

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Mr. Ashwani Kumar** S/o Late Sh. Chain Lal R/o Chak Waziru, who left for heavenly abode on 26th October 2025.

Tenth Day will be permormed on 4th November 2025 at Chak Waziru.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Brothers)

Shiv Ram, Ajay Kumar, Lucky Kumar

Contact: 8493012055



Mr. Ashwani Kumar

Court denies bail to alleged drone-drop narcotic courier

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Special Judge (NDPS Cases), Jammu, Y.P. Sharma, rejected the bail application of Rajinder Singh, an undertrial accused of facilitating narcotics consignments allegedly air-dropped by drones near the Chamliyal border. The order, reserved on September 13 and pronounced on October 25, arises from Crime No. 22/2024 in a complaint titled UOI/NCB, Jammu vs Rajinder Singh & Ors., with the petitioner currently lodged in District Jail Jammu.

According to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Singh acted on the directions of co-accused Pupinder Singh to collect drug packets purportedly dropped by drones and deliver them to associates, receiving ₹20,000 per run and an iPhone to aid the operation. The agency claims a net recovery of 344 grams of Tramadol from Singh's conscious possession-an amount that falls within the "commercial quantity" threshold-invoking the stringent bar on bail under Section 37 of the NDPS Act.

Appearing for the applicant, Advocate argued that a CRLC, New Delhi report dated January 7, 2025 did not test positive for heroin and instead showed the presence of Acetaminophen, C a f f e i n e , D e x t r o m e t h o r p h a n , Tramadol and Diazepam, casting doubt on the prosecution's initial seizure narrative that referred to heroin. The defence flagged discrepancies in sample weight and suggested that either the sample tested was different from the one seized or no heroin recovery ever occurred, stressing that such contradictions demolished the prosecution's case. It was also pointed out that the prosecution had, at one stage, moved to proceed for Tramadol based on the CRLC result before subsequently withdrawing that application on August 20, 2025. The petitioner emphasized seven to eight months of custody and parity with co-accused Pupinder Singh, who was earlier granted bail.

Special Public Prosecutor Ajay Singh Manhas, for NCB, countered that Tramadol is a scheduled psychotropic substance and that

field testing is only indicative; the final FSL/CRLC report governs at the bail stage. He submitted that the alleged 344-gram recovery is far above the commercial quantity threshold (250 g and above) and that Singh's role forms part of a larger inter-state network-an activity with grave societal impact akin to narco-terrorism. The prosecution also cited the petitioner's purported voluntary statement and urged the court to treat procedural lapses, if any, as non-fatal at the bail stage.

Rejecting bail, the court held that in prosecutions involving commercial quantities, the rigour of Section 37 applies and the twin conditions must be satisfied: reasonable grounds to believe the accused is not guilty and that he is unlikely to commit an offence while on bail. On the present material, the court found no such grounds. It underscored that discrepancies between initial seizure notes and the final laboratory finding do not, by themselves, justify bail when the contraband-here, Tramadol-remains a prohibited psychotropic substance and the recovery is from the accused's conscious possession. Noting the gravity of allegations and the pattern of drone-enabled trafficking across the international border, the court described the ease as serious and carrying wider public ramifications, particularly for youth.

In doing so, the court relied on a series of Supreme Court precedents reiterating stringent bail standards in NDPS cases, including NCB v. Mohit Aggarwal (2022), State of Meghalaya v. Lalrintluanga (2024), NCB v. Kashif (2025) and Bharat Ambale v. State of Chhattisgarh (2025). These decisions emphasize that in commercial-quantity matters, "negation of bail is the rule and grant is an exception," and that procedural lapses alone do not entitle an accused to bail where recovery and conscious possession are otherwise supported at this stage.

The charges yet to be framed, the court concluded that releasing Rajinder Singh would not be warranted under the statutory threshold, and dismissed the bail plea. The case will proceed in the trial court.

HC restores reputation of decorated CRPF officer

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant ruling, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu quashed adverse remarks recorded in the Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) of a senior CRPF officer, terming them biased and actuated by mala fides, while directing authorities to review his promotion.

