

Police constable held with heroin **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JDHAMPUR: A police constable was arrested after a packet containing 9.63grams of heroin was seized from his car in Udhampur district on Saturday, an official

During routine traffic checking at Naka Bansmorh, one Maruti car bearing registration number JK12-5200 coming from Katra side towards Tikri side was stopped forchecking. On stopping the vehicle, the driver disclosed his



identity as Arjun Sharma S/o Saroj Rajan Sharma R/o H.No. 242, Ward No. 17, Omara Morh Udhampur A/p Jhib, Rehambal, Udhampur.

During his personal search, one transparent polypack containing 9.63 grams of Heroin was recovered from his posses-

On this, a case FIR No. 170/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Rehambal and investigation of the case has been taken up.

Notorious drug peddler detained under PIT NDPS Act STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In a major action against drug trafficking and habitual offenders, District Police Poonch has successfully detained a notorious drug peddler under the provisions of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act.

The accused, Sajjad Hussain Shah alias Sajjada, son of Sarfraz Hussain Shah, resident of Potha, Tehsil Surankote, District Poonch, has been detained under the PIT NDPS Act on the orders of the Worthy Divisional Commissioner Jammu, vide Order No. 621/2025 dated 17.10.2025.

Following the issuance of the detention order, Poonch Police took the accused into custody and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur for preventive detention.

It is pertinent to mention that the said individual is a notorious and habitual drug peddler, actively involved in multiple eases registered under the NDPS Act across Jammu Province. He has previously been named in the following FIRs include FIR No. 71/2020 U/S 8/20/29 NDPS Act - Police Station Surankote; FIR No. 62/2023 U/S 8/20/21 NDPS Act Police Station Surankote and FIR No. 11/2025 U/S 8/20/21 NDPS Act - Police Station Surankote.

Besides, several other FIRs stand registered against him in lifferent police stations across Jammu Province.

The accused had also been booked earlier under preventive provisions for his continuous involvement in the illicit trade of narcotics. His detention under the PIT NDPS Act reflects the strong commitment of District Police Poonch towards curbing the drug menace and ensuring the safety and well-being of

Doda police secures conviction in criminal case STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police has successfully secured a conviction in Case FIR No. 186/2019 under Sections 454/380 RPC, registered at Police Station Doda, against Rajinder Kumar S/o Som Raj R/o Bhatta Jodhpur, District Doda

After a meticulous investigation and sustained follow-up during the trial, the Hon'ble Court of DJMM Doda convicted the accused and sentenced him to six months of imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 1,000.

This conviction underscores the dedication and professionalism of Doda Police in ensuring justice and strengthening public faith in the rule of law.

Seventeen long-time absconders arrested across Valley STATE TIMES NEWS

major breakthrough to track down fugitives, Jammu and Kashmir Police have apprehended Seventeen (17) long-time absconders from Srinagar, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Shopian districts & PD Sopore. These individuals had been evading arrest for years. some for over three decades.

In Srinagar, J&K Police have successfully apprehended 06 absconders who had been evading arrest for years. The arrested absconders have been identified as Mehrai-ud-Din Marazi. son of Mohd Abdullah Marazi, resident of Sonwar, Srinagar, absconding for 11 years in Case FIR No. 21/2015 under Sections 8/21, 22, 29 NDPS Act of PS Lalbazar. Arshid Ahmad Shoora, son of Ab Rashid Shoora, resident of Bota Kadal, Lalbazar (presently at Hamchi Saidpora, Hazratbal, Srinagar) evading arrest for 8 years in a case registered under the NI Act of PS Lalbazar. Habibulla Bhat, son of Ab Samad, resident of Kralpora Kupwara, A/P Lalbazar evading arrest for 27 years in Case FIR No. 39/1998 U/S 294 RPC of PS Shergarhi. Gowhar Ahmad Wani, son of Wali Mohammad Wani, resident of Arigam, Budgam evading arrest for 4 years in Case FIR No. 52/2021 U/S 379, 511 IPC of PS Shergarhi. Mashooq Ahmad Sheikh, son of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, resident of Ramnagri Shopian, A/P Gulshan Nagar, Nowgam, Srinagar evading arrest for 4 years in Case FIR No. 119/2009 U/S 379 RPC of PS Shergarhi. Uneeb Mukhtiyar Nathkhan, son of Mukhtivar Nathkhan, resident of 90 Feet Road, Soura absconding for 16 years in Case FIR No. 119/2009 U/S 379 RPC of PS Shergarhi. Acting on specific intelligence inputs, Srinagar Police formed a special team which carried out targeted operations leading to the successful apprehension of these long-time absconders. After completing all legal formalities, the accused were produced before the Hon'ble Court at Srinagar.

