

Samba police reunites 4 missing persons including three women with families

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SAMBA: Samba Police has traced four missing persons including three females from different areas and reunited them with their families whose missing reports were lodged at Police Station Bari Brahmana, Police Station Purmandal and Police Post Supwal.

At Police Station Bari Brahmana, two missing reports vide DD No. 06 dated 24.02.2023 and DD No. 16 dated Dec 20, 2024 were entered on the basis of written reports lodged by one Niku Ram, resident of KartholiDhyanar, brother of missing person and Pawan Kumar R/o Dolian tehsil Bari Brahmana, husband of missing lady respectively.

Similarly, reports of missing girls were lodged at Police Station Purmandal and Police Post Supwal vide DD No. 10 dated 20.01.2025 and DD No. 12 dated 02.01.2025 on the basis of written reports lodged by the family members hailing from Gurgani (Purmandal) and Chatarpur MP A/P Nanak Chak Samba respectively.

With continuous strenuous efforts, police teams of PS Bari Brahmana, PS Purmandal and PP Supwal have succeeded in tracing the missing persons from different areas and reunite-

ing them with their families after completing legal formalities. The said missing reports have been closed accordingly.

2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: In its relentless fight to dismantle the illegal narcotics network from the society, Police in Srinagar have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession. A police team of Police Post Urdu Bazar at a checkpoint established at Maharaj Gunj, Srinagar arrested a drug peddler namely Owais Mushtaq Dar son of Mushtaq Ahmad Dar resident of Sheikh Mohalla, SR Gunj. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substance was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 05/2025 under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered in Police Station Maharaj Gunj and investigation set into motion. During the course of investigation, while working on the forward linkages, another drug peddler namely Momin Bilal Kanu son of Bilal Ahmad Kanu resident of Banday Kocha, Maharaj Gunj was identified. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substance was recovered from his possession. Both the accused persons have been arrested and further investigation into the case is going on.

Police seeks public assistance to trace missing person

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BARAMULLA: Police in Baramulla is seeking the assistance of the general public in locating a missing person from District Baramulla.

Details of the Missing Person is Bali Kumar, son of Bal Ram Kumar, resident of Bandi Brahmana Uri, District Baramulla, Age: 45 years, Height: 5 ft 6 inches, Complexion: Wheatish

As per reports, the missing person left his home in the morning of January 20, 2025, and has not returned since. He has not made any contact with his family, and his mobile phone was found at home.

The police urge anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Bali Kumar to come forward and assist in the search. Any relevant details can be shared with Baramulla Police at the following contact numbers: SDPO Uri: 95967-67707, SHO PS Uri: 95967-67718, SHO Sheeri: 95967-67711, SHO PS Boniyar: 95967-67719, PCR Baramulla:



95967-67717, 95967-67768 or PCR Kashmir on 112.

The cooperation of the public is highly appreciated in this matter.

Illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals; Police seizes 11 vehicles

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GANDERBAL: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, Ganderbal Police has seized 11 Tippers within this week, who were involved in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals.

The vehicles (tippers) were seized in various areas under the jurisdiction of Police Stations including Ganderbal, Kheerbhawani, Lar, Safapora and in Police Post Nagbal. This proactive approach to curb illegal mining has been actively taken up by district Police Ganderbal along with the Geology and Mining Department thereby ensuring the individuals involved in such illegal activities are legally prosecuted. These seizures highlight the commitment of Ganderbal Police towards acting tough against these violators.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding illegal mining activities in their neighbourhood. Ganderbal Police assures complete anonymity and strict action against the violators as per law.

Delay in restoring Statehood, dual control severely affecting governance in J&K: Sadhotra

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REASI: National Conference (NC) Additional General Secretary and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra lamented over the dual control over the administration in Jammu and Kashmir and the delay in the restoration of statehood, saying that these factors have severely impacted governance, leaving the people in distress.

Addressing a public meeting at Reasi which was organized by Tariq Bhat Zonal Vice President and Pt. Raj Kumar Sharma District President Reasi. Mr. Sadhotra recalled that the Government of India has already made a commitment before the Supreme Court and Parliament of the Country that Jammu and Kashmir will be granted Statehood after the conduct of Elections. However, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Central Government continues to delay this constitutional right, which is further deepening the hardships faced by the people.