Justice M.A. Chowdhary, pronouncing judgment in WP(C) No. 1607/2023, held that the officer, Vikas Choudhary, 44, 2 I/C at Range HQ, CRPF Hiranagar, had been unfairly graded "Good" in his APAR for 2018-19 due to personal hostility from his superiors. The Court directed the Union of India and CRPF leadership to expunge the adverse entries and convene a review Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) to consider his case for promotion to the rank of Commandant, with retrospective effect if his juniors have already been promoted.

Choudhary, a recipient of the Police Medal for Gallantry and commendations for election and anti-naxal operations, alleged that his Commandant, Manish Kumar Meena, and DIG, S.K. Mishra, downgraded his report in retaliation for his refusal to participate in corrupt practices. His APARs before and after this period reflected consistent "Very Good" or "Outstanding" gradings.

The Court found glaring procedural violations, noting that the Accepting Authority who approved the downgraded APAR had supervised the officer for only 44 days, far short of the mandatory 90-day requirement under CRPF Standing Orders. The judge observed that instead of mentoring their subordinate, the superior officers acted with "vindictiveness and malice, even preparing documents to ruin the petitioner's career." A Court of Inquiry has already been ordered into allegations of corruption against Commandant Meena. While refraining from recommending further action, the High Court emphasized that the officer's professional reputation must be restored and his career progression reconsidered.

With this judgment, the Court not only cleared the officer's record but also paved the way for his promotion with all consequential benefits from the date his juniors were elevated.

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, it is to inform that our beloved mother **Smt. Raj Dulari** W/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal Lidhoo R/o Mirgund Kreshama District Baramulla at present Lane-17, Block-85, Flat-02, Jagti Colony, Nagrota, Jammu has passed away at her home on 23/10/2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 1st November, 2025 at Muthi Ghat, Jammu at 9 :00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law

Subash Chander & Fancy Lidhoo

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Renu Hakho W/o Sh. Ramesh Hakho

Smt. Pushpa Bhat W/o Sh. Sanjay Bhat

Smt. Sonia Nehru W/o Sh. ?Amit Nehru

Mobile No.: 6005209396, 7889698116, 9469260266



Smt. Raj Dulari

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Ashok Kumar Raina** S/o Late Sh. Damodhar Raina, original resident of Adlach Magam, Srigufwara, Distt. Anantnag, Kashmir at present Flat No. 2, Block No. 147, Lane No. 24, Migrant Colony Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 27.10.2025. Days will be performed at Lane No. 9, Community Hall (Backside) near Ration Depot Migrant Colony Jagti Township Jammu.

Tenth Day will be held on 5 Nov 2025 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 9 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Usha Raina (Wife)

Brothers & Sister-in-laws

Late Sh. Bushan Lal Raina & Smt. Asha Raina

Sh. Maharaj Krishan Raina & Smt. Pushpa Raina

Sh. Jawahar Lal Raina & Smt. Jyoti Raina

Late Sh. Deepak Raina & Smt. Smt. Simi Raina

Sister and Brother-in-law

Smt. Nancy Bhat W/o Sh. Avtar Krishan Bhat

Smt. Bitta Raina W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Raina

Smt. Shama Pandita W/o Sh. Maharaj Krishan Pandita

Late Smt. Jeeta Raina W/o Late Sh. Kaka Ji Raina

Sh. Anil Raina - **Son**

Sh. Amit Raina & Smt. Sapna Raina Son & Daughter-in-law

Contact Numbers: 941770116, 9419112376, 9419777755



Shri Ashok Kumar Raina

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise our beloved **Sh. Rajinder Nath Sharma** S/o Lt. Sh. Bishan Dass Sharma, who left for heavenly abode on 21-10-2025.

Tenth Day shall be performed on 30-10-2025 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM at our residence 151/7, Sai Niwas, Khajuiira Street, Near Head Post Office, Udhampur.

