

!! Continuations from Page 1 !! Rajeev promoted as...

experience in Investigation and Assessment.
As Deputy Director of Income Tax (Investigation) in Srinagar and Jammu, he had conducted several successful searches during his tenure.
He had served at various places in North West Region (NWR) and in Mumbai.
In 2020, he was transferred back to NWR and was posted as Jt. Commissioner of Income Tax at Srinagar and after serving for 3 years he has transferred back to his Home town in Jammu this year.

CB charge-sheets Naib...

Rinku, Naib Sarpanch, son of Parshotam Singh, resident of Sidher, Suchetgarh, R.S Pura, Jammu in case FIR No. 85/2023 Police Station EOW, Crime Branch, Jammu in the Court of law for judicial determination after their involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy, cheating and duping the complainant Maqsood Ahmed, son of Mohd. Latief, resident of Drawtay Tehsil R.S Pura Jammu was established in the case investigated by Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Jammu.

The case owes its origin to a written complaint lodged in Crime Branch Jammu by complainant Maqsood Ahmed, wherein he had alleged that on December 25, 2020 he purchased a plot of land, measuring 15 Marlas at Drawtay Tehsil R.S Pura, Jammu from the accused persons Karanjeet Singh - a property dealer and Rajinder Singh - Naib Sarpanch and property dealer for a monitory consideration of Rs 27 lakhs for which he had paid an amount of Rs.15 Lakhs as advance payment. Later an amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs was deposited in the account of accused Rajinder Singh by cheque and an amount of Rs. 5 lakh was paid by cash to accused Karanjeet Singh. Accordingly, an agreement deed was signed (agreement Biana) by the Executants and witnesses on December 26, 2020. The complainant approached the accused Karanjeet Singh for balance payment and execution of sale deed but to his utter dismay accused refused to do so. He again approached him with the request to refund his payment in case he is not able to handover him possession of the said plot. While pressing them to refund the payment accused also threatened him to kill his entire family in case he demanded his money. The accused issued cheques in his favour which were dishonoured by Bank due to insufficient amount in the account, thus duping the complainant on the pretext of sale of a piece of land.

On receipt of complaint, a Preliminary Verification was conducted and during the course of enquiry the allegations made were prima-facie substantiated, leading to the registration of a formal case under the relevant sections of law for in-depth probe.

During the course of investigation all material evidence in the form of documentary record was collected from concerned quarters besides statements of complainants and witnesses were recorded and the offences established against both the accused for cheating and duping the complainant of Rs. 20 Lakhs on the pretext of selling a piece of land, market value of which has more than 50 Lakhs as of now. Both the accused did not cooperate in the investigation process and were arrested by Crime Branch Jammu on December 6, 2023 and December 7, 2023 and charge sheet has been produced against them in the Court of law.

Ayodhya all set...

city of Ayodhya" have been put up at various prominent locations in the temple town.

One huge poster put up on Ram Path near the new ceremonial gateway that leads to the Ramjammabhoomi temple site, carries the message, "Prabhu Ram ki nagri mey aapka swagat hai" (Welcome to the city of Lord Ram) and names of Uttar Pradesh's urban development department and the Ayodhya Municipal Corporation.

"We're all set for the PM's visit tomorrow. City is being decorated with flowers. Beds have been reserved in various hospitals and at Rajarshi Dashrath Medical College, and security personnel are on their toes," the Ayodhya divisional commissioner said.

At the Sri Ram hospital in Ayodhya, a nursing staff on duty said 20 beds in a ward in the old hospital building and five ICU beds in the new building have been reserved. 'Reserved Ward' sign was put up in the ward that lay empty on Friday morning. Patients have been shifted to other wards, the nurse on duty said.

Dayal said fog has disrupted visibility due to which Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's planned visit to Ayodhya on Thursday was cancelled.

However, he is expected to arrive in the city Friday.The CM will stay in Ayodhya tonight in view of the PM's visit tomorrow, Dayal said.

Ayodhya District Magistrate Nitish Kumar said the chief minister will hold a review meeting in Ayodhya.

Kumar said heavy security has been deployed in the temple town in view of the PM's visit.

Besides the chief minister, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia, local MPs and MLAs and few party functionaries will be present.

Prime Minister Modi's visit also comes less than a month before the 'pran pratishtha' (consecration) of the upcoming Ram temple.

