

# SC quashes abetment of suicide case, says courts' inability leading to unwanted prosecutions

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has observed that the inability on the part of courts to understand and apply the correct principles of law to cases relating to abetment of suicide leads to unnecessary prosecutions.

The apex court, as a result, quashed the proceedings pending before a court in Lucknow against three accused persons in an alleged abetment of suicide case.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said while it was not oblivious to the feelings and sentiments of the family members of the deceased person who lodged FIRs with the police, it was ultimately for the police and the courts to look into the matter and see to it that the persons facing the allegations were not unnecessarily harassed.

The apex court in its order dated October 3 further said the ingredients to constitute an offence under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code would stand fulfilled if the suicide was committed by the deceased due to direct and alarming encouragement or incitement by the accused, leaving no option but to die by suicide.

"The test that the court should adopt in these type of cases is to make an endeavour to ascertain on the basis of the materials on record whether or not there is anything to indicate even prima facie that the accused intended the consequences of the act, i.e., suicide," the bench noted.

According to the top court, the trend these days showed the courts deciphering the purported intention behind

the crime only after a full-fledged trial.

"The problem is that the courts just look into the factum of suicide and nothing more. We believe that such understanding on the part of the courts is wrong. It all depends on the nature of the offence and accusation," it said.

The bench further said the courts should know how to apply the correct principles of law governing abetment of suicide to the facts on record.

"It is the inability on the part of the courts to understand and apply the correct principles of law to the cases of abetment of suicide, which leads to unnecessary prosecutions," it added.

The apex court passed its order on an appeal filed by three accused challenging the March 2017 order of the Lucknow bench of the

Allahabad High Court which had rejected their application seeking quashing of criminal proceedings against them.

It noted that the deceased was an employee of a private firm and was working with the company for the past 23 years.

It came on record that the man had died by suicide in a hotel room in Lucknow in November 2006, and his brother got an FIR registered with the local police thereafter.

According to the FIR, the appellants, who were senior officials of the company, had convened a meeting with the employees of the firm at a hotel and the deceased and his colleagues were present there.

The FIR alleged that the company wanted some employees to opt for voluntary retirement scheme

(VRS) and those resisting the move were harassed.

The deceased was alleged to be humiliated by the appellants.

The apex court noted that according to the high court, the deceased died by suicide on account of instigation in the form of harassment and humiliation he was subjected to by the appellants.

"In the case on hand, the entire approach of the high court could be said to be incorrect," the top court observed.

The apex court noted that putting the appellants on trial on abetment charge will be nothing but abuse of process of law. "In our opinion, no case worth the name against the appellants is made out," it held while allowing the appeal and setting aside the high court's order.

# Have told states to comply with emission standards to curb air pollution: Air quality panel to SC

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has informed the Supreme Court that it has asked the Delhi government and the neighbouring states for strict compliance with the emission standards and pollution norms, given vehicular pollution contributes heavily towards poor air quality.

In a compliance report filed before the top court, the air quality panel said that regular certification of vehicles for compliance with emission standards was a must. According to the panel's data, a total of 1.81 lakh challans were issued in Delhi till June 2024 for either driving without valid pollution under control certificate (PUC) or driving over the prescribed load limit, in comparison with 1.64 lakh challans for similar offences in 2023. "Regular certification of vehicles towards compliance of emission standards is a must and in this context the commission has directed the national capital region (NCR) state governments and the government of national capital territory of Delhi (GNCTD) for effective implementation of the new PUC certificate regime, including periodic audits of the PUC certificate issuing agencies, in compliance of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (Amendment) Rules, 2021 dated June 14, 2021," the CAQM said.

The body further informed the apex court that drives were being carried out regularly for ascertaining compliance.

The panel further said that all states concerned have been directed to strictly adhere to the age limit of vehicles - 15 years in the case of petrol

vehicles and 10 years in case of diesel vehicles -- and ensure any vehicle above the prescribed age limit does not ply on NCR roads.

