

CJM directs SSP Kathua to file ATR in plea seeking registration of FIR against Police Officers & Ors

Custodial torture of 2 Punjab Labourers at Atal Setu by SDPO Basohli, others

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant order, the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Kathua Ajay Kumar has directed the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua to file 'Action Taken Report' (ATR) in an application/complaint under section 175(3) BNSS, 2023 filed by two Punjab Labourers namely Sukar Deen and Farid Mohammad, both residents of Village Chibber, District Pathankot (Punjab) seeking registration of an FIR against the Police Officers/officials of Police Station, Basohli including SDPO Basohli who inflicted third degree torture upon the applicants/complainants initially at Atal Setu and later at Police Station, Basohli on June 29th, 2025 and thereafter illegally detained them contrary to the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court

of India in case titled D.K.Basu v/s State of West Bengal reported as 1997 (1) SCC 416 and Judgement dated July 2nd, 2014 titled Armesh Kumar V/s State of Bihar and Anr.
 After hearing Advocate S.S. Ahmed with Advocate Vishal Gupta appearing for the applicants/complainants and the two applicants who were present in person, the CJM Kathua Ajay Kumar directed the SSP, Kathua to file ATR before the next date of hearing i.e. August 11th, 2025.
 In the application filed U/s 175(3) BNSS, 2023 the two victims have stated that on June 29th, 2025, a Police contingent led by SDPO, Basohli without any lawful justification started beating them at Atal Setu and then they were taken to Police Station, Basohli where they were subjected to third

degree torture for almost two hours. They were bitten by the police officials, their fingernails were removed and different kind of tortures were inflicted upon them and in order to justify their illegal act, a false/frivolous FIR No.0061/2025 dated June 30th, 2025 U/s 132/221/352/3(5) BNS/2023 was registered against the applicants at Police Station, Basohli as a cover-up exercise. It is further highlighted in the complaint that on June 30th, 2025, the Investigating Officer of the case PSI Kusum Sulakhiya produced the applicants in the Court of Munsiff (JMJC), Basohli Bhanu Bhasin for seeking police remand of five days. The Learned Munsiff (JMJC), Basohli after observing the physical condition of the applicants and after going through the CD File

observed that the guidelines/safeguards in case titled D.K. Basu Vs State of West Bengal have not been complied with by the Police and the applicants have been beaten in the Police Station, Basohli and for this reason, the Learned JMJC, Basohli Bhanu Bhasin declined Police remand and granted a Judicial remand for a period of five days and the Court further observed that the applicants were apprised the grounds of arrest in the open Court.
 In the complaint, it has been further stated that both the applicants were admitted to interim bail on July 1st, 2025 and their bail was made absolute on July 7th, 2025. Both the applicants after their discharge from Civil Hospital, Pathankot sent a detailed application on July 7th, 2025 alongwith the doc-

umentary evidence to the SHO Police Station, Basohli seeking registration of FIR against SDPO, Basohli and other police officials for their inhuman act of brutally torturing them at Atal Setu and later at Police Station, Basohli. However, no FIR was registered in the matter. Thereafter, it was on July 23rd, 2025, the applicants approached the SSP, Kathua with a written request to register FIR in the matter in view of the refusal of SHO Basohli but SSP, Kathua did not move in the matter and thus the applicants have been constrained to approach the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua.
 In the application, the applicants have also submitted that on July 15th, 2025, they knocked at the doors of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu through a

Contempt Petition CCP (S) No.236/2025 titled Sukar Deen and Anr. Vs Suresh Kumar & Ors seeking initiation of Contempt proceedings against 11 police officers/officials of Basohli Police Station/Sub-Division, Basohli namely Suresh Kumar (SDPO), Geetanjali (JKPS), Kusum Sulakhiya (PSI), Abhinav Kotwal (PSI), Naresh Kumar (Head Constable), Banarasi Dass (Head Constable), Vijay Kumar (SgCT), Hemraj (SgCT), Surinder Kumar (SPO), Sahil Singh (SPO) and Ajay Kumar (SPO) for their willful/intentional defiance of judgements/Guidelines of the Apex Court in the much publicized cases of D.K. Basu and Armesh Kumar. The applicants have further stated that a Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh

headed by Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi after taking serious view of the matter issued notices to the 11 Police Officers/Officials in the said Contempt Petition named above and directed them to file their stance on the adjourned date of hearing i.e. September 3rd, 2025.
 After considering the averments made in the com-

plaint/application and the arguments advanced by Advocate S.S. Ahmed with Advocate Vishal Gupta, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua Ajay Kumar directed Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua to file 'Action Taken Report' (ATR) in the matter and fixed the case for further consideration on August 11th, 2025.

Sanskrit Month celebration: Sanskrit nameplate installed at residence of MLA Sham Sharma



MLA Sham Lal Sharma installing nameplate outside his house.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With the aim of promoting and popularizing the Sanskrit language, a unique initiative was undertaken by the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust during the auspicious occasion of Sanskrit Month.
 As part of this initiative, a nameplate written in Sanskrit was installed at the residence of Sham Lal Sharma, MLA from Jammu North Assembly

Constituency.
 On this occasion, MLA Sham Lal Sharma described Sanskrit as the soul of Indian culture.
 He stated that Sanskrit is not merely a language, but the very foundation of our values, culture, and civilization. Initiatives like these help generate interest and respect for Sanskrit among the masses. He extended heartfelt congratulations to the Trust for this meaningful effort.

President of the Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri, stated that under the Sanskrit Month celebrations, they are installing Sanskrit nameplates in various parts of Jammu to bring the language closer to the public. "Our aim is to make Sanskrit a household language once again so that future generations remain connected to their roots," he added.
 Prominent local citizens, office bearers of the Trust, and lovers of Sanskrit were present on the occasion.