A grand Ram temple is currently under construction in Ayodhya, with the consecration ceremony to be held on January 22, which will be attended by the prime minister. Large number of people are expected to descend in Ayodhya close to the consecration ceremony, and the city is getting decked up for the big day.

A set of imposing sun-themed columns -- 'Surya Stambhs' have been installed along a prominent street in the holy city, which falls on the routes of his VVIP movement. Along this road -- Dharm Path -- near Lata Mangeshkar Chowk, interpretation walls are being set up at regular intervals on both sides, depicting the life of Lord Ram. Huge posters bearing images of the Ram temple, new airport and hailing Ayodhya as city of "Maryada, Dharm and Sanskriti" have been put up in various parts of the city. During his Ayodhya visit, Modi will also flag off two new Amrit Bharat and six new Vande Bharat trains, his office said on Thursday.

Modi will launch projects worth more than Rs 11,100 crore to revamp civic facilities and develop world-class infrastructure in Ayodhya and projects worth over Rs 4,600 crore for other parts of Uttar Pradesh. To enhance accessibility to the upcoming Ram temple, he will also inaugurate four newly redeveloped, widened and beautified roads in Ayodhya - Ram Path, Bhakti Path, Dharm Path, and Shri Ram Jammabhoomi Path, the PMO said.

15 DySPs transferred...

PC Jammu; Arif Hussain Malik, DySP PC Hattipora as DySP Hqrs Kulgam; Faizan Ali, DySP PC Dooru as SDDPO Tangmarg; and Rukhsana Choudhary, DySP Crime Branch Jammu as DySP CID CIK Hqrs Srinagar.

Consequently, SP Hilal Khaliq Bhat, SP Intyaz Ahmad Rather, SP Shah Umar, SP Ghulam Mohd Bhat, SP Salim Jahangir Lone, SP Showkat Ahmad Par, DySP Mansha Beg, and DySP Ishfaq Alam shall report to ZPHQ Kashmir while DySPs Prithpal Singh, Chhabil Singh, Sheezan Bhat shall report to ZPHQ Jammu till their formal posting.

Mobile internet restored...

The search was conducted by a team comprising personnel of the police and the Army and seized three pistols, six magazines, four hand grenades and 64 rounds from a house, the sources said.

Following the recovery, an investigation has been launched to track down people involved in the cross-border smuggling of weapons, they added.

CBI Court awards...

fake and forged revenue documents in connivance with him. Accused bank officers / officials namely Sanjay Kumar Jain, the then Chief Manager, Jatinder Kumar Sharma, the then Senior Manager and other bank officials those while abusing their official position being public servants accepted false and forged documents while sanctioning the above loan to M/s "Jai Laxmi Rice Mill". Similarly, the revenue officials misused their official position by issuing false revenue documents while hatching criminal conspiracy in respect of land measuring 6 kanals 3 marlas under Survey No. 237, 4 kanals 4 marlas under Survey No. 209 Min and 3 kanals 16 marlas under Survey No. 316 Min (total land measuring 14 kanals & 3 marlas), which belongs to other farmers and later marked fake lien in favour of mortgagee bank. Allegedly, the accused borrower availed the said loan, used it for personal ends and did not liquidate the loan amount & consequently the loan turned NPA thereby caused immense loss to the Government exchequer, subsequently the case was registered and investigation commenced after seeking permission u/s 3 of J&K P.C. Act. According to prosecution, during investigation, it is established that as per loan application, the proprietor was supposed to bear Rs.20.72 lakhs while Rs.15 lakhs were to be raised by way of unsecured loans. Thus, the total cost of the project was Rs.65.72 lakhs as per the application form, out of which Rs.35.72 lakhs were to be invested by the proprietor. Investigation further revealed that 'M/s V.K. Karyana Stores' which was in the name of wife of accused Gharu Ram namely Nirmala Kumari who was having CC limit of Rs.3 lakhs from SBI Bank on February 22, 2007 turned NPA on May 11, 2010, besides she was also having CC limit of Rs.4 lakhs in UCO Bank which also turned NPA on March 18, 2011. Investigation further revealed that even accused Gharu Ram has also availed CC limit of Rs.5 lacs