Sadhotra elaborated that the dual control over the administration has severely affected the overall governance and retarded the pace of development. Such a situa-



NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing public meeting at Reasi.

tion is detrimental to the larger interests of the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir that needs focused attention on development, coordinated delivery system, fast tracking recruitment process, enhancing employability and assuaging the urges and aspirations of all segments of the society, he said, adding that this can be achieved with a single minded approach. Former Minister said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have hugely suffered during one long decade due to absence of a representative government as lack of accountability to the public used to be a norm as a result of which the people's grievances kept piling up. He pointed out that the delivery system of essential services had been compromised during those years, with developmental projects moving at a

sluggish pace. The absence of an elected government had created a disconnect between the administration and the people, leading to growing discontent.

Sadhotra reiterated the long-standing demand for the restoration of full statehood, saying that Jammu and Kashmir cannot be kept in limbo any longer. The central government had promised on the floor of the parliament that statehood would be restored after elections, and now it must fulfill this commitment without further delay. "Denying the people their constitutional rights is unacceptable. The prolonged wait for statehood is increasing political uncertainty and making governance ineffective," he said and emphasized that a democratically elected government should get due space to address people's con-

cerns and ensuring transparency in administration.

Sadhotra also urged government officers and bureaucrats to proactively engage with the people, listen to their grievances, and ensure their timely resolution. He stressed the importance of speeding up development projects, improving service delivery, and making the administration more responsive to the needs of the common people.

Addressing the gathering, former Minister Abdul Gani Malik said the National Conference remains steadfast in its demand for the immediate restoration of statehood and urges the central government to honor its commitment to the people of J&K so that the people can finally experience sustainable development and mitigation of their problems.

MLA Gool Gulabgarh Choudhary Khurshed Ahmed, while addressing the gathering, referred to the track record of National Conference in service of the people, irrespective of religion, region, caste or creed and said the Omar Abdullah led government is working in a mission mode to fulfill the promises made.

Prominent among those present on this occasion

included Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary Jammu, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Urban, Ragbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural, Aslam Khan Secretary Jammu Zone, Abdul Gani Teli President OBC Cell, Sumita Bhan Kashmiri Pandit Leader, Veer Ji KP Leader, Harshwardhan President NCSU, Pinki Khalsa District President Jammu, Som Nath Tharoach, Priyanka Sharma, Kavinder Singh, Sewak Singh Retd SSP, Kapahi Ji, Anil Kumar Sharma Ex-Sarpaneh, Rattan Lal Block President Reasi, Capt Ram Lal Block President Pouni, Vikramjeet Bhagat Block President Anthal, Ashok Mehta Block President Katra, Deepak Atri District Secretary, Ayoub Bhat, Dev Raj, Abdul Gani Malik, Deedar Singh, Bishan Dass, Arun Deep Singh Additional General Secretary National Conference Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing a public rally at Reasi.

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BISHNAH: In a significant effort to spread awareness on menstrual health and hygiene, a registered non-governmental organization 'THE - SARA', under Health is Wealth' initiative through 'Safe Periods 365' initiative conducted awareness program at Shaheed Naib-Subedar Parshotam Kumar Govt. High School Majua Uttami in Bishnah zone of Jammu district.

During the program Minakshi Sharma, In-charge of 'Safe Periods 365' initiative and field volunteer with 'THE - SARA' conducted awareness session for the girl students, their mothers and ex female PRI Members. Awareness session focused on the importance of menstrual health and hygiene in their life, break the stigma surrounding menstruation, and provide practical knowledge on maintaining good hygiene during menstruation.

Students and their mothers were also given opportunity to ask questions, dispelling



NGO members along with students and faculty members.

myths and misconceptions about menstruation that have been prevalent in the society. On the occasion student interns from IUST Awantipora Kashmir and NMIMS Mumbai were also present and provided on field support in successful conduct of the program.