Ashok Koul leads 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign by planting sapling in Jammu



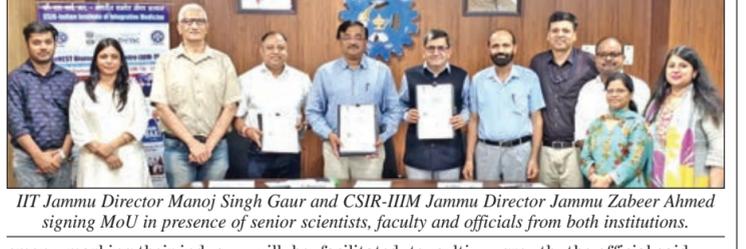
BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul and others planting sapling.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an initiative to honour motherhood and promote environmental conservation, BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul, on Sunday planted a sapling under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign in Jammu. The campaign is part of a nationwide initiative launched at the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, encouraging citizens to plant trees in tribute to their mothers.
 Joining him in the plantation drive was Naresh Singh Jasrotia, President of BJP Jammu-South District, along with party workers and local residents. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul said, "This campaign beautifully connects emotion with ecology. By planting a tree in our mother's name, we not only express our gratitude but also take a responsible step towards preserving nature. I urge every citizen of Jammu & Kashmir to join this noble initiative and contribute to a greener, healthier future."
 He added that such initiatives reflect the deep cultural values of the nation and reinforce the sense of personal responsibility towards environmental sustainability.

The representatives of the three start-ups - Songbaran Chatterjee (Biogreen Projects), Manigandan Kumarappan (Evlogia Eco Care) and Mahadeva Swamy (Crop Domain) - also participated in the ceremony, marking their induction into this collaborative framework, the official said.
 He said the key pillars of the partnership include leveraging CSIR-IIIM's strengths in natural product discovery and drug development alongside IIT Jammu's engineering expertise to co-develop market-ready technologies.
 CSIR-IIIM-TBI and IIT Jammu's I3C incubator will provide mentoring, prototyping facilities and investor connect to nurture these ventures, while organizing workshops, industry-oriented training programs and knowledge exchange events

IIT Jammu enters strategic tripartite MoU to drive regional innovation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu, on Sunday formalized a collaboration by signing a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) and three pioneering start-ups here to accelerate translational research, foster technology-driven entrepreneurship and bolster regional economic development, an official said.
 The MoU was inked by IIT Jammu Director Manoj Singh Gaur and CSIR-IIIM Jammu Director Jammu Zabeer Ahmed in the presence of senior scientists, faculty and officials from both institutions.
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will be facilitated to cultivate local talent and generate new employment opportunities under the pact, the official said.
 The MoU will also help streamlining pathways for laboratory innovations to reach commercial deployment in healthcare, sustainable materials and agri-biotech sectors, he added.
 The collaboration would be jointly governed by senior leadership from IIT Jammu and CSIR-IIIM in close partnership with the three start-ups, fostering an ecosystem where science, technology and entrepreneurship intersect to drive India's innovation-led

growth, the official said.
 Senior officials from both organizations underscored the MoU's potential to transform Jammu into a hub of scientific and entrepreneurial excellence.
 Gaur said "this tripartite alliance exemplifies IIT Jammu's commitment to bridging cutting-edge research with societal impact".
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KVK Jammu hosts PM-KISAN 20th Installment Webcast and Awareness Program

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu, operating under the leadership of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, and guidance of Prof. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, organized a live webcast of the release of the 20th installment of the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana. The event was held in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and IFFCO Jammu and coincided with the PM Kisan Utsav programme broadcasted from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed farmers nationwide.
 The program was graced by the presence of Dr. Gharu Ram Bhagat, MLA Suchetgarh, and Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, MLA R.S. Pura, as Chief Guests. Several key dignitaries from SKUAST-



MLAs Dr. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Dr. Narinder Singh Raina and KVK officials during the plantation drive.

Jammu including Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Research; Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean FVSc; Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean F&H; Dr. Sudhakar Diwedi, Dean Students Welfare; Dr. J. S.

Soodan, Dean Dairy Sciences; Dr. Sanjay Gulera, Dean Basic Sciences; and Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension, were also in attendance. The event saw active

participation from over 200 progressive farmers, FPO members, and officials from agriculture and allied departments.
 Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief

Scientist and Head, KVK Jammu, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries, officers, and participating farmers. In his address, he highlighted the importance of Aadhaar and

NPCI linkage for farmers to receive PM-KISAN benefits. He informed that the Prime Minister had transferred Rs 20,500 crore to around 9.7 crore beneficiaries under the 20th installment of the scheme.
 A technical session followed, during which expert lectures were delivered by scientists from KVK Jammu including Dr. Ravneet Kour, Dr. Shetal Badyal, Dr. Prem Kumar, and Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, along with Arun Jaral, SDAO R.S. Pura. Topics covered included crop insurance, centrally sponsored schemes, the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), and J&K Crop Insurance Program (JKCIP).
 The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ravneet Kour, acknowledging the efforts of the entire KVK Jammu team for the successful organization of the event.

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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PVR KC JAMMU	09:55 AM / 03:55 AM / 9:55 PM
DHADAK 2 (HINDI)	
WAVE One Movie Jammu	12:30 PM / 05:05 PM / 10:55 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	04:20 PM
MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI (3D)	
PVR KC JAMMU	10:30 PM
SON OF SARDAR 2 (HINDI)	
WAVE One Movie Jammu	10:30 AM / 1:30 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:30 PM / 10:30 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	10:00 AM / 01:10 PM / 7:20 PM
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