

2 drug peddlers nabbed, 29.78 grams heroin recovered

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SAMBA: Tightening noose against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 29.78 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from their possession.



A Police party headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana under the supervision of ASP SDPO Bari Brahmana and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba during vehicle checking naka established near Haldiram Factory, intercepted a Swift Dzire car bearing registration No. JK04J-8832 moving towards Bari Brahmanaside for its checking. During checking, 29.78 grams approximately heroin like substance were recovered from the possession of two persons sitting in the vehicle.

Both the drug peddlers identified as Javid Ahmed Lone S/o Bashir Ahmed Lone and Shakir Ahmed Dar S/o Abdul Ahmed Dar both R/o Hunhama Tehsil and District Budgam have been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 01/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Bari Brahmana and investigation started.

Illicit timber seized, 3 arrested

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BARAMULLA: In a significant operation to curb illegal timber smuggling, police in Baramulla seized illicit timber by arresting 03 accused persons involved in the commission of crime.

A police party intercepted a vehicle (Tata 207) carrying nine timber logs at Drung Crossing during naka checking. During questioning, it was revealed that the vehicle was transporting timber without the necessary permissions. Subsequently, the vehicle along with the illicit timber has been seized and the three individuals involved in the commission of crime have been arrested on the spot. They have been identified as Mehraj Ahmad Khan son of Ab Majeed Khan resident of Nowgam Khag, Mohammed Amin Lone son of Ab Gaffar Lone resident of Drung and Owais Ahmad Parrey son of Ab Ahad Parrey res-

ident of Soibugh Budgam.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 01/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tangmarg and further investigation has been initiated.

6 drug peddlers arrested across valley; contraband substance recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 06 drug peddlers across Kashmir valley and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Anantnag, a police party of PS Anantnag during naka checking at Bypass near Ganjivada intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 400 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Zakir Ahmad Zargar son of Gh. Rasool resident of Papibal Anantnag. Similarly, a police team from Police Post Dialgam at a checkpoint established at Bonadialgam near Bypass, intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 350 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Aamir Hussain Malik son of Ab. Hameed Malik resident of Pushwara Khanabal.

In Baramulla, a Police party of Police Station Uri at a checkpoint established at Parapeelan-Bandi Crossing Uri, intercepted one person who has been identified as Mohd Showkat Awan son of Atta Mohammad resident of Dawaran. During search, 1.7kgs of Cannabis Powder like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

In Budgam, a police party of PS Beerwah at a checkpoint established at village Charangam, intercepted a person identified as Waheed Ahmad Magray son of Nazir Ahmad Magray resident of Charangam Beerwah. During his personal search, 06 sticks of charas like substance wrapped in corn husk weighing 76 grams was recovered from his possession. Besides, a mobile phone with sim card stands also recovered from his possession.

In Avantipora, a police party during naka checking in area of PS Avantipora arrested two drug peddlers. During search, 12.2Kgs of Brown Sugar like substance from their possession. They have been identified as Muzaffer Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Sadiq Dar resident of Bonpora Lethpora and Riyaz Ahmad Mir son of Abdul Gaffar Mir residents of Chati Mohalla Khummoh Pantha Chowk.

All the accused have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective Police Stations and further investigation have been initiated.

DGPC Kathua organises Nagar Kirtan



Glimpses of Nagar Kirtan being taken out in Kathua.

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KATHUA: District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Kathua Organised Nagar Kirtan & Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib on Friday on the Occasion Parkash Utsav of 356 Shri Sikh Guru, Guru Govind Singh Ji Maharaj.

On the holy auspicious occasion the Chief Guest MIA Dr. Bharat Bhushan, While Prominent Persons of the District Including, Ex-Distt President Prem Dogra, Ex. MLA Dhian Chand, Ex. President Municipal Council Naresh Sharma, Advocate Sushil Gupta, Dev Raj Soni Soical worker

District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee President, Charanjit Singh Bhola, Vice President Kuldeep Singh, Gen. Secretary Parveen Singh,

Joint Secretary Amarjeet Singh, Daljeet Singh Cashier, Harbhajan Singh, Kashmir Singh, Bhopinder Singh were also present.

In the Nagar Kirtan School Band and Students of Various Private School Participated in the Procession.

The Main Attraction of the Nagar Kirtan Was Gaska Jatttha From Amritsar Which Exhibited the Exclusive Warfare Techniques of Sikh Religion. Fruits, Sweets and Tea Was Served to the Participants of Nagar Kirtan.

The Nagar Kirtan Passed Through Mukharjee Chowknk Parliwand Bhagat Singh Chowk, Shastri Nagar, Sawan Chack Gurdwara and Shaheedi Chowk.

Langar was organised by the Gurdwara Committee of

Sawan Chack. Thousands of People From all Walks of Life Participated in the Nagar Kirtan.

While Speaking on the Occasion President, Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee Charanjit Singh Bhola Said That the Main Function Will be Held on 5th January ,2025 Bhog Sri akhand path sahib, shabad kirtan & lectures, guru ka langer.