from Canara Bank Shalamar Road Branch Jammu on December 27, 2002 which turned NPA on April 01, 2007 and these facts except loan of M/s G.R. Traders with SBI were not disclosed by him to the bank in order to fraudulently avail the loan facility. This is further case of prosecution that on August 29, 2007 at the time of sanction of loan, the accused Gharu Ram was defaulter of "Canara Bank" Shalamar Road Branch "Jammu" and he did not disclose this fact to the bank in his application hence bank officers could not detect that his account being NPA in the Canara Bank. S.K. Jain, the then Chief Manager obtained the CIBIL report dated August 17, 2007 from internet before sanctioning of loan facility to accused Gharu Ram to ascertain whether he (loanee) had availed any credit facility from any bank/financial institution but CIBIL report stated "File not found on Gharu Ram" and, thus, investigation reveals that the bank officials made efforts to ascertain the previous credit history of accused Gharu Ram. It is further case of prosecution that loan documents were checked/ inspected by S.K. Jain and A.K. Koul who directed Gharu Ram to obtain the valuation report / search report from the Panel value and from Panel Advocate and even on inspection/visit by M.S Arora at village 'Kothe Chohala' on August 6, 2007, accused Gharu Ram shown him forged land records pertaining to his property. Prosecution further stated that the genuine property in the name of Gharu Ram (land measuring 2 kanals) were assessed at Rs.10 lakhs (realizable value of Rs. 8 lakhs) actually, a non-existent property consisting of 3 plots measuring 14 kanals 03 marlas was assessed at Rs.150.56 lakhs realizable value of Rs.122 lakhs by showing a fake property to M/s Mohan Singh Arora, value by accused Gharu Ram. Even search reports were fraudulently prepared by Ravinder Sharma Empanelled Advocate who deposited the requisite fees in the office of Sub Registrar R.S. Pura for conducting search regarding title of the property and vide his opinion dated November 8, 2007 on the basis of aforesaid deed, he falsely and fraudulently certified that the borrower had clear valid and marketable title over the properties and was competent to create mortgage besides he has certified having searched the records of 13 years and having detected non-encumbrance whereas in light of circular No. 5/LAW/2003 dated August 20, 2003 issued by Law Division, PNB reveals that the Empanelled Advocate has to establish the ownership of the property from the mutation in the revenue record, however said empanelled Advocate did not search the records and thus submitted false search report which resulted in failure to detect the forgery committed by accused Vinod Kumar, Patwari in connivance with accused Gharu Ram. According to prosecution, the revenue documents for the second property consisting of 6 kanals 3 marlas under khasra No. 237, 4 kanals 4 marlas under khasra No. 209 min, and 3 kanals 16 marlas under khasra No. 316 min total land measuring 14 kanals 3 marlas were forged / fabricated by accused Gharu Ram in connivance with accused No.2 . Vinod Kumar (Patwari). Even accused Gharu Ram have mislead S.K.Jain and Ashok Koul officers of the bank while showing the land on their visit belonging to other persons and those officers also failed to observe that one of the properties 14 kanals 3 marlas does not actually belong to the loanee "Gharu Ram". Even accused Gharu Ram fraudulently got the forged endorsement made from accused Vinod Kumar Halqa Patwari 'Chohala' on the backside of the lien letter to the effect that the mortgaged properties have been marked lien in favour of the bank in the revenue records and rendered the bank without a collateral security. Thus, on the basis of the forged revenue documents prepared by accused Vinod Kumar and false search report submitted by borrower in the bank as genuine, bank was induced to sanction the huge amount of Rs.1.30 crores as loan and registered mortgage deed and even the mortgaged properties were either non-existent and also were not under the ownership of accused 'Gharu Ram' thereby both accused persons cheated the bank by using forged / fabricated documents, as genuine with an intent to induce the bank to sanction / disburse the credit facilities, besides causing immense loss to the Govt. Exchequer and, therefore, a chargesheet was presented against both the accused persons for commission of offences under sections 120-B r/w 420, 467, 468, 471 RPC and 5(2) r/w 5(1)(d) of J&K PC Act, Samvat 2006.

Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti after hearing both the sides observed that Court hopes that during this long period of more than 12 years, when they faced consequences of their proved misconduct, they may have, by now a sense of remorse for what they did. More so, they have a family to run, which in fact will consequently suffer if maximum punishment provided in the statute is awarded to them.

As such, taking into consideration, the cumulative effect of aggravating and mitigating circumstances and gravity of offences and overall facts, as discussed herein above, both the accused persons are, therefore, convicted and sentenced as Accused Gharu Ram, who is a principal conspirator and ultimate beneficiary, is convicted and sentenced as under U/s 120-B RPC He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months. U/s 420-B RPC He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs. Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months. U/s 467 RPC He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months. U/s 468 RPC He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs. Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months. U/s 471 RPC He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs. Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months.

