

# HC issues notice to AG in Judicial Officers' conviction case

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JAMMU: In an appeal filed by Rajesh Kumar Abrol Sub-Judge who was convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by Trial Court, Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary today after hearing Sr. Adv P.N Raina with Adv J.A Hamal issued notice to Advocate General returnable within two weeks.

High Court also summoned the record from the Trial Court.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on October 21, 2021, Trial Court convicted the Rajesh Kumar Abrol (suspended Sub-Judge) facing trial in rape case and on October 23, 2021 awarded 10 years imprisonment and fine Rs 70,000/-.

The police case is that on 12.01.2018, complainant laid a written report before, Police Station Janipur, Jammu, to the extent that she hails from District Ramban and is presently putting up at Toll Post Nagrota, Jammu, with her minor daughter. She was contesting a case and in this regard she met the accused through a lady namely Jyoti and said Jyoti introduced her with the accused. She trusted on the said Jyoti and met with the accused for seeking legal support, who promised her for legal support and sought domestic support from her. She started working in the house of accused and in order to provide better education to her daughter. The accused promised her to pay Rs. 5,000/- per month as salary. For seeking legal support accused dissolved her marriage with her husband by getting divorce deed. The

said divorce deed was notarized and accused told one of his PSO to be the witness to the divorce deed. After sometime, her parents desisted her to work with the accused as they want to take her to parental home. As and when accused got knowledge that she is going to leave his home, he requested her not to leave his home and filled "Maang" with "Babuti" and told her that "she is his wife now". Accused also promised to take care of her minor daughter and assured to provide better education. Accused also told her that he had parted with his wife and is residing alone for last seven years. Accused also told her that he is a Judge and has knowledge about the legalities and she believed on the accused and married with him. By doing so, the accused secured her consent to have sexual intercourse with her. She succumbed to his pressure and did not share the same with anyone around. The accused planned to have "Saptapadi" with her and he solemnized marriage with her in his house at Roop Nagar in presence of PSO Ashok Jamwal, his friend Darshan Gupta and one Pandit belonging from Doda called by accused. After one year of marriage with the accused she got knowledge that accused betrays her by marrying her during the life time of wife namely Neetu Bala who was his second wife and first wife namely Surbhi was divorced by the accused. The wife of the accused Neetu Bala the prosecutrix and appraised about the facts to which complainant told that she is legally wedded wife of the accused.

The accused wife Neetu Bala thrashed her and asked her to leave the accused. She enquired from the accused to which accused denied having relation with Neetu Bala. Lastly, accused accepted and assured the complainant for financial support. She was threatened by the accused of dire consequences, if she would take any action against him. The accused has treated her as sex slave. Complainant also alleged that accused also opened fire shot upon her. She filed several complaints but the accused being influential person has managed to escape. As and when wife of the accused Neetu Bala cried about unlawful marriage with the complainant, the accused withdrawn her society and settled with his wife. It is alleged that accused has defamed the prosecutrix in the public. The accused has played fraud with the prosecutrix and has fraudulently secured her consent to have sexual intercourse. Had the accused not told her to be his legal wife, she would have never given her consent to develop physical relations, as such complainant prayed for taking legal action against the accused. Since, the complaint was against the Judicial officer as such same was forwarded to SSP, Jammu and the matter was communicated to Registrar General of High Court of J&K, Jammu where from, police concerned was directed to proceed in the matter under law.

On receipt of the said complaint a case came to be registered under FIR No. 06 of 2018, for the commission of offences under Section

420,376 RPC and investigation commenced in the case. The statement of the complainant (herein after to be referred as prosecutrix) was recorded under section 164-A Cr.P.C. Statements of other witnesses was recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. Photographs produced by the complainant were seized. Medical examination of the prosecutrix was conducted. It has come on surface during investigation that prosecutrix was initially married and the said marriage was dissolved with mutual consent and out of the said marriage one girl child was born to her. Thereafter, she married with one Sanju Sahani and their relations got strained and thereafter marriage was dissolved in the year 2015 and in the same year she started working in the house of accused, as a servant. The accused has given assurance to complainant for marriage, under this pretext developed physical relations. It has also come on surface that accused of his own prepared marriage agreement between complainant and one Vikram Singh. As and when accused brought his wife Neetu Bala to his home, the complainant was settled at Pacea Danga on rent basis. The accused has surrendered before CJM Jammu on January 23, 2018 and on the same day he was arrested, after completion of investigation accused was found to be involved for the commission of offence punishable u/s 420,376/RPC. Since, the accused was judicial officer as such, permission was sought from the High Court for presentation of challan.