In Pulwama, J&K Police arrested two long-term absconders who had been evading arrest for decades. The arrested individuals have been identified as Ab. Salam Dar, son of Gh. Qadir Dar, resident of Chowan Keller involved in FIR No. 113/1998 under Section 7/25 I.A. Act of PS Rajpora. The accused had been absconding for the last 25 years, Mohd. Ayoub Tedwa, son of Mohd. Ramzan Khanday, resident of Thairnoo Keller involved in FIR No. 39/2003 under Sections 457, 380 RPC of Police Station Rajpora. The accused had been absconding for the past 10 years. Acting on specific information, a special team from Police Station Rajpora was constituted which successfully traced and apprehended both absconders from different locations. After completion of legal formalities, the arrested persons were produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law.

Moreover, J&K Police arrested a wanted individual who had been evading arrest for a long period of time. The arrested person has been identified as Mehraj Ud Din Rather son of Abdul Rahim Rather resident of Arigam Chirath. A complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act was filed against him before the Hon'ble Court of CJM Pulwama. However, the said individual continuously evaded the legal process, due to which the Hon'ble Court declared him an absconder. Acting on specific input, a police team from Pulwama Police apprehended the absconder and completed all legal formalities. The arrested individual was produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law.

In Ganderbal, J&K Police has arrested an absconder who was evading his arrest for 27 years. The arrested individual has been identified as Lateef Ahmad Khuroo son of Habibullah Khuroo resident of Bemina Srinagar, wanted in case FIR No. 69/1998 U/S 457, 380 RPC. The accused person was apprehended by J&K Police during a special operation and was produced before the Hon'ble Court JMIC Ganderbal for further legal proceedings

In Shopian, J&K Police have apprehended three long term absconders who had been evading arrest for several decades. They have been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Doobi, son of Ab. Salam Doobi, resident of Chotigam Shopian wanted in FIR No. 369/1988 under sections 436A, 379 RPC of Police Station Shopian. Ab. Rashid Khan, son of Mangta Khan, resident of Manloo Shopian wanted in FIR No. 162/1987 under sections 353, 427 RPC of Police Station Shopian. Mohd. Yousuf Mir, son of Mohd. Abdullah Mir, resident of Wangam Achabal Anantnag wanted in FIR No. 360/2000 under sec tions 454, 380 RPC of Police Station Shopian. These individuals were involved in various criminal cases and had been deliberately evading the due process of law for over three decades. The arrested accused have been produced before the Hon'ble Court, Shopian, for further legal proceedings.

In Kulgam, J&K Police have apprehended 02 long-time absconders in Kulgam, The arrested individuals have been identified as Mohd Ismail Bhat, son of Mohd Ramzan Bhat, resident of Alamgunj, Shopian and Showkat Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Yaqoob Dar resident of Khanaywapora Qaimoh. Mohd Ismail Dar was wanted in connection with FIR No. 48/1984 registered under sections 148, 149, 323, and 452 RPC and Showkat Ahmad Dar was wanted in connection of case FIR No 183/2016 U/S 151, 153 RPC, 7/25 A act at Police Station Kulgam. A warrant under sections 299/512 CrPC, issued by the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Kulgam, had been pending against the accused persons. Acting on credible inputs, a special police team from Police Station Kulgam successfully traced and arrested the absconders. They were subsequently produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law for further legal proceedings.

In Sopore, J&K Police arrest two long-evading absconders, including one wanted in a 24-year-old case. The arrested per sons have been identified as Mohammad Akbar Khan, son of Shair Ali Khan, resident of Arkhairwari Rohama was wanted in Case FIR No. 33/2001 U/S 376, 511, 354, 456 RPC of PS Panzala. He had been evading the law in this 24-year-old case. Altaf Ahmad Rather, son of Gh. Nabi Rather, resident of Warpora Sopore, wanted in Case FIR No. 40/2016 U/S 457, 380 RPC & 3/181 MV Act of Police Station Sopore. He had been evading arrest since 2019. After completion of legal formalities, Mohammad Akbar Khan was produced before the Hon'ble 1st Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla, while Altaf Ahmad Rather was produced before the Hon'ble DMM Court

Drug peddler arrested with Charas

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DODA: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Doda Police have apprehended one person and recovered a charas-like substance weighing approximately 400-500 grams from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Doda, while on patrolling duty from Pul Doda to Ghat Road led by SI Mushtaq Ahmed, intercepted one suspicious person at about 1030 hours. Upon being stopped, the individual attempted to evade the police party but was promptly apprehended.

During checking, a greenish-colored polythene bag carried by him in his right hand was found to contain a charas-like substance in the form of small balls of varying sizes, weighing around 400-500 grams.

The accused has been identified as Mansoor Ahmed S/o Habib Ullah Khan R/o Lorthow, Panchayat Sunrathow, Tehsil Chiralla, District Doda.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 232/2025 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Doda, and investigation has been taken up.

