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Class:- 8th 'B'

D.O.B:- 31-08-2012

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Jaanya Gupta



Class:- LKG 'A'

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NOTICE

I, Simran D/o Vikramjeet Mother name Sarita Devi state that my Mother's name has wrongly been written as Uramila Devi instead of correct name Sarita Devi in my Class 8th Marks Card under Roll No. 8090053, Session 2023-24. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to DIET Jammu within 7 days.



NOTICE

I, Ravender Kumar Raina S/o Janki Nath Raina R/o H.No 213 Lane K Sec 2 Durga Nagar Jammu Roop Nagar, Jammu Tawi JK-180013 state that my name has wrongly been written as Ravinder Kumar Raina instead of correct name Ravender Kumar Raina in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 839696671747. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

Home for the Aged & amp; Infirm (Old Age Home), Ambphalla, Jammu

Applications are invited for the post of Chowkidar (Watchman) for Old Age Home, Ambphalla, Jammu for round the clock security of the inmates and the premises. The applicant must be (i) at least 8th pass; (ii) a resident of J&K; (iii) not more than 55 years of age; (iv) in good mental and physical health; (v) must not be addicted; (vi) Preference will be given to Ex-Servicemen / Civilian Candidates holding a Valid Driving Licence and to the one with prior experience in a similar role; (vii) accommodation and meals will be provided free of cost by the Home; (viii) Salary is negotiable.

Interested candidates may submit their application with relevant documents within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice either by post or in person to the Secretary, Home for the Aged & amp; Infirm (Old Age Home), Ambphalla, Jammu-180005.

For queries, if any, please contact on phone number 9419112918

NOTICE

I, Goldy Kour W/o Pupinder Singh R/o Ward No. 7 Kartholi Morh Kartholi Samba, JK-181133 state that my name has wrongly been written as Goltu Kour instead of correct name Goldy Kour in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 320094610360. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

NOTICE

I, Nikhil Kumar S/o- Sh. Pritam Chand, R/o- Vill- Chohala, R. S. Pura, Jammu, declare that my name has been wrongly written as Parveet Singh in my 10th class marksheet bearing Roll No.- 160202279 instead of my correct name i.e. Nikhil Kumar and my Mother's name is also wrongly written as Ritu Devi in my 10th class marksheet instead of her correct name i.e. Sudesh Kumari. Now, I am applying for correction for both names. Objection, if any may convey to concerned authority within 7 days.

# HC slams PSA misuse, quashes five detentions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: In a sweeping rebuke to arbitrary preventive detentions, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has quashed five separate orders passed under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT NDPS), holding that personal liberty cannot be sacrificed on vague, stale, or mechanically drafted grounds.

Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi set aside detention order No. 20/DMP/PSA/24 against Shabir Ahmad Pandit of Karimabad, Pulwama, who had been accused of working as an OGW for LeT. The Court observed that no FIR was lodged against him, and the order was passed solely on the police dossier without application of mind, in violation of

Article 22(5) of the Constitution.

In another ruling, the Court quashed detention order dated December 19, 2024 against 26-year-old law student Zubair Ramzan Ganie of Seer Hamdan, Anantnag. Booked earlier under the NDPS Act, he was released on bail. The Court held that preventive detention could not be used to nullify bail, especially in absence of fresh evidence or ongoing criminal activity.

Justice M.A. Chowdhary struck down detention of Mohd. Nazir of Thanamandi, Rajouri, who

## Atal Setu Custodial Torture Case: Basohli SDPO, SHO, 9 others submit replies, arguments on Sept 13

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant development in the much-publicized custodial torture case of two Punjab labourers at Atal Setu, eleven police officials-including SDPO Basohli Suresh Kumar and SHO Basohli Geetanjali (JKPS)-on Saturday appeared before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Kathua, Ajay Kumar, and submitted their written responses in compliance with the court's earlier directions.

The case stems from a plea filed by Sukar Deen and Farid Mohammad, residents of village Chibber, Dhar Kalan, Pathankot (Punjab), who accused Basohli police of custodial torture.

