

## Habitual bovine smuggler booked under PSA

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UDHAMPUR: In a major step to curb criminal activities in the District Udhampur, District Police Udhampur have booked and detained one more habitual bovine smuggler under the J&K Public Safety Act (PSA) for his notorious activities in bovine smuggling on the detention orders issued by the District Magistrate Udhampur.

The accused namely Hafeez Mohd., son of Shareef Mohd. resident of Dubigali, Panchari Udhampur stands booked in a number of bovine cases registered in the District. He has become a threat to the peaceful atmosphere in the district, thus warranting authorities to detain him under Public Safety Act.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 17 bovines rescued; bovine smuggler held

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KATHUA: Tightening the noose of bovine smugglers within the district, J&K Police of Kathua district rescued 17 bovine from NHW Rajbagh area.

A police team of PS Rajbagh during naka checking at NHW Rajbagh area noticed the movement of one Truck bearing Registration No. JK02CS-8087 which was being driven by one Intiaz Ahmed S/o Mir Hussain, resident of Madana Surankote, who was enroute towards Kathua was signalled to stop for checking.

During checking of the said vehicle, 17 bovines were found loaded in the vehicle mercilessly which were rescued, driver arrested and truck was seized on the spot. A case has been registered at Police Station Rajbagh vide FIR No. 13/2025 U/S 223/BNS, 11/PCA act while further investigation into this matter has been set into motion.



## Woman drug peddler held from Doda city, narcotics recovered

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DODA: In a major breakthrough, Police have arrested one more drug peddler and recovered 06 grams Heroin (chitta) on the residential search of notorious drug peddler Doda.

In its continued efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police after obtaining search warrants from the court conducted the search in the house of notorious drug peddler namely Shakeela Begum alias Taya, resident of Sadiqabad Doda City and recovered Heroin like substance.

A case FIR No. 04/2025 was registered at PS Doda in which one peddler namely Baber Ahmed was arrested and 10 grams of heroin was recovered from him. After tracing the forward/backward links in the instant case, today after obtaining search warrants from Hon'ble court by SHO PS Doda, a Police team headed by DySP Hqrs Doda and Insp Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday, SHO PS Doda alongwith Executive magistrate 1st class conducted search in the house of most wanted notorious drug supplier namely Shakeela Begum. During search 06 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like substance recovered from her house in presence of executive magistrate. The accused lady has been arrested in the instant case. Further investigation of the case is going on and more arrests/recoveries are expected.

Doda Police has continued its drive to tighten its noose on drug peddlers as an effort to eradicate the menace of drug. SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta has appealed the general public to cooperate with Police and provide inputs if any drug peddling or any drug addiction is noticed in their neighborhood so that action could be taken against such offenders.

## 6 house/land owners booked for not providing details of tenants to police

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SAMBA: Samba Police has registered six FIRs against house/land owners for not providing details of tenants to Police in a drive launched for the verification of tenants/out-siders in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal.

The verification process was initiated by the Samba Police for the outsiders staying as tenants and domestic helpers.

During the drive, four cases were registered at Police Station Samba and two cases registered at Police Station Ghagwal under relevant sections of the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita (BNS).

Six FIRs registered under section 223 BNS at Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal includes FIR No. 24/2025 of PS Samba, FIR No. 25/2025 of PS Samba, FIR No. 26/2025 of PS Samba, FIR No. 27/2025 of PS Samba, FIR No. 10/2025 of PS Ghagwal and FIR No. 12/2025 of PS Ghagwal. It is pertinent to mention here that District Magistrate Samba has ordered for the Police verification of the tenants and despite orders, the booked persons failed to get the Police verification of their tenant conducted.

SSP Samba urged upon the citizens of the district to come forward and provide the complete details of their tenants/domestic helpers to their nearest Police Station and get the Police verification done timely.