The entire operation was carried out under the supervision of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, DySP Hqrs Doda Ajay Anand and SHO Police Station Doda Insp. Parvaiz Khanday.

Jammu South police traces missing woman from Chandigarh

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JAMMU: In a swift action, Jammu Police, South Zone traced out missing woman from Chandigarh.

On 14-10-2025, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu regarding missing of a lady vide DDR No. 12 dated 14-10-2025. Acting promptly, a special team comprising PSI Vijav Kumar No. 16458-EXJ, Sect Ravan Kumar No. 2204/J, and L/Ct Kanta Devi No. 1000/J was deputed for tracing the missing lady vide DDR No. 18 dated 16-10-2025 under proper supervision of SHO P/S Bagh-e Bahu, SDPO East and SP South.

Through sustained efforts and technical surveillance, the team successfully traced the missing lady from Chandigarh, where she was staying with her boyfriend. Both individuals were brought to the Police Station for enquiry.

During enquiry, the missing lady stated that she had not been kidnapped by anyone and had left her home of her own free will. She further disclosed that she had solemnized marriage with her boyfriend as per Hindu rituals. Relevant marriage documents and proofs have been obtained.

After completion of all necessary legal formalities, the married couple was handed over to the maternal uncle of the boy for safe custody in the presence of the father of the missing lady and other witnesse

Illegal sand dumping busted, one dumper seized

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AKHNOOR: Acting on reliable information regarding illegal dumping of sand and boulders in the Kotgarhi area of Akhnoor, Police Station Akhnoor promptly informed the District Mining Officer (DMO), Jammu.

On Friday, a joint team of the Mining Department, headed by Supervisor, along with the police party of Police Station Akhnoor, conducted a surprise inspection near the bank of river Chenab.

During the operation, a dumper bearing registration number JK02CA/9809 was found involved in the illegal transportation and dumping of sand and boulders. The vehicle was seized on the spot by Mining Department officials in the pres ence of police personnel.

A large quantity of illegally dumped material was also found at the site, which could not be removed immediately due to its

After consultation with the local Ex-Sarpanch and residents, it was decided that the material would be auctioned within four days as per Mining Department norms, and the proceeds

deposited into the government account. The site has been secured, and further legal action under the MMDR Act, 1957, and J&K Minor Mineral Rules is being initiated by the concerned Mining Authority.

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educator-turned-activist, who is in jail after being accused of inciting protests that led to the torching of the BJP office in Leh and vandalisation of some other public buildings.

Shah replied, "I can speak of the demands of the people. Not about any individual. As far as his (Wangchuk's) case is conerned, the matter is before the court, which will take a decision on the basis of evidence at hand".

The home minister also said the government was carrying out a ruthless campaign" against Maoist insurgency, accusing the ultr-Left ideology of "the sin of forcing tribal areas to remain ındeveloped".

"In the 11 years since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been in power, we have demolished at least 600 Maoist camps, dried up their finances and blocked their access to weapons. I would like to declare that Maoism will be completely wiped out by December 31, 2026", asserted Shah.

LG Manoj Sinha...

museum is a small Kalmykia in itself under one roof," the ieutenant Governor said.

Later, the Lieutenant Governor visited the National Library at Elista, Republic of Kalmykia, Russia. The library is named after Amur-Sanan, a prominent Kalmyk writer and public figure. During the visit, the Lieutenant Governor donated several books o the library which he had collected on Buddhism

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid obeisance to sacred relics of Lord Buddha brought from India and enshrined at the Central Temple, Geden Sheddup Choikorling Monastery, also known as "the Golden Abode of Buddha Shakyamuni" at Elista, Kalmykia, Russia.

The Lieutenant Governor is leading the delegation to bring back holy relics of Lord Buddha after a week-long exposition in Elista. During the interaction with revered monks, the Lieutenant Governor said the fondness which the people of this city and those from far corners of Russia have shown towards the Lord Buddha's relics is a rare gesture which has left an indelible mark in our hearts. "As you know, the holy relics of the Buddha are considered as the Buddha himself and his coming here, amounts to his blessing the people of Kalmykia and the whole of Russia. India takes pride in the principles and teachings of the Buddha. His message of compassion, wisdom and non-violence remain more relevant than ever. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always reiterated the relevance of Buddha's teachings in the modern world and continues to emphasise this aspect at different international forums reminding the world of Buddha's timeless wisdom," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also observed that the message of the Buddha along with his teachings should get more embedded in societies especially among the youth.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also met His Excellency Batu Sergeyevich Khasikov, Head of the Republic of Kalmykia, Russia on Saturday and discussed various issues related to cultural, spiritual ties. The Lieutenant Governor thanks His Excellency for facilitating the grand visit of holy relics of Lord Buddha. "The holy relics visit to this land is also testimony of the long-standing relations that India and Russia have had over the decades. India and Russia will complete 80 years of diplomatic relations in 2027 and we in India are looking forward to marking this important milestone by organizing a range of bilateral events and activities," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also observed that an India Festival is being planned for April 2026 in Kalmykia. He said India will do its best to ensure that the event is a grand success.