Accused Vinod Kumar Patwari, being a public servant, who has helped principal conspirator for recurring benefits, is convicted and sentenced as under U/s 120-B RPC, He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months. U/s 420-B RPC, He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 4 years along with fine of Rs. Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months. U/s 467 RPC, He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months. U/s 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of J&K P.C. Act, Samvat 2006, He is convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 5 years along with fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months.

Court further ordered that all the sentences shall run concurrently and the amount of fine be deposited within weeks time in the Court falling which they shall further undergo simple imprisonment as mentioned herein above. Accused persons be lodged in District Jail, Amphalla, Jammu to serve the sentence.

Earlier, Executive Engineer BB Mittal booked by CBI was convicted by the court of law. Both these cases were investigated by the then Inspector CBI Bhagwan Dass Dandia presently posted as Dy SP Crime Branch Jammu.

Govt sanctions Rs...

minister said. He said Ladakh, the largest Union Territory in terms of area and the second least populous in the country, will witness improved connectivity to its remote villages through the approved initiatives.

The enhancement in road connectivity is expected to stimulate economic activities, particularly in agriculture and tourism, contributing to the overall infrastructural development of Ladakh, he added.

Union Minister flags...

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister said that this new initiative will benefit the farmers, timber traders and common people. 'Now transporters can transport their products across India on single permit without stopping at inter-state borders and it will help vehicles in moving seamlessly and reach their destinations in shorter time. Government is taking many steps to promote development along with protecting and conserving environment for better quality of life of our citizens ', he added.

Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ashwani Kumar Choubey and Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Government of India were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, J&K Government, Dheeraj Gupta, attended the event at Srinagar which was organized by J&K Forest Department under aegis of MOEFCC, Government of India. Besides, PCCF & HoFF J&K Government, Roshan Jaggi and senior officers, timber traders transporters and other stakeholders from Kashmir valley were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Dheeraj Gupta said that new system is people centric and would benefit large no of timber traders, owners of Wood industries, farmers and common people.

Roshan Jaggi informed that J&K is pioneer in the country to fully switch over to new online system which is part of department's commitment to promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in working of this old grand organization. He informed that the department is taking series of initiatives to promote livelihood avenues of local people like new NTFP policy, waste to wealth activities, Van se Jal, Jal se Jeevan initiatives. In last couple of months, the department has issued about

7000 transport permits / NoCs under new NTPS system.

Forest Range Officer...

report from the Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K on this incidence, the said Range Officer was placed under suspension and enquiry as per CSR has been initiated, he added. The spokesperson further said that the department has taken steps for improving accountability, transparency and efficiency by introducing e-tendering system for executing various works in the department including plantation works.

He also said that the department has also switched over to online mode of working to promote e-governance and minimize the physical/manual disposal of public grievances especially in those services which have a public interface like distribution of timber from timber sale depots, booking of forest rest houses by the eco-tourists, allowing online transit permit for transportation of timber and other forest produce by the common people/traders, certificate of forest land/non-forest land to be issued to the common people, registration of Wood Based Industries, etc.

Intense cold conditions...

The doctors have advised people, especially children, the elderly, and patients, to take precautions like wearing masks and not to venture out unnecessarily in the mornings and evenings.

12 CPOs placed...

as Incharge Deputy Directors include Nazir Ahmed Naikoo, Harminder Singh, Kamal Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Prashant Mahajan, Aijaz Hussain, Javid Ahmad Bhat, Davinder Paul Singh, Mohd. Maqbool Shah, Vikrant Sharma, Ashish Rathore, and Gh. Jeelani Dar.

Govt hikes interest...

The interest rate on the National Savings Certificate (NSC) remained unchanged at 7.7 per cent for January 1 to March 31, 2024, period.

There is no increase in interest rate for the Monthly Income Scheme, and this will earn 7.4 per cent for the investors. The government notifies the interest rate on small savings schemes, majorly operated by post offices, every quarter.

The Reserve Bank since May 2022 has raised the benchmark lending rate by 2.5 per cent to 6.5 per cent, prompting banks to raise interest rates on deposits as well.

However, the RBI has maintained the status quo on policy rate in the last five consecutive Monetary Policy Committee meetings since February this year.

