

!! Continuations from Page 1 !!

NC Sarpanch among...

Budgam at a checkpoint established at Dedina Budgam near Filtration plant signalled a Creta (JK01AQ-5659) with 3 persons on board to stop, which tried to flee from the spot but due to alertness of Police Party, the vehicle was intercepted.

They have been identified as Shahid Ali Ratherson of Ali Mohd Rather resident of Khomani Chowk, Shuja Abbas Malik (Sarpanch NC) son of Ghulam Hussain Malik resident of Waterwani and Barkat Ali son of Ghulam Hussain Ali resident of Labertal. During their personal search, 3.96 gms of Heroin like substance and 350 Alprazolam tablets were recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Besides, vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 130/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Budgam and further investigation set into motion.

Moreover, one absconding drug peddler namely Mohd Rafiq Rather son of Mohd Subhan Rather resident of Nasrullahpora was also arrested who was evading his arrest in FIR No. 70/2022 of Police Station Budgam from whom 22 gms of Heroin like substance was recovered from his possession.

Committee constituted to...

UT of Jammu and Kashmir," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the committee will be headed by Administrative Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department as its Chairman.

Administrative Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department; Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Director, Rural Development Department, Jammu, Director, Rural Development Department, Kashmir; Director, Rural Sanitation, J&K, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir will be its Members.

Two Addl Chief...

Navin Kumar Choudhary, IAS (AGMUT:1994), Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Production and Farmers' Welfare, holding additional charge of Administrative Secretary, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department and Horticulture Department, has been transferred and posted as Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; M. Raju, IAS (AGMUT:2005), Commissioner/Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary, Mining Department; Rashmi Singh, IAS (AGMUT:2007), upon her joining in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been posted as Commissioner, State Taxes, J&K. She shall take over the charge of the post on 31.05.2022 upon superannuation of Showkat Ajaz Bhat, JKAS.

As per another GAD order, Dr. Raghav Langer, IAS (UD:2009), Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, holding additional charge of Additional Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority, has been transferred and posted as Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, relieving Zubair Ahmad, JKAS, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs of the additional charge of the post.

Sushma Chauhan, IAS (AGMUT:2009), presently on leave, shall report in the General Administration Department after availing leave.

Blupinder Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2011), Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla has been transferred and posted as Transport Commissioner, J&K; Ramesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2011), Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, has been transferred and posted as Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Additional Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Avny Lavasa, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, holding additional charge of CEO, Special Purpose Vehicle for Jammu City for Implementation of the Smart City Project, under the Smart City Mission, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; Anshul Garg, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar, IAS (PB:2013), Mission Director, Rural Livelihood Mission, J&K, holding additional charge of Mission Director, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla; Rahul Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2014), Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. He shall also hold the charge of the post of CEO, Special Purpose Vehicle for Jammu City for Implementation of the Smart City Project, under the Smart City Mission, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Kritika Jyotsna, IAS (UP:2014), Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur; Rahul Pandey, IAS (UP:2014), Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, holding additional charge of Director, Information, J&K, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K and Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kathua; Devansh Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2016), upon his joining in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been posted as Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Managing Director, J&K IT Infrastructure Company, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Minga Sherpa, IAS (AGMUT:2017), upon his joining in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; Ayushi Sudan, IAS (AGMUT:2017), upon his joining in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, relieving Choudhary Mohammad Yasin, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K of the additional charge of the post; Shyambar, IAS (MP:2018), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal; Akshay Labroo, IAS (TR:2018), Mission Director, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT-2.0), has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Director, Information, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders; Ankita Kar, IRAS, Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization, holding additional charge of Managing Director, J&K IT Infrastructure Company and MD/Chief Executive Officer, Jammu/Srinagar Mass Rapid Transit Corporation has been transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Tax Planning, Policy and Advance Ruling). She shall continue to hold the charge of the post of MD/Chief Executive Officer, Jammu/Srinagar Mass Rapid Transit Corporation, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Pradeep Kumar, JKAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K; Rachna Sharma, JKAS, under orders of transfer as Mission Director, ICPS, J&K, has been posted as Secretary in the Social Welfare Department; Tariq Ahmad Zargar, JKAS, Director, Rural Development, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Director, Handloom and Handicrafts, Kashmir, relieving Mehmood Ahmad Shah, JKAS, Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, of the additional charge of the post; Khalid Jahangir, JKAS, Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara; Nazir Ahmad Khwaja, JKAS, Member, J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Srinagar; Ashok Kumar, JKAS, Controller of Examinations in the J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan; Indu Kanwal Chib, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, Rural Livelihood Mission, J&K; Imam Din, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, has been transferred and posted as Director, Rural Development, Kashmir; Harvinder Kour, JKAS, Member, J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, ICPS, J&K; Bharat Singh, JKAS, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Tax Planning, Policy and Advance Ruling), has been transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages; Rajesh Sharma, JKAS, Special Secretary, General Administration Department, has been transferred and posted as Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board.

