

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 6 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

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AKHNOOR: Police tightening its nose against bovine smugglers under operation Kandhemu Police team of Police Post Chowki Choura has foiled one bovine smuggling attempt in which 06 bovines were rescued from a vehicle Mahindra Bolero bearing registration number No. JK11G-3514 which was coming from Khour towards Rajouri and when reached at naka Gulaba Chapper, Chowki Choura. The driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot after taking advantage of the darkness.

6 bovines were rescued and vehicle seized. In this regard, a FIR under relevant laws has been registered in Police Station Akhnoor.

## Theft case worked out; arrested accused, recovered stolen property

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SAMBA: Samba Police has worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana, arrested accused and recovered stolen property

from his possession.

On Dec, 16, 2024, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Bari Brahmana by one Sukhdev Singh, son of Parbhat Singh, resident of Sarore tehsil Bari Brahmana district Samba regarding theft of items from the Dev Asthan Shri Data Ranpat Dev Ji at Data Talab, Bari Brahmana. Acting upon the complaint, a case FIR No. 166/2024 U/S 331(4)/ 305 BNS was registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and investigation started. During the course of investigation, a Police team headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana after relentless efforts and meticulous investigation utilizing CCTV footage and other technical aids, successfully apprehended the accused namely Deepak Kumar @Bodha S/O Darshan Lal R/oReshanGhar Colony Rajiv Basti, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case.

## Un-identified male body found

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JAMMU: An un-identified male dead body found at Railway Station Jammu. On 04.01.2025, at about 1530 hours, dead body of one unknown male age about

55/60 was found in train No. 12413-Pooja Express (coach No. NR-163414-C) at washing line Railway Station Jammu. The dead body of the said deceased was shifted to mortuary room of GMC Jammu for postmortem/identification. The body is of age About 55/60 years; Height: 5' 6" Approx; Colour-Wheatish and appearance-wearing Red Jacket, Brown pant and chappel. Anybody having any clue about the identity/residential particulars of the said deceased may contact GRP Jammu on Telephone Nos.0191-2474946 and/or Mobile No. 6005784806 and PCR GRP Jammu Helpline No. 1512.

## Notorious drug peddler arrested, Contraband substance recovered

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PULWAMA: Continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Pulwama have arrested a notorious drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A Police team of Police Post Newa during patrolling at Wurwan arrested a drug peddler identified as Mudasar Ahmed Bhat son of Gh Mohi-ud-Din Bhat resident of Parigam. During search, 5 grams of Heroin was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 04/25 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation has been initiated.

# DC inspects Water Supply Station in Poonch town

### STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Monday undertook a comprehensive inspection of the Jal Shakti Water Supply Station Poonch town and Kamsar, focusing on the functionality of water distribution systems and the provision of clean drinking water to residents.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner evaluated the operational status of pipes and service reservoirs (SR Tanks), stressing the importance of delivering water directly to every household in the region.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the water testing laboratory, directing Jal Shakti Department officials to conduct rigorous quality testing of drinking water. This initiative aligns with



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal inspecting water supply station.

the ongoing efforts under the Jal Jeevan Mission, aimed at ensuring that all drinking water adheres to essential safety standards.

The Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti provided the Deputy Commissioner with a detailed briefing on the status of water service schemes in the region, including the number of

households receiving tap water.

Following the briefing, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for a continuous, round-the-clock water supply. He instructed the Executive Engineer to ensure that there are no complaints or concerns from the public regarding water availability.

## Ajaz Jan conducts three-day tour to snow-bound areas, assess people's problems

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POONCH: Ajaz Jan, Senior National Conference (NC) leader and MLA Haveli Assembly constituency in district Poonch, conducted an extensive three-day tour of snow-bound areas in Mandi, Sawjian Sector, Loran, and other affected regions to assess the situation and oversee the restoration of essential services disrupted by heavy snowfall.

During his visit, Ajaz Jan ensured that priority was given to restoring power supply and providing relief to residents grappling with the challenges posed by extreme weather conditions. Highlighting the commitment of the present National Conference government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Jan reiterated that the administration is dedicated to alleviating public hardships and ensuring swift action during such crises.

The MLA expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner of Poonch and the Indian Army for their prompt support in extending assistance to the affected



MLA Ajaz Jan inspecting snow clearance operations.

population. Their coordinated efforts have been instrumental in providing relief and mitigating the impact of the snowfall.

In a move to streamline relief efforts and improve coordination, Ajaz Jan announced the formation of dedicated teams to address the pressing issues faced by people in snow-covered regions. In Mandi Block, the team headed by Abdul Haq Bhat, Bashir Niak, and Abdul Zabbar Tantray. Meanwhile, in Poonch Block, the team comprised of Bag Hussain Rathore, Peer Inayat Bukhari, Issar Khan, Zahoor Khan, Ch. Shabir, Ch. Sofi Qyoom, Mukhtyar Rathore, Jahangir Sagar, Javed Lone, and Ajmal

Khan.