"Our aim is to empower our girl students with the knowledge they need to manage their menstrual health confidently," said Gurjeet Kour President of 'THE - SARA'. At the end of the program, 'Team 'THE - SARA' distributed sanitary pads among

twenty five girl students of the menstruating age in the presence of in-charge headmaster of the school Sh. Yaseen Ahmed and teachers of the school. Sh. Yaseen Ahmed thanked members of 'THE - SARA' for providing continuous support to the girl students.

It is pertinent to mention to tackle 'period poverty' and spread awareness about menstrual health and hygiene among the school girls across UT's of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh 'THE - SARA' is carrying out 'Safe Periods 365' initiative.

DC reviews implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in Kishtwar



DC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan reviewed the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in the district.

The meeting focused on assessing the progress made under various schemes.

The Nodal Officer HADP/Chief Agriculture Officer, Kishtwar Amjad Hussain Malik, presented a detailed report on the pro-

gramme's progress. He informed that a total of 14,314 applications were received across agriculture and allied sectors. Of these, 10,532 applications have been approved, including 7,996 in the Agriculture sector, 331 in Horticulture, 1,425 in Animal Husbandry, 589 in Sheep Husbandry, 167 in Sericulture, 18 in Fisheries, and 6 in the Marketing sector, as approved by the District Level Committee (DLC).

During the review, the DC emphasized the importance of maximizing the registration of eligible candidates throughout the district and directed field functionaries to ensure greater outreach and participation in the programme.

The meeting also included a comprehensive review of both physical and financial achievements across various sectors, such as Horticulture, Fisheries, Sheep Husbandry, and Animal Husbandry.

The DC also set new targets for all allied departments to ensure progress in HADP and to achieve the top rank in the UT. These included a total number of targets: 7,350 for the Kisan Sathi Portal, 1,600 for Daksh Kisan, and 750 for adding farms to the KKG app.

The review meeting was attended by CPO Kishtwar Shah Nawaz Bali, CHO Kishtwar Sajid Mustafa, DSHO Kishtwar, DAO Kishtwar, SDO, SDAOs, SMS and other officials from agriculture and allied sectors.

GDC Khour organises Poster making Competition, awareness rally on Traffic Rules



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KHOUR: On the occasion of National Road Safety Month, NCC unit of GDC Khour organized a poster making competition and an awareness rally on traffic rules under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) T.K. Sharma, Principal GDC Khour. The objective of the event was to educate the public about the importance of traffic rules and road safety,

and to encourage them to follow the rules to prevent accidents and ensure safe travel. NCC Cadets showcased their creativity and talent by designing posters and slogans on traffic rules and road safety. The participants of the poster making competition were adjudged by Prof. Sunil Kumar, HOD Physical Education. The first position was bagged by cdt Vibanshu

Sharma of Sem. 6th, second position by cadet Saksham Singh of sem. 6th and third position by cadet Sumit of sem. 4th. After the poster making competition, the NCC Cadets organized an awareness rally on traffic rules.

The rally began from the college's main gate, where Principal Prof. Dr. T. K Sharma delivered a motivating lecture and encouraged

students to follow road safety rules and regulations and to become responsible citizens. He also encouraged students to be mindful of their actions on the road and to always prioritize safety. NCC Cadets carried placards and banners with slogans such as "Follow Traffic Rules, Save Lives", "Road Safety is Everyone's Responsibility" and 'Sadak Suraksha, Jeevan Raksha'. All the staff members also joined the rally to spread awareness on traffic regulations. Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma, appreciated the efforts of participants. The event took place under the supervision of Lt. Shivani Sharma, ANO Boys Senior Division.

Beating Retreat ceremony 2025 held at GDC Mahanpur

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MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with Department of Physical Education and Sports celebrated beating retreat ceremony within campus. Beating Retreat is a ceremony that marks the end of Republic Day festivities in India. It is held on the evening of January 29, three days after Republic Day, at the Vijay Chowk, New Delhi. The ceremony features a musical performance by the bands of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Delhi Police, and the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF). The ceremony is presided over by the President of India, who is the supreme commander of the Armed



Faculty members during the event.