# DB takes serious note of non-implementation of judgment for last 22 years, directs Com/Secy Higher Education to appear

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Mohan Lal today while taking serious note over the functioning of Govt and for not implementing the judgment of Court for last 22 years, directed personal presence of ( Asgar Samoon) Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Higher & Technical Education now Skill Development Department for the purposes of framing the charge, if necessary.

Today when the matter was taken-up, Division Bench observed that the petitioner is complaining of the disobedience of the judgment and order dated 12.05.1999 passed in LPA (SW) No. 22/1998, 'Anita Kumari and Anr v. State of J&K and Others,' whereby the State authorities were directed to consider the claim of the petitioner on the same lines as in the case of 9 other teachers for the purposes of regularization.

The SLP preferred against the judgment and order was dismissed on 30.07.2001 with the direction that in the next selection, candidature of the petitioner shall be considered irrespective of the age bar and that the existing vacancies shall be filled up by selection within six months.

Since the SLP was dismissed without granting

leave to appeal, the judgment and order appealed against remained intact and was not disturbed in any manner, rather an additional condition was imposed regarding the participation of the petitioner in the next selection.

DB further observed that subsequently, on proceedings for contempt initiated before the Supreme Court, it was made clear that the State authorities would consider the case of the petitioner in the same manner as they have considered the cases of the persons mentioned in the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Order dated 01.02.1995, for the purposes of regularization within six weeks. In other words, the Supreme Court reiterated the directions as was given by the High Court vide judgment and order dated 12.05.1999 and specifically directed to consider the case of the petitioner for regularization within six weeks.

DB observed that the State authorities, despite the above clarification and reiteration by the Supreme Court of the direction of this Court, have not cared to comply with the same and rather started commenting upon the orders of the Supreme Court that they are not in harmony. About 22 years have passed but the State Authorities have not followed the directions.

AAG Assem Sawhney, learned AAG appearing for

the respondents submits that the order could not be implemented as there was some confusion and it has become necessary to seek the clarification for which he has moved an application.

DB do not feel that once the Supreme Court has reiterated the directions of the High Court in the subsequent order, there is no need for seeking clarification and as such the State authorities are prima facie under contempt not only of the order of the High Court but that of the Supreme Court.

AAG Sawhney submits that before a charge is framed, he may be allowed two weeks' time to consider the case of the petitioner for regularization as directed.

D B on the personal request of the counsel, in the interest of justice so that some good sense prevails upon the State Authorities, let this matter be placed again on 17.12.2021 for personal presence of (Asgar Samoon) Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Higher & Technical Education now Skill Development Department for the purposes of framing the charge, if necessary.

DB further directed that the Secretary, on appearance, would inform the manner he proposes to compensate the petitioner for the loss that she may have suffered due to non consideration of her case for regularization for last 22 years.

# Councillor starts lane & drain work at Ward-51



Councillor Ward 51, Rajkumar Tarkhan starting development work.

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JAMMU: Councillor Ward 51, Channi Himmat and Member of Health and Sanitation Committee, Rajkumar Tarkhan started lane and drain work at Mohalla Shaka in Channi Himmat with the estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakh.

The Councillor said that water flows to enter houses in the area creating problems for the residents there who brought the matter to his notice and he in turn took initiatives and the work of lane-drain has started today. He assured the people that developmental issues of the Ward regarding Power, Water, Lane, Drain, Road and any Upgradation will be resolved. Jagdish Raj Proch, Ward president; Mohd Javed, Jyoti Gandotra, Gandharv Singh, Balbir Singh, Mohd Shareef, Nakul Saroch, Sarvar Wani, Mohd Rafiq, Mohd Iqbal, Shankar Singh, Rakesh Kumar and others were also present on the occasion.

