

1993 money order fraud

Court sentences retired sub-postmaster to 3 yrs in jail

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A court in Gautam Buddh Nagar has sentenced a retired sub-postmaster to three years in jail for cheating and criminal breach of trust by a public servant in connection with a money order fraud committed 32 years ago.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the convict, with a default clause of one year's additional imprisonment.

The order was passed on

October 31 by Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM-I) Mayank Tripathi, who held Mahendra Kumar, a resident of Hapur's Pilkhuwa area, guilty under Sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) and 420 (cheating) of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code.

The court cited the Supreme Court's 1988 judgment in Ram Shankar Patnaik vs State of Orissa, observing that refunding the defalcated amount does not

erase the offence.

"Once the offence of criminal breach of trust is found as a fact, the return of the sum defalcated or the property entrusted does not wipe the offence. If the delinquent refunds the money defaulted, the court may reduce the sentence," the order stated.

According to the prosecution, the case dates back to October 12, 1993, when one Arun Mistry, a resident of Sector 15, Noida, sent a money order of Rs 1,500 to

his father, Madan Mahato, in Samastipur, Bihar. At that time, Mahendra Kumar was posted as sub-postmaster at a post office in Sector 19, Noida.

It was alleged that Kumar accepted the amount of Rs 1,500 along with a Rs 75 commission but failed to deposit it in the government account. Instead, he issued a forged receipt to Mistry. When the recipient did not receive the money, Mistry lodged a complaint with Post Office Superintendent

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Suresh Chandra on January 3, 1994. An internal inquiry revealed that the Rs 1,575 had not been deposited into the government's account

and that the receipt was fake. Following this, Superintendent Suresh Chandra filed a police complaint against Kumar at the local Sector



20 Police Station. During the departmental investigation, Kumar admitted to the wrongdoing and deposited the embezzled amount on February 8, 1994, stating in writing that he would return any such amount if similar cases arose in the future.

In its judgment, the court said the prosecution had

proved the charges beyond reasonable doubt.

"A government servant is expected to work with the highest honesty and integrity. Such crimes not only weaken the government system but also undermine public confidence," the court observed while pronouncing the sentence.

Man held for drugging, raping girl in Saharanpur

The accused, Ashu alias Fauji, was arrested near a school in Khajurwala village, on the Muzaffarnagar-Dehradun highway

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SAHARANPUR

A man has been arrested for allegedly drugging and raping a 17-year-old girl, and taking obscene photos and videos of her, an official said on Monday.

The accused, Ashu alias Fauji, was arrested onear a school in Khajurwala village, on the Muzaffarnagar-Dehradun highway.

A case was registered at Nagal police station in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur district on October 25, after the girl's family complained that the accused, Ashu, a resident of Unali village, had lured



the minor to a roadside eatery. The family alleged that Ashu made the girl drink a cold beverage laced with intoxicants

and raped her, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Sagar Jain told PTI. The complaint further said the accused also took

obscene photos and videos and threatened to make them viral unless he was paid money.

Associates of the accused also allegedly intimidated the survivor's family.

Based on the girl's statement, police registered an FIR under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. In another incident, a 55-year-old man died after his e-rickshaw overturned here, police said on Monday.

According to police, the incident occurred on

Sunday when Ramshailesh Gupta, a native of Narni village under Rasra police station of Ballia district, was travelling in an e-rickshaw.

Gupta was going towards the four-lane highway on Sunday with some of his luggage on the e-rickshaw when it suddenly went out of control and overturned near the Shadiabad turn. He suffered serious injuries in the accident.

Police took him to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The body of the deceased has been sent for post-mortem examination, police said.

Follow Tegh Bahadur's ideals in nation building: Saini to youth

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CHANDIGARH

HARYANA Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini virtually inaugurated state-level essay writing and story narration competitions titled "Suno Kahani Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Ki" from the Haryana Secretariat on the occasion of the 350th Shaheed Diwas of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

Paying tribute to the unparalleled courage, sacrifice, and supreme martyrdom of Guru Sahib, the Chief Minister said that the life of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji stands as an eternal example of truth, courage, and humanity. During the interaction, the Chief Minister listened to the thoughts of students and encouraged them to draw inspiration from the life and teachings of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. On this occasion, four students presented Saakhi Vachan—narrating inspirational episodes from the life of Guru Sahib.

CM hails Indian women's team win

CM Saini extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Indian women's cricket team for winning the ICC Women's World Cup.

He said that the country's daughters have brought immense pride to India on the international stage, and this historic achievement is



a moment of great honour for the entire nation. CM said that Haryana's daughter Shefali Verma, who was part of the winning team, delivered an outstanding performance in the final match and was honoured with the Player of the Match award. Shefali played a decisive innings, scoring 87 runs, and also took two wickets, playing a vital role in securing India's victory.

Kurukshetra to get Ring Road facility

Considering the increasing number of devotees visiting Kurukshetra, the work on the proposed Ring Road project in the holy city is progressing rapidly. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is almost complete. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sanctioned Rs. 250 crore for the development of Kurukshetra, giving a new identity to the sacred city. This was stated by Haryana Chief Minister Sh.

Nayab Singh Saini while responding to questions from journalists during a press conference held at Haryana Niwas regarding the upcoming International Gita Mahotsav.

Wage revision for daily-wage workers

The Haryana Government has revised the wages of part-time and daily-wage workers engaged in various government departments, boards, corporations, and public undertakings across the state. The new wage structure will come into effect from January 1, 2025.

According to a notification issued by the Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi, the decision to revise wages follows numerous representations from government departments and organizations requesting an upward revision in the remuneration for workers employed on a part-time or dailybasis.

