

# CBI Court frames charges against then DC and Ors in Fake Gun License scam

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JAMMU:- Special Judge CBI S.C Katal framed charges against Ferooq Ahmad Khan the then DM Kulgam (now retired), Syed Ferooq Ahmad the then Stenographer/Judicial Clerk in office of D.M Kulgam (Now retired), Mohammed Imran Lohri Owner of M/S Imran Gun House Arms and Ammunition Dealer behind Madrasa Wannoh post Anantnag and Mohammad Siddiq Proprietor M/S Kotwal Gun House Arms and Ammunition dealer Kotwal Mohalla Anantnag in much publicized fake gun license scam.

The brief facts of the case are that during the period from 2012 to 2016 the District Magistrate of various Districts of J&K including District Kulgam have fraudulently and illegally issued gun licences which run in thousands. The charge sheet in hand pertains to the gun licences issued by District Magistrate Kulgam who in connivance with Co-accused have fraudulently and illegally issued the gun licences. The licensing authority has brazenly flouted the norms, procedures and rules governing the subject in lieu of monetary considerations by abuse of their official position as public ser-

vant which discloses the commission of above mentioned offences.

The final report further revealed that Ferooq Ahmad Khan (A-1) the then D.M Kulgam (now retired) during his tenure from 1st January, 2012 to 18th May, 2012 as D.M Kulgam in pursuance to the criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused named above issued multiple Arms licence to different persons not resident of Kulgam without proper police verification. Arms licences have been issued illegally by him in connivance with accused No. 2 P.A/Judicial Clerk and gun house dealers in lieu of monetary considerations.

The accused in this case are, accused No. 1 namely Ferooq Ahmad Khan the then DM Kulgam (now retired), the accused No. 2 namely Syed Ferooq Ahmad the then Stenographer/Judicial Clerk in office of D.M Kulgam, Accused No. 3 namely Mohammed Imran Lohri Owner of M/S Imran Gun House Arms and Ammunition Dealer behind Madrasa Wannoh post Anantnag, Accused No. 4 namely Mohammad Siddiq Proprietor M/S Kotwal Gun House Arms and Ammunition dealer Kotwal Mohalla Anantnag.

To bring out criminality on part of

accused persons, the I.O has cited four instances regarding issuance of illegal Arms licences. These licences have been fraudulently & illegally issued in favour of ineligible persons who are neither resident of nor posted within the jurisdiction of District Magistrate Kulgam. In one case gun licence was issued in favour of Nazir Ahmad Khan R/O Anantnag, who had initially approach the DC Office Anantnag for gun licence but he was refused the licence by the concerned District Magistrate for the reason that gun licences are not issued due to law and order situation in Anantnag District. Thereafter, he came in contact with Mohammad Shafiq Proprietor M/S Kotwal Gun House, who demanded Rupees Twenty thousand for the Arms licences including cost of a single barrel gun. As per the investigation the arms licence bearing No. DMK/Arms/12/140 dated 14.05.2012 was issued by accused No.1 in favour of Nazir Ahmad, the said licence was issued with area validity extended to the whole J&K State despite, no verification of character and antecedents as well as threat perception was got checked. The application for gun licence is in the handwriting of

accused No. 4 and it bear signature of accused No.1 as issuing authority. The said licence has been issued by paying money to the accused persons through accused No. 4. Moreover, two different arms licence numbers are mentioned on the arms licences booklet of Nazir Ahmad ie DMK/183/2012 and DMK/Arms/12140 both dated 14.05.2012 which reveals the illegality in issuing the arms licences. Similarly, in case of Adil Nazir Bhat R/O Shangus District Anantnag, Mohammad Hanief Khan R/O Shangus District Anantnag & Qaliya Khan working at ATM Guard YES Bank Anantnag (not resident of Kulgam), the Arms licence have been issued in their favour in lieu of monetary consideration for Rupees Twelve Thousand received through accused No. 3, Rupees twenty thousand and rupees Eighteen thousand received through accused No. 4.

Special Judge CBI SC Katal after hearing both the sides observed that so far as the conspiracy hatched by the accused persons is concerned the facts and circumstances of the case and evidence assembled by the investigation officer show that the accused persons have illegally issued gun licences in lieu of obtain-

ing monetary gains. The accused persons played different role to achieve their common goal of making money by illegal means.

Court further observed that keeping in view the above discussion, this court is of the considered view, that the above referred material evidence is sufficient to raise the grave suspicion as regards to the alleged involvement of accused persons in commission of alleged crime ie abuse of official position by accused No. 1 & 2 in pursuance to criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused no 3 to 4, whereby the accused have fraudulently and illegally issued the Arms licence in favour of many persons who were neither residing nor posted in District Kulgam at relevant time. Moreover, the Arms licences have been issued without verification of character and antecedents for monetary considerations. Hence, prima facie case is made out for framing the charge against the accused persons. The accused persons are charge-sheeted for commission of offences U/Sec. 120-B, 420 RPC r/w Section 5(1)(d)/5(2) J&K PC Act. Svt.2006. The accused persons are charge-sheeted accordingly. Charge is read over and explained to the accused persons.

