

6 vehicles including 3 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six vehicles including three dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharges Police Posts Supwal, Goran & RakhAmbTalli of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized three dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21J-5799, JK20A-4415, JK02CW-6869, a tractor trolley bearing registration No. JK08H-5712 and two tractor trolleys without Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

House owner booked for violating mandatory tenant verification norms

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DODA: Doda Police have registered a case against a house owner for violating mandatory tenant verification norms as prescribed by the District Magistrate.

During routine patrolling in the Nagri Toundwa area, a police team led by PSI Sonalika Sharma, along with SPO Prem Singh and SPO Sher Mohammad, noticed a girl moving under suspicious circumstances at around 1930 hours. During questioning, she revealed that she had been residing in

a rented room in Nagri for the past 15-16 days.

Acting swiftly, the patrolling officer visited the rented accommodation and found the girl's belongings inside. Upon further inquiry, it was established that the house owner, Bablu Sharma S/O Babu Ram, R/O Santosh Nagar, Doda, had rented out the premises without completing the mandatory tenant verification or submitting the required Tenant Declaration Form, thereby violating the standing orders of the District Magistrate.

Accordingly, FIR No. 257/2025 U/S 223 BNS has been registered at Police Station Doda, and further investigation is underway.

It is pertinent to mention that, on the directions of SSP Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, regular announcements and awareness drives about mandatory tenant verification have been conducted by SHO Doda, Inspector Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday, to sensitize the general public.

Misuse of materials for unlawful activities: Police conducts searches of business establishments

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SHOPIAN: As part of ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and prevent misuse of materials for unlawful activities, Police in Shopian has initiated a district-wide checking drive across various business establishments.

Police teams are conducting verification of records and physical inspection of Car dealers, Automobile workshops, Fertilizer shops and Chemical shops. The checking aims to ensure that the sale, purchase, storage and transportation of vehicles, fertilizers and chemicals are carried out strictly in

line with existing regulations. Necessary documentation is being scrutinized to rule out any possibility of misuse.

Police urges all business owners to extend full cooperation during the verification process and assures that such measures are being undertaken in the interest of public safety and security.

Kulgam Police also conducted extensive inspections on fertilizer shops, chemical shops, and other sensitive establishments to ensure that no regulated material is misused for unlawful activities.

The coordinated checking drive also covered car dealers, explosive magazines, and industries handling mixable or sensitive raw materials. Officers verified stock registers, scrutinized documentation, assessed storage practices, and examined the movement of regulated items to ensure full compliance with safety and legal norms. These inspections were carried out to plug all possible loopholes that could be exploited for terror or criminal activities, and to maintain a robust security environment across the district.

6 long-term absconders evading law for decades arrested

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its sustained efforts to bring absconding offenders to justice, Police in Shopian have apprehended six long-term absconders who had been evading their arrest since 2009. After consistent and dedicated efforts, the police succeeded in arresting 06 individuals identified as Ab Quyoom Naik resident of Behrote Thanamandi, Gh Qadir Naik resident of Behrote Thanamandi, Mohd Lateef Naik

resident of Behrote Rajouri, Gh Ahmad Naik resident of Behrote Rahouri A/P Poshana Rajouri, Bashir Ahmad Naik resident of Behrote Rajouri A/P Poshana Rajouri and Mohd Farooq Naik resident of Poshana Rajouri.

These individuals were involved in case FIR No.203/2009,U/S 147, 454, 380, 427 RPC of Police Station Shopian and had been deliberately evading the due process of law since 2009. Their arrest marks a major success in Police's ongoing drive to trace and apprehend long-term absconders, reaffirming its commitment to justice and accountability.

The arrested accused have been produced before the Hon'ble Court, Shopian, for further legal proceedings.

Drug peddler arrested, contraband recovered

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BUDGAM: In a continued crackdown on narcotics, Police in Budgam arrested a drug peddler and recovered a significant quantity of contraband substance in Khanshab area.

A police team from Police Station Khanshab during patrolling near Yarikah intercepted a suspicious person with a synthetic bag. During search of the bag, 3.70 kilograms of Charas-like substance in powder form was recovered. The accused has been identified as Sajad Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Ahmad Mir resident of Mirpora Yarikah, Khanshab. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 214/2025 under relevant sections of law being registered at Police Station Khanshab and further investigation has been initiated.

Women, youth are backbone of India's Progress: Langeh

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RAMBAN: A joint Mahila Morcha and Yuva Morcha Sammelan, followed by a vibrant Vande Mataram programme, was organised today in Ramban, drawing enthusiastic participation from women, youth activists and party workers.

The event was presided over by BJP District President Ramban and former MLA Neelam Langeh, who addressed the gathering with an inspiring message on empowerment, nationalism and organisational strengthening.

BJP General Secretaries Advocate Khajoor Singh Gorla and Gurdeep Singh Chib, Renuka Katoch, Balbeer Singh DDC members/Vice Presidents, Neelam Gupta BJP District President Mehla Moreha, Surishta Devi, Santoshi Devi BJP General Secretaries Mehla Moreha, Firdos Ahmed, retired ZEO, Khajoor Singh and Rajinder



BJP District President Ramban Neelam Langeh addressing Sammelan.

