

**Government of Uttarakhand  
Information & Public Relations Department  
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**Press Note**

**New Delhi / Dehradun, 05 October, 2011.**

Chief Minister Major General (Retd.) Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri made a courtesy call on former Deputy Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Shri Lal Krishna Advani in New Delhi, on Wednesday. The Chief Minister apprised Shri Advani of the efforts being made by the State government for corruption eradication in the State. On the occasion, Shri Advani also presented a book titled 'As I See It' written by him, to Chief Minister Shri Khanduri.

Earlier, the Chief Minister while conducting an on-the-spot inspection of the under-construction Uttarakhand Bhawan in Chanakyapuri here, directed the officials to complete the construction works while maintaining its quality within the set time limit. He said that the glimpse of the culture of Uttarakhand must be displayed in the new building. Expressing his serious displeasure at the inordinate delay in the building's construction, he directed officials to rectify the various deficiencies. Among those present with the Chief Minister include Chief Resident Commissioner SK Muttoo, Investment Commissioner JP Mangain, and Additional Investment Commissioner SD Sharma.

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Chief Minister Major General (Retd.) Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri has greeted the residents of the State on **Vijaydashmi** and has wished them bright future and prosperity.

In his message on the auspicious festival of **Vijaydashmi**, Chief Minister Shri Khanduri said that this festival that symbolised the victory of good over evil, also inspires us to fight the vices and evils prevalent in the society. He said that the character and ideals of *Maryada Purushottam* Shri Ram are still relevant in the society, and an ideal society can only be established by following these.

The Chief Minister said that the festival also inspires us to follow the path of benevolence and morality. He said that on this festive occasion, we must vow to serve the poorest of the poor, and work unitedly to also enhance equality, mutual harmony and brotherhood in the society.

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**General Khanduri, in a tête-à-tête with PM, discussed wide-ranging issues concerning Uttarakhand**

**New Delhi: 5th October, 2011.**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Major General (retd.) B.C. Khanduri today met Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and discussed at length the wide-ranging issues concerning the State. General Khanduri also shared with Prime Minister the points he had raised----- during the meeting with Finance Minister a couple of days ago----- relating to long overdue pension liabilities to be paid by government of Uttar Pradesh to government of Uttarakhand, after the partition of Uttar Pradesh.

General Khanduri who has close rapport with Prime Minister at personal level also apprised Dr. Singh of uncanny resemblance Uttarakhand State is having with north-eastern States both geographically and economically. As such, State of Uttarakhand be treated on par with north-eastern States and provided central funding on 90:10 basis. And that too, on a non-lapsable basis, explained General Khanduri in a matter-of-factly manner.

General Khanduri also requested to Dr. Singh to introduce new scheme for development of Himalayan agriculture in XII plan. Himalayan region hosts specialty crops like aromatics plants, spices, pulses, red rice etc.

General Khanduri made a request to Dr. Singh that industrial package be extended upto 31st March, 2017. On this score, it may be recalled that assemblies of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh had passed unanimous resolutions earlier to extend the industrial package of these States to March 31, 2020.

Also, leader of opposition in Lok Sabha and leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha, Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh and chairman of BJP parliamentary party jointly met prime minister on July 7, 2010 for the extension of industrial package.

General Khanduri brought home the points before Prime Minister that road, rail and air communication infrastructure is inadequate in Uttarakhand; and requested Dr. Singh for Special “big ticket” projects for all weather roads, bridges, air-strips and helipads.

General Khanduri also made Prime Minister aware of pending State’s Railway projects and requested Dr. Singh to issue necessary directives to Railway Ministry to bear the entire cost of development of new railway lines in Uttarakhand.

General Khanduri drew attention of prime Minister towards the final shutdown of hydro power projects and the loss incurred thereon in the State of Uttarakhand.

Though earlier compensation for the loss of these projects was offered at the meeting of the Ganga Management Plan headed by prime Minister, but till this date nothing has been done.

General Khanduri also appealed to the Prime Minister that techno-economic clearance of a number of hydro projects pending with Central Electricity Authority and Central Water Commission be expedited speedily.

