

Harak Singh Rawat To Withdraw Petition Against Harish Rawat In 2016 Sting Case

New Delhi: Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister, Harak Singh Rawat, whose name came up in the FIR filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with the 2016 sting video case, on Monday, said that he will withdraw the petition filed against former state chief minister Harish Rawat. Harak Singh Rawat had moved the Uttarakhand High Court seeking CBI inquiry against Harish Rawat for allegedly negotiating a deal to buy the support of the rebel legislators.

President's rule, showed the Congress leader Harish Rawat indulging in horse-trading to bring

decision to withdraw the petition comes days after the investigating agency filed an FIR against Harish

spiry for the purpose of demanding gratification from Harish Rawat in lieu of his support to the Congress government," CBI said in its FIR.

The CBI also said that the 2016 video has been indicated to be genuine. "The recorded video conversation dated 23.03.2016 has been examined by FSL, Gandhinagar and it has been opined that there is no addition/deletion/insertion/tampering/morphing in the video files indicating that the recordings are genuine," it submitted.

The case was registered under Sections 7 (public servant taking gratification other than legal remuneration in respect of an official act), 8 (taking gratification, in order, by corrupt or illegal means, to influence public servant), 9 (taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant) and 12 (Punishment for abetment of offences) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988. Nainital High Court had, on September 30, permitted the CBI to register an FIR and commence the investigation in the alleged sting case. ANI



Rawat, Harak Singh Rawat and Samachar Plus Channel CEO Umesh Kumar in connection with the case. The CBI in its Preliminary Enquiry (PE) stated that after passing of finance bill on March 18, 2016, in the Uttarakhand State Assembly, dissident MLAs of the Congress Party along with members from BJP left Dehradun by a chartered flight and shifted to Gurgaon, following which, Umesh Sharma visited Gurgaon and met Harak Singh Rawat. "During this meeting, they entered into a criminal con-

back nine legislators into its fold after they had defected to the BJP. The de-

The matter had come to the fore after a sting video, released in 2016 when the state was under

We Diluted Art 370 Twelve Times Without Controversy: Cong



Dehradun: The Congress on Sunday claimed it "diluted and abrogated" Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir as many as twelve times without creating any controversy.

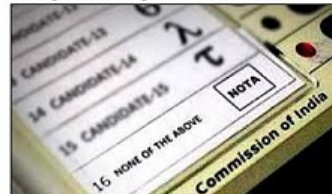
Addressing a press conference here, Congress spokesman Pawan Kheda said, "Not once or twice, but the Congress party diluted article 370 as many as 12 times, but without letting any controversy break out." Kheda said the country's affairs are run through dialogue and not through controversies.

He said the Congress understands this fact but "the ruling BJP doesn't" as its entire politics is founded on controversies. Kheda said the party's stand on Article 370 has not changed at all but it is objecting to the way the BJP government annulled it. He also accused the BJP government at the Centre of not implementing the GST properly, saying it has resulted in small businessmen, manufacturers and farmers driven to the verge of ruin today. Alleging that the noteban imposed by Narendra Modi government had caused the country's economy to totter, he said a similar noteban imposed during Indira Gandhi's tenure as prime minister had caused no harm to it. "There used to be in circulation in those days Rs 10,000 notes, which were banned when Mrs Gandhi was the PM but no one had to queue up outside banks nor was there any controversy," he said.

Expressing concern over the regional free trade agreement, Kheda said if India signs the deal it will ruin small farmers, small traders and small manufacturers. "Even otherwise, Chinese goods, available in Indian markets in abundance, are affecting the country's small traders. Now the government wants even milk to be imported from New Zealand and Australia," said Kheda. PTI

Stakes High For Ruling BJP In Pithoragarh Byelection

Dehradun: Facing the challenge of defending a mere numerics, political observers here feel,



Trivendra Singh Rawat government at the time of his untimely death, also had the distinction of being the youngest speaker of the state assembly. When the BJP swept to power in Uttarakhand in 2017, his name along with that of T S Rawat was also considered for the top job. In a backdrop like this, retaining the high profile seat is very important for the BJP and it will leave no stone unturned to ensure that, the observers said. Banking largely on the popularity of Pant, who represented the seat thrice in the state assembly and died battling cancer during his tenure, the party wants to field someone from his family from the seat.