Singh BJP District General Secretaries Yuva Moreha Ramban were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Langeh said that women and youth remain the backbone of the nation and their active involvement is essential for India's progress.

"Our country is moving forward with confidence, and it is the collective responsibility of women and young citizens to lead this transformation. Programmes like this strengthen our organisation-

al unity and inspire us to work with dedication for society," he stated.

Langeh emphasized that the BJP has always prioritised the empowerment of women at every level, ensuring their representation in leadership roles across the Union Territory.

He praised the efforts of Mahila Morcha workers for taking awareness campaigns, welfare schemes and community initiatives to the grassroots.

"The commitment and

energy of our Mahila Morcha karyakartas reflect the true spirit of service. Their contribution is invaluable in building a self-reliant and progressive Jammu & Kashmir," he added.

Addressing the youth participants, the former MLA urged them to take pride in the nation's cultural heritage while embracing innovation and skill development.

He highlighted that the Central Government has launched numerous schemes for youth empowerment,

employment generation and entrepreneurship. "Today's youth are the architects of tomorrow's India. We must channel our energy towards nation-building, development and social harmony," Langeh said.

The Vande Mataram programme, organised as part of the ongoing patriotic initiatives across the UT, witnessed spirited participation as attendees collectively sang the national song, symbolizing unity and devotion to the motherland.

Senior party leaders, Morcha office-bearers and local workers also spoke on the occasion, reaffirming their commitment to taking the party's policies and welfare schemes to every household in Ramban district.

The event concluded with a pledge to strengthen organisational outreach, promote patriotic values and work collectively towards a peaceful and progressive Jammu & Kashmir.

Doda police conducts verification of fertilizer dealers across district

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DODA: In light of recent intelligence inputs regarding the potential misuse of certain chemical substances in unlawful activities, Doda Police has intensified checking and verification of fertilizer dealers across the district to ensure strict compliance with norms and to prevent any suspicious activity.

On the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, special teams from all Police Stations and Police Posts carried out extensive inspections of fertilizer shops, wholesale outlets, godowns, and storage facilities. The verification drive focused on examining stock registers, sale records, transport manifests, and procurement documents pertaining to fertilizers and other regulated chemical substances.

During the inspections, dealers were sensitized to maintain accurate records,



verify customer credentials, and promptly report any suspicious bulk purchase or unusual inquiry related to chemicals. Officers also briefed them on their legal responsibilities and emphasized the importance of heightened vigilance given the current security environment. Doda Police has assured that such inspections will continue in the coming days as part of a proactive security strategy. The general public has been urged to remain alert and cooperate with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety and security of the district.

Doda police visits family of martyr to assess welfare under project Savera

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DODA: As part of its continued commitment to honouring the sacrifices of its brave personnel, Doda Police today visited the family of Martyr Constable Abdul Qayoom, S/O Sher Mohammad, R/O Haddel Gandoh, who laid down his life in the line of duty fighting terrorists in the year 2000 at Baramulla.

Acting on the directions of SSP Doda, Sh. Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a team of PC Gandoh, led by the IC PC Gandoh and operating under the overall supervision of SP Operations Doda, visited the martyr's residence to assess the welfare and well-being of the family.

During the visit, Doda Police presented a token of respect to the family and reviewed their requirements to ensure timely assistance, guidance, and continued support under Project SAVERA—a flagship initiative dedicated to the sustained welfare of police martyrs' families.

Doda Police reaffirmed that it stands firm-



ly with the families of its fallen heroes and remains committed to upholding the legacy of courage, dedication, and sacrifice left behind by its brave martyrs. These outreach visits help maintain a close and meaningful connect, ensuring that the families receive all necessary support and care.

JU's Bhaderwah Campus hosts International Conference

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BHADERWAH: The two-day 3rd International Conference on "Change in Cryosphere and Impact on Ecosystem Services, Indigenous Knowledge System and Sustainable Development in the Indian Himalayan Region" organised by the Department of Earth Sciences, Institute of Mountain Environment (IME), Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, commenced today, with an impressive inauguration ceremony.

The conference has brought together leading scientists, policy experts, academicians, and stakeholders to discuss pressing issues related to Himalayan cryosphere changes and their far-reaching impact on environment and livelihood.



Dignitaries during the international conference at Bhaderwah.

Chief Guest Daleep Singh Parihar, MLA Bhaderwah addressed the audience and appreciated Bhaderwah Campus for hosting a globally relevant conference. He emphasized the government's commitment towards environmental resilience and local capacity-building.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Rector Bhaderwah Campus and Chairman of the

Conference delivered the Welcome address underscoring the significance of the Himalayan cryosphere in regulating ecological balance and highlighting the urgent need for scientific collaboration, integration of indigenous knowledge and sustainable planning.

The Abstract Book of the Conference was formally released, marking a key academic contribution of

the event. Guest of Honour Padma Shri Awardee Chewang Phunsog (IAS) shared valuable insights on sustainable development models rooted in indigenous knowledge and community-led conservation practices.

