

# BJP has vitiated democratic atmosphere in country: Solanki



AICC leader and Incharge J&K Affairs Bharatsinh Solanki and others during public meeting at Doda.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Senior AICC leader and Incharge J&K Affairs Bharatsinh Solanki has said that BJP has vitiated the democratic atmosphere and has bulldozed the democratic institutions in the country. Addressing a largely attended workers rally in Doda town today along with JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani, AICC Jt. Secy. Manoj Yadav, Working President Raman Bhalla, AICC Coordinator Naresh Gupta Ex MLC, DCC President Sheikh Mujeeb, Ex MLA Ashok Dogra, Dina Nath Bhagat, Sham Lal Bhagat, Riyaz Sheikh DDC & Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Pyare Lal Shan, Asif Naqib, Akash Bharat besides others, Shri Solanki lashed out at BJP for the politics of vendetta, hatred and communal division for vote bank politics. Solanki said that only Congress along with other like minded secular parties can retrieve the vitiated

social, political and democratic atmosphere in the country and restore the atmosphere of peace, harmony, mutual co-existence and progress. He told workers to reach out to the masses and expose the people about the diversionary politics of BJP in the name of religion in order to escape from the failures to check unprecedented price rise and record unemployment in the country especially in Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the Congress workers commitment of fighting against BJP's communal, divisive and repressive policies in Jammu & Kashmir and regretted that BJP has unilaterally snatched the status of statehood, rights to land & jobs besides being robbed of natural resources. He said Rahul Gandhi is the hope of youth of the country who is boldly leading a light in the darkness of the atmosphere of hatred and divisiveness and

## Adhoc committee of J&K Fencing cannot be restrained from carrying out fencing activity in J&K UT: Court

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: 1st Additional District Judge Jammu, Virinder Singh Bhou in one of the important judgments has directed that the ad-hoc committee cannot be restrained from carrying out the fencing activity in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and participation of national and international events through Adhoc committee. This judgment came in Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Fencing Association (JKFA) through its General Secretary, Bhanu Vijay Sharma, son of Vijay Sharma, resident of 163-Gali Agnihotri, Panjirthi, Jammu (Plaintiff) through Advocate Ajay Vaid and Shaveta Sharma versus Fencing Association of India (FAI) through its General Secretary, 605, Sixth Floor LF Courtyard, District Centre Saket, New Delhi, (Defendant 1), Convener Ad-hoc Committee, J&K Fencing Association, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, resident of Railway Colony, Jammu (Defendant 2) and J&K Sports Council, M A Stadium, Jammu through its Secretary (Defendant 3) through Advocate Supriya Chouhan (for Defendants 1 & 2) and Advocate Anshuja Tak (for Defendant 3). 1st Additional District Judge Jammu, Virinder

Singh Bhou in a judgment issued on January 15, observed that for the foregoing reasons and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, no prima-facie case for confirmation of interim injunction dated 13.10.2023 is made by the Plaintiff Association (JKFAFA), because the issues raised revolve around the legality or otherwise of the election conducted on 06.05.2023 and Constitution of the Plaintiff Association and also the registration of Plaintiff Association with the defendant no.1. Till these are not settled, the adhoc committee which is valid till 31.03.2024 cannot be restrained from carrying out the fencing activity in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir because the future and career of the players cannot be jeopardized till then, Court ordered. The application is found devoid of merits and is dismissed, the Court observed. It further ordered that the interim injunction dated 13.10.2023 is vacated and the observations made are limited for the disposal of the application and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the main suit. Application is disposed accordingly.

## Court acquits wife, her brother in murder case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Rajouri R.N Wattal today acquitted Anu Verma wife of Amitabh Bachan and Ajay Kumar facing trial in murder of Amitabh Bachan. The brief facts of the case are that on 14.10.2016, an information was received from reliable sources that corpse of driver of bus No. JK02BK-7975 namely, Amitabh Bachan, aged 37 years, S/O Kirpa Ram R/O Khersoo, Tehsil Trayath, District Rajouri, was found hanging in the bus from the back door and his death has occurred under mysterious circumstances. The proceedings u/s 174 Cr. PC were initiated and ASI Ghani Sham went to the spot, prepared the spot sketch, seized the corpse for postmortem, seized the aforesaid bus and one shirt that was used for strangulation, the corpse was sent to hospital at Sunderbani for postmortem, thereafter corpse was delivered to the legal representatives for performing last rites, against proper receipt and statements of witnesses were recorded u/s 175 Cr. PC. As per postmortem report, the death of the deceased was caused due to strangulation in the intervening night of 13th/14th October 2016. It is on this report, FIR No. 100/2017 for the commission of offence u/s 302 RPC was registered; investigation

