

# HC refuses to quash PSA of alleged Narco Smuggler

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Friday dismissed the petition filed by Baldev Raj alias Raju who was booked by Jammu Police under PITNDPS.

The petitioner aggrieved of the order of detention bearing No. PITNDPS 09 of 2023 dated April 19, 2023 issued by the respondent No. 2 (hereinafter to be referred as "the detaining authority") under Section 3 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (for short, "the PITNDPS Act"), the petitioner has filed the instant petition for quashing of the same.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Adv Navyug

Sethi for the petitioner whereas AAG Amit Gupta for the UT, observed that the allegations levelled against the petitioner in all the three FIRs relied upon by the respondents are in respect of recovery of intermediate quantity of the contraband and because of recovery of intermediate quantity of contraband, the petitioner was enlarged on bail in all the three FIRs.

The petitioner figures as accused in one FIR in the year 2021 and two FIRs in quick succession in the year 2023. Had the ordinary law been sufficient to deal with such situation, the position would have been different. The mere fact that the petitioner has been found to be involved in three FIRs itself makes it evident that the ordinary law has miser-

ably failed to put the brakes to the illegal activities of the petitioner. Otherwise also, the illegal activities were not committed by the petitioner in ordinary course of his business and in full public view which would have been taken care of by the ordinary law of the land but clandestinely.

It was because of inapplicability of Section 37 of the NDPS Act, the petitioner has been able to secure bail. Even the challenge thrown to the orders granting bail would have been futile.

Court further observed that the petitioner was released on temporary bail for a period of 13 days from September 15, 2023 and he was directed to surrender before the In-charge of the concerned Jail.

After his release, the petitioner had absconded and the Jail Authorities intimated the court that the petitioner did not surrender, as such the non-bailable warrants were issued against the petitioner vide order dated October 4, 2023. The non-bailable warrants remained un-executed till January 16, 2024, as the petitioner absconded. He could be detained only on January 16, 2024. The petitioner has shown scant respect to the order passed by the court and as such he deserves no sympathy, despite the fact that he was granted interim bail due to demise of his son. Viewed thus, there is no merit in the present writ petition. The same is, accordingly, dismissed, Court ordered.

# HC set-aside conviction in rape case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court today set-aside the conviction and sentence awarded by the Trial Court to Naresh Kumar.

The present appeal is directed against judgment dated January 24, 2024 passed by the Principal Sessions Judge, Kathua (the trial Court for short) whereby the appellant has been convicted for offences under Sections 363/376/343 RPC, whereafter, in proof of offence under Section 363 RPC, the appellant has been sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of 07 years and to a fine of Rs.5000, in proof of offence under Section 376 RPC, he has been sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of 10 years and to a fine of Rs.10,000, and, in proof of

offence under Section 343 RPC, the appellant has been sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year and to a fine of Rs.1000. All the sentences have been directed to run concurrently.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed that it is clear that statement of the prosecutrix cannot be treated as one of sterling quality for the reason that she has contradicted her previous statement on a vital aspects and there are inherent improbabilities and contradictions in her statement making it highly hazardous to place reliance upon it.

The prosecutrix in her statement before the Court has given a different version of the occurrence than the one projected by the Investigating Agency in the charge-sheet. While the prosecutrix has stated that she

boarded the vehicle of the appellant and she was made to take cold drink, whereafter, she went unconscious and found herself at Rajasthan, but the case of the prosecution as projected in the charge-sheet is that she had previous acquaintance with the appellant who called her to Bani wherefrom she boarded a Bus to Kathua and thereafter she was taken to Rajathan in a Train. Once her version of occurrence is not consistent with the version of occurrence given in the challan, her statement becomes doubtful. For this reason, the same cannot form a basis of conviction of the appellant, particularly when the corroborative circumstances have not been established.

The trial Court while convicting the appellant has not taken note of any of the aforesaid aspects of the mat-

ter. The finding of the trial Court that the prosecutrix was recovered from the custody of the appellant is not supported by any evidence. The same is clearly perverse. The manner in which the learned trial Court has analyzed the evidence on record leaves much to be desired. The trial Court without testing the testimony of the prosecutrix on the touchstone of settled principles of evidence, has proceeded to rely upon the same. The findings recorded by the trial Court to say the least, are perverse being based on no evidence and flawed reasoning. The same deserve to be set aside.

Accordingly, the impugned judgment of conviction and sentence recorded by the trial Court is set aside. The appellant is directed to be released from the custody forthwith, if not required in any other case.

# Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Series of awareness events organised across Baramulla

## Election Officers hold interactive sessions with first time voters

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: In preparation for upcoming general elections in the Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency scheduled to be held during fifth phase on 20th of May, 2024, a series of awareness activities were conducted at multiple locations across Baramulla district.