Pant was a major party leader from the state known for his in-depth knowledge of legislative rules and procedures to whom new members, regardless of their party affiliations, turned for valuable advice. He enjoyed the image of being the BJP's main troubleshooter in the state assembly with a tally of 57 out of a total of 70 assembly seats in its kitty but retaining Pithoragarh is important more for the sake of the party's prestige than for

Stronger Army Means Stronger Nation: U'khand CM Rawat



Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday said a stronger army means a stronger nation. Addressing a programme held in honour of army personnel as part of week-long celebrations of the state's foundation day here, Rawat said the world re-

spects countries that have military strength. "Strength is worshipped. The world respects a country which has military strength because battles are won with it. So, a stronger army means a stronger nation," he said at the programme titled "Mere Sainik Mera Abhiman" (My Soldier My Pride). Honouring the army means honouring a nation, he added.

"Our army is one of the best in the world. It has always shown its valour. We won the Kargil war against heavy odds because of its valour," the chief minister said. He said people in Jammu and Kashmir can

now breathe easy with the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution. "Article 370 was at the root of many problems plaguing Jammu and Kashmir. Now that it has been removed people there are breathing easy," Rawat said, adding, it has paved the way for the development of the state. PTI

Gyan Chand Gupta New Haryana Assembly Speaker

Chandigarh: Bharatiya Janata Party's Gyan Chand Gupta was unanimously elected on Monday as Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar moved the motion on the first day of the maiden session of the newly constituted assembly.

Deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala seconded the proposal. Mr Gupta won the recent assembly elections as BJP candidate from Panchkula. UNI

'Training Programme On Forest Fire Risk Management And Emergency Response

Dehradun / NIDM, New Delhi: National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi and Forest Research Institute, Dehradun are organizing training for the officers of forest departments and officers of CSIF and State Disaster Management Authorities in FRI from 04-08 November 2019. The topic of training is "Forest Fire Risk Management and Emergency Response". The expansion of population near forest areas can cause forest disasters like forest fires which can damage lives and properties of the people especially in the Himalayan regions. In India, about 50% of the forest area is affected every year due to forest fires. The normal fire season in India is from the month of mid March to mid June. Uttarakhand witnessed the most severe forest fires in the recent time during April, May and June of 2019 year. According to the report of Uttarakhand forest department, total number of fire events are 2100 recorded up to June 31st, 2019 which quoted 2412.45 ha of forest area wherein 70% of the fire is affected by forest fires. The reasons for occurrence of forest fires, the steps that can be taken to prevent or minimize the losses due to fire by use of various Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System tools and by developing a strong network between other departments of the



government and Joint Forest Management Communities (JFMCs) are important to control massive forest fires in the country. To enlighten the participants on the issue, locations of facilities from institutes like Uttarakhand forest department, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Forest Survey of India, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi, ICFRE and FRI are arranged. The training was inaugurated by Sh. S.D. Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICFRE. He highlighted on rising of smoke in the air due to burning of agricultural residue by the farmers of North India and forest fires of California. The smoke and haze from burning is creating various health hazards in Northern Indian states. He emphasized on plantations of species which should act as air purifier. He also told that although forest cover is increasing but conventional forests are dwindling down due to immense pressure on natural forests. Forest departments should be well prepared before fire season for controlling forest fires. He emphasized that fire lines and any fuel materials lying on the forest floor should be cleared before fire season so that fire may not be extended in larger areas. For that, sufficient funds should be provided by the state governments. The crew members and local community should participate actively for combating forest fire to safe guard forest for generations. The departments should use remote sensing and GIS technologies during fire season. The Course Director of the training Mrs. Anu Chaudhary Head, Silviculture and Forest Management Division welcomed participants and emphasized on advance preparation for mitigation of forest fires especially in the Himalayan regions. Dr. A.D. Kaushik, Senior Faculty from NIDM said that the mix group of forest officers and officers of the paramilitary forces would be best preference in managing forest fires especially in difficult areas. He also told that FRI is playing very good role in organizing such capacity building programmes. Dr. Kaushik, highlighted to the participants on various training programmes being organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi in collaboration with various Research Institutions of the country. Sh. S.K. Thomas, Assistant Silviculturist FRI organized the training program.

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For Desh Rakshak Aushdhalaya Limited
Place: Haridwar Date: 04/11/2019 (Chairman & Managing Director) **Tosh Kumar Jain**