## Samba police seizes 3 vehicles for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Samba Police has seized three vehicles in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Vijaypur which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Vijaypur and Incharge Police Post Mansar falling under PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized three vehicles including a dumper bearing registration No. JK21G-0026 and two tractor trolleys without registration Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area. The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

## Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

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SHOPIAN: Police in Shopian booked a notorious drug peddler under Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT NDPS) after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. The notorious drug peddler namely Manzoor Ahmad Reshi son of Ab Rashed Reshi resident of Wachi Reshi Mohalla Shopian has been booked

under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority, subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kothbhalwal Jammu. The aforementioned drug peddler is a habitual offender; involved in Case FIR No. 08/2023 of Police Station Bijbehara & 36/2023 of Police Station Zainapora. Despite having been bound down under preventive measures repeatedly, Manzoor Reshi persisted with his involvement in illegal drug trafficking, posing a grave threat to the society, especially the youth. Known for his notoriety as a chronic miscreant and drug peddler; the accused person has been actively engaged in illegal drug trafficking and creating public nuisances. He is a key figure in the narcotics trade, procuring drugs from various sources and selling them at higher prices, primarily targeting the youth of Zainapora. This decisive action by Police demonstrates its unwavering commitment to combating the drug menace and protecting society. The tenacious efforts of J&K Police will persist against drug peddlers and their illicit network with full might of law to ensure a safer and drug-free environment for the community.

## 2 drug peddlers arrested; Contraband substances recovered

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BARAMULLA/HANDWARA: Continuing its relentless drive against the menace of drugs, police have arrested 2 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Handwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of Police Station Boniyar headed by SHO PS Boniyar at a checkpoint established at Hundi Nowshera intercepted one suspicious person. During search, 10 grams of Heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Malik Sajad son of Nazir Ahmad resident of Pandithpora. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Similarly in Handwara, a police party at a checkpoint established at Qalamabad Chowk, intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 25 grams of contraband Charas-like substances was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and has been identified as Javid Ahmad War son of Gh Nabi War resident of Lach Mawar. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated. Police urge the public to cooperate in the fight against drug abuse. Any suspicious activities related to drugs or other crimes can be reported to the nearest police station or by dialling 112. The police remain committed to taking strict legal action against offenders and ensuring a drug-free society.

# MLA reviews performance of banks



Dr. Bharat Bhushan MLA Kathua chairing a meeting.

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KATHUA: DLRC/DCC meeting for September Quarter was convened on Tuesday at the DDC Office, Kathua to review the flow of credit, performance of banks in key areas relating to Deposits, Advances under priority sector, Govt. Sponsored Schemes. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Bharat Bhushan MLA Kathua Surinder Sharma ADDC Kathua also honoured, and insight. GM DIC Ashraf Choudhary, Anandep Singh (LDO RBI) and Amit Kumar DDM NABARD along with senior heads from Banks and Line Departments were present in the meeting. The

meeting was convened by Rahul Dhar, SBI LDM Kathua.

The Chairman Surinder Sharma the ADDC Kathua reviewed the progress of CD ratio, disposal and disbursement of cases under KCC, New KCC (Dairy, Poultry, Fisheries and Sheep Husbandry), PMEGP - KVIB / KVIC / DIC / NULM, NRLM Handloom/ Handicraft, PMAY with special emphasis on credit linkage of beneficiaries under these schemes. Banks and line departments were directed to reconcile sponsored loan applications.

He advised all departments and banks to focus on awareness programs for dissemina-

tion of information to general public/ farmers/ skilled persons so that they are facilitated to set up new units of economic activities and thereby increase the C.D Ratio of the district. He impressed upon the banks and line departments to ensure effective coordination in their working. He desired that potential under Agriculture and allied activities be exploited fully to achieve Annual Credit Plan. The chairman exhorted upon the banks to exploit all resources at their disposal and come out with concrete action plan to increase present CD-ratio of 51.47 % to minimum 60% by the end of financial year 2024-25.