The event was held under the overall guidance of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, P.K Pole, and District Election Officer Baramulla Minga Sherpa, and supervision of UT Nodal Officer SVEEP, Akhter Qazi, Media Nodal Officer for CEO Office, J&K, Sapna Kotwal, Deputy DEO Baramulla and



District Nodal Officer SVEEP. The event highlighted the collaborative endeavors spearheaded by dedicated team started at St. Joseph School where hundreds of

students participated with zeal and zest. Activities like March past, other sports activities including tug of war and various other new initiative were taken up in the said event. "Vote for Sure" slogans were also raised with the pledge that each and every family member of their household will cast his/her vote in the forthcoming poll day.

The next programme was held at GDC Baramulla wherein an impressive function was held with the participation of hundreds of students excited for being the first time voter. Interactive session with first time voters as well as with college/Campus ambassadors was also held by SNO SVEEP and Media Nodal Officer for CEO office.

A pledge was taken by all to participate in the upcoming polling day.

Two separate functions were also conducted at Girls Higher secondary School Sopore and Boys Higher secondary Spore wherein several students participated enthusiastically and taken the pledge with the motive that they will convince their parents, neighbors, relatives and people of their areas to cast vote on 20th of May, 2024. The students were also enlightened about the importance of ethical voting.

Amid the vibrant setting, DEO Baramulla along with team of CEO office J&K comprising senior officers also conveyed several crucial messages about the principles of ethical voting.

# NIA charge sheets Mumbai man in Pak conspiracy to honey trap Indian Navy personnel



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The NIA has charge sheeted Mumbai resident Amaan Salim Shaikh, a key accused in a conspiracy by Pakistani intelligence operatives to honey trap Indian Navy personnel to gather secret information on defence establishments, an official statement said on Friday.

The anti-terror agency filed a supplementary charge sheet on Thursday in a National Investigation

Agency (NIA) special court in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, against Shaikh under different sections of Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, it said. NIA, which took over the case on June 5 last year, found during investigation that Shaikh, who was arrested late last year, was working for a suspected Pakistani agent, Usman, to further the anti-India conspiracy.

He was also receiving money from other suspected Pakistani operatives, including Meer Balaj Khan, Alven and other individuals, through crypto channels for completing tasks assigned by the Pakistani intelligence operatives, added the statement.

On November 6, 2023, the NIA had charge sheeted two accused persons in the case.

Further investigations in the case, initially registered in Vijayawada, are continuing, it added.(PTI)

**NOTICE**

I, Mukesh Thakiyal S/o Inderjeet Thakiyal R/O H. No. F-312, Lane No. 3, Krishna Nagar, Jammu (J&K) 180016 state that my name & my father name has wrongly been written as Mukesh Thakiyal S/o Inderjeet Singh instead of Mukesh Thakiyal S/o Inderjeet Thakiyal in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 50376223105. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

# Srinagar to have 'Heat Wave Action' plan to address harsh summers

## Rapid urbanization, changing land use key components of heat wave: Experts

**MASROOR AHMAD**  
SRINAGAR: Amid rising temperatures and potential heat waves in the Kashmir Valley, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Srinagar has come up with a "Heat Wave Action" plan for 2024-2025 to address the extreme summer heat.

The action plan has been introduced under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bilal Mohi-Din Bhat, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.

The main aim of the action plan is to reduce extreme heat impacts on vulnerable people like Children, pregnant women, elderly people and the people belonging to economically weaker sections with early warning systems & integrated coordination with concerned agencies.

A heat wave is declared for hilly regions when the maximum temperatures for a station reach 30 degrees Celsius or more. The average temperature in Kashmir Valley is between 19.1°C to 27.6°C from April to mid-September.

According to the action plan report, Srinagar despite being located at a high altitude, surrounded by mountainous and forested areas and having large water bodies viz, Dal Lake, River Jhelum, the Hokersar Wetland etc., is not immune to abnormally high temperatures.

The report notes that the rapid urbanization and changing land use on the suburbs coupled with the congested residential and commercial areas in the city make the District a classic case of "Urban Heat Island Effect" enhancing our vulnerability to abnormally higher temperatures, which when combined with the changing Macro-Climatic Scenario may lead to Heat waves.

"In order to prevent such instances in the long run, inter departmental interventions aimed at heat-reduction such as development of Green Spaces, induction of Electric Buses, prevention of illegal conversion of Abi and Nambal lands and encroach-

ment on water bodies and urban forests are being implemented vigorously," the action plan says.

This plan, according to the government, is a package of mitigating measures and aims to protect the lives of citizens without affecting individual livelihoods or macro-economic growth and stability.

The tourism industry and tourism-dependent economies are also highly vulnerable to the impacts of rising temperatures, according to the report. The Plan's primary objective is to alert populations at risk of heat-related illness, such as in places where extreme heat conditions either exist or are imminent, and to take appropriate precautions.

Under the heat wave action plan, the government has designated Department/Nodal Officers that will provide resources, such as personnel, essential services and materials, to support or assist a control agency or affected person.

They will also identify High risk area of the State/Districts vulnerable to heat wave and focus on such. The government will also organize training for Health Workers, School Children and the local community with the Health Department in prevention measures and treatment protocol.

The Srinagar district administration, according to the action plan has constituted a Tehsil Level Committees to take appropriate and necessary action during the heatwave in the district.

