

## Kidnapping case worked out, minor girl recovered

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DODA: Police worked out a kidnapping case by recovering minor girl.

On Dec 25, 2024, a written complaint was received at PS Gandoh regarding abduction of minor girl (name withheld) from Kakroo area of PS Gandoh. Now the said girl has been recovered.

Reports revealed that a report was received at PS Gandoh regarding abduction of a minor girl. Soon after the receipt of report a case FIR No. 130/2024 US 137(2) 49 BNS was registered and investigation was started.

Special teams were constituted under the supervision of SDPO Gandoh and SHO PS Gandoh led by IC PP Changa. During course of investigation, sources were activated besides suspected places were raided by the police Ultimately with human intelligence as well as technical assistant Police team of PS Gandoh recovered the kidnapped girl from Doda. Further Investigation of the case is going on.

## Theft cases solved, 8 stolen vehicles recovered

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JAMMU: In a swift and efficient action, Police team of police post sainik colony have successfully solved a vehicle theft reported on the complainant .

Sandeep Gupta, son of R S Gupta, resident of Sainik colony, filed a written report stating that while he parked his motorcycle bearing registration number JK02AC 7455 outside his house when came outside and found that his motorcycle was not there.

Based on his complaint, a case FIR No. 07/2025 u/s 303 BNS was registered and investigation was immediately taken



up.

A special team was constituted headed by Ic PP Sainik colony and SHO Police Station Channi Himmat Under the supervision of SDPO East Jammu and SP South Jammu.

Acting on intelligence inputs from local sources and technical inputs, following the CCTV cameras identified the accused and also recovered the stolen motorcycle.

Moreover, along with this motorcycle 07 more vehicles which are suspected to be stolen from somewhere are also recovered and seized under section 106 BNSS.

The other vehicles that have been recovered include JK21 A 2850 pulsar motorcycle; JK02 AX 1898 Pulsar motorcycle; JK 02AC 1342 passion plus motorcycle; JK14 D 1872 Passenger auto; JK01 V 5836 auto load carrier; Honda activa scooter without registration number and Honda activa scooter without registration number.

This recovery highlights the prompt and professional efforts of Jammu Police in ensuring justice for the victims and maintaining law and order in the region.

## Crackdown on illegal mining: excavators involved in mineral extraction seized

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NOWSHERA: In a major move against illegal mining activities, the Police team of PP Lamberi, under I/C PP Lamberi, conducted a special drive today to handle the unauthorized extraction of minerals.

During the operation, two excavators were seized for being involved in illegal mining without proper authorization. The seized machinery includes One Poclain Excavator (JS 205LC) and One JCB Excavator.

This significant action underscores the commitment of Rajouri Police to curb illegal mining activities.

## Arrest of 3rd accused in attack on youth case at Salathia Chowk

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UDHAMPUR: Police on Sunday arrested 3rd accused involved in attack on youth at Salathia Chowk in case FIR 12/2025 of PS Udhampur

Udhampur Police have successfully arrested the 3rd accused in the attack on Sourav Rathore, son of Maan Singh, resident on Omala, Udhampur; which occurred at Salathia Chowk,

Udhampur, on 8th January 2025.

The arrested individual, Sparsh Bhat, son of Pintoo Ji Bhat, resident of Suryavanshi Nagar, Muthi Tehsil, District Jammu, was taken into custody after sustained efforts by the team of Udhampur Police.

A FIR No.12/2025 was registered under sections 109/BNS, 4/25 of the Arms Act in connection with the incident.

The first accused Mohd Arif was arrested immediately after the attack and the second accused Imran Chandail, son of Gulzar Ahmed, resident of Gangera, Udhampur was apprehended earlier.

With the arrest of Sparsh Bhat, total three accused have now been arrested, marking a significant milestone in the investigation.

## 6 drug peddlers arrested in North Kashmir; contraband/psychotropic substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested six drug peddlers in Baramulla & Sopore and recovered contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession.

A Police party of PS Chandosa headed by SHO PS Chandosa at a checkpoint established at Thanda Kasi Chandosa, arrested a drug peddler identified as Mohd Shaban Maray son of Late Gh Mohd resident of Dudbugh. During search, 56 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession.

Similarly, a Police party of PS Boniyar headed by SHO PS Boniyar at a checkpoint established at Limber Boniyar, intercepted two persons. They have been identified as Mehraj Ahmad Najar son of Late Fateh Najar resident of Limber and Shabir Ahmad Bakerwal son of Wazir Mohd resident of Babagail Limber. During search, 88 grams of Charas was recovered from their possession.

In addition to the above, a Police party of Police Post Babaresli at a checkpoint established at Babaresli Crossing, intercepted two persons. During search, 85 grams of Charas



was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Magray and Dawood Ahmad Magray sons of Gh Rasool Magray, both residents of Dudbugh.

