

# Court awards life-imprisonment to 4 in murder case

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: First Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Virender Singh Bhou on Wednesday awarded life-imprisonment to four accused in a murder case.

The convicted are Deepak Singh alias Deepu, son of Ramesh Singh, Manjeet Singh alias Sonu, son of Surjeet Singh, Shammi Singh alias Chhottu, son of Ravi Singh, Charanjeet Singh alias Rocky, son of Surjeet Singh, all residents of Satrayian Tehsil R S Pura Distt Jammu, facing trial in murder case for the last 10 years.

The alleged enmity between the deceased and accused families has resulted into the death of Vinod Kumar, hereinafter referred to as deceased, as argued by the Prosecution.

The prosecution story unfolded from the final report, statements of the witnesses and material on record is that on July 8, 2014, at 3 PM, the complainant in the case, P.W Anil Sharma, son of Tirath Ram, real brother of the deceased, namely, Vinod Kumar, lodged a written report in Police Station R.S. Pura, that he is

a resident of Village Satrayian and is a businessman by profession. Accused Deepak Singh, son of Ramesh Singh, Manjeet Singh and Charanjeet Singh, sons of Surjeet Singh, all residents of Village Satrayian, were having enmity with him and his brothers.

On July 8, 2014, approximately at 02:15 p.m., Vinod Kumar, was sitting in his shop, situated at Ward No. 12 and watching television, the real uncle of the complainant, Vijay Kumar, was also sitting in his own shop, situated opposite the shop of the complainant. When the complainant, after having his day meals, reached at his shop, he saw accused Deepak Singh, Manjeet Singh, Charanjeet Singh alongwith one unknown person entering the shop of the complainant with gun and sharp edged weapons in their hands. They attacked Vinod Kumar with common intention to kill him inside the shop. Whereas accused Deepak Singh was having a gun in his hands, the rest of the accused were having sharp edged weapons (Tobaks) in their hands. On the alarm raised by the complainant

and his uncle, accused Deepak Singh fired from the gun and caused serious injuries to Vinod Kumar. Thereafter all the accused persons ran away from the place of occurrence. The injured brother of the complainant was thereafter taken to the Govt. Hospital, R.S.Pura, by his uncle Vijay Kumar and others. After his checkup the injured Vinod Kumar was declared as brought dead.

On his written report the Police of Police Station R.S.Pura, on 08.07.2014, at 15.00 hours (3p.m), registered FIR Number 132 of 2014, under Sections 452, 302, 34 of the Ranbir Penal Code and section 3/25 and 4/25 of the Arms Act.

1st Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Virender Singh Bhou, after hearing both the sides, observed that the convicts, namely Deepak Singh, Manjeet Singh, Shammi Singh and Charanjeet Singh are sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life for the commission of offence under section 302 RPC and pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 individually. In case of default of pay-

ment of fine the convicts shall undergo further simple imprisonment of two months individually.

"They are further convicted for the commission of offences under sections 452 RPC to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 02 years and pay a fine of Rs. 1000 individually and in default of payment of fine they shall undergo simple imprisonment for one month individually.

Deepak Singh is further convicted for the commission of offence under Section 30 I.A Act to undergo rigorous imprisonment for two months and pay a fine of Rs. 1000 and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 15 days. While Manjeet Singh, Shammi Singh and Charanjeet Singh are further convicted for the commission of offence under Section 4/25 I.A.Act to undergo simple imprisonment for one year and pay a fine of Rs. 1000 individually and in case of default of payment, they shall further undergo imprisonment for 15 days individually. All the sentences shall run concurrently", as per the judgment.

# IIM Jammu spearheads Global Dialogue on Academic Research

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu conducted workshop on Research in the Academic Sector, which brought together a distinguished delegation led by renowned academicians ranging from Prof. Amrik Sohal, Monash University, Australia, Professor Julie Davies, University College London, UK, and Prof. Chris Hicks, Newcastle University, UK.

The workshop was presided by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu who facilitated discussions that identified crucial global challenges and emphasized collaborative research solutions.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction of the delegates by Dr. Nitin Upadhyay, Chairperson, IT, IIM Jammu.