Ajaz Jan said that these teams will serve as a vital link between the people and the administration, ensuring that concerns related to basic amenities such as ration, water, and power are promptly addressed. He emphasized that these efforts reflect the commitment of Omar Abdullah Government in resolving people's issues in challenging times, especially in hilly and remote areas affected by harsh weather conditions.

The MLA assured residents that the Omar government will continue to prioritize infrastructure development and disaster preparedness in snow-bound areas to prevent future disruptions.

## Sakeena Itoo conducts whirlwind tour of South Kashmir, assesses post-snowfall scenario

### STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA/SHOPIAN/KULGAM/ANANTNAG: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Monday undertook a comprehensive tour of South Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian to gather firsthand account of impact of recent snowfall in these districts.

She chaired meetings at each district headquarter and took stock of snow clearance operations, availability of essential commodities, restoration of essential services like water supply and power supply and other public welfare measures.

At Pulwama, Sakeena Itoo inspected district hospital and took stock of medical facilities available for patients. She interacted with on duty doctors and paramedical staff at these hospitals.

The Minister also chaired a meeting at district headquarters Pulwama and took stock of post snowfall scenario in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, senior officers of district administration and other concerned district and sectoral officers were also present in the meeting.



Health Minister Sakeena Itoo during visit to Pulwama hospital.

Later, Sakeena Itoo visited Shopian and chaired a meeting to review snow clearance operations and provision of essential service delivery in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar apprised the Minister of snow clearance plans in place and prompt response of the administration in snow clearance and restoration of power and road connectivity post yesterdays snowfall.

During her visit, the Minister also inspected District Control Room to review its functioning and the grievance redressal mechanism in place for winter mitigation measures.

She also inspected the District Hospital Shopian and reviewed the healthcare facilities. She emphasized on

the augmenting heating arrangements in healthcare institutions across the district.

MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie; MLA Rajpora, Gh.Mohi-ud-din Mir and other senior officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

Afterwards, the Minister visited district Kulgam and took stock of post-snowfall scenario in the district.

She chaired a meeting with the administration of district and reviewed snow clearance operations, availability of essential services and other public welfare measures in the district.

MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroz Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, district and sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

Addressing the officers dur-

ing the meeting, the Minister stressed upon the officers for timely clearance of snow which are blocked due to recent snowfall. She asked them to prioritise roads leading to hospitals and other essential service institutions.

The Minister also called for timely restoration of drinking water supply in affected areas. She directed the concerned officers for regular deployment of drinking water tankers in affected areas till restoration.

During the visit, the Minister also inspected district hospital Kulgam and took stock of medical care facilities. She inspected different sections of the hospital and also interacted with on duty doctors, staff patients and their attendants.

She stressed on the district administration for augmenting heating arrangements in view of the harsh cold.

Later, Sakeena Itoo visited district Anantnag and took stock of post snowfall scenario. She also visited GMC and Associated Hospital Anantnag and took stock of medical care facilities at the facility.

Chairing a meet at district headquarters Anantnag, the Minister called upon the officers of district administration

for timely restoration of all essential services.

While reviewing the snow clearance operations in the district, the Minister delved upon the officers for timely restoration of connectivity in all remote areas. She asked them to prioritise roads leading to hospitals, CHCs and PHCs. She also asked to provide alternative sources of drinking water in affected areas till pipelines are restored.

During the meeting, the Minister said that the government is working round the clock to address the immediate challenges brought about by the heavy snowfall. "Our priority is to ensure that basic services are restored swiftly and that no one is left behind", Sakeena said. She highlighted that the district administrations have been directed to continue their efforts and provide relief in the most effective and timely manner.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, senior officers of district administration and other concerned district and sectoral officers were also present in the meeting.

Pertinently, the tour was held in the backdrop of Chief Minister's direction of moving around the districts to review the situation on the ground.

## KVK Reasi provides Innovative Agri-Solutions to farmers

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) is educating and providing the innovative agri-solutions to farmers.KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrisha Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of KVK Reasi said that KVK is guiding farmers on lemon grass farming and its value addition,



strawberry cultivation with mulching sheets, value addition in floriculture, beekeeping, Kadaknath farming, value addition in mushroom, hydroponics technology,

azolla cultivation as an organic feed for the animals, dragon fruits farming etc. He added that lemongrass, ginger, turmeric, zimikand and floral crops have been

observed as the viable crops especially in the monkey prone areas. He further said that KVK, Reasi scientists are guiding the farmers on agri-entrepreneurship among the rural youths so that the rural migration can be minimized. He said that by the adoption of post-harvest technologies in organic fruits and vegetables new micro-entrepreneurships can be developed in the rural areas. He stressed on the value addition in alovera, turmeric, ginger, aonla, dairy etc. for more farm returns.He narrated that packaging, branding and efficient marketing of agro-products have been emphasized by the KVK.

