

Nobody is above law and judicial orders cannot be permitted to circumvent by any delay or lethargy: CAT

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JAMMU: A Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal Comprising Parshant Kumar (A) Member and MA Latifi (J) Member took serious note and observed that in case, the judgment is not complied with as stipulated above, in that eventuality, the Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar shall remain present before the Court on the next date of hearing.

This Court would have given them the option to appear through virtual mode but in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, their personal presence is sought before the Court as nobody is above law and judicial orders cannot be permitted to circumvent by any delay or lethargy.

This significant order has been passed in a contempt petition arises out of the judgment passed the Division Bench of this Court dated May 8, 2023. The operative portion of the judgment read as under "As a result the present OA is disposed off with direction to respondents to calculate the pension and pensionary benefits of the applicant after taking the date of superannuation as June 30, 2019 and issue the proper PPO and release pension and pensionary benefits to the applicant along with arrears.

The above exercise be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. OA is disposed. Pending MA's No. 143/2022 and 1225/2022 as well as C.P. No.195/2021 are also disposed of."

CAT observed that non-compliance of the judgment necessitated filing of the instant contempt petition. The contempt petition came up for consideration before this Court, various orders were passed from time to time.

CAT further observed that vide order dated February 19, 2024, the respondents/contemnors were made aware of the law laid down by the Supreme Court of India "That pension is not bounty. It is right of every employee and has even assumed the status of a constitutional right in terms of the Article 300(A) of the Constitution of India, as the same is described as the property of an employee."

Then, an order was passed on February 28,

2024, yet again the respondents/contemnors were not sensitive to the plight of the pensioner, who has superannuated five years back and is yet to receive even his provisional pension. The pensioner, herein, is a Petty Forest Guard, who has given his life and blood to the service of the public, CAT observed.

CAT would like to reiterate that denial or delay in the release of pension and pensionary benefits is not only arbitrary, illegal but is also a sin, though not an offence and the sin committed by those who too have to reach the day of superannuation today or tomorrow. Pensioners are to be dealt with snile, compassion and extra care. They have to be treated with soft and polite behaviour. Government Servant in office always counts the day when he will superannuate from his active service only with a hope that he will get his retiral benefits and get his children married and live rest of his life with dignity.

The concept of pension is only to provide succour to an employee who has dedicated his youth for cause of the public.

The petitioner is present in person who in the open Court submits that he has not received even provisional pension for the past five years. The attitude of the respondents is not only inhuman but is also violative of the human rights of the pensioner which are guaranteed to him, who by now is more than 65 years of age and senior citizen.

CAT observed that "We are at pains that how this pensioner must be making his both ends meet in absence of provisional pension and other retiral benefits. True it is, that it is equally the duty of the employee to submit all the requisite and necessary documents for finalisation of his pension papers but at the same time, a prompt and swift action is expected from the respondents in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

Bikram Deep Singh, DAG has referred to communications bearing no. CCF(K)/LO/2024/276-80 dated May 4, 2024 as well as another bearing no. PCCF/Estt/NG/C-7387493/1209 dated April 30, 2024 as also letter no. CF/SGR/LO/CP/2024/384-86 dated April 19, 2024 wherein he wants to substantiate that the case of the petitioner is under active consideration.

CAT is conscious that justice delayed is justice denied particularly when the employee is denied his pensionary benefits for the past five years. Any departmental wrangle or delay should not have come in the way of compliance of the judgment of Court in its letter and spirit. Judicial orders are bound to be obeyed at all costs, however, grave the effect may be.

Pradeepchandra Wahule (IFS), Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle, Srinagar is present before the Court. He in all fairness submits that the case of the petitioner for release of pension and allied benefits is under active consideration. However, he submits that he is not competent to pass the final order which according to him, falls under the domain of Administrative Secretary of the Forest Department.

CAT observed that "We are afraid that in terms of the Business Rules it is always the DDO or the Head of the Office who is competent to sanction pension and retiral benefits however, subject to certain norms".

CAT after hearing the petitioner who is present in person and the respondents, observed that on asking about the compliance of the judgment, the Conservator of Forests appearing virtually has accepted to comply the judgment within fifteen days positively.

In the aforementioned backdrop, CAT made it clear that in case the compliance of the judgment of the Court mentioned supra is not complied with in the aforesaid period, this Court will be compelled to pass coercive orders as warranted under law. The coercive orders will only be passed in view of the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

Before parting, CAT reiterate that in case, the judgment is not complied with as stipulated above, in that eventuality, the Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar shall remain present before the Court on the next date of hearing. This Court would have given them the option to appear through virtual mode but in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, their personal presence is sought before the Court as nobody is above law and judicial orders cannot be permitted to circumvent by any delay or lethargy.

