

# Jammu to teach Pak puppets Cong, NC lesson: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said the sagacious electors of Jammu will teach the puppets of Pakistan-Congress and National Conference-lesson through their power of votes for toeing the line of anti-India forces from across the border, which was evident from the open support and endorsement of Pak Defence Minister Khawaja Asif for Cong-NC government in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said India and Indians will decide their own destiny and Pakistan cannot dictate through the Congress and the National Conference. This is an insult and affront to the self-respecting people of Jammu, he added.

Addressing series of election meetings in Seri Panditan, Dhar Dharochan, Roli Talab, Nadwal, Ghaink,



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing a rally.

Sajwal, Mohalla Peerbaba Ghaink, Dhayaran, Kangraill Bazar, Mohalla Khad Wala, Amb Lower and Simble e Wala in Nagrota Assembly Constituency, Devender Rana said the Congress and the National Conference are complement and supplement to each other for pushing Pakistan agenda by openly proclaiming to reinstate Article 370 and Article 35A that was a

stumbling block in the progress of Jammu and Kashmir and welfare of marginalized segments like SCs, STs, OBCs, Paharis, Gujjars, Valmikis besides women.

Referring to the rants of holding talks with Pakistan, Rana said the unholy alliance is providing oxygen to secessionist forces, who stand alienated, annihilated and rejected by the people of

Kashmir in particular to consolidate peace heralded since 2019. The alliance, he said, seems to have a sort of aversion with booming terrorism and humming socio-economic activities, understandably so because of their sustenance ingrained in politics over deaths and destruction. He said the two parties have developed vested interest with stone pelting and hartal culture that has equally harmed the economic interests of the Jammu region. Devender Rana, who is the BJP candidate for Nagrota Assembly Constituency, said the dynastic politics has retarded democratic evolution in Jammu and Kashmir with public spirited people feeling demoralized. However, this

scenario has changed with the BJP politically empowering the marginalized segments post 2019 political developments that has manifested in the emergence of vibrant and young leadership. This is going to promote participatory democracy with even the last man in the society getting an opportunity in decision making, he added. Rana lashed out at the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for sowing the seeds of division to garner votes, fearing complete annihilation of the Congress in Jammu and Kashmir. This speaks of his frustration and fear in the wake of growing popularity of the global leader Narendra Modi. Out of fear, he has lost the sense of proportion, he said and referred to Rahul Gandhi's derogatory remarks against the democratically elected Prime Minister. He took jibe at the LoP over his ignorance and lack of sensitivity while referring to his today's public speech, describing Kashmiri Pandits as refugees of PoK.

"These days Rahul Gandhi and his cohorts are dreaming all along about Pakistan", he said.

# PIL seeking eviction of Ex-Ministers/ Ex-Legislators from Govt Accommodation Govt directs 29 ex-legislators to vacate bungalows immediately after election

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the much publicized Public Interest Litigation (PIL No 17/2020) seeking eviction of ex-ministers/ ex-legislators from the Ministerial Bungalows/ Govt Kothies, today AAG Amit Gupta appearing for the UT of J&K informed a Division Bench of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh comprising Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta that all the ex-ministers/ ex-legislators/ political persons except Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and State President BJP Ravinder Raina have been directed to vacate the bungalows/ houses immediately after the conclusion of election process.

When this matter came-up for hearing, Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for the PIL, submitted that Ex-Legislators/Ex-Ministers are required to be evicted immediately as new dispensation is likely to be in place within two weeks. She further submitted that directions of the Apex Court have

been flouted by UT Administration with impunity.

At this Stage, AAG Amit Gupta appearing for UT submitted that pursuant to the directions of the Division Bench and the minutes of Designated Committee meeting held on September 2, 2024, the following 31 Ex-Ministers/ Ex-Legislators namely Zahid Hussain Jan, SS Channi, Abdul Majid Paddar, Zafar Iqbal Manhas, Nizam-ud-Din Bhat, Fayaz Ahmed Mir (EX-MP), Abdul Gani Wakil, Hakim Mohd Yaseen, Mohd Abbas Wani, Abdul Rahim Rather, Bashir Ahmed Dar, Mohd Amin Bhat, Yasir Reshi, M Y Tarigami, Surinder Amberdar, Sajad Gani Lone, Raja Manzoor, Sofi Yousaf, Tariq Hussain Keen, Kavinder Gupta, Sunil Sharma, GM Saroori, Dalip Singh Parihar, Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar, Sat Sharma, RS Pathania, family of late Rajesh Gupta, Molvi Imran Raza Ansari, Vibodh Gupta, Pardeep Sharma and Neelam Langeh.

