work will not be permitted.

1.	Name of Work :	PROVISION OF SHED IN SWIMMING POOL AT INS NETAJI SUBHAS, KOLKATA
2.	Estimated Cost :	Rs. 14.00 Lakhs
3.	Period of completion :	06 Months
4.	Tender id :	2017_MES_150464_1

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Appendix 'A' to GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata letter No. 8594/B/01/E8 dated 10 Oct 2017

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GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata, Military Engineer Services, P-7, Damodar Complex, Naval Transit Accommodation, 3, Garden Reach Road, Kidderpore, Kolkata-700 023 on behalf of President of India, invites application for e-tender (online) under 2 cover system for the following work. For details refer website **www.eprocuremes.gov.in**. Please note that subletting of work will not be permitted.

SL No.	Name of Work	Estmitated cost at paper market rate	Period of completion	Tender ID
(a)	SPECIAL REPAIR TO INTERNAL ELECTRIFICATION OF CERTAIN QUARTERS OF NAVAL OFFICER ACCN P-128 JAMUNA BLDG UNDER GE (P) (N&CG) KOLKATA	Rs. 6.65 Lakhs	180 days	2017_MES_150911_1

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Tender hereby invited through e-tendering mode by Director, VECC, DAE, 1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata - 700 064, on behalf of the President of India from eligible contractors for the work as mentioned below:-

1.	NIT No.	VECC/CIG/2017/NIT/OFC/01/851/2471 Dt. 19.09.2017
2.	Name of Work	Laying of OFC for high speed connectivity with main building to other buildings at VECC campus, Kolkata
3.	Estimated Cost	₹ 9,000,000.00
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 18,000.00
5.	Dates of availability of tender documents for view and download	From 16.10.2017 (10.00 Hrs.) to 06.11.2017 (15.00 Hrs)
6.	Last date & time of closing of online submission of tenders	06.11.2017 (15.00 Hrs)
7.	Period of Completion	3 Months
8.	Further details can be had from the website	www.tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.vecc.gov.in

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