Fast Food Stall Udyami training programme concludes

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JAMMU: A Fast Food Stall Udyami Training Programme organised by SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI-RSETI) Jammu concluded on Wednesday here at Roop Nagar.

A batch of 34 candidates from different parts of Jammu District participated in the training course. Assessment of the batch was also carried out by the EDP Assessor Rajeev Mahajan and Domain Assessor Nishu Sood from National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR).

On this occasion, a small but impressive function was organized in which certificates of participation were distributed by Romesh Chander, Director SBI RSETI Jammu.

The Director RSETI interacted with all the candidates and guided them to take full advantages of the skill acquired at SBI RSETI Jammu. He also motivated the candidates to stand on their own by using the skill acquired at SBI RSETI. Romesh Chander also guided the candidates about Social Security Schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY etc. He also guided them about various loan schemes which are beneficial for candidates to open their self employment ventures. Director RSETI, assured every possible help in opening their ventures and to get credit linked by the banks under different loan schemes.

At the end of the program, Vote of Thanks was delivered by Deepu Bala and M Shalhu Sharma, Faculties, SBI RSETI Jammu.

GDC Marh celebrates World Red Cross Day

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JAMMU: Red Ribbon club of Government Degree College Marh on Wednesday celebrated World Red Cross Day by hosting an awareness event here on the college campus.

The College Principal Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, in his address, highlighted the importance of the day. "On this Day we pay tribute to the millions of volunteers and staff working alongside people in need of protection, assistance, healthcare, social aid and solidarity" she said.

Prof. Madhavi Parasher (HOD Botany) briefed

the students that the day is observed to highlight the humanitarian values and activities of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. "These associations play a crucial role in assisting and aiding people impacted by different natural disasters, armed conflicts, and different crises, everywhere," she added.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Shakun Sharma (HOD Sociology) The occasion was graced by Prof. Imitaz Shahid (HOD Zoology, Prof. Asha (HOD Geography), Dr.Balwinder Saini (HOD Chemistry) and Ravi (PTI).

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 10, 12 and 14 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jerda and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 10 and 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Mahaal and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 9, 11 and 13 from 6 am to 10 am.

GCW Gandhi Nagar organises Poster Making competition

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JAMMU: Red Ribbon/Red Cross Club, PSPS, Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, joined the Global Community in celebrating the profound impact of humanitarian efforts and the enduring spirit of compassion and joy. This year theme, "I give with joy and the joy I give is a reward", reflects the essence of Red Cross Movements Mission to alleviate suffering and bring hope to those in the need.

It highlights the transformative power of kindness and generosity, reminding us that even the simplest acts of compassion can bring immeasurable joy to the individuals and the communities facing adversity.

On this occasion, a poster making competition was organized in collaboration with Department of Zoology, in which 40 students participated. The theme was "I give with joy and the joy I give is a reward". Arushi Sharma of 2nd

Sem bagged first position, Anjali Verma of 2nd Sem second position and the third position was secured by Khushdeep Kour of 2nd Sem. Prof. Surinder Singh Parihar, I/C Principal PSPS, GCW, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Archana Bakshi, HOD, English, Prof. Anupama Pandotra, Zoology and Prof. Rakesh Singh, HOD, Chemistry, were the Judges.

Prof. Samriti Aggarwal, HOD, Department of Zoology and Convener; Red Cross/Red Ribbon Club and the committee members Prof. Shakun Mahajan, Dr. Shaista Ajaz, Dr. Raj Kumar Santhlal, Prof. Manmeet Kour; Prof. Asha Devi, Prof. Varchaskam Sharma, Prof. Meenakshi Sharma, Prof. Anita Kotwal, Prof. Archana Bhat were present during the program.

On 8th of May, 2024 All the three winners were given prizes by the Chief Guest of Red Cross Society at Mehr Chand Mahajan Hall, Gandhi Nagar.

SKUAST-TAJ meets VC, discusses issues



President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma and Secretary Dr. Devinder Sharma felicitating Vice Chancellor.

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JAMMU: SKUAST Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) under the chairmanship of its President Dr. Vikas Sharma called on Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu in his office at Main Campus Chattha. The Association showed gratitude towards Honble Vice Chancellor for timely promotion of teachers / scientists of SKUAST - Jammu under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), for the initiation of long pending recruitment process for various teaching, non teaching and administrative positions and for overseas exposure of SKUAST-J Faculty members under ICAR-IDP-NAHEP programme. The issue regarding the promotion of KVK scientists and collaboration with ICAR-CITH, Srinagar and CSIR-IIIM, Jammu for increasing the research efficiency of the Institution (advance research of MSc. Ph.D students of SKUAST-J, was also discussed in the meeting. After patient hearing, the Vice Chancellor assured the TAJ members to solve these issues as soon as possible. Dr. SK Gupta Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu and Publicity Secretary Dr. Devinder Sharma were also present on the occasion.