BSF DIG hails united Sikhs' 'Mahan Seva' for flood victims

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Vijay Rana, DIG, BSF (Punjab Frontier), Ferozepur, has strongly praised the relief work being carried out by the volunteers of the organization United Sikhs to help the flood victims in the border villages of the district. Today, after a special meeting with S. Sukhwinder Singh, Chief of United Sikhs, and his associates, Vijay Rana, DIG, BSF (Punjab Frontier), spoke to reporters and said that United Sikhs' volunteers made a significant contribution in providing essential items like food, drinking water, clothes, medicines, fodder for cattle, and boats on a priority basis to the flood victims in various districts of Punjab, especially the border villages of Ferozepur district, in collaboration with BSF officers

and personnel.

During this interaction, S. Sukhwinder Singh, Chief of United Sikhs, also sincerely thanked the BSF officials and all the officers of the Ferozepur District Administration for giving them their warm support in carrying forward the humanitarian service campaign.

Providing further information, he said that in view of the valuable assistance work being done by United Sikhs, Shrimati Deep Shikha Sharma, Deputy Commissioner of Ferozepur District, has entrusted the responsibility of the rehabilitation and provision of all basic and primary health facilities to the residents of eleven flood-affected villages in the district to the United Sikhs organization. He added that the volunteers of their organization are performing this service with great skill.



HC dismisses plea by retd BSF jawan seeking Har police job

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THE Punjab and Haryana High Court has dismissed a plea filed by a retired BSF personnel seeking appointment as a Haryana Police constable under the ex-servicemen category, observing that the state government has not adopted the Centre's policy that extends such benefits to retired personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). Retired BSF constable Suraj Bhan, in his petition, sought directions to the Haryana government to issue an appointment letter to him under the ex-servicemen category. Bhan, who retired in July 2014, had applied for the post of a police constable in 2015 under the ex-servicemen



category. The petitioner was issued an admit card for an interview-cum-personality test. He cleared the physical test and other stages of the selection process, and his name figured in the final result declared in October 2016. However, he was not issued an appointment letter. The court had sought the Haryana government's stand on a central government's office memorandum dated November 23 2012, which enables states to extend benefits to CAPF personnel similar to those extended to retired personnel from the defence forces.

Affidavits submitted by the Haryana Director General of Police and the Under Secretary of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission stated that the state government has not adopted the instructions issued by the government of India.

According to the Haryana Staff Selection Commission affidavit, the Cabinet Committee on Security approved the proposal to declare retired personnel from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the Border Security Force (BSF), the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as "Ex-Central Armed Police Force personnel" (Ex-CAPF personnel).

Vijayvargiya targets madrasas

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MADHYA Pradesh minister Kailash Vijayvargiya on Monday alleged that many madrasas had transformed from "centres of faith to centres of conspiracy", and said the state government must enact stricter rules for their management.

He was speaking to reporters a day after police recovered counterfeit currency



with face value of more than Rs 19 lakh from a madrasa in Paithiya village of Khandwa district. "The discovery of counterfeit currency from this madrasa is alarming. Complaints are also being received about several other

madrasas. Many madrasas were certainly centres of devotion earlier, but now have become centres of conspiracy. Instead of providing education, many outsiders are entering madrasas and creating a feeling of separatism and conducting illegal activities," he claimed.

Vijayvargiya urged Chief Minister Mohan Yadav to enact stricter rules for the management of madrasas in the state.

Punjab, Haryana politicians congratulate women's cricket team

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SEVERAL political leaders, including Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, his Haryana counterpart Nayab Singh Saini and Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, on Monday congratulated the Indian women's cricket team for their historic win in the ICC World Cup.

Meanwhile, celebrations also erupted at the native places of the women cricketers. In a post on X, Punjab Chief Minister Mann congratulated the team, saying,

Many congratulations to the entire team, including the captain Harmanpreet Kaur, the pride of Punjab and also many congratulations to the coaches. Best wishes for the future. Chak De India!: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann

"A historic victory for India. The Indian women's cricket team defeated South Africa by 52 runs to win the World Cup... This is India's first ODI World Cup title in 52 years of history. Many congratulations to the entire team, including the captain Har-

manpreet Kaur, the pride of Punjab... and also many congratulations to the coaches. Best wishes for the future. Chak De India!"

Punjab Congress chief Warring also congratulated the team. "HISTORY MADE! Congratulations to



#TeamIndia for clinching their maiden ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title! A

resounding victory against South Africa by 52 runs!" Warring said on X. Leader

of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, Partap Singh Bajwa, described the victory as historic.

He said, "Proud moment for every Indian as our champions bring home the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025! Saluting our CHAMPIONS!" Celebrations broke out at the native places of the women cricketers.

In Mohali, the family of Amanjot Kaur was ecstatic over the team's victory and celebrated the feat by dancing to drum beats and distributing sweets. Her father, Bhupinder Singh, who runs a carpenter shop, said she

called the family after the team won the final and was very happy. He said Kaur loved playing all games like hockey, football, volleyball, and badminton in her school. But later she developed an interest in cricket and started playing it, he said. Singh further said her grandmother used to sit outside the ground when Kaur would play cricket.

The family has big plans to welcome her upon her arrival in the city. One of her family members said they have no words to describe the victory of the cricket team. There will be celebrations again when

she returns to her home, said the family member. She has done a lot of hard work, said one of the family members.

Relatives and neighbours gathered at her residence in Phase V in Mohali to congratulate the family. Kaur's coach, Nagesh Gupta, said he was proud of her performance and also said she was always dedicated to the game. Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's village in Moga district, too, erupted in jubilation.

"It was a great match. We are very happy about the victory. We distributed sweets," said a villager.