On August 22, 2025, CJM Ajay Kumar had passed a detailed five-page order directing that copies of the complaint be served

on the eleven policemen through SSP Kathua, requiring them to provide a written account of the events leading to the alleged incident.

The officers who submitted written responses include SDPO Suresh Kumar, SHO Geetanjali (DySP Probationer), PSI Kusum Sulakhiya, PSI Abhinav Kotwal, HC Naresh Kumar, HC Banarsee Dass, SgCT Vijay Kumar, SgCT Hemraj, SPO Surinder Kumar, SPO Sahil Singh, and SPO Ajay Kumar-all posted at Police Station Basohli.

Out of the eleven, SDPO Suresh Kumar, SHO Geetanjali, PSI Kusum Sulakhiya, and SPO Surinder Kumar also made oral submissions before the Court. Their statements, along with the written replies, were formally taken

# Judiciary leads by example: J&K and Ladakh High Court makes relief contributions mandatory

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a decisive move reflecting solidarity with flood-affected families, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, under the directions of Chief Justice Arun Palli, has ordered its judges, officers, and staff to mandatorily contribute towards the official relief fund of the Government of J&K.

The step comes in the wake of devastating cloudbursts and flash floods

that have ravaged several districts across the Union Territory.

The order, issued by Registrar Rajeev Gupta on the instructions of the Chief Justice, lays down a structured contribution mechanism, ensuring every segment of the judiciary participates in the relief effort.

The Contribution Slabs Announced High Court Judges (J&K & Ladakh): Rs 20,000 each, District

Judges: Rs 10,000 each, Civil Judges (Senior Division): Rs 7,000 each, Civil Judges (Junior Division): Rs 5,000 each, Gazetted Officers (High Court & District Judiciary): Rs 5,000 each and Non-Gazetted Staff: Rs 1,000 each.

All contributions are to be deposited within three days into the designated J&K Bank account (High Court Complex, Srinagar). Registrar Judicials of both wings of

will prepare a consolidated cheque of the total contribution and hand it over to the Government of J&K to support ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts.

By mandating contributions, the High Court under Chief Justice Arun Palli has sent a strong message of collective accountability and judicial leadership, demonstrating that the judiciary stands firmly with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in this time of crisis.

## Fast-Track Court sentences Sohan Lal to 10 years' RI for rape of 6-year-old minor

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Fast-Track Court Jammu, presided over by Amarjeet Singh Langeh, on Saturday delivered a decisive verdict in the case relating to the rape of a 6-year-old girl that took place in May 2015. Sohan Lal alias Sonu, aged 27 at the time of the incident, resident of Shahzadpur, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu, has been convicted under Section 376 of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) arising out of FIR No. 139/2015 registered at Police Station Domana, awards 10 years rigorous imprisonment. After a thorough examination of eyewitness accounts, medical, forensic, and documentary evidence, the court found Sohan Lal guilty beyond reasonable doubt and remarked upon the particularly heinous and chilling nature of the offence. Delivering sentence, the Court has awarded Sohan Lal ten years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of ₹20,000. In the event of default of payment, the convict shall undergo an additional six months of imprisonment. The period of detention already undergone-eight years, ten months, and ten days-will be set off against the awarded sentence. Any fine paid by the convict shall be disbursed to the victim as compensation. Additionally, recognizing the irreversible trauma inflicted on the child victim, the Court has recommended the grant of Rs 6 lakh compensation under the Jammu & Kashmir Victim Compensation Scheme 2019 to further support the victim's rehabilitation. This verdict stands as a message that crimes against children will be met with firm and just legal action in Jammu & Kashmir. The Court has reiterated its commitment to both just punishment for perpetrators and sensitivity towards victims.

## Court convicts Rahim-ul-Din in 11-year-old blind murder; sentenced to life imprisonment

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bringing closure to an 11-year-old blind murder case, the Court of Additional Sessions Judge Jammu, presided over by Ritesh Kumar Dubey, has convicted and sentenced Rahim-ul-Din to rigorous life imprisonment for the 2014 killing of Mohammad Abdullah alias Dulla.