commenced; the documentation u/s 174 Cr. PC were converted to CD file, statements of witnesses were recorded u/s 161-A Cr. PC; the suspects were arrested and as per the statements of witnesses, it came to fore that deceased was married to Anu Sharma 6-7 years back as per Hindu rites and ceremonies. Anu Sharma was the only daughter of her parents, one girl child was born to her; Anu Sharma was not happy with the marriage and after marriage, she used to reside at her parental house at Salyot and the same was the discord between them; Anu Sharma, without permission of her husband, went to Haridwar and Lucknow; deceased Amitabh Bachan used to enquire and ask Anu Sharma why she went outside without permission and became drunkard; deceased then took a rented accommodation at Sunderbani; they used to quarrel because deceased used to restrict her from going to parental house; accused Ajay Kumar, the brother of Anu Sharma, used to side with her sister and quarrel with Amitabh Bachan; they were not in talking terms; on 13.10.2016, Amitabh Bachan had parked his bus bearing registration No. JK02BK-7975 at Main

Chowk, Water Point in MES Ground and at 11:00/12:00 PM, he parked the vehicle at Sunderbani Chowk and the conductor of the vehicle Ajay Sharma @ Shiva, who was brother-in-law of Amitabh Bachan, was not in talking terms with him, they quarreled with each other; deceased Amitabh Bachan telephonically told his wife Anu Sharma that Ajay Kumar is quarrelling with him; Anu Sharma came to Sunderbani Chowk and there was quarrel between deceased and Anu Sharma and Ajay Kumar; Anu Sharma told them that she has become frustrated and want to get rid of her husband Amitabh Bachan; after that Ajay Kumar and Anu Sharma went to Salyot on scooter; they were arrested u/s 54 Cr. PC; phone details were collected and seized, arrest memos were prepared, statements of witnesses were recorded u/s 164-A Cr. PC and during investigation, it came to fore that Anu Sharma and Ajay Kumar; when left Salyot, conspired and decided to go to Jammu in their vehicle, leave the vehicle at Jammu and come back to

Sunderbani Chowk and decided not to call each other; after that Ajay Kumar having dinner came back to Sunderbani and left his vehicle JK02AS-5887, driven by Baldev Singh, left for Jammu with the passengers, boarded off the vehicle, Ajay Kumar was very annoyed, came out of the vehicle, closed his vehicle, went to Jewel Chowk on motorcycle, then went on foot to Bakshi Nagar Puli, stopped a vehicle driven by a Kashmiri, came to Sunderbani at 12:00 in the night, clandestinely when reached near his vehicle, opened the vehicle, went inside the vehicle, he did saw deceased Amitabh Bachan in intoxication in the vehicle, Anu Sharma was also there, Ajay Kumar then sat on deceased by closing his hands back side, Anu Sharma then strangulated the deceased with his hands and after sometime deceased died, accused Anu Sharma thereafter took out the shirt of deceased and then hanged the corpse from back door of the vehicle and investigation concluded and offence u/s 302 RPC proved against the

accused and chargesheet was presented in the court for judicial determination. Principal Sessions Judge Rajouri RN Wattal after hearing both the sides, observed that evidence brought on record by the prosecution regarding complicity of the accused in the commission of crime is not, convincing and beyond shadow of doubt and accused are entitled to be given the benefit of doubt. Accordingly, the charge sheet is dismissed and accused are acquitted of the charge u/s 302 RPC. Accused No. 1 is on bail and her bail bonds are discharged. Accused No.2 is in judicial custody at District Jail, Dhangri, and he is directed to be released forthwith if not detained in any other case.

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I, Abhishek Sharma (Old Name) S/o Subash Chander Sharma R/o H.No.57, Sector-5, Nanak Nagar, Jammu, J&K UT-180004, has changed my name from Abhishek Sharma (Old Name) to Anubhav Sharma (New Name). I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Anubhav Sharma (New Name).  
Sd/-  
Tehsildar  
Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
Raj Garh

**IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS TEHSILDAR RAJGARH**  
Santosh S/o Suraj Ram R/o Chakka Bhartund Tehsil Rajgarh, District Ramban.  
Versus  
UT of J&K through Block Development Officer, Assar  
Whereas the applicant named above has sought a direction from Block Development Officer, Assar for registration of Date of Birth of Namely Arshita Devi the birth/Death record register who were born on 12-04-2018 at home.  
Whereas the public at large is informed through the medium of this notice that if any person / persons have any objection regarding the correction of the birth of applicant mentioned above; he or she shall file his/her objections within 07 days to this Court from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper, falling which appropriate order shall be passed. In case the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter shall be taken upon the next working day.  
Given under my hand and seal of this Court on.....  
Sd/-  
Tehsildar  
Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
Raj Garh

## Modi Govt committed for overall development of far flung & rural areas: Col Mahan



Col Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman DDC Kathua during visit to village Sanki.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BASOHLI: Col Mahan Singh (Retd), Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, undertook a significant visit to the remote and isolated village of Sanki in the Basohli Block of District Kathua. The purpose of the visit was to engage with the residents and assess the ongoing work on the approach road to Village Sanki, which has been cut off from the mainstream since the establishment of the Ranjit Sagar Dam reservoir nearly three decades ago. During his visit, Col Mahan Singh interacted with the villagers, gaining valuable insights into their challenges and needs. He personally inspected the progress of the approach road project, a crucial initiative aimed at reconnecting Sanki to the broader infrastructure network. The DDC Chairman was accompanied by Capt Harnam Singh, local veteran residents like Badri Nath Badu, Chain Singh Billawaria, Roop Chand Gusein and others. Addressing the gathered community members, Col Mahan highlighted various government schemes and lauded the development projects undertaken by the Modi Government. He expressed his appreciation for the comprehensive development unfolding in the region, emphasizing the positive impact of ongoing and completed projects in Jammu and Kashmir. The DDC Chairman acknowledged the significance of all-round development, underscoring the commitment of the government to uplift the remote areas and bridge the gaps that have persisted for decades. He pledged continued efforts to ensure that isolated regions like Sanki witness sustained progress and connectivity. The DDC Chairman asserted that Modi led BJP Government at the Centre and U.T Administration in Jammu and Kashmir is committed for the welfare and well-being of rural areas. He reiterated the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government's commitment for the overall development and upliftment of far flung and rural areas. He highlighted the achievements of the Union Govt he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken utmost care of the common people especially those living in far flung areas.

## CEO Shrine Board holds security review meeting ahead of Republic Day celebrations

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage prior to Republic Day celebrations at Katra, Chief Executive Officer, Anshul Garg on Thursday presided over a meeting with security agencies and other stakeholders at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra. Laying focus on the smooth regulation of Yatra in line with the directions of Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor; JK-UT), CEO said that the security measures needs to be fortified ahead of the Republic Day celebrations. He underscored the imperative of collaborative efforts among the stakeholders to forge a robust security framework in sync with requirements. CEO stressed for action on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage in the coming days including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas on the track and in Katra town, working out plans for decongestion of the entire track, particularly the Bhawan area and all time surveillance through dedicated CCTV network of over 700 cameras. He further exhorted all security agencies to remain more vigilant so that no pilgrim without frisking and valid registration enters the track for their pilgrimage. CEO also reviewed various components of



Chief Executive Officer, Anshul Garg chairing meeting.

the disaster management measures and directed to make regular announcements and implementation of joint patrolling by the stakeholders. During the meeting it was revealed that the main function of Republic Day celebrations will be organised in the Shrine Board's Sports Complex Katra where CEO Shrine Board will unfurl the Tricolor and take the salute of the March past contingents from JKP, CRPF, Shrine Security, NCC and school children, besides a colorful cultural programme will also be presented by the school children. A slew of directives were also issued by the Chair to the concerned quarters for movement of vehicles, sanitation and drinking water arrangements and illumination of dark spots at Katra town, besides, physical and systematic improvements wherever required after critical examination. Superintendent of Police Katra and Commandant, CRPF informed that foolproof security arrangements will be made for smooth and enthusiastic celebration of the National Day and present-

## MVD's initiative promotes responsible driving in Bhabarwah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: With an aim to inculcate the sense of responsibility among the people while driving especially license seekers, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Doda organized awareness programme on Road safety at Bhabarwah as a part of ongoing National Road Safety Month campaign. Beside Trial camp for license seekers were also held at Bhabarwah to provide the facility at their door steps.



DC Doda Harvinder Singh during the programme.

