

First snowfall of season attracting hundreds of tourists in Bhaderwah, tourists described it as ‘Heaven on Earth’

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BHADERWAH: Hundreds of Tourists from across the country are flocking to Bhaderwah as finally it's higher reaches received first snowfall of the season as predicted by Met Department. Tourism stakeholders have high hope from the snow for the much required boost in winter tourism. Meanwhile Bhaderwah Development Authority also expect good footfall of the tourists after good snowfall.

As famous Guldanda meadow of JK's Bhaderwah received first snowfall along with other higher reaches, hoteliers and people connected with the tourism industry are upbeat and hope that the tourists will arrive in large numbers.

Bhaderwah received first snowfall which is good for the tourism industry. Hundreds



of Tourist are flocking to Bhaderwah to enjoy the snow as they can easily travel to snow-covered high-altitude destinations.

Aamir Rafiqi, Publicity Officer BDA said that huge number of tourists are converging to Bhaderwah for snowfall and the administration has decided to use its machinery to keep the roads open in all seasons to boost winter tourism in a big way.

The mesmerising view of

Bhaderwah and its snow-covered peaks are tempting people to visit the beautiful hills from across the country.

Not only locals and tourists from other parts of UT of Jammu and Kashmir but tourists from other states are also visiting Bhaderwah to enjoy snowfall.

The tourists were seen enjoying with snow by making Snowman and enjoying sledding on the snowy slopes.

As snowfall received in

higher reaches of Bhaderwah, tourists witnessed a mesmerizing view of the Valley covered in a white blanket.

Bhaderwah, which is one of the famous tourist destination in Jammu and Kashmir, tourists were seen playing with snow and enjoying at high altitude Guldanda meadow on Bhaderwah-Basholi-Pathankot National Highway.

Many groups of tourists from Mumbai and Bangalore said that we came here to experience the snowfall and we are enjoying the live snowfall and chilled weather here.

They also described Bhaderwah as one of the best tourist destinations in Jammu and Kashmir. They appealed others to visit Bhaderwah to experience snowfall.

The tourists came to enjoy

snow, described Bhaderwah as a Heaven on Earth. "It's not less than a heavenly journey for us," they said.

They also appreciated Government and administration for all arrangements especially for opening roads towards tourists destinations.

People hope that this snowfall will be a good omen for the valley in reviving tourism industry especially winter tourism.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bhaderwah Development Authority, Bal Krishan said that it's not less than an omen as finally we received first snowfall of the season. We have planned to attract more tourists from all over the country.

"The Bhaderwah is becoming the biggest tourist destination in the Jammu region," the CEO BDA said.

77th Mirpur Balidan Divas: AIPP pays homage to martyrs

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JAMMU: The All India Panchayat Parishad (AIPP) organized a solemn tribute program in Rehari, Jammu, on the occasion of the 77th Mirpur Balidan Divas, paying homage to the martyrs of Mirpur. The event was attended by prominent personalities, including Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, General Secretary AIPP, Jugal Kishore Gupta, Vice President AIPP, Pt. R.C. Sharma, Senior Journalist, and Roshan Lal, Veteran Refugee Leader.

Dr. Kuldeep Sharma highlighted the extreme bravery and patriotism of the martyrs who were mercilessly killed by the enemies of humanity in Mirpur. He expressed concern over the plight of their descendants, who continue to suffer in J&K and other parts of the



AIPP members at tribute paying program in Rehari.

country, still deprived of their legitimate rights. He emphasized that despite years passing, the UT/Union Government has failed to deliver complete justice to them.

Jugal Kishore Gupta called for an employment package for the educated and skilled youth from these communities and stressed the need for

preserving the vital records of POJK Displaced Persons (DPs) for easy access.

Roshan Lal echoed similar sentiments, urging the government to provide the remaining financial support, relief, and rehabilitation for the families of the POJK DPs as part of a much-needed healing touch for the generations of martyrs.

SSP Poonch conducts inspection of DPL Poonch



SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain visiting DPL Poonch.