Rain-related incidents...

district saw a drop of 11 degrees in temperature, Batote saw a drop of 7 degrees, and Kathua district witnessed a drop of 6 degrees in its temperature.

Katra in Reasi witnessed a fall of 4 degrees, the officials said.

Landslide at Samroli resulted in blockade of Jammu-Srinagar highway, they said.

According to officials, Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic following a landslide that damaged a steel tunnel in Ramban district.

Hundreds of vehicles have been stranded on the highway due to the closure of the highway. The landslide hit the steel tunnel at Panthiyal, resulting in its damage, they said. Efforts are on by the Border Roads Organisation to clear the highway of landslides.

BJP Govt 'hero'...

Indian doctors, who he said are hailed across the world for their experience.

Chairman of the editorial board of Lokmat Media Group, Vijay Darda, appreciated the work done by the people in the health care sector during the pandemic and stressed the need to improve health services in rural areas.

Darda hailed Azad for improving the health care services in Jammu and Kashmir during his tenure as the chief minister there, and the work done by him for women's health when he was the Union health minister. Fadnavis and Maharashtra energy minister Nitin Raut were awarded 'Excellence in Healthcare Award 2021' in the category of 'Outstanding Service to Society During Covid Pandemic' at the hands of Azad. The two

leaders from Maharashtra also spoke on the occasion.

Under court orders...

constructed the nullahs/ road and when and shall also examine as to whether any land of the petitioner has been affected by the construction of nullah/ road," reads an order. It added, "The Committee shall be serviced by the PW (R&B) Department and shall submit its report within a period of four days to the General Administration Department."

DGP reviews Police...

directed the officers to do the needful on urgent basis to complete the pending works for the improving/upgrading the accommodation, logistics and other facilities for Jawans and officers.

He said that the previous proposals received by PHQ were mostly processed and directed for initiating new proposals for improving the working environment for officers and jawans in the offices and on the field. He directed officers to work out on promotion avenues of officers and jawans at different ranks.

The DGP stressed on making the strategies and plans to fight crime in more effective manner.

He directed for conducting the crime review meetings at District, range and zonal levels on regular basis to review the progress of investigations and added that crime supervision is very important for better results.

He directed for organising meetings of investigation officers of Zones, Crime and SIA and to work out measures for fast tracking the investigations in pending cases.

With regard to the SANJY preparations, the DGP said that all the arrangements for the deployment and distribution of manpower need to be synchronized at different levels for the conduct of the Yatra.

He directed for providing best possible boarding, lodging and other facilities for the jawans and officers deployed during the Yatra.

He directed for circulation of helpline numbers of J&K Police through every possible medium so that Yatris could take note and ask for any assistance effortlessly.

The senior officers representing different wings/units gave their suggestions for improving the quality of policing.

The officers apprised the DGP regarding their requirements and also briefed about the measures formulated to enhance the efficiency on different policing fronts.

Civilian who inadvertently...

Kashmir's Pooneh district on Tuesday, they said. Hussain, who was sent back along with gifts, thanked the Indian Army for the gesture.

Court awards life...

of Avtar Singh, resident of Preet Nagar Digiana Jammu and this vehicle had been used with an intention to kill deceased Madan Lal.