J&K Bank's half...

RRB' direction, the Bank today recorded a net profit of Rs 494.11 Cr for the Q2 and Rs 978.95 Cr for H1 of the CFY.

Reflecting steady core operations, the Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) for the half-year (H1) is marginally up by 3.4% Year-on-Year at Rs 2899.43 Cr. while for Q2 NII stood at Rs 1433.99 Cr. In line with its market guidance, the Bank has maintained its NIM at 3.64% for the half-year (H1). The Bank's

other income for H1 was at Rs 405.19 Cr while the Cost t Income Ratio for the half-year stood at 60.80%.

Commenting on the Bank's Q2H1 numbers, MD & CEC Amitava Chatterjee said, "In spite of widespread disruptions dur ing the first quarter following the Pahalgam incident and the extensive damage caused by floods in the second quarter, the overall growth we have recorded is both encouraging and reassur-

"Even though profitability for Q2 was moderated due to an additional impairment provision of Rs 92 Cr made during the quarter in compliance with regulatory requirements, the per formance is better than what was anticipated under the challenge ing circumstances.", he added. Notably, the Bank has made a total provisioning of Rs 180 Cr towards Jammu and Kashmir Grameen Bank during the first two quarters of the current finan cial year. Excluding the impact, the Bank's H1 profitability would be upwards of 15% YoY.

Despite difficult situation arising out of Pahalgam attack in Q1 and floods, landslides thereafter in Q2, the Bank has gained fur ther stability in asset quality. During the quarter, the Bank's Gross NPA Ratio has declined 18 basis-points QoQ to 3.32% and decreased by 63 bps YoY from 3.95% recorded in September

The Net NPA ratio has also moderated by 9 bps YoY to 0.76% from 0.85%, while declining 6 bps from 0.82% recorded for the June quarter of current financial year. Meanwhile, Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) of the Bank continued at above 90% level while the Return on Assets (RoA) stood at 1.17% for the halfyear. On the Bank's asset-quality, MD & CEO expressed opti mism, saying, "With GNPA around 3.30% half-way through the year, I think on asset quality front, our progress is steady. And with our robust and focused risk-management practices in place I remain optimistic about meeting our annual guidance of below 3% GNPA by the financial year-end. Besides, our PCR is also healthy at 90.39%." During the quarter, the Bank's deposits wit nessed growth of 10.23% Year-on-Year basis reaching Rs 152030 Cr, while as the net advances increased by 9.38% YoY to Rs 105153 Cr from Rs 96139 Cr recorded last year. Up by 18 bps in sequential terms from 45.71% recorded in Q1, the Bank's CASA stood at 45.89% for the Q2 and continues to be one of the highest in the industry. Regarding business growth, MD & CEC said, "Marking a nearly 10% year-on-year growth in business numbers reaching Rs 2.57 Lac Cr, our Q2 performance demon strates the Bank's operational discipline.

"Our deposit growth is at par with the industry average, while advances primarily driven by Agri/corporate segments have shown good credit growth both in sequential and YoY terms. Our CASA ratio also exhibited a slight uptick to 45.89% on sequen tial basis, underscoring our commitment to sustained, quality growth", he added. He further said, "Despite tough challenges this steady performance in the first half of the financial year affirms my confidence that we are very much on track to achieve our annual guidance growth numbers.

The Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) for the July September quarter stood at 15.27% as against 14.99% recorded last FY. In his remarks on capital position, the MD & CEO said "With a CRAR of over 15%, we remain well-capitalized and posi tioned to support future growth opportunities while maintaining financial discipline. Significantly, the CAR is exclusive of half yearly profit of Rs 978.95 Cr, which would otherwise result in taking the ratio to above 16%." Commenting upon the Bank's growing operational focus in rest of the country, MD & CEC Amitava Chatterjee asserted, "We continue to execute our policy of expanding operations beyond J&K, strategically partnering with top-tier corporates across India. Simultaneously, through increased engagement of the Bank's leadership with the clientele across these geographies, we are in the process of sharpening our focus on building a gainful niche in the retail landscape outside J&K, particularly in the personal banking/finance segment."

Concluding his remarks, he said, "All these initiatives are tan gible markers of the transformation currently underway at our Bank. However, the foundation of our progress rests on a firm triad: our people, our processes and our technology. And we are steadily strengthening all these pillars, ensuring that efficiency resilience and excellence remain at the core of every facet of our



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