Special Guest Prof. Sarfaraz Asghar Head of the Department Geography University of Jammu followed with an insightful address on the importance

of interdisciplinary research for mountain sustainability.

Conference Convener Dr. Chherring Tandup addressed the gathering and outlined the objectives of the conference, stressing the importance of understanding climate-induced changes in the Himalayan region.

The keynote address was delivered by distinguished scholar Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, who elaborated on climate variability, glacial responses, and their cascading effects on ecosystems and communities.

A special Presentation of mementos was held acknowledging the contributions of the dignitaries.

The formal proceedings concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Shayan Javed, Organizing Secretary, followed by the National Anthem.

DDC member dedicates Transformer to Badkhar village



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AKHNOOR: Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Suresh Sharma today inaugurated a new 63 kVA transformer in Badkhar village of Juthal Balsaro Panchayat, Block Chowki Choura. The trans-

former, installed at a cost of ₹6 lakh, fulfills a long-pending and genuine demand of the local residents.

Villagers had been facing persistent low-voltage issues for a long time. During a public grievance camp, the people of the area requested the installation of a transformer. Taking immediate note of their difficulties, Suresh Sharma announced the upgrade, which has now been successfully completed.

Addressing the gathering, Suresh Sharma said that development works are being carried out based on the needs and demands of the people. He added that in the last four years, several villages in Blocks Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura suffering from low-

voltage problems have been provided new transformers. "There are still some villages where this issue exists, and new transformers will be installed there soon so that people do not have to face any inconvenience," he assured.

The residents of the village expressed their gratitude to Suresh Sharma and urged him to continue working with the same dedication to fulfill local needs.

Prominent attendees included BJP Mandal President Ashok Kumar Sharma, former Sarpanch Ramesh Lal, Mandal General Secretary Rakesh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Pandit Satpal, Rakesh Kumar, Om Prakash, Bhushan Kumar, Ajay Kumar, and other respected locals.

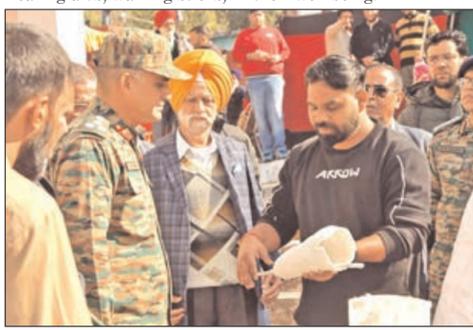
Poonch Link-Up Day: Artificial Limb Fitment Camp held

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POONCH: In the heartfelt run-up to Poonch Link-Up Day 2025, the Ace of Spades Division of the White Knight Corps, in collaboration with the Pritam Trust Foundation, organised a three-day Artificial Limb Fitment Camp, extending compassion, dignity and life-enhancing support to the people of Poonch.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 200 beneficiaries receiving vital assistance. During the initiative, individuals were provided with artificial limbs, wheelchairs, hearing aids, walking sticks,

tri-cycles and crutches, enabling them to regain mobility, confidence and independence. For many, this support marked a new beginning restoring their ability to move freely, hear clearly and participate actively in daily life. This initiative stands as a profound reflection of the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to the welfare of local communities. With every restored step, sound and smile, the Indian Army reaffirms its deep and enduring bond with the people of Poonch always beside them, always working for their well-being.



SSP Udhampur chairs ops-cum-crime review meeting

Felicitates officers for action against financial assets of criminals



SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure chairing meeting on Sunday.

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UDHAMPUR: SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure chaired an Ops-cum-Crime Review Meeting at District Police Lines Udhampur to assess the crime scenario and strengthen the district's security framework.

DySP Headquarters, SDPOs, DySP PCs, DySP DAR, Sr. PO DPO, DSP Probationary, Prosecution Officer, SHOs and Incharge PPs attended the meeting.

A station-wise review was conducted focusing on crime trends, investigation progress, drug trafficking, militancy-related threats and organized crime.

Key discussions included boosting anti-narcotics, tightening surveillance on OGWs, enhancing intelligence gathering, strengthening

cybercrime response and ensuring speedy action in gender-related offences.

Officers shared updates from their jurisdictions regarding case disposal and operational challenges.

SSP Udhampur issued clear directions on zero tolerance for crime, prompt grievance redressal, enhanced night patrolling, use of technology for crime detection and firm action against habitual offenders. He also emphasized professionalism, discipline and accountability.

He further reiterated Udhampur Police's unwavering drive to achieve a Drug-Free Udhampur, urging officers to intensify anti-narcotics enforcement and community outreach to curb drug abuse.

The meeting concluded with

a renewed commitment to making Udhampur safer through proactive policing and a stronger police-public partnership.

Udhampur Police also successfully acted against properties worth ₹18 crore, linked to various notorious drug peddlers, Bovine smugglers and OGWs. To acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the officers involved in this major operation, SSP Udhampur, Amod Ashok Nagpure felicitated the team with cash rewards and commendation certificates. The team comprising DySPs, SHOs, ICPPs, PSIs, and IOs of Udhampur Police were praised for their tireless efforts in dismantling the criminal network and seizing assets earned through illicit means.

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