# NIA Court rejects bail of dismissed DySP

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JAMMU: Special Judge NIA J&K Jatinder Singh Jamwal today rejected the bail application of Davinder Singh Dy SP who was dismissed by the Govt.

Special Judge NIA J&K Jatinder Singh Jamwal after hearing Adv Iqbal Hussain Bhat for the applicant whereas Special PP K.S. Pathania for the NIA, observed that the rival submissions of the parties and applying mind to the facts and circumstances of the case and without going into greater details, "I have no hesitation in observing that the applicant cannot be allowed the concession of bail, even for a limited period, in view of the gravity of offences for which he stands charge-sheeted as also the embargo laid in Section 437 of Cr. P.C and Section 43-D (5) of the UA(P) Act". In observing that reliance is placed on a ruling handed down by the Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh,

in: 'Mohd. Sharief Vs. UT of J&K & Ors.' (Cr. (AD) No.14/2023, decided on: 01.08.2023) wherein the Division Bench refused the concession of bail to the accused involved in a case for offences under the UA (P) Act, who had prayed for the same on the ground that his wife was afflicted with terminal illness (Cancer), firstly on account of the gravity of offences and secondly on the ground that admittedly his sons were there to take care of the wife of the applicant/accused. The situation in the present case is almost identical and the ruling (supra) squarely covers the same. The argument of Ld. Spl. PP on that behalf is, therefore, well merited and deserves acceptance. Taking that into account as also the facts and circumstances of the case, "I have no hesitation in observing that the applicant does not succeed in making out a case for grant of temporary bail".

# JKSAC holds meeting, deliberates on passage of Bill on assembly elections

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) held a meeting of its all Tehsil and District Units at Lower Gadigarh Jammu to seek the views of DPs with regard to passage of the bill wherein two seats have been nominated for Kashmiri migrants and only a single seat nominated for DPs of 1947 from POJK in J&K assembly despite of having their own constitutional share of 8 seats. Besides the executive members of all the units, some prominent DPs across the Jammu region were also invited namely Ravinder Singh (Ex-Director Education), Kundan Khajuria, Ravinder Sharma (both ret'd. Col.), Dr. Aman (Retd. Secretary Art & Cultural Academy) and Nain Chand (Retd. DFO), Amar Nath a veteran educationist and a retired Principal who remained in Pakistan captivation for 11 years presided over the



JKSAC members after the meeting in Jammu on Monday.

meeting. All the participants in the meeting in one voice strongly condemned the Central Govt. for causing great humiliation to DPs of 1947 from POJK by nominating only one seat instead of 8 seats which have also been recommended by JPC on Home Affairs. They also condemned the Pradesh BJP for not projecting the issue in the right perspective as requested many times and contrary misled the central govt. All the heads of JKSAC's units and other

prominent invitees termed this move of Central govt. as most unfortunate, illogical, lacking justification and gross injustice with the DP community who is a savior of J&K and have played a vital role in its overall development. Later on the participants held a massive protest to express their resentment and appealed to President of India to return the bill to Govt. for revision and allowing only single seat is nothing more than a charity which is not acceptable to DPs and added that it cannot fulfill the aspira-

tions of over 1.2 million DPs settled in Jammu region.

Surdev Singh further apprised the participants that JKSAC since its inception in 1967, left no stone unturned to highlight the political discrimination meted out to DPs by refusing their legitimate right of representation by the past several govts. from the last many decades. He said that JKSAC strongly resented on all such occasions through various democratic means to achieve the legitimate right of representation but nothing happened.

He further said that the historical abrogation of the article 370 and 35-A it was hoped that some provision would be made in the Re-organisation Act to accommodate DPs constitutional aspirations along with others issues. A unanimous appeal was made to Hon'ble President of India to return the bill to Govt. to review it.

# Reactions of Supreme Court judgement on Art 370

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JAMMU: The Supreme Court of India has delivered landmark judgement on abrogation of Article 370 and reorganization of erstwhile J&K state into two Union Territories which had been challenged in the honble court by different petitions whereby the judgement has pronounced abrogation within constitution of India provisions & the govt order of abrogation of ART. 370 has been upheld by the Supreme Court judgement.