The global challenges identified during the workshop spanned a spectrum of issues, including Sustainability of Resources, Inequality, Unemployment, Lack of Responsible



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu honouring the dignitary.

Leadership, Circular Economy, Poverty, Food Security and Food Supply Chain, Affordance, Accessibility, Migration and Mobility, Making Education Accessible and Affordable, Negative Externalities, and Mental Health.

Prof. Amrik Sohal, Monash University, Australia, reiterated the imperative of fortifying collaborations between Monash University and IIM Jammu across various domains, including research programs, seminars, and teaching initia-

tives. During his address, he emphasized the shared responsibility of academic institutions in contributing to societal well-being through impactful research and collaborative educational initiatives.

Professor Julie Davies, University College London, UK, delivered an address underscoring the critical need for closer collaboration in alignment with the India-UK 2030 roadmap.

Prof. Chris Hicks, Newcastle University, UK, emphasized the transfor-

mative power of collaboration across diverse industry domains, illustrating the continuous efforts made in the public interest.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu underscored the limitless scope of research and emphasized the value of collaborative endeavours. Encouraging active participation, he urged attendees to glean insights from faculty members and forge meaningful connections to enrich their educational voyage.

He highlighted the unparalleled advantages of on-campus learning, surpassing the limitations of remote settings. He rallied participants to collectively explore avenues for advancing this partnership in the best interests of the academic community.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu expressed the anticipation of fruitful connections with peers, emphasizing the potential for enhancing the learning journey.

# Ram Temple Consecration Day: Ajatshatru, Dr Ritu extend gratitude to Jammuites for participation at Shree Raghunath Ji Temple

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JAMMU: Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust and former Minister and Dr. Ritu Singh have extended gratitude to the people of Jammu for their participation at the revered Shree Raghunath Ji Temple on the historic consecration day of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Expressing her gratitude, Dr. Ritu Singh extended thanks to Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Trustees Vikramaditya Singh, Ajatshatru Singh, Ranvijay Singh, and Martand Singh for entrusting her with the opportunity to adorn the iconic Shree Raghunath Ji Temple in Jammu on the auspicious occasion of the historic consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Ajatshatru Singh and Dr. Ritu Singh shared immense joy at orchestrating and managing the event, ensuring that the historic occasion was commemorat-



ed with the utmost reverence and inclusivity. They have successfully revived age-old traditions that transcend boundaries of caste, color, and creed, engaging people from all walks of life to celebrate such momentous occasions, promoting harmony and inclusivity. Ajatshatru Singh and Dr. Ritu Singh expressed gratitude to all the artists for enthraling the audience with soulful Ram Bhajans and a

Kathak Dance performance by the students of Nriyjanjali Classical Dance Academy, headed by Dr. Priya Dutta, a prominent Kathak Dancer of J&K. They also lauded the anchors, namely Dr. Mitali Gupta, Suganda Mahajan, and Anar Chauhan, for engaging the devotees and making the grand celebrations memorable for all.

Pertinent to mention here that Dr. Ritu Singh extended an invitation to children from Muskaan Home and underprivileged children from Qasim Nagar, adopted by her, to partake in the festivities.

The entire temple complex was illuminated with 11,000 Diyas, crafted by the NGO 'Uneed' from Block Balwal and Purmandal.

Ajatshatru Singh and Dr. Ritu Singh expressed thanks to Shastris Shukla and other priests who were especially called from Chitrakoot for the Akhand Paath of Shri Ram Charitmanas.

They also congratulated the entire

team of J&K Dharmarth Trust, led by its President Brig RS Langeh (Rtd) and Secretary, Ashok Sharma (SSP Rtd), for making these events a great success.

They extended thanks to the entire team of Guru Ki Sangat, Hari Niwas, and Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation for their dedicated contributions and collaborative spirit.

They also expressed gratitude to the District Administration, especially the Divisional Commissioner, ADGP Law & Order, and JMC Commissioner, for making necessary arrangements in and outside the temple complex to facilitate the smooth conduct of the event.

They also expressed gratitude to all tourists visiting the temple, social and political organizations, Business communities, Sansthas, women groups and media persons for making this event memorable.