AAG Amit Gupta further

submitted that two politicians i.e. Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad and State BJP President Ravinder Raina will continue to enjoy the Govt accommodation as per the recommendations of Designated Committee.

Advocate Supriya Chouhan further submitted that it was in August 2020, the instant PIL was filed in the High Court seeking eviction of over-staying ex-ministers/ ex-legislators who had no right to stay in Govt Accommodation after dissolution of Assembly of erstwhile J&K State. She further submitted that commercial rent is required to be charged from these illegal occupants.

After condensing the submissions of both the sides, Division Bench headed by Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan directed that copy of the fresh compliance report be provided to Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for the PIL.

The Division Bench further directed the Registry to re-notify the instant PIL on October 30, 2024.

# CAT directs UT to convene DPC/PSC and for their substantive promotion to posts of ARTOs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal comprising B Anand and Rajinder Singh Dogra directed UT of Jammu & Kashmir to convene the DPC/PSC and to place the cases of the applicants before the DPC/PSC for their substantive promotion to the posts of Assistant Regional Transport Officers retrospectively from the date they were made in-charge of the post, with all consequential benefits.

This judgment has been passed in an application filed by Mohd. Saleem and Shammi Kumar being aggrieved of inaction of respondents in convening the DPC/PSC for the substantive promotion of applicants to the posts of Assistant Regional Transport Officers retrospectively from the date they were made in-charge of the aforesaid post.

CAT after hearing both the sides observed that it clear that the minimum qualification

for departmental promotion to the post of ARTO is only seven years of service as Motor Vehicle Inspectors. In other words, no technical qualification has been prescribed for promotion to the post of ARTO. The applicants herein were promoted as Motor Vehicle Inspectors w.e.f. the year 2003, as such, by the year 2010, the applicants had attained the required service of seven years for promotion as ARTO. Hence, the applicants are eligible for consideration of their cases for regularization of their promotion to the post of ARTO.

With these observations, CAT allowed the Original Application and directed the respondents to convene the DPC/PSC and to place the cases of the applicants before the DPC/PSC for their substantive promotion to the posts of Assistant Regional Transport Officers retrospectively from the date they were made in-charge of the post, with all consequential benefits.

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# DEO reviews Poll preparedness for 63-Bani Assembly Constituency

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: District Election Officer (DEO) Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas (Deputy Commissioner Kathua), on Wednesday chaired a key meeting with Sector Officers and Sector Police Officers in the Office of the Returning Officer for the 63-Bani Assembly Constituency to review the preparedness for the upcoming election.

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DEO Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas chairing a meeting.

oversee lodging and boarding for those assigned to Lohai Malhar.

As decided, on September 30th, the polling parties for the 61 stations in Bani and 33 stations in Lohai Malhar will be deployed to conduct polling, which is scheduled for October 1, 2024. Following the polling, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will be returned and deposited at GDC Bani and GDC Billawar.

On the following day, all EVMs will be transported to GDC Kathua for the counting of votes.

Dr. Minhas emphasized the crucial role of Sector Officers and Sector Police Officers, reminding them of their responsibilities at their respective polling stations. "Ensuring transparent polling process, main-

ensuring clarity on all aspects of the polling process.

The Returning Officer for the 63-Bani Assembly Constituency, Giasul Haq, and Assistant Returning Officer, Predhyum Attri, were also present at the meeting.

taining fairness and neutrality at all times is the primary job of teams". "Strict action will be taken against anyone attempting to influence or intimidate voters," he further stated.

The DEO also addressed concerns and queries raised by the Sector Officers and Sector Police Officers,

# Rangoli Competition, Skit hosted at GHS Lachhipur to promote Electoral Awareness



Students and faculty during SVEEP activity.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: As part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative, a Rangoli competition and skit programme were successfully conducted at Government High School (GHS) Lachhipur, on Wednesday.

The twin events were part of spreading awareness about the importance of voting, with a special focus on educating the public about the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs).

The students enthusiastically participated in the event, using art and performance as a medium to

convey the significance of voter participation in the upcoming elections. The Rangoli competition beautifully illustrated themes related to democracy and the electoral process, while the skit performance captivated the audience, delivering a clear message on the importance of casting votes responsibly and using EVMs accurately.