Breaking Stereotypes

J&K's first Purple Fest inspires inclusivity, recognises resilience of Divyangjan

Inclusive festival paints J&K in hues of purple

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JAMMU: In a splendid culmination on Friday, the inaugural two-day Purple Fest, a pioneering initiative in Jammu and Kashmir, organised by the Social Welfare Department brought boundless joy to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, this inclusive festival celebrated the diverse talents and resilience of Divyangjan and served as a platform for a myriad of activities aimed at showcasing their abilities.

During the two-day event, Persons with Disabilities engaged in a spectrum of 15 sports events - both indoor and outdoor - exhibitions, live demonstrations, cultural shows, movie screenings, disability dialogue, a talent hunt, and a fashion show.

During the event, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the Divyangjan ambassadors, particularly para-athletes and individuals who have brought honour to the UT and the nation on national and international platforms.

More than 1000 beneficiaries from all the districts of Jammu division were also provided motorised scooties, wheelchairs, hearing aids, smartphones, and other assistive devices targeting saturation of individual beneficial schemes.

Awards were also conferred upon Divyangjan who emerged winners and runners-up at the event. Various NGOs were also acknowledged and appreciated for their commendable work in the field.

Inaugurating J&K's first Purple Fest, the Lieutenant Governor observed that in many areas of life, be it music, films, sports, art, or literature, persons with disabilities have achieved success and greater goals and today they are inspiring the entire society. He said many such great personalities have proved that they have no less capability than anyone else but they have special abilities to contribute in nation building.

This Festival of Inclusion will be a milestone in the journey of empowerment of Divyangjan in J&K UT. It will inspire every citizen to work unitedly for empowerment and rehabilitation of Divyangjan and to build an inclusive society, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Administration to create an environment that provides equal opportunities and protects the rights of Divyangjan. "We have achieved saturation in distribution of motorized scooties. The administration has taken over Abhinandan Home for specially-abled students," he said. In last financial year, 384 Divyangjan were provided government jobs. Reservation has increased from 3 percent to 4 percent. The posts whether under PSC or JKSSB will be filled within 6 months. We will prepare a legal framework to ensure employment opportunities to divyangjan in private sector, the Lt Governor said.

He said, there is a need for all the stakeholders, society, NGOs to adopt a multi-dimensional approach and collaborative efforts to enable persons with disabilities to realize their full individual potential.

"Private companies and individual innovators have made impressive strides in new technology in the last few years. I urge them to develop user friendly instruments for Divyangjan which will help in their rehabilitation process and empowerment," the Lt Governor said.

Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma also spoke at the event and laid emphasis on how the government has widening the social space for the Divyangjan.

Joint Secretary Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Rajeev Sharma visited all the stalls and events.

Twelve Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities from other states apart from 16 other departments from the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development from all over the country participated in the fest.

Participating in the event, the Divyangjans said that this is for the first time that they had felt included at such a scale and been part of such a massive programme.

Rouf dance by hearing and speech impaired children of Kashmir and Dogri folk dance by hearing and speech impaired children of Jammu mesmerized the audience. The dignitaries also visited the stalls set up by Divyangjan at the event which showcased their entrepreneurial skills and contribution to the local economy. Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda welcomed the dignitaries for attending the event and boosting the morale of the Divyangjan as well as the department working for their welfare.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar was the chief guest at the valedictory function and prize distribution ceremony. He appreciated the role of Divyangjan and lauded the Social Welfare Department for conducting such an exercise. The event witnessed the participation of more than 5000 individuals including around 2000 students, reflecting a strong call to action for a more inclusive society that acknowledges the remarkable courage, resilience, and determination of those with special abilities.

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EOI No.	UCIL/TMPL/EOUPERS/001 Dated 22.12.2023
Name of Work / Service	Installation, Operations and Maintenance of Mobile /Telecom Tower at UCIL, Tummalapalle Unit
Location	UCIL - Tummalapalle Unit
Last date & time of receipt of EOIs	26.01.2024 up to 15.00 hrs.
Place of submission of Tender	UCIL - Tummalapalle Personnel Office
Security Deposit(towards electricity charges): Should be enclosed with the EOI	Rs.2,68,570.00
EMD amount	Nil
Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid of EOI	26.01.2024 at 15.30 hrs.
Place of opening of EOIs	UCIL - Tummalapalle Personnel Office(Admin Building)
Website for downloading of EOI document	https://www.ucil.gov.in
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