# Emergency services at GMC Jammu need upgradation: Dr Varinder

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JAMMU: Dr Varinder Sharma, Co-convenor of the Professional Cell at BJP J&K, extended congratulations to AIIMS-Jammu Director, Professor Dr Shakti Gupta, for nearing completion of the prestigious medical college and hospital in Vijaypur, set to be inaugurated this February.

Dr Sharma commended Dr Gupta's exemplary efforts in establishing this vital healthcare institution, ensuring the recruitment of top-notch faculty and doctors, and providing

invaluable guidance throughout the project's execution, tailored for the benefit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing the significance of the new AIIMS in Jammu, Dr Varinder Sharma noted that this fulfills a long-standing demand, making healthcare facilities more accessible to the general public. He appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to enhance emergency conditions at the Government Medical College and Hospital in Bakshi Nagar which are not up to the mark and emphasised



that a hospital's emergencies are its face and should meet high standards of care. He said beginning from parking to patient care everything needs

streamlining on war footings. He urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to improve the conditions of emergencies of Government Medical College and Hospital at Bakshi Nagar besides at other hospitals so that patients are not neglected or left to fend for themselves. He added that the emergency of a hospital is its face and they all must be made up to the mark. Dr Sharma also applauded Dr Shakti Gupta for hosting an international delegation in Jammu, featuring Professor Y K Gupta, President of AIIMS-Jammu.

The recent UK Government Chevening Award workshop on "Healthcare Leadership, Operational Excellence, and Digitalization" in Jammu is highlighted as a transformative initiative, providing medical professionals with insights into the latest technologies and breakthroughs in medical sci-

ences. In addition, the workshop introduces a mentorship program for young healthcare professionals in India, offering co-developed learning materials and resources on medical leadership. An exclusive online series of webinars, the 'Chevening-Shakti Mentorship Programme', focusing on women in medicine, will connect 50 Indian women physicians and nurses with international experts over the next year. Dr Varinder Sharma concluded by sharing the progress of AIIMS-Jammu, with 42 completed buildings encompassing hospital facilities, OPD, emergencies, staff quarters, hostels, and green areas.

He anticipated that once open to the public, AIIMS-Jammu will serve the healthcare needs of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and parts of Punjab, opening up new avenues for all.

# Court awards life-imprisonment in murder over land dispute

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Rajouri Mehmood Choudhary on Wednesday awarded life-imprisonment to Romesh Kumar, son of Tara Chand, facing trial in murder over land dispute.

The Court acquitted his brother Ram Lal, his wife Kunti Devi and close relative Tara Chand and his wife Pushpa Devi from the charges.

Brief facts of the case reveal that on July 19, 2016, at 12:45 AM an information was received in the police station through reliable sources that one Jia Lal, son of Balak Ram and Tara Chand were having enmity with respect to land and on last night at 11:30 PM. Jia Lal along with his family members were ploughing their own land.

In the meantime, Tara Chand along with other accused, with the intention of committing murder, entered into the said land and attacked upon Jia Lal and his family members with lathis, dandas and stones, resulting in grievous injuries to them.

Deceased Jia Lal succumbed to the injuries and died on spot while other injured were taken to

Sunderbani Hospital and body of the deceased was lying on the spot. Prima-facie offence u/s 302/34 RPC were committed. Accordingly, FIR No. 46/2016 was registered in the Police Station Sunderbani and investigation of the case commenced.

Additional Sessions Judge Rajouri Mehmood Choudhary, after hearing both the sides, observed that during hearing on the quantum of sentence the court was informed that the accused is a first time offender.