The skit, performed by the students, was particularly impactful, offering a vivid demonstration of the voting process through EVMs, emphasizing how each vote plays a critical role in shaping the future of the constituency. The

performance was well-received by the audience, who appreciated the students' creativity and dedication to raising awareness on such a vital issue.

These were part of broader SVEEP awareness programme of District SVEEP Cell designed to educate voters across the region, encouraging full participation in the electoral process.

The local administration and school authorities lauded the efforts of the students, expressing confidence that such initiatives would significantly increase voter turnout in the upcoming elections.

# SVEEP awareness program held at GHS Mara Patti

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Government High School (GHS) Mara Patti on Wednesday organized a Voter Awareness Program under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

The event, held in the presence of Principal Shiv Devi, Sector Officer Dalip Kumar (Senior Lecturer), and BLO, Mara Patti, Sunil Kerni, aimed to promote voter education and encourage informed electoral participation in the community.

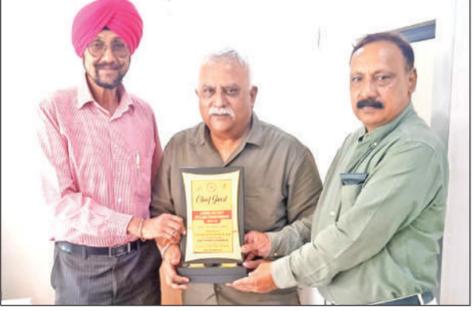
The Sector Officer Dalip Kumar, emphasized the importance of the SVEEP initiative as a flagship program of the Election Commission of India, designed to spread voter awareness and promote voter literacy. He highlighted that SVEEP is a multi-intervention program tailored to the socio-economic, cultural, and demographic profiles of the region, with the aim of educating

citizens and electors about the electoral process. Through various modes and media such as print, electronic, and social platforms, the Election Commission disseminates voter awareness materials to engage citizens and foster informed participation in elections.

During the event, Kuldeep Singh (Lecturer Botany) also addressed the students, stressing the need for every citizen to register as a voter and cast their vote in an informed and ethical manner. He highlighted the importance of universal and enlightened participation in elections, which strengthens democracy and ensures that the voices of all citizens are heard.

The program successfully engaged students and community members, encouraging them to take an active role in the electoral process and understand the power of their vote.

# Jammu District Cycling Championship concludes



S.S Gill, general secretary CAJK honouring chief guest.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu District Cycling Championship concluded under the supervision of the Sports Council. The event attracted a large number of enthusiastic local cyclists, highlighting the growing interest in the sport within the community.

Sharat Chander Singh, General Secretary of the Athletes Association of J&K (DASP), served as the special guest,

flagging off the event and later distributing certificates and medals to the winners. Among the notable attendees were S.S. Gill, General Secretary of CAJK; Ravi Sagotra, Treasurer of CAJK; Om Prakash, Associate Secretary of CAJK; Harjeet Singh, a veteran national athlete; Pawan Deep Kour, an athletics coach from the Sports Council; Gurcharan Singh, a senior athlete with the Sports Council; and

Madan Lal, a veteran sports person. Their support and encouragement were invaluable to the participants. In the Junior Boys (Under 14) category, Mertunjay Gupta secured first place, followed by Samrath Sharma. For the Boys (Under 16 to 18) category, Kirtan Sani emerged as the winner, with Amey Choury and Anurag Kapoor taking second and third places, respectively. In the Men's Open category, Banu Partap Singh claimed the top spot, with Dheeraj Kumar Raina finishing second.

The Sub-Junior Boys category saw Sarthak Sharma and Krishang Gandotra competing fiercely, showcasing their talent and dedication. Overall, the championship not only provided a platform for local cyclists to display their skills but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among participants, contributing to the vibrant cycling culture in Jammu.

**COURT OF 1ST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU**  
Sonika Aggarwal W/o Lt. Tarun Aggarwal R/o H. No. 26, Sector-1-A, Extension Channi Himmat, Jammu. Petitioner/s

Versus  
Monika Salhotra W/o Manish Vig, D/o Lt. Bala Ram Salhotra R/o H. No. F-279, Hari Singh Nagar, Rehari Colony, Jammu. Respondent/s

In the matter of:- Petition under Section 6 of J&K Succession Certificate Act 1997 for the grant of succession certificate in favour of the petitioner/s.