Kriya shall be performed on 31-10-2025 at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

Forever & Deeply Missed by

Smt. Bimla Sharma - Wife

Sisters-in-law & Brothers

Smt. Darshana Sharma & Lt. Sh. Sudesh Chander Sharma

Smt. Chander Sharma & Lt. Sh. Mahesh Chander Sharma

Smt. Sandhya Sharma & Sh. Raman Sharma

Smt. Ritu Sharma & Sh. Vivek Sharma

Sisters & Brothers-in-law

Smt. Suman Sharm & Madan Mohan Sharma

Smt. Kusum Sharma & Kamal Sharma

Smt. Anupma Sharm & Kamal Sharma

Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law

Smt. Khyma Sharma & Sh. Om Parkash

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Smt. Monica Sharma & Sh. Nirdosh Kumar

Smt. Jyoti Khajuria & Sh. Yogesh Sharma

Grand Children: Sarthik Upadyyay, Samarth Upadhyay, Shreya, Manya

Contact No.: 9419867809



Sh. Rajinder Nath Sharma

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and heavey heart, we share the passing of our beloved Mother **Smt. Sudarshan Sharma** W/o Late Sh. Purshotam Kumar Sharma R/o Mandal, Jammu.

Kriya will be held on 30th October, 2025 at 2.00 pm at our residence.

Uthala will be held on 31st October, 2025 at 3.00 pm at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

(Son & Daughter-in-law)

Sh. Atul Sharma & Smt. Shruti Sharma

Shree Raman Sharma **(Son)**

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Sh. Narinder Sharma & Smt. Manisha Sharma

Grand Children : Anshuman, Tarushi & Vibhu

Contact No.: 9419133866, 9419237898



Smt. Sudarshan Sharma

TENTH DAY/KRIYA AND RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **SMT. KRISHNA DEVI** W/o Lt. Sh. Krishan Dutt Sharma of Arnia, present residing at H.No. 58 Ward No. 6 Shiva Colony Bari Brahmana (Opp. Shree Aum Hospital) on 21st of Oct, 2025.

TENTH DAY will be held on 30th of Oct, 2025 (Thursday) at 11 am, at our residence Bari Brahmana.

KRIYA will be held on 31st of Oct 2025 (Friday) at 10 am at our residence Bari Brahmana.

RASAM PAGRI /UTHALA/BHOG PARSHAD will be performed on 7th of nov, 2025 at 12.00 noon at our residence Bari Brahmana.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter-in-Law and Sons

Tripta Sharma and Vijay Sharma

Deepika Sharma and Vinin Sharma

Daughter and Son-in-Law

Lt. Smt Sudesh Kumari and B N. Padha

Kusum Lata and Dr. Kewel Krishan Pangotra

Babita Kumari and Dr. Keshav Dass Sharma

Grand Sons and Daughters

Abhinav Vashisht, Anmol Vashisht, Subrhanay Sharma, Lavanya Sharma,

Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-Law

Parul Sharma and Amit Sharma

Great Grand Children: Roopanjai and Parnika

9419142917, 9419302004, 9906870689



SMT. KRISHNA DEVI

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Asha Kher** W/o Sh. Bansil Lal Kher, who departed for eternal abode on 26th Oct 2025 at Jammu residence 268-A, Lane No 10, Shakti Nagar Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 04th Nov 2025 at Muthi Ghat Jammu at 9.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Bansil Lal Kher - Husband

Daughter-in-law

Mrs. Renu Kher W/o Late Ramesh Kher

Daughter & Son-in-law

Dr. Anita & Dr. Sumir Kaul

Son & Daughter in law

Mr. Vinod Kher & Mrs. Urvashi Kher

Sh. Kuldeep Kher & Smt Hancy Kher **(Nephew)**

Smt Shoba Zutshi & Sh. K.K Zutshi **(Sister & Brother in Law)**

Sh. Jawahir Lal Gurtoo - **(Brother)**

Sh. Ashok, Sh Yoginder, Sh. Ravinder **(Nephews)**

Mobile No: 9818892014, 9310920637



Smt Asha Kher

RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief and heavy heart, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak ji Former Minister; President Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K; Chairman Dogra Educational Trust and President Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhi Nagar on 17.10.2025**

Rasam Pagri/Uthala will be performed on Friday, 31st October 2025 at our residence from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (3:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Bhajan; 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM - Shradhanjali; 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM - Rasam Pagri)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Surekha Charak **(Wife)**

Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak and Dr. Bela Charak

(Son and Daughter-in-law)