In light of this major judgement decision of far reaching consequences various political party segments have give their reactions to judgement of Supreme Court judgement: Expressing disappointment over the Supreme Court verdict on abrogation of Article 370, **Former Minister and National Conference Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra** said the special culture, identity within the domain of India, culture, and right to jobs and lands will remain a cause of concern for the bonafide residents of Jammu, Ladakh and Kashmir; he further said in the press release so issued that

"The people of the erstwhile princely state feel their inclusive culture and identity snatched in the wake of August 5, 2019 political developments that stood testimony to their time tested bonds on unity harmony, it is resolved that the National Conference rank and file will stand like rock behind the resolve of the leadership for the long struggle for justice to the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh peacefully as asserted by the party Vice President Omar Abdullah. He exuded confidence about restoration of culture, identity, dignity and honour of the people they enjoyed"

The **Kashmiri Pandit Sabha** hailed the historical judgment of the Supreme Court which has today upheld abrogation of Articles 370&35A stating clearly that Article 370 was temporary in nature. "This will pave the way for return and rehabilitation of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community which needs to be done sooner than later. The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha appeals the GOI and the UT government to establish truth and reconciliation commission at the earliest to achieve desired results" the

release added.

"DSS welcomed Supreme Court verdict on abrogation of Article 370 and has sought safeguards similar to Himachal Pradesh and North-Eastern States to protect the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, this has put to rest all possible alternate thought processes in this regard" has been stated by Th. **Gulchain Singh Charak former Minister & President DSS** in a press release. He strongly urged the Government, however, to institute safeguards in the Law to protect the interests of the people of the Union Territory, like Section 118 of the Himachal Pradesh Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, as enacted by the State of Himachal Pradesh, which puts certain restrictions on persons from outside the State from buying agricultural land there. , or any other Law appropriate to the conditions and circumstances of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Former MLC Vikramaditya Singh** on Monday wholeheartedly welcomed the decision of Supreme Court upholding the constitutional validity of the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu which has paved the way for a brighter future for the Union Territory, free from the shackles of a discriminatory and divisive law & has completely cemented the accession of state into Indian Union. Expressing his optimism for the future, the senior political leader anticipated the restoration of J&K's statehood and the holding of free and fair Assembly elections.

**Senior BJP leader and former Minister, Ajatshatru Singh** on Monday lauded the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the abrogation of Article 370, calling it a "historic moment" for the people of Jammu and Kashmir where for seven decades people of jammu region were deprived of amenities due to less budgetary allocations & role in administration "as per the press release issued at his end. Ajatshatru Singh lauded the bold decision of the Modi Government to abrogate Article 370 on August 5, 2019, calling it a courageous and decisive step that was long overdue which is truly commendable as Modi Govt. j&k has witnessed unprecedented development across various sectors like health care, education, communication

etc. "Today, the Supreme Court has delivered justice to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The dream of 'One Nation, One Constitution' has finally been fulfilled. This verdict paves the way for a brighter future for the region, free from discrimination and injustice," he said.

The senior BJP leader expressed his confidence that the abrogation of Article 370 will bring about positive changes in Jammu& Kashmir.

"While giving its reaction over the Apex Court's order over bunch of petitions related to abrogation of Article 370 of Constitution of India, restoration of statehood of J&K and to conduct election, **All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC)** has welcomed the verdict of the Supreme Court of India wherein the court has directed the election commission of India to initiate process of elections by Sept 2024 and also directed the Union Government to take measure for restoration of statehood" has been stated by Anil Sharma President AJKPC.

AJKPC also demanded that Local bodies, Assembly and Lok Sabha elections must be held together in J&K which would save precious time and money of the people shall be saved.

The **Ganmanya Samaj Sangathan (GSS)** today expressed its strong support for the Supreme Court's recent pronouncements on Article 370 and the holding of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued here today, Pritam Singh Saini, National Vice President of GSS and State President of All Jammu Kashmir Kshtriya Saini Sabha, welcomed the verdict on Article 370, stating that it is a "historic victory for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and a testament to the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national integration. Highlighting the positive impact of the Modi government on Jammu and Kashmir, Pritam Singh Saini said, "J&K has witnessed unprecedented development under the Modi regime. We have seen progress in various sectors, including tourism, infrastructure, education, and health-care. This is a clear indication of the government's commitment to the well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir" the release added.

# CEO inaugurates Shaheed Sub Sewa Singh Govt Girls Middle School Ajote

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POONCH: Consequent upon the Government approval the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Poonch Mushtaq Choudhary inaugurated on Monday the Shaheed Sewa Singh Govt Girls Middle School Ajote, district Poonch in a function in the presence of prominent officers of the department and large number of villagers.

The residents of district Poonch had been pressing for renaming the Govt Girls Middle School Ajote, in the



CEO Poonch Mushtaq Choudhary and others during inauguration.

name of Sub Sewa Singh, son of the soil, who was the hero of 1971 war and attained martyrdom during active fight on the Indo-Pak border. Acceeding to the public demand the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha accorded approval for renaming the School which was formally inaugurated on Monday.