During investigation it came up that Jagmandeep Singh @ JD, Inderpreet Singh @ Rustam sons of Chanheal Singh, resident of Trikuta Nagar Jammu, Naranjan Singh @ Putu, son of Jameet Singh, resident of Gurha Slatia Tehsil Samba and deceased Madan Lal had dispute regarding land comprising of khasra Nos. 642 and 650 measuring about 94 kanals situate at village Daglore Tehsil Samba; that the land was under the possession of deceased Madan Lal and to obtain its possession Inderpreet Singh, Jagmandeep Singh and Naranjan Singh had filed a case before ACR Samba who decided that the land was in question was Evacuee (Custodian) Property and directed the parties that the case be filed in the court of Custodian General; that these three persons got this knowledge, they met at a hotel in Gandhi Nagar with Ramesh Kumar @ Chacha, Jarnail Singh @ Katta S/O Harpal Singh and Jaswinder Singh @ Jimmy S/O Kulbir Singh R/O Ward No. 72 Bhor Camp and entered into criminal conspiracy and devised a plan to get rid of Madan Lal so that the possession of the land may be obtained.

It was agreed that a tata sumo be purchased and a driver be prepared who under the pretext of accident shall kill Madan Lal; that a trucker Simranjeet Singh S/O Avtar Singh R/O Preet Nagar Digiana was prepared on 06.08.2010 a tata sumo No. JK02H-9654 was purchased in the name of Ramesh Kumar @ Chacha from Madan Lal and purchase company warehouse Nehru Market against the consideration of Rs. 100,000/- on 11.08.2010, which was further got transferred in the name of Simranjeet Singh on 12.08.2010 from the owner of the vehicle by executing a transfer set.

As per plan on 12.08.2010 at 7:45 AM while Madan Lal was proceeding towards Vijaypur on his Vespa scooter. He was hit from the rear by driver Simranjeet Singh with tata sumo No. JK02H-9654 at Kartholi on National Highway.

Jarnail Singh @ Katta was also occupants of the tata sumo whereas Jagmandeep Singh @ JD, Inderpreet Singh @ Rustam, Ramesh Kumar @ Chacha, Jaswinder Singh @ Jimmy and Naranjan Singh @ Bhoot had been waiting near Pahalwan hotel near Kartholi regarding the occurrence.

The driver after committing the crime fled away and all the accused got connected each other telephonically. Driver Simranjeet Singh parked the offending vehicle at a secluded place near 17 miles and returned to Jammu along with Jarnail Singh in a bus and reached the home of Jagmandeep Singh @ JD, where all the accused had assembled and an amount of Rs. 25000 each were given to Ramesh Kumar @ Chacha and Simranjeet Singh by Inderpreet Singh for expenses to get bail. In view of these facts the offences punishable U/S 279/304-A RPC were discarded and offences U/S 302/120 B RPC were substituted in the FIR.

Principal Sessions Judge Samba Sonia Gupta after hearing Public Prosecutor Jawad Ahmed Khawaja with Special Public Prosecutor Rakesh Chagotra for the State, observed that it is a settled proposition that in awarding sentence in our civilized society, a reasonable proportion has to be maintained by the Court between the heinousness of the crime and the punishment.

The sentences are imposed to reflect the seriousness of the crime, to promote respect for the law, to provide just punishment for the offence, to afford adequate deterrent to criminal conduct and to protect the community from further similar conduct.

In awarding sentence, the court must look in to the crime, the victim besides the circumstances of the criminal and the impact of the crime on community and in the present case, as submitted by counsels for convicts that Jagmandeep Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Jarnail Singh and Ramesh Kumar are young persons and the imposition of sentence for life imprisonment u/s 302 RPC would serve the interest of justice and that the present case does not fall in the category of rarest of rare case so as to the imposition of death sentence, which is of exceptional nature.

Keeping in view the age of the convicts/accused and considering the contention of defence counsels about the crime, I think this case does not fall in the category of rarest of rare case. Keeping in view the age of the convicts, imprisonment for life shall be adequate sentence in the present case u/s 302 RPC.