# World Science Day-2021 celebrated at ICAR-CAZRI Regional Research Station Leh

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LEH: ICAR-CAZRI Regional Research Station, Leh celebrated World Science Day for Peace and Development-2021 during International Week of Science and Peace with a joint lecture cum discourse in the theme area 'Climate Ready Communities for Mountain Ecosystems-A Citizen Charter' at Stakna Campus here on Thursday.

Founder Director of the Himalayan Institute of Alternatives (HIAL) and innovator Sonam Wangchuk and Co-Founder, HIAL, Gitanjali JB were the guests who spoke in depth about decision matrix of individuals for the protection cum sovereignty of mountain ecosystem of Ladakh Himalayan landscape in every possible aspect and what could be the simplistic way of life style which can be a self-less service from the citizens towards



ICAR-CAZRI Regional Research Station officials posing for a photograph with Sonam Wangchuk.

their nature which is protecting them since the inception of civilization in this landscape.

Head of ICAR-CAZRI RRS, Leh, Dr. Dipankar Saha briefed about the history of innovations in all the fields of sciences and technology which necessarily need to be studied by the students to make them better citizens of future in converging ancient scholars' understanding with neo-perspective.

Dignitaries from various

institutes including students, teacher participants from Kendriya Vidyalaya Leh and staff members from ICAR-CAZRI RRS, Leh.

ARS Scientist Changchuk Lamo and STO Jigmat Stanzin, while expressing gratitude to the guests, proposed about a future collaborative approach in overlapping areas of delivery in terms of science and technology deliverables for the holistic development of cold arid mountain region.

# JKMEF highlights demands, decides to resume strike from Nov 20



JKMEF President Sushil Sudan addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) Jammu has decided to resume its strike, which was earlier suspended, from November 20 at Director Health Services Complex Jammu, followed by a Chain hunger strike from November 23, 2021, in support of various long pending issues. It was stated by President JKMEF, Sushil Sudan while addressing a Press conference at Press Club Jammu on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sudan said that after a long agitation of the federation, on August 5, 2021, representatives of JKMEF reached an agreement for holding Departmental Promotion Committee in respect of all categories of Health employees besides making necessary amendment in SRO-20 with the then Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary Health & Medical Education) Atal Dulloo at Kashmir. "After getting assurance from Atal

Dulloo that DPC rules will be framed within 15 days, JKMEF suspended its protest but till date nothing has been done in this regard, forcing the federation to resume its suspended agitation," said Sudan, adding, "Moreover, after COVID-19 pandemic, LG acknowledged services of doctors and paramedical staff by announcing cash incentives for them but till date not even a single health warrior has received the same." He further urged the Government to take necessary measures for holding DPCs for all categories of Health employees besides making necessary amendments in SRO-20.

Others present on the occasion included Parfulat Singh, R P Singh, Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, Madan Lal Sharma, Aslam Bhai, Mohd Nadeem, Sanjay Khajuria, Jarnail Singh, Harpal Singh, Kamal Sawhney, Dharminder Singh, Pawan Singh Jamwal.

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JAMMU: In reply to a RTI, it has been informed that a representation, highlighting numerous crucial issues faced by Sikh community in J&K, submitted by members of Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) to LG during a meeting, is presently not traceable in the LG's Secretariat. It was stated by RTI Activist and President SPF, Balvinder Singh while addressing a Press conference in Jammu on Thursday.

Giving further details, Singh said that SPF members called on LG J&K UT on March 4, 2021 to highlight certain important issues pertaining to Sikh Community and accordingly, a memorandum was also submitted to him highlighting in detail ten important points including some long pending issues of Sikh community, which included implementation of Minority Commission Act in J&K UT, non-inclusion of a



President SPF, Balvinder Singh talking to reporters.

member from Community in PSC, inclusion of Punjabi as an official language and non-inclusion of non-migrant Kashmiri Sikh youths in special Employment drive besides installation of statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Kunjwani Chowk etc. "The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere and every issue was discussed in detail. LG

assured the delegation to consider all raised issues besides taking measures to redress them at the earliest. He even assured that a special employment package for non-migrant Kashmiri Sikh youths shall be announced shortly. Moreover, Raj Bhawan also issued a press release regarding the meeting held, which was published in leading local dailies," he

added.