The DDMA has also proposed two training programs for heat wave awareness. The first program aims to educate students and teachers about the risks associated with heat waves and the preventive measures to mitigate them.

The second program targets local residents and community leaders, intending to raise awareness about heat wave risks and promote proactive measures within



the community. Through these training initiatives, DDMA endeavors to enhance preparedness and

The admin maintains that the heat wave action plans are key to city adaptation strategies.

climate change," it says.

Due to clear weather in Jammu and Kashmir, the heat has intensified, with temperatures crossing 40 degrees Celsius in Jammu. As the mercury rises across the region, Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir, has recorded the heat wave, settling at 5.6 degrees Celsius above normal on Thursday. Although last week saw a similar spike, a brief spell of rain had brought some relief. Temperatures across most parts of Kashmir are currently 3 to 6 degrees above normal.

According to a local Meteorological department here, there is a possibility of rainfall in some areas of J&K on May 18 and 19, with Kashmir parts expected to be more affected.

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**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

On 11-05-2024, one Radha Rani Wd/O Romesh Chand R/O Kheri Tehsil Dinga Amb District Kathua lodged a written report at Police Station Hiranagar stating therein that on 09-05-2024 her son namely Rakesh Kumar S/O Romesh Chand age 28 years is missing from her home. The complainant tried his best to search his son but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 07 dated 11-05-2024 has been entered at Police Station Hiranagar. During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas he is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about his whereabouts may inform us accordingly.

DESCRIPTION ROLL	PHOTOGRAPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name: Rakesh Kumar</li> <li>Father: Romesh Chand</li> <li>Permanent Address: village Kheri</li> <li>Present Address: Village Kheri</li> <li>Tehsil: Dinga Amb</li> <li>Police Station: Hiranagar</li> <li>Age: 28 years</li> <li>Height: 5 feet 6 inch</li> <li>Complexion: Wheatish</li> <li>Built: Medium</li> <li>Face: Oval</li> <li>Eyes: Black</li> <li>Languages known: Hindi/ Dogri</li> </ul>	

Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts:-

- DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
- dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in ( Mail ID)
- PCR Kathua- 01922-234311(Phone/Fax)
- Police Station Hiranagar - 01922274222

**Sr. Superintendent of Police, Kathua**

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION NOWSHERA**

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 01 of 2024-25  
Dated:- 17-05-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer PHE Division Nowshera, by e-tendering mode on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. / CPWD/ MES and Railways for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Estimate Cost in Lacs	Cost of Document in Rs.	Earnest Money @ 2% Rs.	Time allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of Technical Bid	Class of Contractor	Bid Validity
1.	Day to Day Maintenance Improvement Repair Laying and Fitting of pipes for extension/Restoration of water supplies of minor urgent nature of works and execution of small petty works under maintenance and repair falling under the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Nowshera.	20.00	1000.00	40000-00	Ending 31-3-2025	28-05-2024	"A,B&C"	180 days
2.	Day to Day Maintenance Improvement Repair Laying and Fitting of pipes for extension Restoration of water supplies of minor urgent nature of works and execution of small petty works under maintenance and repair falling under the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Sunderbani.	20.00	1000.00	-do-	Ending 31-3-2025	28-05-2024	"A,B&C"	180 days
3.	Day to Day Maintenance Improvement Repair Laying and Fitting of pipes for extension Restoration of water supplies of minor urgent nature of works and execution of small petty works under maintenance and repair falling under the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Kalakote.	20.00	1000.00	-do-	Ending 31-3-2025	28-05-2024	"A,B&C"	180 days

- Position of funds = Budgeted
- The complete bidding process will be on line.
- Date of publishing from 17-05-2024 upto (18.00 Hrs.)
- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 18.00 P.M. on 16-05-2024 onwards.

a. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 18.00 Hrs on 17-05-2024 to 27-05-2024 up to 1800 Hrs. The technical bids received will be opened at 1200 Hrs. on 28-05-2024.

b. The financial bid of the bidder shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer PHE Division Nowshera and shall be communicated separately.

**Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Nowshera**

No:-PHEDN/2024-25/452-506  
Dated:-17-05-2024  
DIP/J-550/24 Dt. 17-05-24

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**Corrigendum**  
No:JIDI/2024-25/770-806  
Dated:17-05-2024

**Subject:Extension of dates.**

**Reference:** This office E-NIT No. 02 of 05/2024-25 issued vide endorsement No. JIDI/J/2024-25/622-658 Dated 08-05-2024. (Works figuring at S.No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,15, 16,17,18,19,20,21,23 & 25)

This is for the information of all the concerned that the bid opening and closing dates of above-mentioned works of this office E-NIT under reference are hereby extended due to poor response and the fresh dates are as under: -

i) Uploading stops on	:	22-05-2024	(06:00 PM)
ii) Tender opens on	:	23-05-2024	(12:00 Noon or Subjective)

**Sd/- (Er. Hafiz Ullah Reshi) Executive Engineer Irrigation Division No.II Jammu**

**DIP/J-559/24 Dt. 17-05-24**