General Khanduri also discussed with Prime Minister the economic advantages of the State covered by forests and glaciers which are an environmental assets for the whole country. The estimated benefit as assessed by an expert group of Planning Commission comes around Rs. 35,000 crore annually.

Despite having the support of State’s claim for a “green bonus”, modalities are still to be worked out, General Khanduri raised points before Prime Minister. General khanduri dwelt upon the problems being faced by the State of Uttarakhand in receiving the allocated food grains from the centre for the Public Distribution System.

General Khanduri drew attention of the Prime Minister towards the wrong assessment of population of State of Uttarakhand by the centre, while allocating food grains for the Public Distribution System of the State.

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Chief Minister Major General (Retd.) Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri told reporters in an informal meeting with them here, on Wednesday, that effective initiative have been launched by the Uttarakhand Government to bring about integrity and transparency in the government and the administration. He said that a new separate department of 'Suraaj, Bhrashtachar Unmulan evam Jan Sewa' has been made to fight against corruption, and ensure good governance and public service. He said that provisions are being introduced to make the Lokayukta more effective and stronger. The Chief Minister will also be brought under the ambit of the Lokayukta. All Ministers, IAS and IPS officers will declare their assets by 15 October, 2011. On one hand, while ensuring essential service to the general public and making it available to them within a specified time frame, a heavy clampdown on corruption has been made by making laws to confiscate the ill-gotten properties of public servants earned through illegal means. In order to extend relief to government officials and employees who carry out their duties with honesty and sincerity, a legal cover has been provided to the transfer policy.

Chief Minister Shri Khanduri said that to make essential services available to the general public in Uttarakhand without any hindrance, a right to public service act has been passed. In this, it has also been ensured that identified services are made available to every citizen within a specified time frame. The identified service mainly include ration card, mutation and other revenue records, income certificate, caste certificate, permanent resident certificate, birth-death certificate, driving licence, registration of document, passing of layout plan, electricity and water connection, vehicle registration, undisputed change of name, among others. He said that disciplinary proceedings would be initiated against the concerned official or employee in case if service is not provided within the set time. In case if one is dissatisfied with the services provided, then first appeal can be filed within 30 days. A provision of second appeal has also been made in case if one is still not satisfied. To monitor the said provision, a commission would soon be constituted which besides monitoring and inspecting the works of the first and the second appeals will also give its suggestions to make right to public service more effective and stronger. Chief Minister Shri Khanduri said that even Shri Anna Hazare had accorded top priority to the Citizens' Charter so that the day-to-day works of the general public are sorted out within a prescribed time frame. On the occasion, he expressed the hope that that with the passing of the right to service act, the Uttarakhand residents would be freed of corruption prevalent in the lower rung.

Chief Minister Khanduri informed reporters that Uttarakhand government has taken a major initiative through passing an act to confiscate ill-gotten properties of public servants earned through illegal means. The Government will set up special courts, which, after hearing the public servants', will issue orders regarding taking possession of wealth and properties obtained through illegal means within a maximum period of six months. The State government will take possession of such wealth and properties and utilise it for public welfare. Besides instilling a sense of fear among corrupt public servants, this will also ensure utilisation of the unauthorised properties in public utility works. This bill is being seen as a revolutionary step in the establishment of a corruption-free system, he said.

Chief Minister Shri Khanduri said that in order to make the transfer process more fair, free of favouritism, and transparent, a law has been formulated in place of the transfer policy. Each and every accessible and remote area has been classified district-wise, the list of which would be made available on the website. Besides, the services rendered by all government officials and employees in remote and difficult areas would also be publicised on the website. A system has been made to automatically relieve the employees posted in remote areas and

transfer them to accessible areas after a prescribed time period. Posting will compulsorily be made in remote and inaccessible areas after first appointment and promotion. Posting in remote and inaccessible areas has been made pre-requisite for promotion. To make the entire transfer process clean and transparent, software would soon be developed. While the new law related to transfer would grant relief to sincere employees, it would also help ensure the availability of officials and employees in the remote areas of the State, he said.

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