The panel said a boost in public transport infrastructure and facilities is the need of the hour to ease congestion on roads and abate vehicular pollution.

"The GNCTD and NCR state governments have been accordingly advised to prioritise public transport while also mandating e-mobility in some sectors and augmentation of the charging infrastructure," it said. Barring for a transition to e-mobility, the commission said it has issued an advisory "mandating procurement of e-vehicles" in the government, e-commerce platforms for door-to-door deliveries, service agencies etc., to give a further push to clean technologies in the transport sector.

"Equally important is the need to build requisite infrastructure to support e-mobility i.e., battery charging stations, battery swapping points and for disposal of large volume of batteries which is likely to be generated in the ensuing years," the panel said.

The commission disclosed that Delhi has 3,00,810 electric vehicles and 4,793 charging points. It said that GNCTD has been given a target of increasing the number of charging points to 18,000 by 2025-26, with UP and Haryana being set targets for an addition of 252 and 170 points, respectively, by the end of 2026. The submissions were part of a report filed in response to the directions of the apex court, which is hearing a plea to curb air pollution in the national capital.

# Institute of Creative Technologies to come up in Mumbai to boost creators' economy: Vaishnav

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Aiming to boost the creators' economy, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Tuesday announced the setting up of Indian Institute of Creative Technologies in Mumbai and unveiled a three-pronged strategy to promote the entertainment sector.

Addressing the National Film Awards ceremony here, Vaishnav said the government has a three-pronged approach - talent development, building new infrastructure and simplifying the process of getting permissions for filmmaking to boost the sector.

The minister said the Union Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had recently approved setting up of a national centre of excellence

to harness skills and technologies required for the development of the creators' economy.

"We will be launching the first Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), and where else should it be but Mumbai. The Maharashtra government has already given land to set up the institute," Vaishnav said.

"We believe that the creative power of Mumbai will be enhanced by this new institutional mechanism," he said.

Vaishnav said the IICT will help create a talent pipeline to boost the creators' economy and many more such institutes will be set up across the country in the future.

The minister said the government was also working

out a model with the industry by which modern film and entertainment creation can be made possible.

Vaishnav said the government would also work on simplifying the process to get permissions for filmmaking.

"Learning from the successes in other sectors, we are working with the stakeholders to enable easy approvals for filmmaking," he said. Vaishnav said the government was also taking steps to preserve the rich film heritage of the country.

"We have taken decisions to preserve all the rich dimensions of our film heritage. This includes the films, music, posters, filmmaking equipment, and all other items connected with our heritage," he said.

# Indian Railways introduces special Navratri meal at over 150 stations

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Indian Railways has launched a special meal at over 150 railway stations for the convenience of passengers travelling during the festive season of Navratri, a press release from the Railway Ministry said. It added, "Passengers can order this delicious Navratri Vrat Special Thali online through mobile app and website." According to the Ministry, while travelling, pas-

sengers celebrating Navratri often face various challenges regarding food and drink. To address these issues, Indian Railways has introduced the Navratri Special Thali at over 150 stations. Some of these stations are Mumbai Central, Delhi Junction, Surat, Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna Junction, Ludhiana, Durg, Chennai Central, Secunderabad, Amravati, Hyderabad, Tirupati, Jalandhar City, Udaipur City, Bengaluru Cantt, New Delhi, Thane, Pune, Mangalore Central Station among others. "Special care has been taken to ensure quality and nutrition in the preparation of the Vrat Thali, honouring the essence of Navratri," a Ministry spokesperson said. He added, "Passengers can easily book their thali by entering their PNR number on the IRCTC app or by visiting the IRCTC e-catering website."

# Airtel Business partners with Fortinet, launches 'Airtel Secure Internet'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Airtel Business, the B2B arm of Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, has leveraged new-age cybersecurity solutions from Fortinet, a global cybersecurity leader driving the convergence of networking and security, to launch 'Airtel Secure Internet' - a new-age internet security solution offering a robust and fully-managed defence against cyber threats.