The Court had earlier, on August 25, 2025, held the accused guilty under Section 302 RPC after the prosecution, led by APP Sunil Sharma, established a complete chain of circumstantial evidence proving that Rahim-ul-Din slit the victim's throat with a knife on the night of March 30, 2014.

The victim's body, tied with sandbags and stones and wrapped in a blanket, was recovered from the Garkhal Khad (Kotli Pattu river) on April 14, 2014.

On August 30, 2025, after hearing arguments on sentencing, the Court ruled out the death penalty, observing that the case did not fall under the "rarest of rare" category. Instead, the accused was awarded rigorous life imprisonment.

The Court noted that while the crime reflected a "shrewd and calculated mind," mitigating factors such as the convict's good conduct in jail, his illiterate wife, and minor children aged 10 to 15 years, warranted consideration.

## Tribunal cracks whip on SKUAST-K: VC, Dean face criminal contempt for flouting orders

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Srinagar Bench has come down heavily on Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K) for wilful defiance of its directives, cautioning Vice Chancellor Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganie and Dean, Veterinary Sciences, Dr. Riaz Ahmad Shah of criminal contempt proceedings.

The Tribunal was hearing a contempt plea filed by Dr. Abdul Shakoor Bhat, who alleged blatant non-compliance of its earlier order dated August 19, 2025. The Bench had clearly directed that Dr. Bhat should not be relieved from his post until further orders, while also seeking a reply and status report on whether his transfer had been issued by an

incompetent authority with mala fide intent.

However, in stark violation, the Dean issued a fresh order on August 21, 2025, directing Dr. Bhat to resume duties at SKUAST's Wadoora campus. More controversially, the Dean is reported to have told Dr. Bhat that the Vice Chancellor is not answerable to the Tribunal and need not appear before it.

"Taking serious note of what it called 'brazen defiance,'" the Bench comprising Member (J) M.S. Latif and Member (A) Prasant Kumar reminded the contemnors that under Section 17 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985, the CAT enjoys the same jurisdiction as a High Court in contempt matters. The Tribunal underlined that it is empowered to initiate both civil and criminal

## JKJA organises training programme on Cyber Laws

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Under the patronage of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), and under the guidance of the Chairperson and Members of the Governing Committee, the Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy organized a one-day training programme on "Cyber Laws & Appreciation and Handling of Digital Evidence" for the Judicial Officers of Kashmir Province and the Union Territory of Ladakh on Saturday.

The inaugural proceedings were conducted by Sonia Gupta, Director Judicial Academy, who emphasized that the programme aimed to equip Judicial Officers with updated knowledge and practical insights on the emerging and evolving domain of cyber laws and the effective handling of digital evidence in Judicial proceedings.

The technical sessions were led by Dr. Nisheeth Dixit, an eminent cyber expert from Delhi, who highlighted the growing importance of Judicial awareness in the digital era, where cybercrime and



Director Judicial Academy, Sonia Gupta along with others posing for a photograph.

electronic evidence increasingly shape litigation.

He elaborated on recent developments in case law influencing judicial interpretation of digital evidence and discussed the legal framework governing cyber offenses. Dr. Dixit explained procedures for authentication, preservation, and admissibility of electronic records and addressed the challenges faced in handling and evaluating digital evidence.

A key highlight of the session was the discussion on landmark case laws, including Sanjaysinh Ramrao Chavan vs. Dattatray Gulabrao Phale [MANU/SC/0040/2015], where the Supreme Court ruled on the admissibility of recorded conversations.

It was emphasized that without analyzing the original voice recording, translated transcriptions lack authenticity and cannot be relied upon. Dr. Dixit stressed that source and authenticity are the two crucial factors determining the evidentiary value of electronic records.

The programme featured interactive discussions, case analyses, and practical demonstrations, enabling participants to gain hands-on exposure to the complexities of digital forensics and evidence appreciation. Real-world experiences and best practices for preserving, analyzing, and presenting digital evidence in court were shared, ensuring that the sessions were not only theoretical but also practically enriching.