In Which Kirtan Will be Recited by the Renowned Jathas From Punjab and other Places. He Further Said That Eminent Parcharaks Will Throw Light on the Life and Achievements of Guru Gobind Singh ji He Also Thanked Traffic Police, PDD, PHE, Department of Health and District Administration For Their Cooperation.

DDC reviews performance of banks operating in Reasi District



DDC Reasi, Nidhi Malik chairing DLRC meeting.

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REASI: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi, Nidhi Malik, IAS chaired District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting to discuss the achievements of banking sector under district credit schemes.

During the meeting, The DDC took overview of Banking sector performance in District Reasi. She emphasised that the banks will low Credit-Deposit Ratio should work on improving it. She also encouraged banks to increase banking penetration at far and remotest places to increase financial inclusion.

DDC Nidhi Malik held Discussion on various

agendas like Flow of credit to priority sector, key indicators of banks and their achievements. She highlighted that special emphasis should be given on sectors like renewable energy and building social infrastructure.

She directed all the banks to take effective measures for encouraging small lending especially in Agriculture, Education and employment sectors so that majority of population was benefited under various schemes. The meeting was attended by CPO Narinder Kumar, Lead District Manager GM Wani, J&K bank Cluster head, CAO, CHO, AD employment and representatives of various banks.

DLC approves 5 change of land cases use in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: A meeting of the District Level Committee on change of land use was held today under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai here in Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex Udhampur.

After thorough scrutiny, the Committee approved 5 applications for change of land use received online from applicants from across the district.

Necessary directions were issued to the concerned to ensure the timely issuance of NOCs after proper verification of documents.

The DC instructed the officers to obtain field certification before processing the applications. Among others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, DFO Udhampur Navneet Singh and other officers were present in the meeting.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Rajpura, Lala Chack, Old Mawa, BSF and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

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NC Govt failed to realize aspirations of people of J&K: Dr Rajeev

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BISHNAH: To continue the development era of Bishnah Constituency, Dr Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, on Friday started development works, including the construction of lane drains, installation of tiles, and other allied works in Panchayat Kathar amounting to Rs.34.30, Panchayat Pindi Charkan 26.30 Laes Panchayat Trewa Rs.23.30 Laes and Panchayat Chingia Rs.23.30 Laes of Bishnah constituency totaling worth Rs.107.20 lakh. It reflects the commitment made by the MLA during election time he takes every step for the welfare of the people of his constituency.

Dr Rajiv said that the NC had misled the innocent people of Jammu and Kashmir during the 2024 assembly election campaigning on false promises projecting itself as a master with magic stick



MLA Bishnah, Dr Rajeev Bhagat starting development works.

who would bring down moon and establish jannat here. He said that after winning election and forming government, both the NC and the Chief Minister have utterly failed to realize the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and take effective steps to provide any kind of relief.

He said it seems that the Chief Minister and others enjoying ministerial posts are satisfied and happy that they achieved what have been their dreams of assuming

power and that they have no accountability now. "The people have seen the real face of NC and feeling cheated as there is not any signal of something good going to take place in near future", Dr Rajeev said, adding that the voters had voted NC with very high hopes but all dashed to ground which is visible from the working of the government. Dr Rajeev appealed to the people not to get misled again in the future assembly bi-election and Panchayat, ULB elections

and teach NC lesson for ditching them.

Dr Rajeev initiative aligns with the vision of the Modi Government to ensure holistic development and improved living standards for citizens, reiterated the commitment of the government to deliver efficient civic amenities and infrastructure upgrades. "The Modi Government's agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas reflects in the developmental strides.

Army, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organise assessment camp for persons with disabilities

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BHADERWAH: To provide some help and relief to the persons with Disabilities, Army's Rashtriya Rifles in collaboration with Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India through department of Empowerment of Persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) and Composite Regional Center (CRC) Jammu organised one day assessment Camp for specially-abled persons at Bhaderwah under the ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons) and RVY (Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana) schemes of GoI.

The event was organised at battalion HQ 4



Officials imparting awareness among participants during the camp.

Rashtriya Rifles Sarna Bhadarwah, where CO 4RR Col Yogesh Chouhan was the chief guest.

More than 100 beneficiaries from across the district attended the camp to enroll themselves to get Aids and appliances like tricycle, wheel chair, hearing aids,

sticks, axluary crutches and other items.

Rahul Singh Rehabilitation Officer CRC Jammu presided over the event.

While speaking on the occasion, CO 4RR Col Yogesh Chouhan said that the primary objective of

this initiative was to assess the needs specially-abled individuals, allowing them to receive customized assistance.

"Following the thorough verification of documents, beneficiaries will be provided with assistive devices tailored to their require-

ments, ensuring they can lead a more comfortable and independent life," he added.

Rahul Singh Rehabilitation Officer CRC Jammu along with staff of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, worked tirelessly to assist beneficiaries at every step of the process. Their support was instrumental in ensuring that the day long camp ran smoothly and efficiently.