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POONCH: Shafket Hussain, SSP Poonch, conducted the Monday Inspection of the District Police Lines (DPL) Poonch, where he inspected various units and facilities, including the Quarter Guard, Kote, Clothing/Equipment Store, Mess, Jawans Barracks, Mt Fleet, Wet/Dry Canteen, and the PCR Poonch. The inspection also included a Guard of Honour ceremony, where the smart contingent deployed at the Quarter Guard was reviewed by the SSP. During the inspection, the SSP emphasized the importance of maintaining good health and following healthy habits. He issued on-the-spot directions to officers regarding the maintenance of discipline, with a focus on addressing the issues of the personnel on a priority basis.

The Mess Commander was instructed to ensure proper hygiene and serve healthy food. The Line Officer was tasked with improving sanitation and beautification within the DPL complex.

Additionally, DySP DAR/L O DPL were directed to enhance physical exercise and mock drills for the Jawans to ensure they remain physically and mentally fit. SSP also advised all personnel to wear crash helmets while riding two-wheelers and to follow traffic rules diligently.

MLA Mohan Lal inaugurates Road Tarring Project in Sungal



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AKHNOOR: MLA Mohan Lal inaugurated the road tarring project from Vidowali to Gujar Mohalla in the Sungal-C Panchayat of Akhnoor constituency on Monday. This initiative, undertaken under the City and Town Program, is estimated to cost Rs 10 lakh. The inauguration ceremony was graced by prominent attendees, including Assistant Executive Engineer Sunil Bogia, Engineer Rakesh Radhe, former Sarpanch Ashwani Sharma, BJP District IT In-charge Rameshwar Das, Rajay Sharma, Captain Shyam Lal Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Kuldeep Sharma, Madan Lal, and a large gathering of local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Mohan Lal emphasized that this project fulfills a long-pending demand of the local community. He highlighted how the improved road infrastructure would enhance connectivity and accelerate the region's development. The MLA also assured the public that other developmental projects in the area would be undertaken on a priority basis.

The residents expressed their gratitude to MLA Mohan Lal for addressing their concerns and voiced optimism about the continuation of such development initiatives in the future.

Delegation of ICI call on Dy CM

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JAMMU: A delegation of Industries (ICI) led by its Vice President and head UK Chapter, Chandeeep Singh on Monday called on the Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Chaudhary here today.

The delegation while interacting with Deputy Chief Minister maintained that the Primary objective is to explore investment & business opportunities, showcase the immense economic potential of Jammu & Kashmir, and foster collaborations and partnership for building Global Pathways for J&K Economy.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the delegation that Jammu and Kashmir is an ideal place for investing and Government has undertaken several measures for ensuring that the industrial sector gets the requisite boost and filip. This would result in boosting the Economy and also open employment avenues for youth, he maintained.

Battle of equals as 9 JK players to fight for Gold tomorrow

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JAMMU: It will be the battle of equals in the 20 final bouts slated for tomorrow as 9 J&K players will be fighting in the equally poised bouts for the Gold medals in the ongoing 68th National School Games in the discipline of Wushu U-17 Boys and Girls, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K, under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar here.



DG YSS J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara inaugurating a bout.

The boys from J&K who made it to the finals included Suryansh Singh in -60 kg category, Arham Parray in -70 kg category, Mehran Amin in -75 kg category, Umaan Arif in -80 kg category, and Mohd Haseeb in -85 kg category, while the four female athletes from J&K who sealed berth in the

finals included Jiya Manhas, Aliza Shah, Saliqa Farooq and Sadiya Gulzar.

In the boys section finals, -40 kg weight category, Pankaj Nayan of Bihar will take on Rajesh Nag of Odisha, in -45 kg category, Nikhil of Delhi will face Madan Munda of Odisha, in -48 kg category Aashu of Rajasthan will lock horns with Rajesh Munda of Odisha, in -52 kg category Kati Yangfo of AR will face

Mayank Rosa of Uttar Pradesh, in -56 kg category, Asem Drubarraj Singh of Manipur will play with Kargom Kamechan of AR, in -60 kg category Suryansh Singh of J&K will face Rudraksh Ameriya of Rajasthan, in -65 kg category Anshul Bhatt of Uttar Pradesh will meet Sunil of Rajasthan, in -70 kg category Mohd Arham Parray of J&K will take on Laishram of Manipur, in -75 kg category

girls -45kg weight category finals, Jia Manhas of J&K will take on Bhaumika of Chandigarh, in -52 kg category Saliqa Farooq of J&K will meet Zureen Pagu of Assam, in -60 kg category Aliza Shah of J&K will face Riya Mishra of Rajasthan, in -70 kg category Sadiya Gulzar of J&K will lock horns with Ahliya Lavate of Maharashtra.