The today's awareness program unfolded at the new Bus stand in Bhabarwah, with a particular focus on enlightening new license seekers. DC Doda Harvinder Singh was the chief guest on the occasion, who also addressed the participants including license seekers, Transporters and general public during the program held at New Bus Stand Kotli

Bhabarwah. ADC Bhabarwah Dilmir Chowdhary was the guest of honour while ARTO Doda Rajesh Gupta presided over the function. Inspector MVD Doda Robin Singh was also present on the occasion. Under the guidance of ARTO Doda, Rajesh Gupta, the initiative extended its impact to New Bus stand Kotli, where a tailored awareness program targeted new license seekers. Chief Guest Deputy Commissioner Doda

actively participated in the event, underscoring the significance of the National Road Safety Month. In the broader context of the National Road Safety Month in India, the organizers urged citizens to prioritize precautions while driving. The initiative aimed not only to raise awareness but also to actively engage stakeholders in addressing road safety as a critical societal concern, with a focused approach on preventing accidents and ensuring responsible driving habits. ARTO Doda Rajesh Gupta said that drivers and license seekers were instructed about road safety norms, and a pledge on road safety was also taken during this campaign. "The focus of the program is to create a culture of responsible driving and pedestrian safety, aiming to reduce the number of road accidents and save lives," ARTO added.

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**Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, REW, JAMMU**  
Sub: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT FOR CIVIL STRUCTURES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT JAMMU-Cancellation of online tender thereof  
Ref: e-NIT No 06-SE REW of 2023 dated: 26-12-2023

**NOTIFICATION**  
It is hereby informed that the aforementioned tender floated by this office is hereby cancelled due to technical glitch. The tender document fee deposited through treasury challan in favour of Superintending Engineer REW Jammu between 26-12-2023 to 02-01-2024 amounting to Rs 1000/= will remain valid for already participated bidders in the aforementioned e-NIT  
All eligible contractors are requested to visit jktenders.gov.in portal for participating in fresh tender which will be uploaded soon.  
No:- SE/REW/J/23-24/2650-2662  
Dated:- 16-01-2024  
DIP/J-13994/23  
Dated:- 18/01/2024

Sd/-  
(Er. Rajesh Kumar Agastam)  
Superintending Engineer  
Rural Engineering Wing  
Jammu

**IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU.**

1. Director, Geology St Mining Department, J&K, Jammu.  
2. District Mineral Officer, Kathua  
(Member Secretary, District Level e-Auction Committee)

VERSUS

Public at Large.

(...CAVEATORS)

(...NON-CAVEATOR)

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Caveat under section 148-A of CPC for affording an opportunity to hear the Caveator before passing any order.  
**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIPS;**  
The caveators must respectively submit as under: -  
1. That vide e-Auction Notice No.DMO/K/e-Auction/2023-24/481-488 dated 19.12.2023 issued by the caveator no.2 on behalf of the Union Territory of J&K notified for the information of general public that the e-Auction for grant of Mining Lease of Minor Mineral Blocks for the period of 5 year in respect of District Kathua as per Jammu & Kashmir Minor Mineraj Concession Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016.  
A copy of the said e-Auction Notice No.DMO/K/e-Auction/2023-24/481-488 dated 19.12.2023 is enclosed herewith as ANNEXURE-'A'  
2. That, being highest bidder, the District Level e-Auction Committee vide communication dated 15.01.2024, Mr Zorawar Singh has been instructed to deposit 50% amount of your offered bid i.e., Rs. 63,19,850/- within 48 hours in the shape of Demand Draft pledge to Director, Geology & Mining, J&K, Jammu alongwith 2% TCS pledged to Income Tax Commissioner, Jammu in terms of rule 55(7) of The Jammu & Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016" notified vide SRO-105 dated 31st March, 2016.  
3. That in the event of filing of any petition against the e-Auction Notice No. DMO/K/e-Auction/2023-24/481-488 dated 19.12.2023 and communication dated 15.01.2024 issued by the District Level e-Auction Committee to Mr. Zorawar Singh, the caveators be afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard.  
**IN THE PREMISES: -**  
It is, therefore, respectfully prayed that in the event of filing of a writ petition by any aggrieved person against the e-Auction Notice No. DMO/K/e-Auction/2023-24/481-488 dated 19.12.2023 and communication dated 15.01.2024 issued by the District Level e-Auction Committee to Mr. Zorawar Singh, the Caveators be afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the interest of Justice.  
DATED: - 18-01-2024

**THE CAVEATORS THROUGH COUNSEL**  
K.D.S Kotwal  
DEPUTY ADVOCATE GENERAL,  
J&K HIGH COURT, JAMMU

DIP/J-14018/23  
Dated: 18-01-2024