Singh further said that after passage of seven months, when a RTI was filed to enquire status of aforesaid representation submitted to LG and action taken on it, so that same can be followed with concerned departments, the forum was shocked to read the contents of response given by PIO Raj Bhawan, Deputy Secretary vide his letter dated October 30, 2021, informing that as per records available, the LG Secretariat had not received aforesaid representation.

"We observed that higher hierarchy among bureaucrats especially those posted in Raj Bhawan like Principal Secretary, Principal Pvt Sec., Addl Principal Pvt Secretary, Special Secretary etc have

adopted a casual approach towards important issues raised by various deputations, despite being taken seriously by LG," said Singh, urging LG to issue necessary instructions for holding an enquire in the matter, so that faith of people can be restored. The SPF members have now decided to resubmit the aforesaid representation, by post, to LG with a hope that the highlighted issues would be taken up on priority.

Others present on the occasion included Manjit Singh General Secretary SPF, Rajinder Singh Sudan Joint Secretary, Babu Singh President Kashmiri Sikh Sangat, Harmohinder Singh President Displaced Kashmiri Sikh Conference, Jatinder Singh, Iqbal Singh and Mannohan Singh.

# SPF's representation untraceable in LG's Secretariat: Balvinder

# Yudhvir, Narottam start developmental work in Lower Mast Garh

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JAMMU: In continuation of his commitment for development of every nook and corner of Ward No 3, Corporator Narotam Sharma alongwith BJP J&K Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, on Thursday kick started work of interlocking tiles in Shivaji Chowk Lower Mast Garh in presence of prominent locals.

Yudhvir Sethi appreciated the Corporator and assured him of all possible help for development of his ward.



Corporator, Narottam Sharma inaugurating development work.

Narotam Sharma, while addressing the gathering

thanked the people of the area for their patience and

support and informed that interlocking tile work would cost over 4 lakh.

He also promised such more works in days and weeks to come.

Others who were present in the programme include Parveen Kerni, Mandal President BJP, Vidya Devi, Saroj Gupta Anuradha Sharma, all Senior Mahila leaders, Baba Sawhney, Ravinder Gupta, Ram Lubhaya, Hyder Ali, Subash Sharma and Sandeep Bhasin.

# J&K once again entering into Vedic era: Prof J P Sharma

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JAMMU: An organizing committee was formed including Sanskrit scholars and officials to celebrate the Foundation Day ceremony of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, in a grand manner.

Pertinent to mention here that Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan is located in Vishwasthali city of Kathua district of Jammu & Kashmir, where well-known Sanskrit scholar Dr Pandit Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak awakened light for Sanskrit and culture. He used to teach Gita, Vishnu Sahasranama and simple Sanskrit on weekly basis, which awakened love for Sanskrit

among people.

Shastri, who led a devoted life to Sanskrit, had established Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan Trust in 2003 and afterwards gave it form of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, which is the oldest University of India, Sampurnanand Sanskrit Sansthan. The university has got affiliation from Varanasi. The institute was formally inaugurated on auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti on 15th January, 2020.

The organizing committee of the institute decided to celebrate the foundation day and annual festival of the institute in a grand manner, in which emphasis

will be given to invite Sanskrit scholars from across the country to create a cultural atmosphere through public awareness.

In this meeting, Vice Chancellor SKUAST, Prof J P Sharma said that at present, with such developments for promotion and development of Sanskrit language, it appears as if J&K is once again entering into a Vedic era. On the occasion, Chief Security Director of Lieutenant Governor, Shakti Kumar Pathak, emphasized on making Sanskrit the language of the people.

Director of Rashtriya Sanskrit University Jammu campus Prof Madan Mohan Jha said that today again

there is a need to revive debate tradition of Kashi and Kashmir.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President SKJAVS Trust honoured scholars. Sant Shri Hareram Das Ji Maharaj said that culture can be protected only through Sanskrit.

On the occasion, Dr Vishwa Gupta, Prabodh Sharma, Sharad Chandra Sharma, Rakesh Gandotra, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Chandra Shekhar were also present. Principal of institute, Acharya Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay, in his seed statement, threw light on annual activities of the institute and highlighted why there is a need for holding big events like Sanskrit conference.