Earlier, in -60 kg category Suryansh Singh of J&K beat Dileswar Majhi of Odisha in semifinal bout to seal berth in the finals, while in -70 kg

category Mohd Arham Parray of J&K beat Mukul Khatri of Delhi to enter the finals. In -75 kg category Mehran Amin Bangoo of J&K drubbed Ajay Chavan of Maharashtra to make it to the finals, while in -80 kg category Umaan Arif of J&K trounced Nikhil Khatri of Delhi and in -85 kg category, Mohd Haseeb Sohil of J&K defeated Rahit Sarkar of West Bengal in semifinal bout to seal berth in the finals.

In -45 kg weight category Jia Manhas of J&K got the better of Himani of Rajasthan, in -52 kg category Saliqa Farooq of J&K prevailed over Dilpreet Kaur of Chandigarh, in -60 kg category Aliza Shah of J&K beat Anushka Pandey of MP, in -70 kg category Sadiya Gulzar of jk beat Ishan Sharma of CBSE and in -65 kg category Anum Ajaj of

J&K lost to Shagun Singh of Rajasthan to settle for a bronze medal.

Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara inaugurated the medal bouts today.

He was accompanied by Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Central, Jitendra Mishra; District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu, Harvinder Kaur and Chief Wushu Coach of India and Dhronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo.

Meanwhile, around 600 players and officials drawn from 21 States/UTs across the country are taking part in this mega event, which is as part of the historic series of 68th National School Games in the disciplines of Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football, wherein around 4000 athletes and officials across the country are taking part.

‘Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi’ training programme organised

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POONCH: Training Program under Poshan bhi Padhai bhi was inaugurated by District Development Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Monday here at Ch. Wazeer Mohammad Hakla Government Gujar Bakarwal hostel.



Development Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal launching Training Program under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi.

The Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi programme was launched by the Ministry of Women Child Development MWCD on May 10, 2023 with the aim to

improve non formal Pre-schooling in Anganwadi

Centres along with focus on nutrition. The National

Institute for Public Cooperation and Child

Development (NIPCCD) has been assigned the task of conducting training in all Anganwadi Centres throughout the Country.

District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal, the chief guest said that Anganwadi centres are playing an important role in the physical, emotional, social, cultural and artistic development of the children in the age group of 3-6 years. The POSHAN Department is also playing an

important role in eradicating anemia and malnutrition, he added. He asked the trainees to attend the training regularly 'so that after training you may be able to deliver services in a better way.' Earlier, District Programme Officer ICDS Khalid Wafa gave a detailed briefing on the objective of the training. District Nodal Officer training Benazir Bhatti and Master Trainer Gurmeet Kour also spoke about the module of the training.

CB files charge-sheet in Rs 14 lakh job fraud case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Special Crime Wing (SCW) of Crime Branch Jammu on Monday filed charge-sheet in a cheating case involving a fraud of Rs. 14.40 lakh.

The accused, Gulzar Ahmed Wani of Kherwan Lassipora Wanpoh, District Anantnag, has been charged with duping the complainant, Mohd Sultan, and seven other individuals by promising them jobs in various government departments.

Sandeep Mehta, SSP SCW Crime Branch Jammu, revealed that the fraudster had promised government jobs to the complainant and others, and collected large sums of money from them through the accused's bank accounts.

After receiving the money, Wani began avoiding contact with the victims, providing various excuses for the delay. Frustrated, the complainant approached Crime Branch Jammu with a formal complaint.

Following a preliminary verification, Mehta said, the allegations were substantiated, leading to the registration of FIR No. 23/2023 under Section 420 RPC. After thorough investigation by Inspector Deepak Bharti, the charges were proved against the accused.

The chargesheet was presented before the Court of CJM Reasi for judicial determination.