The unique solution is designed specifically to enhance security over Internet Lease Line (ILL) circuits, combining Airtel's trusted internet connectivity with Fortinet's next-generation firewall. It offers comprehensive, end-to-end protection through Airtel's state-of-the-art Security Operations Centre (SOC) and Fortinet's Security Orchestration, Automation and Response (SOAR) platform, ensuring robust management and defence against cyber threats.

Sharat Sinha, CEO - Airtel

Business said, "Cybersecurity is becoming increasingly complex and many organisations lack the resources to manage it effectively. We have been pioneers in offering inclusive Cyber Secured ILL in the Indian market. With the launch of yet another innovative security solution - 'Airtel Secure Internet' - we offer a comprehensive, future-proof solution that strengthens enterprises' security without the burden of high capex."

Vivek Srivastava, Country Manager, India & SAARC, Fortinet, added, "As cybersecurity challenges continue to escalate, many organisations are seeking expert support to manage and mitigate threats effectively. Our collaboration with Airtel Business to offer 'Secure Internet' provides a cost-effective solution, delivering 24x7 security event monitoring and detection to identify and respond to potential threats in real-time. By leveraging SOC-as-a-Service model, organisations can reduce their total cost of ownership, bridge the cyber-security skills gap and gain

greater visibility into their complex environments ensuring comprehensive protection in today's digital landscape."

'Airtel Secure Internet' will address the ever-increasing cybersecurity challenges faced by businesses, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs) including limited expertise, fragmented support and high capital expenditure (capex) for security equipment. Many enterprises also lack basic protection and the expertise to manage security across multiple locations while maintaining technology investments, leaving them exposed to internet-based attacks. Enterprises can also opt for Airtel's next-gen iSOC, which is a state-of-

the-art cyber defense centre, offering a large portfolio of security services.

The 'Airtel Secure Internet' service model is designed to protect against technology obsolescence, ensuring businesses remain future-proof while reducing capex expenses. The service allows for seamless upgrades or downgrades as needed, ensuring businesses always stay ahead of emerging security challenges. Airtel's SOC utilises advanced orchestration tools with AI and ML algorithms to automate threat mitigation, providing robust, proactive defence.

With Airtel Secure Internet, businesses benefit from Airtel's pan-India connecti-

ty to link all their locations - headquarters, regional offices, data centres and remote sites. Bundling Fortinet's Next Generation Firewall ensures holistic security, while Airtel's intelligent Security Operations Centre iSOC manages the entire setup with its certified and trained resources, delivering continuous protection and peace of mind.

The fully managed service also integrates next-generation firewall (NGFW) with enterprise grade threat protection, which offers comprehensive protection through firewalls, intrusion detection, antivirus and content filtering, all from a single platform.

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No.: TLD/BHEP/331-34.  
Dated: 07-10-2024.

**EXTENSION NOTICE-I**

In view of poor response, the retendered e-NIT no: TLD/BHEP/NIT/ 01 of 2024-25, Dated: 14-09-2024 for the work "Rate contract for repair & maintenance works (breakdown/emergency works and planned works) pertaining to 400 KV D/C Baglihar-Kishanpur transmission line" is hereby extended up to 15-10-2024 till 02:00 PM, the details as under:

1	Last date for online submission of e-bid (Extended)	15-10-2024 up to 02:00 PM
2	Date of opening of e-Bid (Extended)	16-10-2024 at 02:00 PM

DIP/J-2049-P/24  
Date: 08-10-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
400KV TLD BHEP,  
Chanderkote.

**DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS UDHAMPUR**

**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

As reported by Dy. SP Hqrs. Udhampur vide letter no. HQU/2024/9598 dated 04.10.2024 that on 23.09.2024 applicant Madan Lal S/o Late Devi Chand R/o Pagyal Tehsil District Udhampur lodged a missing report at PP Tikri (P/S Rehambal) to the effect that his son namely Rahul Sharma is missing from home since 18.09.2024. On this a missing report has been entered vide DDR No. 10 dated 23.09.2024 at PP Tikri (P/S Rehambal). The Photograph/descriptive roll of missing person is as under:-

Description	Photo
Name : Rahul Sharma	
Daughter of : Madan Lal	
Residence : R/o Pagyal Tehsil District Udhampur	
Age : 25 years	
Complexion : Wheatish	
Body Built : Healthy	
Height : 5'6"	
Face : Oval	

It is therefore requested that sharp lookout may please be maintained and if traced out or any clue leading to the whereabouts of the said missing person is received, an information may kindly be shared on below mentioned telephone Nos. / Fax/e-mail addresses for further course of action.

Email: [sspoudh@jkpolice.gov.in](mailto:sspoudh@jkpolice.gov.in)  
Fax: 01992-270027  
Phone : 01992-270210  
PCR Udhampur: 01992-276915  
I/C PP Tikri: 9697725120  
No. CB/Look out Notice/2024/66833-45  
Dated: 07.10.2024  
DIP/J-5271/24  
Date: 08-10-2024

Sd/-  
Sr. Superintendent of Police  
District Udhampur

**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE UDHAMPUR**  
Present:- Sh. Virinder Singh Bhou  
Veena Kumari D/o Sant Ram W/o Suresh Kumar R/o H.No. 72,W.No.16, Sallian Talab Tehsil and District Udhampur J&K UT  
Petitioner  
vs  
1. Ashok Kumar S/o Sant Ram R/o Village Baishty Tehsil Chenani District Udhampur J&K UT  
2. Pawan Kumar S/o Sant Ram R/o Village Baishty Tehsil Chenani District Udhampur J&K UT

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Petition u/s of Succession Certificate Act for Issuance of the Succession certificate to the Petitioner for an amount of Rs. 72,292/- lying in the office of DPDO Udhampur as sanctioned pension vide PCDA(P) PPO No. Militia/SIC/567/83

**NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC**  
Whereas above titled petition is pending disposal before this court and through the medium of this proclamation, public at large is hereby informed that if anybody of any objection/s with respect to the same, then he/she/they shall file the same before this court within 15 days from the date of publication of this proclamation, failing which the matter shall be built in accordance with law. The next date is fixed on 18.10.2024, if the date fixed is declared holiday, then the matter shall be taken up on the next working day. Issued under my hand and seal of this court today on 25th day of September 2024.

Sd/-  
District Judge  
Udhampur

**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE UDHAMPUR**  
Present:- Sh. Haq Nawaz Zargar  
Banka Behari Raina alias Banke Bahari Raina S/o Krishan Chand Raina R/o W.No. 7 Near Garain Talab Shakti Nagar The. & Distt. Udhampur (Petitioner)  
Vs  
1. Prem Lata W/o Banka Behari Raina  
2. Chandher Sheikher Raina S/o Banke Behari Raina  
3. Ankush Raina S/o Banka Behari Raina Nos. 1 to 3 residents of W.No. 7 near Garain Talab Shakti Nagar Teh. & Distt. Udhampur  
4. Karuna Sharma D/o Banke Behari Raina and W/o Ram Kumar R/o Village Paltgar-Garhi The. & Distt. Udhampur

**NEMO**  
IN THE MATTER OF: Petition u/s 372 of Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioner in respect of amount of Rs. 5,55,275/- lying at District Police Headquarters Udhampur through SSP Udhampur.

**NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC**  
Whereas above titled petition is pending disposal before this court and through the medium of this proclamation, public at large is hereby informed that if anybody of any objection/s with respect to the same, then he/she/they shall file the same before this court within 15 days from the date of publication of this proclamation, failing which the matter shall be dealt in accordance with law. The next date is fixed on 23.10.2024, if the date fixed is declared holiday, then the matter shall be taken up on the next working day. Issued under my hand and seal of this court today on 24th day of September 2024.