He advised that banks-spe-

cific action plans should be devised for better focus on increase in CD ratio. The chairman advised all banks to cover maximum number of persons with 100% penetration under social security schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana. Worthy MLA Dr. Bharat Bhushan impressed upon the need to sensitise the masses about the Jansuraksha Schemes and their penetration at all Block Levels.

He told that we have a moral obligation toward the people of Kathua to ensure that these Government schemes should be propagated to all the masses. ADDC

Surinder Mohan also advised to organize special awareness camps for social welfare schemes with the active participation of banks and departments.

Amit Kumar, DDM, NABARD, discussed the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and FPO. The banks have started schemes related to the AIF and FPO and provide more financing under these schemes.

The Local Advisory Committee meeting of RSETI for the quarter ended September 2024 was also held along with DLRC. Worthy DDC Dr. Rakesh Minhas has already provided approval for the construction of RSETI building with the capital expenditure of Rs 4.5 Cr. The forum told to expedite the process of early construction of RSETI.

# Police organises dual-awareness initiative focusing on newly introduced criminal laws

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UDHAMPUR: Police organised a dual-awareness initiative focusing on the newly introduced criminal laws, with sessions held at Government Degree College, Udhampur and the District Police Lines (DPL) Udhampur.

At GDC, students from various disciplines participated in an informative session conducted by DySP Hqrs. Udhampur. The session focused on the key features and implications of the three new criminal laws enacted by the Indian Parliament.

Students engaged in thoughtful discussions, exploring how these laws would strengthen the criminal justice system and enhance its efficacy.



DySP Hqrs. Udhampur educating students.

Similarly, a specialised training session was organised for police personnel at the District Police Lines, Udhampur. The session aimed at equipping the officers with a detailed understanding of the new laws to ensure their effective application in law enforcement.

The training covered practical aspects of implement-

ing the laws and their potential impact on the policing process.

These initiatives were part of Udhampur Police's continued efforts to raise awareness and ensure that both the public and law enforcement are well-prepared to navigate the changes brought about by the new criminal laws.

# Sakeena visits GMC Kathua, chairs induction ceremony of BHMS's 1st batch

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KATHUA: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito, on Tuesday visited Government Medical College, Kathua and presided over the induction ceremony of the first batch of students of Bachelors of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS).

MLA Kathua, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Principal Government Medical College, Kathua, Dr. Surinder K. Attri, Registrar J&K Homeopathy Board and Nodal Officer Government Homeopathy Medical College Kathua, Dr. B.R. Dubb, heads of different specialties, medical professionals, senior officers and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, Sakeena Ito congratulated the first batch of 63 students of BHMS and their parents present there. She said that the institution will help in producing the able medical faculties to serve the local population and help in improving the healthcare facili-



Health Minister Sakeena Ito during visit to GMC Kathua.

ties across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister highlighted that this is the first Government Homeopathy Medical College in North India. She added that the profession of doctors is a noble vocation as it is meant to serve the ailing people. While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bharat Bhushan congratulated the students and

agencies who worked hard for establishment of Homeopathy Medical College in Kathua.

Dr. Surinder K. Attri, in his welcome address, expressed gratitude to the Minister for her whole hearted efforts to start the Government Homeopathy Medical College in Kathua. He said that the 30 bedded Homeopathy Hospital is already functioning and

facilitating the people of Kathua in terms of medical facilities. Registrar J&K Homeopathy Board and Nodal Officer

Government Homeopathy Medical College Kathua, Dr. B.R. Dubb, while addressing on the occasion, said that presently 600 Homeopathy doctors are registered in the Union Territory and serving the people. On the occasion, the first batch of BHMS students were also administered an oath to work for welfare of patients with dedication and zeal. The apron ceremony was also held in which the Minister made the students wear the white apron.

Later, the Minister inaugurated hostel for Senior/Junior Residents of GMC Kathua. She also inaugurated STIC of Fire Fighting system in GMC Kathua.