"He is a teacher by profession, having children and wife, who is also a government teacher. So, the wife and children have sufficient means to live a dignified life. It was argued that awarding of death penalty will cost the whole family hugely and will get wreck completely. His survival will be just a hope to see him alive in jail and an expectation of him to be released at any stage of time. On the other hand, I do not find any such gravest aggravating circumstance which is so uncommon in our society about the said crime committed. As per the case history, the people of the locality at the earliest stage of the investigation were quite

shocking of the murder of the deceased, under the impression that the brother of the deceased and his close relative had killed the deceased as their hostility with the dispute of land was known to all neighbours. And then on hearing the news of murder of the deceased there was wide condemnation of the relatives. However, when investigation proceeded further and accused persons got unveiled as the killer, the euphoria came down as it was not something so exceptional having happened in the area. Does not look to be so uncommon to entail death penalty for the accused. However, brother of the deceased Ram Lal, his wife Kunti Devi and his close relative Tara Chand and his wife Pushpa Devi have been acquitted and only the convict found involved in the murder of the deceased. Therefore, taking a joint and holistic view of the circumstances, I am of the considered view that in the facts and circumstances of this case as revealed in the preceding paras, the life imprisonment is the appropriate punishment to be awarded to the convict for commission of murder of the deceased with fine of Rs. 50,000.

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**DO'S**

- > Entry for general public shall be from Main Gate MA Stadium Jammu.
- > Be in time for smooth entry before start of the programme (ensure entry before 9 AM).
- > Please carry identity proof in the form of Aadhar card, Election card or Pan card or any other I.D proof.
- > Please cooperate during frisking. Be in queues for smooth frisking/entry inside the venue well in time.
- > Park your vehicle in the parking slots as per the parking pass/parking slots issued/earmarked by the Civil Administration and Traffic Police.

**Don'ts**

- > Don't carry any bag, Tiffin boxes, other eatables, water bottles, cameras, weapon, ammunition, sharp edge article, inflammable material, cigarette, match boxes, lighter, any objectionable flag and any electronic gadgets etc.

*Sd/-*  
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**Annexure-IA**

**Possession Notice**

**Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002**

Whereas Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 21.10.2023 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely M/S Faridia Bakery Prop.Mr.Abdul Gani,S/O Sher Mohd Butt, Unit Address:- Semna Colony, Near Wisdom Public School, Kishtwar to repay an amount of **Rs.681506.18/- (Rupees Six Lacs Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Six Rupees Eighteen Paise Only)** being the balance outstanding as on 21.10.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage/Hypothecated property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 21st day of month January of the year 2024.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs.690347.18/- (Rupees Six Lacs Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Rupees Eighteen Paise Only)** together with future interest thereon from 23.01.2024 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable/Hypothecated Property (As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations)**

Hypothecation of Stocks,Tools,Plant and Machinery/Book Debts,Furniture Fixture created out of Bank Finance under the scheme.

Dated: 23.01.2024 **DIP/J-5031-P/23** **Sd/-**  
Place : Kishtwar **Dated:- 24/01/2024** **Authorized Officer**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,**  
**CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K**

**Subject: Appointment of Multitasking Staff (Orderly) in the School Education Department Division/District Cadres in UT of J&K.**

**Corrigendum to Government Order No: 2169- JK (Edu) of 2022 Dated: 29.11.2022.**

Please read "10.02.1998" instead of "02.10.1998" in the Date of Birth Column of Government Order No. 2169-JK(Edu) of 2022 dated 29.11.2022 issued under endorsement No. Edu-NGK/287/2021-01-SED dated 29.11.2022.

**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

No. Edu-NGK/287/2021(7142132) **Sd/-**  
Dated: 19-01-2024 (Dr. Piyush Singla) IAS  
**DIP/J-14291/23** Administrative Secretary to the Government,  
Dated:- 24/01/2024 **School Education Department.**

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL**  
**DIVISION RAJOURI**

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**EXTENSION of e-NIT**

**Subject: - Extension of e NIT no. PHE/MDR/191 of 2023-24 dated 04.01.2024 for PITC of pumping machinery alongwith Electro-Mechanical Components at different locations of WSS DERI RELYOTE of Jal Shakti PHE MECH Division Rajouri UT of J & K under JJM on Turnkey basis.**

Due to poor response, this office e-NIT no PHE/MDR/191 of 2023-24 dated 04.01.2024 due on 15.01.2024 floated vide endorsement no. PHE/MDR/7885-96 dated 04.01.2023 is further extended upto 29.01.2024 till 2 pm.

**-sd/-**  
No. PHE/MDR/8366-68 **Executive Engineer**  
Dated: 22.01.2024 **Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division**  
**Rajouri**

**DIP/J-14281/23**  
**Dated:- 24/01/2024**