SSP Mehta also cautioned the public to be wary of fraudsters offering fake government jobs and reminded them to report such incidents to the Crime Branch before they result in financial loss.

Charge-sheet presented in fraud, cheating case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Special Crime Wing (SCW) of Crime Branch Jammu on Monday filed a chargesheet in a fraud and cheating case against Palwinder Singh, an ex-serviceman from Gurdaspur, Punjab, in FIR No. 11/2023 under Section 420 IPC.

The chargesheet was presented on Monday before the JMJC Court Jammu after thorough investigation.

The case dates back to 2019, when the complainant, a retired army personnel, was approached by Palwinder Singh, who claimed to be an agent involved in recruiting youth into the army. Singh promised to get the complainant's son recruited into the army, claiming to have influential contacts, as his own son was already serving. Convinced by the fraudster's claims, the complainant transferred Rs. 2 lakhs to Singh's bank account (SBI, Gurdaspur) on 13th December 2019.

However, after receiving the money, Singh gave the complainant a cheque for the same amount, assuring him that it would be refunded if his son was not recruited. Unfortunately, when the complainant tried to encash the cheque, he discov-

ered that Singh's account had no funds.

Following a detailed investigation by DySP Anam Zahoor Manhas and under the supervision of SSP Sanjay Parihar, the case was substantiated, leading to the charges being filed. The accused was produced before the court on Monday.

SSP Sanjay Parihar has urged the public not to fall prey to such fraudulent offers and to avoid handing over their hard-earned money to scammers.

Crackdown on illegal mining; Jammu Police seizes 17 vehicles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major crackdown on illegal mining, Jammu Police has seized 17 vehicles involved in the illegal extraction and transportation of sand and stones across the South Zone of District Jammu. The operation, conducted at various locations, was part of an ongoing effort to combat illegal mining and protect public resources.

Under the supervision of PSI Rajesh Chaudhary, PP Belicharana detained 5 vehicles, including tractors and dumpers, loaded with illegally mined sand. Similarly, PP Chatha led by PSI Karnail Singh seized seven vehicles, and PP Phallain Mandal, under PSI Balbir Singh, seized five vehicles transporting illegal sand and stones.

All the vehicles were impounded within the jurisdiction of PS Satwari.

The District Mining Officer has been notified for further legal action. This initiative reflects Jammu Police's commitment to curbing illegal mining activities and safeguarding public property, ensuring strict action against violators in the region.



for not wearing helmets, while four-wheelers were penalized for not having the proper documents. Additionally, a number of vehicles were seized for failing to comply with traffic regulations.

This initiative underscores the Akhnoor Police's commitment to ensuring public safety and enforcing traffic laws, aiming to reduce accidents and promote discipline on the roads.



Three absconders apprehended, produced before Court

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RAJOURI: In a significant breakthrough, Rajouri Police have apprehended three absconders who had been on the run for over a decade in connection with FIR No. 306/2011. The case was registered under Sections 307, 147, 148, 149, and 323 of the RPC at Police Station Rajouri.

The absconders, identified as Parvaiz Ahmed, son of Badir Hussain, Mohd Zamurad, son of Badir Hussain, and Mohd Iqbal, son of Lal Din, all residents of Chawa, Rajouri, were wanted in relation to a violent altercation. Warrants under Section 512/299 Cr.PC had been issued against them by the Sessions Court, Rajouri.

After extensive efforts by the Rajouri Police, the individuals were apprehended and presented before the Court on Monday, following all legal procedures.

Two drug peddlers arrested with contraband substances

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SRINAGAR: Police have arrested two drug peddlers, including a woman, and recovered a significant quantity of contraband substances.

A police party from Police Station Bijbehara, during a checkpoint operation, arrested Gulshana, wife of Mohammad Yousuf Ganie, a resident of Takiya Maksood Shah, Bijbehara. She was found in possession of 8 kilograms of cannabis powder.

In Srinagar, a police team on patrol in the Rakh Arth area arrested Sahil Hameed, son of Abdul Hamid Parray, a resident of Ramber Garh, Shalteng.

During the search, 60 grams of charas were seized from his possession.

A case has been registered under FIR No. 73/2024, and an investigation is underway.

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