JKAP holds meet to chalk out strategy for ongoing Parliamentary polls

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Apni Party on Wednesday felicitated prominent social activist, and leader of the migrant Kashmiri Pandits, M. K. Yogi here at the Party office in Gandhi Nagar, on Wednesday.

A meeting was organized under the leadership of General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya with other leaders.

The meeting was organized by General Secretary Youth Wing/Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya.

During this meeting, M.K. Yogi was felicitated by the Party leaders who accorded him a grand welcome into the Party days after he joined the Party at Srinagar office in presence of the Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari.

Later, M. K. Yogi also joined the meeting which



Kashmiri Pandits leader, M. K Yogi speaking at a meeting.

was chaired by General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya.

In this meeting, a threadbare discussion regarding ongoing Parliamentary elections, and chalked out strategy for the polls to ensure the victory of the Party candidates on three parliamentary seats in Kashmir valley that includes Rajouri - Anantnag, Srinagar, and Baramulla.

Vijay Bakaya explained

how constituency wise, the voters can be approached and educated about the policy and agenda of the Party.

The meeting was attended by Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, Provincial Vice President Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial Secretary/Incharge Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, Provincial President Youth Wing Vipul Bali, Provincial

President, Jammu, Women Wing, Pavneet Kour, District Senior Vice President, Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Provincial Vice President Youth Wing, Suhail Khajuria, District Publicity Secretary, Vishal Jyotishi, District President Jammu Youth Urban, Shivam Choudhary, Additional Coordinator Media, Sandeep Vaid, District Vice President, Youth Wing, Abhinav Gupta, Provincial Secretary, Youth Wing, Vivek Saproo, Vice President Women Wing, Neelam Gupta, District President Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, Shivani Koul, Sheetal Sharma, Shweta, Shikha, Chandji Bhat, Ashok Koul, Bhausha n Lal Pandita, Ashok Dhar, G.I. Pandita, Vijay Guruto and Nana Ji Wattal.

CRIME REPORT

J&K'S cyber cell recovers defrauded money amounting to over Rs 2 lakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Cyber Cell of Jammu & Kashmir Police in District Police Jammu has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to combating cybercrime by successfully solving a case and recovering money amounting Rs. 1,55,000.

Brief facts of the case are that complainant lost his mobile phone and fraudster break his phone unlock pattern, changed his google account password and transferred an amount of Rs.1,55,000 from his account. The complainant lost Rs 1,55,000.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately led to the successful recovery of amount of Rs.1,55,000. The whole amount credited into the bank account of complainant.

Meanwhile, Cyber Cell of District Police Reasi has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to combat cybercrime and recovered funds that were unlawfully obtained through fraudulent means to the tune of Rs. 55000.

During the investigation, The Cyber Investigation Unit Reasi exhibited diligent efforts which ultimately led to the successful recovery Rs.55000/.

SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma reiterated in her appeal to the general public to remain extra vigilant and report promptly to the National Helpline number 1930. SSP Reasi also appeals to common public to register cyber complaints online at www.cybercrime.gov.in and www.eirg.gov.in for lost/ Stolen Mobiles or contact District Cyber Cell Reasi official Helpline Number- 7051003220.

Notorious drug smuggler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

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SOPORE: Acting tough against drug peddlers/smugglers, Police booked a notorious drug smuggler under PIT NDPS Act in Sopore after obtaining formal detention orders from competent authority.

Sopore Police has booked a notorious drug smuggler namely Suhail Ahmad Zargar alias Lala son of Bashir Ahmad Zargar resident of Behrampora Rafiabad under PIT-NDPS after obtaining formal detention orders from competent authority. The booked drug smuggler has been detained and subsequent-

ly lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu. Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against said drug smuggler and was still involved in drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to the local youth of the Police District Sopore and other areas of the district.

Contraband substance & cash recovered from two houses

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have recovered contraband substance & cash from two residential houses in village Melhura area of Shopian.

Police Post Wachi received information through reliable sources that two individuals have concealed contraband substances at their residential houses belonging to Farooq Ahmad Koka son of Ghulam Mohd Koka & Ashiq Ahmad Koka son of Mohd Amin Koka, both residents of Melhura, Shopian. Accordingly, police parties of Police Post Wachi alongwith executive magistrate raided the said residential houses.