Accordingly, the following sentences are imposed upon the convicts/accused for offences U/S 302/120-B/201 RPC and ordered that Convict/accused namely, Jagmandeep Singh @ JD S/O Chanchal Singh @ Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, is sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 30,000 for offence u/s 302 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for six months.

He is further sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 30,000 for offence u/s 120-B RPC for and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for six months. He is further sentenced to undergo imprisonment for three years and a fine of Rs. 20,000 for offence u/s 201 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for one month. All the sentenced shall, however, run concurrently. The sentence of imprisonment for life, however, shall be subject to confirmation by the High Court. Convict/accused

namely, Jarnail Singh @ Katta S/O S. Harpal Singh R/O Ward No. 72 Bhor Camp, Jammu, is sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 30,000/- (rupees thirty thousand only) for offence u/s 120-B RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for six months. He is further sentenced to undergo imprisonment for three years and a fine of Rs. 20,000/- (rupees twenty thousand only) for offence u/s 201 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for one month. All the sentenced shall, however, run concurrently. The sentence of imprisonment for life, however, shall be subject to confirmation by the High Court. Convict/accused

namely, Jaswinder Singh @ Jimmy S/O Kulbir Singh R/O Ward No. 72 Bhor Camp, Jammu, is sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 30,000/- (rupees thirty thousand only) for offence u/s 302 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for six months. He is further sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and a fine of Rs. 30,000/- (rupees thirty thousand only) for offence u/s 201 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for one month. All the sentenced shall, however, run concurrently. The sentence of imprisonment for life, however, shall be subject to confirmation by the High Court.

New defence tech...

symposium is Raksha Atmanirbharta in line with Atmanirbharta Bharat'. Our defence industry has shown remarkable progress in the field of defence manufacturing in past few years and this symposium is a step to give it a further boost", the Army commander said.

He said that close linkages between armed forces, defence industry and academia will propel the efforts of Raksha Atmanirbharta in the right direction. "The symposium serves to showcase cutting-edge technologies and innovative products providing solutions to complex challenges faced by the Northern Command", he added.

Dwivedi said that it will enable all ranks to enhance their technological knowledge and threshold for conduct of efficient and smooth operational and technological solutions to

enhance all weather surveillance, ensure force protection and develop own fire power and mobility.

"With the rapid transformation of technology in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence, the situation demands that the focus of the symposium be also on these shifting trends, in order to achieve cutting edge over our adversaries," he said. Army commander said that Northern Command is the operationally most active command of the Indian Army.

It is actively facing the challenges on the Western borders along the Line of Control, the Northern borders along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh, and is also responsible for the internal security in the hinterland of J-K", he said.

He said that the symposium will help in mutual exchange of ideas between the defence industry and Army with respect to induction of currently available products and sensitise the industry with respect to the future needs.

"Interaction between defence industry and Army is critical for achieving higher degree of self-reliance. This way, the industry gets to know about the customization needs of the Army", Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

In reply to another question about the types of technology needed for most sensitive northern operation theatre, he said that the Northern Command area of operations being highly varied, poses various challenges to the troops in terms of enhanced fire power, mobility, force protection, Electronic Warfare, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

"Hence, any technological solution or product which can obviate these challenges is welcome. Of particular interest to the Northern Command are drone and anti-drone technology, robotics and artificial intelligence, virtual reality and augmented reality, fire power, security solutions, disruptive technologies, individual force protection and habitat and medical innovations", he added.

Northern Army Commander also said that the actions by PLA along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) gave the Indian forces an opportunity to build their capacities and asserted that a high standard of operational preparedness needs to be maintained at all times along the border in Ladakh.

Lt Gen Dwivedi, who was referring to the clash between the Indian soldiers and Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley in June 2020, also said that People's Liberation Army's (PLA's) aggression in eastern Ladakh was met with "swift mobilization and appropriate force posturing".

"Given the nature of challenges faced by Northern Command, a high standard of operational preparedness needs to be maintained at all times (along LAC in eastern Ladakh)", Lt Gen Dwivedi said.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army's Northern Command (GOC-in-C) was replying to a question about the multi-sectorial challenges being faced by Northern Command for years.