Forces. The Beating Retreat Celebration was organised by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director, under the supervision of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. In her Address, the Principal Madam said that this day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and the vision of leaders who drafted a constitution that upholds justice, liberty, and equality for all. A felicitation ceremony was also organised to honour the students who have performed exceptionally well in the Academics, NSS, Sports and cultural activities. The Principal of the College GDC felicitated students namely Varun Proeh (Cultural), Vishal Singh (Cultural), Anshu Devi

(sports), Meenakshi (painting). They all were felicitated with trophies. The programme was hosted by Dr. Rupalee and Dr. Sapna and vote of thanks was presented by J. S. Soodan. The faculty members present in the celebration were. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Nisha, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Babli, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Yograj, Dr. Nishu, Namita/Trogia, Divya, Dr. Suhail Ahmed Dar, Sameeksha Sharma, Monika Devi, Anuradha, Pooja Sambyal, Shivani Panooch, Kuldeep, Ramesh, Mangu Ram, Surinder Kumar, Sunny Sharma, Sewa Ram, Anu Radha, Anu and Shibu Din. More than 80 students participated in the programme.

CBC Udhampur organises Integrated Communication & Outreach Programme

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REASI: The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office, Udhampur organised an Integrated Communication & Outreach Programme at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Reasi. The programme was organised under the chairpersonship of Dr. Sushma Mawa, Principal of the School where as Iftikhar Ahmed, Additional Superintendent of Police, Reasi was the Chief Guest. The aim of the day long programme was to generate awareness about New Criminal Laws, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nasha Mukh Bharat, Mission LiFE, PM Jan Arogya Yojana and other Flagship Schemes of Government of India.

Speaking on this occasion the Chief Guest highlighted the importance of such awareness programme which are aimed to generate awareness about the welfare schemes of Government of India. He was of the view that with the induction of



Addl SP Reasi Iftikhar Ahmed flagging off rally.

New three criminal laws the access to every citizen has become easy and simple. He also spoke on the ill effects of Drug addiction and urged the youth to remain vigilant and not to fall in the prey of drug peddlers. He also urged the audience to act as message carriers/ Ambassadors for spreading the message of such programmes in their area.

A Galaxy of Experts viz. Prof. Rahil Dutta, HOD, Environmental Sciences, Inspector Suman Singh from District Police, Reasi, Dr. Sushma M.O, AYUSHI, Reasi acted as Resource Persons and delivered key note addresses on Mission

LiFE, New Criminal Laws and PM Jan Arogya Yojana respectively.

Om Parkash Maurya, Administrative Officer, CBC, Regional Office, Jammu also interacted with the audience and extended his gratitude to District Administration, Reasi, District Police, Reasi and Government Girls HR. Sec. School for extending their full support cooperation and coordination in making the day long programme successful.

During her Vote of Thanks Dr. Sushma Mawa, Principal of the Institute said that these programmes are very beneficial and should be organised in

future too.

Gurnam Singh, I/C Field Office, CBC, Udhampur presented the Welcome address and gave an overall view of the activities being carried out by the department.

A Grand Rally on Nash Mukh Bharat was also organised as part of the publicity activities of the day long programme. The Rally was flagged off by Iftikhar Ahmed in presence of Dr. Sudshma Mawa, Principal of the Institute, Om Parkash Maurya, Administrative Officer, CBC, Regional Office, Jammu and other dignitaries. The Rally chanting slogans like Jeevan Se Tum Nata Jodo, Nasha Chodo- Nasha Chodo started from Government Girls Hr. Sec. School passed through main Bazar, Bus Stand, Dakhnglow and culminated at GGHS, Reasi.

Cultural Programmes and Skits on Nash Mukh Bharat, Beti Bacho Beti Padhao and Magic Show by Empanelled artists of CBC were the other attractions of the day long programme.

DC Poonch reviews performance of RDD

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, convened a meeting today to assess the current status of construction of Panchayat Ghars and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) works in the district.

The meeting was held in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed block-wise review of all ongoing and completed projects undertaken by the Rural Development Department under BDC/PRI/DDC works, SBM initiatives, the status of Panchayat Ghars and the audit parameters.

The Block Development Officers (BDOs) were asked to actively inspect projects and collaborate with Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) to guarantee timely project completion.

The meeting was attended by ACD Poonch, ACP Poonch, Executive Engineer (XEN) REW, BDOs, and other concerned officers.

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