During the raids, 2Kg 970grams of Charas like substance concealed in nylon polythene bags and cash amount of Rs. 6,00,000 was recovered from the residential house of Farooq Ahmad Koka and 1Kg 784 grams of charas was recovered from the residential house of Ashiq Ahmad Koka. However, the accused persons involved in the commission of crime fled from the spot and efforts are on to nab them. Accordingly, case FIR numbers 36/2024 & 37/2024 have been registered at Police Station Zainapora respectively and investigation has been set into motion.

9 vehicles including 5 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining in the district Sanba, Police on Wednesday seized five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and Police Station Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

In Police Sub-Division Samba, Police teams headed SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharge Police Post Mansar and Incharge Police Post RakhAmbTali, while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, have seized five-dumpers bearing registration Nos.JK21F-6718, JK14B-9029, JK14C-4612,JK21H-5477 and JK21G-8300 for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

Meanwhile, in a surprise operation which was carried out at

different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu,Police Post Chowki Choura seized one Dumper bearing No. JK02DJ-9930 loaded with sand,without Form A. Besides, BPP Sandwan detained 02 Tractor Trolleys loaded with sand without any permission.

PP Gajansoo detained one Tractor Trolley bearing Reg. No. JK02DA-8647 loaded with Bajri and without any legal permission.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

While giving the details SP Rural Jammu,conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

3 erring medical shops closed down at Kulgam

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KULGAM: As many as three medical shops were closed down for non-observance of conditions of licenses and improper sale records maintenance in Kulgam district, on Wednesday. The action against the erring was taken during an inspection of around 25 medicine establishments in Buchroo, Tarigam, Bolsoo, Yaripora, Hangalbuch and other adjoining areas where 03 shops were closed down on spot for violating conditions of licenses and non installation of CBS.

In pursuance to NCORD directives, continuous efforts are on by Drug Control Authorities in Kulgam dist. to plug gaps to achieve a robust system of sale purchase record maintenance by chemists and wholesale dealers.

Awareness cum training session was also conducted with Yaripora chemists to sensitize them with CBS and its advantages for inventory management. Many shop owners installed the CBS system on spot for raising digital invoices.

Bovine smuggling bids foiled, 34 bovines rescued, 4 vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police party of PP Pounichak has foiled bovine smuggling bid in which 02 bovines were rescued and 01 vehicle Mahindra bearing registration number JK02CX 5738 seized from Pounichak area. Accused Driver fled away from the spot taking advantage of darkness. In this regard, case FIR under relevant sections of law have been registered in PS Domana, further investigation of the case is in progress.

Meanwhile, in the wee hours team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli foiled 1 bovine smuggling bid in which total 11 bovines were rescued at naka Point

Suketar from bovine smuggler who was taking these bovines towards Kashmir valley . Truck bearing registration No.JK02BR-1915 seized and accused person Namely Mohd Sadiq, son of Ab.Hamid, resident of Kans Khassa Teh. & Distt Reasi got arrested.

In another two cases of bovine smuggling, team of Police Station Nagrota has foiled two bids of bovine smuggling at naka Bun Toll Plaza and rescued 21 bovines from two smugglers namely Arif Mushtaq S/O Mushtaq Ahmed R/O Panchgam Kulgam and one Unknown bovine smuggler fled away from the spot after noticing the police party on road. Truck Canter bearing registration No.JK03K-3485 and Truck bearing registration No.JK13C-8175 seized by Nagrota Police.

In these regard, case FIR No. 115/2024 at P/S Jhajjar Kotli and FIR No.138/2024 & FIR No 139/2014 stands registered at P/S Nagrota under relevant sections of law. Further investigation of the cases are underway.

Missing youth traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on traced out a missing youth and reunited him with his family

On May 5, 2024 a complaint was received at Police Station Batote regarding missing of a youth namely Inran Ahmed son of Liqaut Ali resident of Pasyal,Thopai,Tehsil Batote and Distt Ramban. On receipt of this information, a missing report vide DDR.NO.18 was entered at PS Batote.

A special Police Team was constituted by SSP Ramban Sh.Anuj Kumar-IPS to trace out the missing youth.The Police team of PS Batote by making the best possible efforts traced out the missing youth and reunited him with his family after absorbing all legal formalities required under law.The missing report has been closed as traced out.

The missing youth was traced by police team of PS Batote under the guidance of SHO PS Batote under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban, Adl.SP Ramban with the overall supervision of SSP Ramban.

Absconder arrested after 11 years

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JAMMU: An absconder namely Mohd Ali, son of Haji Ghulam Haider, resident of Chinchik , Kargil involved in FIR 02/2013 under sections 279/338 RPC of police station GRP Jammu has been arrested. He was evading arrest in a pending case of 11 years.

Today, with the arrest by the police team of GRP Jammu, 9 warrants of arrest under section 512 crpc have been executed during last 08 weeks.