The camp saw enthusiastic participation from beneficiaries, who expressed gratitude to Army for the opportunity to receive necessary support close to their homes.

Army conducts coaching classes for children

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RAJOURI: Army has initiated a special coaching program to assist students from remote areas of Budhal in Rajouri District in preparing for entrance exams to Sainik Schools and Military Schools. The initiative aims to empower young minds from underprivileged regions and foster their aspirations to serve the nation. These coaching classes, organized free of cost, focus on students from economically weaker sections, with expert faculty and a well-structured curriculum. The program covers key subjects such as Mathematics, General Knowledge, English, and Reasoning, which are critical for the competitive entrance exams. The initiative is part of the

Indian Army's broader efforts to uplift and integrate the youth from these regions into the national mainstream by providing them with quality education and career opportunities in the Armed Forces. Through this program, the Indian Army seeks to encourage discipline, leadership, and patriotism among the youth, while offering them a chance to pursue their dreams of joining prestigious institutions like Sainik and Military Schools. The local population has lauded the Indian Army for its consistent efforts toward the welfare of the region, with hopes that such initiatives will continue to inspire and empower future generations of Jammu and Kashmir.

Doda admin issues public advisory in view of adverse weather forecast

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DODA: The District Administration Doda advised people to take necessary precautions and adhere to safety guidelines in view of inclement weather forecasted by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Meteorological Centre Srinagar.

The District Administration/DDMA has urged the people to avoid unnecessary travel during adverse weather conditions. Ensure adequate preparation for cold weather, especially for vulnerable individuals such as children and the elderly. Hotel, lodge, and guest house owners must ensure proper ventilation in rooms to prevent suffocation and health issues for visitors and travellers.

The Departments including Revenue, PWD (R&B), PWD (Mechanical

Engineering), PMGSY, Urban Local Bodies, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, and Health & Medical Education have been directed to keep men and machinery ready for maintenance of respective services.

In case of emergencies, the public can reach out to the 24x7 control rooms and essential services through -Control Room -DC Office Doda with Toll-Free numbers 18001807122, 9906320997, 9596776203; Additional Deputy Commissioner Office, Bhaderwah on 9419169866, 9419258788. Sub-Divisional Magistrate Office Assar on 9596950297, 7889545110; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Office Gandoh on 9018308432, 9419963224; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Office Thathri on 7780969683, 9596944416.

For medical and other emergency Services, people can contact CMO Office Doda & Ambulance Service: 01996-233542; Mechanical & Hospital Division Doda-9103325287, 7006522052 and Fire & Emergency Services Doda: 101, 01996-233458. PCR Doda (24x7): 7298923100, 01996-233530.

Departmental Contact Numbers: PWD R&B Doda/Bhaderwah/Thathri/Gandoh: 9419000691, 9419145428, 9596945909, 9906147680. PDD Doda/Thathri/ Gandoh: 9419155397, 7006723366, 7006042530, PMGSY Doda/ Thathri: 9419126567, 9419185243, NHIDCL PMU Doda: 7889551818, Jal Shakti Doda/Thathri/ Gandoh: 7006471597, 7006545633, 9906147680, FCS & CA Doda: 9419091918.

MSCBM Trust's week-long National Art workshop 'Kartavya Bhoomi' concludes

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UDHAMPUR: The week-long National Art Workshop titled "Kartavya Bhoomi," organized by the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust in collaboration with the North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), concluded successfully at the picturesque town of Kud in Udhampur district.

The workshop brought together artists from diverse cultural and regional backgrounds to celebrate and promote the rich heritage of Indian art. Talented artists from across the country participated, including Lakhan Singh Jat (Jaipur, Rajasthan), Rahul Mhetre (Mumbai, Maharashtra), Uma Shankar Pathak (New Delhi), Suraj Kumar (New Delhi), Raju Battula (Hyderabad), Kiran Varikilla (Hyderabad), Taslim Sona (Banswara, Rajasthan), and Kusumavati Hira (Pune, Maharashtra).

During the workshop, the artists collaborated to create remarkable pieces inspired by the scenic beauty and cultural essence of Kud and Patnitop. They also imparted art awareness among the local youth and students of the area.



Trust members along with participants during the workshop at Kud.

Speaking on the occasion, Anuradha Baru, President of the Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Trust, reaffirmed the Trust's commitment to fostering artistic expression and inspiring the youth of Jammu to embrace art. She stated, "This workshop was conducted to preserve our artistic legacy and to encourage young minds to actively contribute to the cultural fabric of our nation."

Anuradha Baru also extended her

heartfelt gratitude to Furqan Khan, Director of NZCC, for his invaluable support and sponsorship of the event.

The workshop has been widely praised for bridging cultural divides and providing a platform for artists to exchange ideas, techniques, and perspectives. Over the week, the participating artists engaged with local communities through interactive sessions and exhibitions held at local schools, showcasing their creations and inspiring budding talent.