Sd/-  
District Judge  
Udhampur

**GOVERNMENT DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, SHIREEN BAGH, SRINAGAR.**  
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**NOTICE**

This is for information of all the eligible candidates who have applied for the post of Registrars on Academic Arrangement basis in various disciplines advertised vide no GDC/Estt/File-54/e-file-6/2021-02/4789-4805 dated 03-07-2024 followed by corrigendum No 4831-45 dated 4-07-2024 that the written examination for Registrar posts which was scheduled to be conducted on 20-08-2024 at 02.00 P.M is now conducted on 14-10-2024 at 02.00 P.M in Auditorium Block of Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar subject to the following condition:-

- That sitting in the written examination is provisionally subject to verification of all parameters as required.
- Candidates are advised to straight away proceed to their notified examination centre without making any assembly in the college campus.
- No personal belongings shall be allowed in the examination hall which includes smart watches, cell phones, electronic gadgets, handbags etc.
- Candidates will carry blue or black ball point pen only.
- Candidates shall bring acknowledgement card alongwith on the day of examination downloaded at the time of submission of online application form.

No.- GDC/Estt/File-54/e-file-6/2021-02/7646-58  
Dated:- 07-10-2024  
DIP/J-5270/24  
Date: 08-10-2024

Sd/-  
(Arshid Hussain Ashai),  
Administrative Officer,  
Govt. Dental College & Hospital,  
Srinagar.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

On behalf of the Lt Governor of J&K, Bids are invited by Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri by e- Tendering mode from reputed firms/ contractors for undertaking the work as per SBD/BOQ:

S. No	e-NIT No	Description of work	Cost of tender (Rs)	Time of completion	Tender opening authority
1	MHDR/Tech/2024-25/15 Dated: 07.10.2024 Due: 14.10.2024	<b>Minor Repairs and Renovation in the guest house of Mechanical and Hospital Division, Rajouri</b>	200.00	10 days	Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Rajouri
2	MHDR/Tech/2024-25/16 Dated: 07.10.2024 Due: 14.10.2024	<b>Repair/Replacement of Damaged Plumbing and Electrical items of Residential Quarters and Guest House in the Mechanical and Hospital Division Rajouri</b>	200.00	15 days	Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Rajouri

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, terms & conditions, Bill of Quantities can be seen / downloaded from the J&K Govt. website [www.jktdenders.gov.in](http://www.jktdenders.gov.in)

All other information regarding the e-NIT can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during the working hours before due date.

DIP/J-5268/24  
Date: 08-10-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mechanical & Hospital  
Division Rajouri

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRANS. LINE MAINTN DIV-V, JKPTCL JAMMU**  
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No: TLMD/V/J/ 1699-1701  
Dated- 07-10-2024

**Subject:** First Extension of e-NIT No.: TLMD-V/J/ 17 of 2024-25 Dated:- 17-09-2024 for "Replacement Old Worn out/ Damaged Control cables Of Different Sizes From Unarmoured to avoid occurrence of faults Due to wild creatures like porcupine at 320 MVA, 220/132/66 KV G/S Hiranagar".

**TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE -I**

In view of Nil/poor response e-NIT No.: TLMD-V/J/ 17 of 2024-25 Dated:- 17-09-2024, for "Replacement Old Worn out/ Damaged Control cables Of Different Sizes From Unarmoured to avoid occurrence of faults Due to wild creatures like porcupine at 320 MVA, 220/132/66 KV G/S Hiranagar" the last date for submission of e-bid and opening of techno-commercial bids are hereby extended as under;

- Last date for e-bid submission: 14- 10-2024 up to 1200Hrs.
- Date of opening of techno-commercial e-bids: 16-10-2024 at 1400Hrs.

DIP/J-2047-P/24  
Date: 08-10-2024

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
TLMD-V, JKPTCL  
Jammu