The Public Speakers while speaking in the function, thanked the Lt Governor and said that such gratitude to Sheed Sub Sewa Singh will

inspire the students towards patriotism. The CEO who was the

Chief Guest of the Function, congratulated to the people, particularly the residents of Village Ajote and hoped that the students of this school will make record in the Education field. Prominent among others present in the function include ZEO Parveen Kouser, Principal Higher Secondary School Sheesh Mehal Anjum Shahin, Sr Lecturer (Retd) Janak Singh, Principal (Retd) Keerat Singh, Naib Sarpanch Sunil Sharma and villagers.

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PRESENT: Urvasi R. Bhargav  
JO CODE: JK00251

**PROCLAMATION**  
Whereas the authorities of police station Bari Brahmana seized vehicle bearing registration number UP16AL-6731 on 06/11/2023 under section 102 Cr.PC. Therefore through the medium of this proclamatjon, the public at large is informed that if anybody has any stake/right/claim with respect to the aforesaid vehicle then he/she/they approach this court in person or through authorized representative with in a period of six months from the date of this publication, failing which the matter shall be dealt in accordance with law. The next date of hearing in the proceeding is 18/01/2024.  
Sd/-  
Addl. Munsiff  
JMJC, Samba

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, GANDHI NAGAR**  
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**Notice**  
Subject: Final Selection List of candidates for the post of Sanganis (Anganwadi Worker).

Whereas, vide this office Advertisement Notification No. 03 of 2023, dated: 28.08.2023, two number of posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker) were advertised for filling up of the vacancies in Poshan Project Gandhi Nagar in pursuance of HR Policy as notified Vide Govt. Order No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023, dated: -28-04-2023 read with Govt. Order No. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022, dated: -30-11-2022.

Whereas, 02 (Two) number of applications were received for the post **Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar 'A', Pyt. Malik Market (Ward No. 02)** and no application form was received for the post of Sanginis, Anganwadi Centre **Gandhi Nagar 'A', Municipal Ward No.21.**

Whereas, recommended by the selection committee constituted vide Govt. Order No. 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated: -28-04-2023, 01 candidate was provisionally / tentative considered for the post of Sanginis (Anganwadi worker) against available vacant post in Anganwadi center **Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar 'A', Pyt. Malik Market (Ward No. 02)** Vide NO: CDPO/GN/799-806/2023, dated: 25-09-2023.

Whereas, objections were invited from the general public regarding Provisional selection list of 01 candidate for the post of SANGINIS (Anganwadi worker) published in print Media vide No: CDPO/GN/ 807-812/2023, dated: 25-09-2023 but no objections were received from the General public & the same selection list is recommended by District Programme Officer, Poshan Jammu to Additional District Development Commissioner, Jammu for further final Approval Vide No: DPOJ/Poshan/2547-57/2023, dated: 24-11-2023.

Whereas, on the recommendation of District level Selection Committee conveyed by District Programme Officer Poshan Jammu, Vide NO:DPOJ/poshan/2547-57/2023, dated:24-11-2023 and Pursuant to the subsequent approval conveyed by the Additional District development Commissioner Jammu Vide Order No: ADDCJ/2023-24/ 1197-99/2023, dated: 24-11-2023. The final Selection List of 01 Number of Anganwadi Centre is hereby issued regarding consideration of candidate for the post of SANGINIS (Anganwadi Workers) against available vacancy in Anganwadi centre, **Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar 'A', Pyt. Malik Market (Ward No.02)** (List enclosed at Annexure-A). Sd-  
NO: CDPO/GN/1108-13/2023  
Dated: 05/12/2023  
Child Development Project Officer  
Poshan project Gandhi Nagar, (Member secretary Selection Committee)

FINAL SELECTION LIST FOR THE POST OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS) OF POSHAN PROJECT GANDHI NAGAR, JAMMU											
Advertised vide Advertisement Notice No. 03 of 2023, Dated 25-08-2023, ( Panchayat, Malik Market, Ward No: 02)											
S.No	Ward No.	Name of AWC	Name of applicant	Parentage	Residence	D.O.B	Marks Obtained 10+2	Percentage 10+2	Points based on relative criteria of retiree	Total Points	Remarks
1	Ward No. 02 ( Panchayat Malik Market)	Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar-A	Sapanjeet Kour	D/O Jangjeet Singh	Sec. 1, lane No: 04, GTB Nagar, Behind Gurudwara, Bye pass Channi Rama, Jammu.	01-04-1996	306	61.2%	Nil	61.2	

Sd- (Member) Assistant Director Employment Jammu  
Sd- (Member) District Social Welfare Officer Jammu  
Sd- (Member) General Manager DIC Jammu  
Sd- (Chairman) District Programme Officer Poshan Jammu  
Sd- Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu.  
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