In Sopore, a Police team at Chinar Crossing Fruit Mandi, arrested a drug peddler identified as Majid Ashraf Khan son of Mohammad Ashraf Khan resident of Pethseer Sopore. During search, 110 banned tablets (Alprazolam) were recovered from his possession. All the accused have been arrested and cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

## Tractor seized for illegal extraction & transportation

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SOPORE: In a significant crackdown on illegal mining, Police in Sopore in collaboration with the Geology & Mining Department, seized a tractor involved in the unlawful extraction of minerals. The driver of the tractor was arrested in the operation. A team led by SHO PS Dangiwacha carried out the action and arrested driver has been identified as Mohammad Iqbal Ganie of Machanpora Fidarpora Rafiabad. Action under law has been taken under the relevant sections of law at Police Station Dangiwacha.

## Old mortar shell found in Bhatta Qila Darhal

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SUNDERBANI: In village Bhatta tehsil Qila Darhal one old mortar shell found near the residence of Yashpal Singh. A

mortar shell found to one person Yashpal Singh on 11-01-2025 evening time when he was digging part of land for vegetables near house of Yashpal Singh resident of Bhatta near Gurdwara Sahib tehsil Qila Darhal district Rajouri J&K. He reported to different agencies but no any agency came for recover this danger mortar Shell. Today on 12-01-2025 Yashpal Singh invited to media persons then media person contact to sub division police officer (SDPO) Nowshera & other agencies then the team of police from Rajouri rushed on the spot & mortar shell take in own custody and destroyed away from residential areas.



# Horticulture Department inaugurates high-tech poly house and apple mother block

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BHADERWAH: With an aim to help farmers/ Orchardists in improving the skills and knowledge regarding gardening which can lead to better management of challenges and organizational growth, Horticulture department organize capacity building program to educate farmers and other stakeholders about horticultural production technologies in JK's Bhaderwah. Meanwhile a high-tech poly house and apple mother block was also inaugurated.

The programme was organised for Farmers/ Orchardists of District Doda under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) at Horticulture Office Bhaderwah.

During the Capacity Building Program, the farmers visited Fruit Plant Nursery of Department of Horticulture at Bhaderwah, interacted with the progressive orchardists especially high density Growers and learnt a lot from their experience. DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh was the chief guest on the occasion, while DDC Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta



DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh inaugurating poly house at Bhaderwah.

Bhagat and Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma were the guests of honor. HDO Bhaderwah Rohan Kumar presided over the function.

In a major boost to modern horticulture, DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal, along with Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat also inaugurated a high-tech poly house and apple mother block at the Modern Orchid-cum-Nursery in Bhaderwah.

The initiative, supported by Director Horticulture C.L. Sharma and Joint Director Vikas Anand, promotes advanced farming technologies, including high-

density apple cultivation.

This landmark step aims to increase productivity, enhance farmer incomes, and position Bhaderwah as a hub for modern horticulture practices.

Different kinds of fruit plants were also distributed among the farmers. The dignitaries also interacted with the Farmers during the Program.

The farmers were made aware of the latest scientific techniques being adopted for the mass production of quality plant material for various kinds of fruit plants and they were very much impressed with the latest innovations being adopted by visiting the

nursery personally as "Seeing is believing".

Director Horticulture Jammu C.L. Sharma said that the main focus of the program is to empower our farmers with HADP scheme of the Government.

He announced that Bhaderwah nursery will be developed as model nursery at the earliest.

DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal while appreciating the department for their efforts to uplift farmers associated with horticulture, said that government and department is committed to empower farmers with adoption of new technology in the farm-

ing.

"Everyone should come forward and adopt new technologies and techniques in horticulture and change their lifestyle," DDC added.

He also highlighted different government sponsored schemes for the welfare of farmers.

Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat also said that the initiative is not only doubling the income of farmers but it's playing an important role in increasing horticulture farming in the area by adopting new techniques and also providing an opportunity to unemployed youths to become self-reliant.

# Awareness camp on women empowerment held

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UDHAMPUR: Former councilor and noted social worker Priti Khajuria organised an awareness camp at village Mongri of Panchari on other day. Camp was organised in order to create awareness among girls and women folks about how to keep empowered and to avail number of welfare schemes of Govt. to uplift their standard of life also.