## DC inspects relief, rehabilitation efforts at Rajeev Colony, Peer Kho

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas on Saturday along with Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr Devansh Yadav visited Rajeev Colony near Bikram Chowk to review the ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Ansuya Jamwal and SDM Jammu South Manu Hansa were also present.

The Deputy Commissioner assured that sufficient men and machinery have been deployed to ensure clearance



of debris by tomorrow afternoon. He said that the district administration is supplying food and water in the affected areas.

"It is our endeavour to conduct water sample testing

and fogging in order to prevent any outbreak of diseases," Dr Minhas stated.

He further said that damages caused to the banks of river Tawi are being studied by experts. "Necessary

## Dir Agriculture reviews functioning of Sections, Offices under Directorate

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta on Saturday conducted an on-the-spot inspection of all key sections under the administrative control of Directorate of Agriculture Jammu and reviewed functioning, punctuality, cleanliness and overall efficiency of each section.

The Sections/Offices inspected included Establishment, Development, Legal, Plant Protection Office, Planning, Accounts, Assistant Director Law Enforcement, Agriculture Chemist, Potato Development Office, ASCO (I&P), Pesticide Laboratory, Fertilizer Laboratory, Soil Testing Laboratory, Plant Health



Clinic, Library, Auditorium and the premises of the Directorate.

The Director issued instructions for strict punctuality across all sections, directing officers and staff to regularly mark attendance in both register and the biometric system. He warned the employees against absenteeism. He stressed the importance of

maintaining cleanliness in every section and across the Directorate premises.

Special instructions were given to the Estate Officer to ensure overall cleanliness of the premises and to take up repair and maintenance works of the Auditorium and Library on priority.

The Director further instructed

file representation within a specified timeframe, and vague DDRs were used instead of valid FIRs, rendering the detention unconstitutional.

In another scathing order, Justice Chowdhary quashed the detention of Mohd. Abdullah alias Dullah of Kishtwar, whose 2024 detention order relied on FIRs dating back to 2003-2007, in which he had already been acquitted. The Court ruled that once a detention order is quashed by court, old cases cannot be recycled for fresh detention, branding the action as arbitrary and mechanical.

Advocate Vishal Gupta appeared on behalf of the applicants, while APP Kathua Ankush Gupta represented the prosecution. The Court has now listed the matter for arguments on September 13, 2025.

In its earlier order, the CJM had observed that the scope of Section 175(4) BNSS, 2023-which deals with complaints against public servants in the discharge of official duties-was as wide, if not wider, than Section 218 BNSS. The Court emphasized that the allegations merited a detailed written response from all officers named in the complaint.

With all replies now on record, the stage is set for a crucial hearing on September 13, which will determine whether further criminal proceedings are warranted against the accused police officials.

The Court observed: "There is reasonable probability of the accused rehabilitating into society. Hence, life imprisonment, not death penalty, is appropriate."

The case began when a police patrol from PP Garkhal noticed a suspicious gathering near the river in April 2014 and recovered a body later identified as Mohammad Abdullah. FIR No. 73/2014 was registered at Police Station Akhnoor, and after investigation, a chargesheet was filed against Rahim-ul-Din.

The Court has informed the convict of his right to appeal before the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh within 60 days.

repairs will be taken up to prevent further losses," he added.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that water supply through tankers is being regulated effectively, with teams of the district administration and JMC working jointly on the ground.

In the power sector, urgent repairs are being carried out on war footing to ensure timely restoration across the district, he said.

Later, Dr Minhas visited Peer Kho to assess the damages caused to the prominent tourist and religious site.

ed staff of all laboratories including the Pesticide Lab, Fertilizer Lab, Soil Testing Lab and Plant Health Clinic to function with full efficiency, strengthen their testing and reporting mechanisms, and achieve their assigned targets within the stipulated time frame. He emphasized that laboratories should work in a result-oriented manner, adhere to quality standards and contribute effectively towards timely delivery of services to the farming community. Anil Gupta emphasized that all section heads and lab in-charges must ensure efficiency, discipline and time-bound performance, with strict compliance to the directions issued.