Adv. Gambhir Dev Singh Charak & Smt. Ruchi Charak **(Son & Daughter-in-law)**

Smt. Uma Katal and Shri Ranbir Singh Katal **(Daughter and Son-in-law)**

Kumari Deepti Dadhwal **(Daughter)**

Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Smt. Vidhya Charak W/o Late Capt. Prabhat Singh Charak & family

Smt. Meera Charak & Rohini Charak W/o Late Capt. Gandharb Singh Charak & family

Charak, Khawale and Jamwal Families

Grandchildren

Yash Vardhan Singh Dadhwal, Vaibhavi Katal, Adhiraj Singh Charak,

Abhijay Singh Charak, Ranajay Dadhwal, Akhileshwar Singh Charak,

Yashwarya Charak & Virraaj Singh Charak.

Address: Charak Niwas, Lane No. 20, Greater Kailash, Jammu, J&K - 180011.

Contact: 9419186859 (Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak), 9419159955 (Adv. Gambhir Dev Singh Charak).



TH. GULCHAIN SINGH CHARAK

6TH SEPT 1942 - 17TH OCT 2025

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow this is to inform that **Smt. Santosh Zadoo** W/o Sh. Pran Nath Zadoo originally from Gundi Ahalmar, Nai Sarak Srinagar & Sarwal Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 23rd October 2025 at Plot No. 247/F3 Shalimar Garden Extention I, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad - UP.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 31st October at Murad Nagar Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Pran Nath Zadoo **(Husband)**

Smt. Sarita & Sh. Vijay Kumar Zadoo **(Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law)**

Smt. Rajni & Sh. Anil Zadoo **(Daughter in law & Son)**

Smt. Jyoti & Sh. Gulshan Zadoo **(Daughter in law & Son)**

Smt. Bindu & Rajender Kharu **(Daughter & Son in law)**

Smt. Ritu & Sh. Rajender Kanna **(Daughter & Son in law)**

Smt. Prakrati & Sh. Romanch Jain **(Granddaughter & Grandson in law)**

Prateik, Ritvik, Ridhi, Ria, Manishka, Swati **(Grandchildren)**



Smt. Santosh Zadoo

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Krishni Koul** W/o Lt. Sh. Poskhar Nath Koul, originally from Sholipura, Budhgam, Kashmir, presently residing at Indian Express Apts, Mayur Kunj, Delhi on 23th October, 2025.

10th Day Kriya will be held on 1st November, 2025 at Delhi Residence

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

(Daughter-in-law & Son)

Mrs. Ritu and Rajinder Koul

Mrs. Soniya and Vinod Koul **(Daughter-in-law & Son)**

Mrs. Rozar Koul W/o G. L. Pandita **(Daughter & Son-in-law)**

Mrs. Oshin and Ansh Maggo **(Granddaughter & grandson-in-law)**

Dhananjay, Roshni, Rishab, Rahul, Vivaan **(Grand Children)**

Samast Koul, Pandita, Taneja and Girgila parivar

Contact: 9810499817, 9086527604, 9811299817



Smt. Krishni Koul

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rattan Lal Khar** S/o Late Sh Aftab Ram originally R/o Sangram Pora Sopore, Kashmir, A/P H. No-201, Street No-1, Prince Colony, Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana 141015 who left us for heavenly abode on 23th October, 2025.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 1st November, 2025 at Ludhiana.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sons & Daughter-in-Laws

Suneeta & Sanjay Kumar Khar

Soni & Sunil Kumar Khar

Daughter and Son-in-law:

Bharti & Sunil Pandita

Grand Children's & Samast Khar Parivar

Mob No: 9779017863, 7347477828



Sh. Rattan Lal Khar

KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Vikas Mankotia**, son of Sh. Madan Mankotia, resident of Ward No. 8, near Geeta Bhawan Mandir, Samba. The **Thirteenth Day (Kriya)** will be performed on 1st November 2025 at our residence.

Rasam Pagri / Uthala will be performed on 7th November 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Shani Mandir, Geeta Bhawan, Samba.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Sh. Madan Mankotia **(Father)**

Smt. Poonam Devi **(Mother)**

Smt. Mamta Devi **(Wife)**

Brother & Sister-in-law

Vishal Mankotia and Romi Devi - **Brother & Sister-in-law**

Sheetal