## DDC Reasi reviews functioning of Social Welfare Deptt



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REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik convened a meeting here today to review the functioning of the Social Welfare Department in the district. The meeting focussed on evaluating the implementation of social security, women and child centric schemes. District Social Welfare Officer Sachin Sharma provided a detailed presentation on the schemes and initia-

tives in the district.

It was informed that 15,246 beneficiaries across the district are currently receiving Old Age Pension under Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), while an additional 5317 beneficiaries are enrolled in the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The DDC emphasized the importance of close coordination among other departments to ensure the

smooth functioning of the schemes. She emphasised timely disposal of applications of Marriage Assistance Scheme that provides one-time financial assistance to PHH/AAAY girls of marriageable age.

The DDC also reviewed the functioning of Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalya schemes and instructed the officials of SANKALP Hub for Empowerment of Women, Reasi to create a database of all Women centric schemes of Other Departments that will be useful to sensitise such beneficiaries approaching SANKALP Hub for support. Chief Planning Officer, Narinder Kumar, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, Mahore and other officials were present.

# GDC Akhnoor shines at Inter-Zonal Display Your Talent event at JU



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AKHNOOR: In a remarkable display of talent, Shalini Sharma, a student of the 3rd Semester of Government Degree College (GDC) Akhnoor, secured the second prize in painting at the Inter-Zonal Display Your Talent competition held at Jammu University.

Her outstanding artwork

was highly appreciated by the judges and participants, marking a proud moment for both her and GDC Akhnoor.

In another notable achievement, GDC Akhnoor emerged victorious by winning the first prize in the Clay Modelling category. The college's team showcased their creativity and skill, earning accolades for

their impressive craftsmanship and artistic finesse.

The event, which brought together talented students from various zones, provided a platform for young artists to showcase their skills in different artistic disciplines.

Both Shalini Sharma and the GDC Akhnoor team's remarkable performances stand as a testament to the

high level of talent fostered at the college.

Principal and faculty members of GDC Akhnoor congratulated the winners and expressed immense pride in their accomplishments, encouraging other students to participate in similar events to hone their skills and showcase their potential.

# 20 top universities attend career fair 2025 at Spring Dales Kathua



Management and faculty members of school posing for photograph.

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KATHUA: Spring Dales English School, Changran, hosted a spectacular Career Fair 2025, bringing together 20 prestigious universities and institutions from across India under one roof. The event, held in the school, saw enthusiastic participation from students and educators from schools and colleges across District Kathua.

The Chief Guest, Mangat Ram Sharma, Chief Education Officer (CEO), Kathua, lauded the school's initiative and emphasized the importance of career counseling and exposure for students in today's rapidly evolving educational landscape. In his address, he encouraged students to utilize such platforms to shape their career paths and explore the vast

opportunities available in higher education.

The Career Fair featured an impressive lineup of universities and institutions, including Food Craft Institute, Jammu, Chitkara University, Lovely Professional University; UIET & Kathua Campus, University of Jammu; Graphic Era Deemed to be University; Shoolini University; CGC Landran; Amritsar Group of Colleges; Footwear Design and Development Institute; Rayat Bahra University; The Lalit Suri Hospitality School; ICFAI University; Bennett University; Maharishi Markandeshwar University; Geeta University; DAV University; DIT University; Chandigarh Group of Colleges; Chandigarh University and DBS Global University.

Representatives from these institutions engaged with students, providing valuable insights into courses, admissions, scholarships, and career prospects.

Prof. R.K. Gupta, Director of Spring Dales English School expressed the school's commitment to nurturing young talent. "This Career Fair is more than just an event; it's a platform to connect aspirations with opportunities. We are delighted to see the enthusiasm of students and the support of the participating institutions," he said.

The Career Fair 2025 has set a new precedent in the region for bridging the gap between students and quality higher education, furthering Spring Dales English School's legacy of academic excellence.

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