Priti told during her massive campaign to make awareness the women of rural rather far off belt of district Udhampur about their genuine rights and to avail welfare schemes also. She number of women groups uploaded their problems. The biggest problem was the lack of college for higher education, due to which most of the girls of that area leave their studies after 12th, for which there



Former councilor Priti Khajuria along with participants during the programme.

are many reasons such as some parents are unable to send their girls to Udhampur city. She further added that due to poverty, most of the girls are forced to leave their studies midway. When girls of dozens of villages in the area are unable to study further, they are unable to get the benefits of Kanyadban Yojana or many Govt schemes. Girls from poor families have suffered the most due to this. Priti said that the girls present on the

occasion appealed that their concerns should be conveyed to the Govt, otherwise they will remain illiterate and their future will be shrouded in darkness. She said that even today women are surrounded by problems and women empowerment is just a slogan because women cannot be empowered with just one cylinder or five kilos of ration, for that, concrete steps will have to be taken in the true sense. False promises made by the Govts push

women backwards, not forward. Due to which the family and society are unable to move forward. No matter how much noise the government makes to promote girl education, the truth is telling something else. The role of school or college in the life of students plays an important role in overall personality development. College education helps in empowerment, increasing self-confidence, expressing one's views with self-respect and freedom

and in various aspects of life and also provides success in those areas where women are underrepresented. Preeti Khajuria said that today the governments are more interested in opening liquor shops and not in providing proper educational opportunities, then how will India study, how will India progress. Priti demanded govt that the demand for a college in the Mongri area should be fulfilled as soon as possible, along with that the shortage of teachers in schools should also be removed, more buses should be deployed for transportation, roads should be repaired, the electricity problem should also be solved so that the future of that area does not go into darkness. Other who accompanied were Manisha, Manju Devi, Ranjeet, Usha Devi and many more.

## DC Poonch visits Fruit and Vegetable Market to review progress of upcoming project

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal, conducted an on-site visit to inspect progress of work on ongoing developmental projects at the upcoming Fruit and Vegetable Market in Kankote today.

The visit focused on the progress of several key initiatives, including the construction of an auction platform, shops, an organic composting unit, and a toilet block.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by officials from PWD, PHE and Revenue department.

The Deputy Commissioner received a detailed briefing from AGMO Charan Kamal Singh on the planned facilities at the market.

Following the review, the Deputy Commissioner



expressed his appreciation for the advancements made and stressed the importance of completing the projects

in a timely manner to improve the market's infrastructure and services for the community.

## Nagar Kirtan taken out in Akhnoor



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AKHNOOR: On the occasion of Prakash Utsav Guru Govind Singh, a Nagar Kirtan was organized by Guru Dawara Prabandak Committee (GDPC) Baba Sunder Singh ji Tapoo Sathan Akhnoor. Nagar Kirtan began from Guru Dawara Sahib Tanda Akhnoor which passed through the whole Akhnoor town like Manda Road, Court Road, Pawara Chowk Akhnoor, Gole Market and finally culminated at Baba Sunder Singh ji Gurudwara at the bank of river Chenab Akhnoor. where guru ka Langer also distributed. In the Nagar Kirtan thousand devotees of the area participated and played the different role during the Nagar Kirtan. Nagar Kirtan was taken out under the President ship of Guru Dawara Prabandak Committee Akhnoor Ranbir Singh and other members of GDPC were present during the event.

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REASI: A boo kentitled as 'Rural Transformation through Agricultural Innovations' of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) released by the dignitaries during the Foundation Day of ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana, Zone-1 held yesterday at ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana campus, Punjab. KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathi and under the guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

Prof.Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-K was the Chief Guest while the former Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-J, Prof. P.K. SIPHET and Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale were the special guests during the event.



The event was attended by the agricultural scientists from the states/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir; Ladakh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Director Extension congratulated KVK Reasi for releasing the book during the event and encouraged the scientists for their efforts on serving the farming community. Overview of the event was presented by the Director, ICAR-ATARI (Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute), Ludhiana, Dr.Parvender Sheoron. He highlighted the achievements of KVKs and encouraged the

scientists for their strenuous efforts to serve the farming community.Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J), Dr. Banarsi Lal thanked Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana and Director Extension, SKUAST-J for the encouragement, necessary guidelines and support.

During the event two Innovative Women Entrepreneurs of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and

Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Anita Kumari Kumari, resident of Bhaga village and Smt.Anita Devi resident of Gumm village of Reasi district (J&K) were bestowed upon with the 'Innovative Women Entrepreneur Awards' for their outstanding contribution and exceptional commitments to demonstrate successful advancement of innovative entrepreneurial skills to their fellow farmers. The award was presented by the Chief Guest, Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-K during the event. The dignitaries also appreciated the efforts of KVK

Reasi while visiting the exhibition. It is worthwhile to mention here that Smt.Anita Kumari and Smt.Anita Devi inspiring the other rural women of the area for their efforts on value addition in agricultural/horticultural crops. According to Dr.Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of KVK Reasi, KVK is stressing on the value addition in agriculture/horticulture among the SHGs with the co-ordination of JKRLM so as to increase the income of the rural women of hilly areas. He expressed that by observing successful results of the successful entrepreneurs, many other rural women of the area are also showing keen interest towards the value addition in agricultural/horticultural crops etc.Nodal Officer of JKRLM, Reasi, Sh. Jugal Sharma congratulated women entrepreneurs and KVK Reasi for the achievements.

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