Notice to:-  
Public at large

Whereas, the petitioner/s has/have filed the above titled application for grant of succession certificate in their favour in respect of following debts/securities left behind by deceased Tarun Kumar Aggarwal S/o Lt. Pawan Kumar Aggarwal R/o H. No. 26, Sector-1-A, Ext. Channi Himmat, Jammu.

An amount of Rs. 9,25,000/- alongwith interest Policy of LIC Corporation of India bearing No. 141417757 dt-14-01-2004.

Now, through the proclamation, the public at large is hereby informed that in case any person/s is/are having objection/claim in the application, he/ she/they may appear in this court in person or through an Advocate file objections on 11-10-2024 at 10:00 A.M, failing which the matter shall be decided under law. In of the date fixed is declared public holiday, the case shall be taken up on the new working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 11-09-2024.

Sd/-  
No: 180/1st ADSJ  
Dated: 24-09-2024  
1st Additional District Judge  
Jammu

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
Higher Education Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K.

Subject:- Appointment of Multitasking Staff (Class - IV) in the Higher Education Department.

Reference:-i) OM No: GAD/MTGORBIV/01/2023 dated 16.04.2024 (E- 7098912) received from General Administration Department.  
ii) JKSSB/55/2022-05 (E-7048574) dated 19.03.2024 received from J&K Services Selection Board.  
iii) JKSSB/55/2022-05(E-7048574) dated 28.07.2023 received from J&K Services Selection Board.

**Government Order No: 462-JK(HE) of 2024**  
Dated: 24-09-2024

On the recommendations of J&K Services Selection Board, and as conveyed by General Administration Department, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of Mr. Sohail Ahmad S/o Talib Hussain R/o Ward No. 9 Khanetar Tehsil Haveli District Poonch under category OM/HCH in Jammu Division as Class-IV (Multi Tasking Staff) in the Pay Level-SL-1(14800-47100) in the Higher Education Department.

The appointee shall report to Director Colleges, J&K within 21 days from the date of issuance of this order, and if he fails to join within the stipulated time, shall forego his right to appointment, and the same shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

The appointee shall be allowed to join only on the production of the following certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:

- Academic Qualification Certificates.
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Certificate of Physical Disability.
- Any other certificate required.

The appointment of the appointee shall further be subject to the following conditions:-

- That he shall give an undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit to the effect that if on verification, his Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificates, if any, from the concerned issuing authority are found to be fake/forged, the claim of the appointee for appointment as Class-IV/MTS shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio and legal action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him.
- That if the candidate has taken loan for self employment from DIC/ Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment and Counseling centre of the domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/ enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self-employment unit / enterprise before joining the Government Service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes, if any, in such a self-employment unit/ enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to him unless a satisfactory report in respect of genuineness of Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificate, if any, is received from the concerned Authorities.
- The appointee shall be on probation for a period of two years.
- The appointment of candidate shall be governed by the " New Pension Scheme" as notified vide SRO-400 of 2009 dated 24-12-2009.
- The appointee shall furnish an undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit to the effect that the appointee has no criminal records and also not facing any criminal proceedings in any court of law as per Annexure-A to this Order.
- The appointment of the above appointee shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any pending before the Competent Court of Law.

**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**  
No. HED-NGZ/23/2021-04( 73271) Sd/-  
Dated: 24 .09.2024 DIP/J-5148/24 (Alok Kumar)IRS  
DATE: 25-09-2024 Principle Secretary to the Government

**Annexure-'A' to Government Order No: 462-JK(HE) of 2024**  
Dated: 24-09-2024

**Affidavit**  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ S/o \_\_\_\_\_ R/o \_\_\_\_\_ Aadhaar No. \_\_\_\_\_ undertake as under:

- That, if on verification, my qualification/Date of Birth/Reserved Category Certificates from the concerned issuing authorities is found fake/forged, my appointment as Class IV (MTS) in the J&K Higher Education Department (Subordinate) Service shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
- That, I have no criminal records and do not face any criminal proceedings in any Court of Law. If this is found to be incorrect, I shall be liable for removal from the provisional appointment as Class IV (MTS) in the J&K Higher Education (Subordinate) Service;
- That, if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of lower/higher than the prescribed qualification, my appointment as Class IV (MTS) shall be liable for cancellation;
- That, in case any statement as at (1) to (3) above is proved to be false, I shall be liable to disciplinary proceedings under law.

Deponent

Verification:  
The averments mentioned herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein.  
Deponent