Dr. Banarsi said that value addition in floriculture can open some new avenues as there is an immense potential in floral products. He stressed on the effective use of drone technology and the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in agricultural sector. He also suggested the organic and natural farming by which the safe food can be produced and nutritional and health status of people can be improved. He narrated that KVK is guiding rural women on nutri-gardens to mitigate the nutritional problem of the families.

## CMO Poonch makes surprise visit of Surankote, Mendhar Blocks

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POONCH: On the directions of District Development Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal Director Health Services Jammu Dr Rakesh Mangotra, Chief Medical Officer Poonch Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan made surprise visit of Block Surankote and Mendhar and checked many institutions in both Block regarding winter preparedness. He also reviewed on spot shifting of pregnant women's residing in snow Bounded areas; chronic patients of CA, patients on Dialysis and suffering from previous cardiac Alignment and also patients of Asthma and COPAD

He also directed staff of institutions for linelisting of these and better health care Facilities to the Patients and also takes



stock of oxygen Generation plants, oxygen cylinders and life saving Drug's in all institutions visited to Ensure Punctuality of staff Round the Clock and Better Health care Facilities to the Patients.

## Shagun Parihar meets with LG, highlights various demands of constituency

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JAMMU: Member of Legislative Assembly from Kishtwar Constituency Shagun Parihar met with LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, Jammu. Shagun Parihar submits a memorandum to LG and discusses in detail the various developmental projects and several pressing demands of the public of their constituency.

MLA Kishtwar demands development of Kishtwar

University Campus & Introduction of New Courses of Social Sciences, Humanities in University Campus along with early completion of pending construction work of campus and its Hostel. Parihar also focuses on availability of essential commodities and free ration in winters to people of far flung areas of Kishtwar; Starting of work on establishment of Saffron Park at earliest, Upgradation of Security Grid and Strengthening of VIDG Members in Kishtwar to monitor and counter anti-national activities. Along with this Parihar also demands to expedite the road construction work of Dachan & Kuntwara. She focuses on completion of road at earliest, so that local people's will get relief. Kishtwar is known for its beautiful landscapes and picturesque locations, to promote tourism in Kishtwar. MLA Kishtwar demands promotion of religious tourism, trekking, adventure

tourism and development of tourism sites and Installation of Gondola Cable Car from Chowgan Kishtwar to Kalamasat to attract tourists.

MLA Kishtwar demands funds for development of religious places Sarthal Mata, Machail Mata, Hudh Mata, Bodh Gompaa at Padder under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to boost religious tourism, immediate shifting and construction of New Bus Stand at Kishtwar to decongest the rush in city. MLA Kishtwar also demands a proper survey and financial assistance, resettlement plan for residents of Kuntwara who are settled in Kandani during the militancy period and Kandani peoples who are affected by project construction. LG Jammu Kashmir Manoj Sinha gives patience hearing to all the demands of MLA and assured the time bound completion of projects and redressal of the various issues of public importance.

## Operation Theatre made functional at CHC Thathri

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DODA: Marking a major milestone towards strengthening local patient care, the Operation Theatre at Community Health Centre Thathri has been made functional with a minor surgery conducted successfully today.

The Surgery was conducted for an ingrowing toe nail of one 60 years old female under Ayushman Bharat PMJAY.

Dr. Bishan Singh Thakur (Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon) Assisted by Haroon OT Technician performed the Surgery, The local Anaesthesia for safe conduct of surgery was also ensured by Dr Bishan Singh Thakur. The patient is recovering well in the ward under the care of the medical team of the hospital.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Main Bazar, Jarai, Parliwand, PHE installations, Main Bazar, Ward No. 4,5, 8,9,10,11& 12,Taraf Sanji, Bhagthali, Court, Jail, PHE installations, Parliwand, Basantpur, Lakhampur Dhanna, Thein and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07, 09 and 11 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Prableh, Humble Mangota and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 07 and 8 from 9 am to 3 pm.

## Pawan Gupta holds meeting with officers of UEED (Sewerage) Department



MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta chairing a meeting.

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UDHAMPUR: MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta held a meeting with the Officers of the UEED (Sewerage) Department and the CEO of the Municipality. The discussion focused on improving the sewerage system in the city and resolving existing issues effectively. Key Highlights of the Meeting were Repair and Expansion of Sewer

Lines; Plans were made to repair old and damaged sewer lines; Proposals were discussed to lay new sewer lines in underdeveloped areas; Improvement of Drainage Systems; Emphasis was placed on resolving waterlogging problems, especially during the rainy season; Regular cleaning and maintenance of drainage channels were discussed; Environmental

Protection; Modern technologies will be adopted to make the sewerage system more eco-friendly; Setting up new treatment plants for efficient waste disposal was proposed; Citizen Services and Convenience; Plans to establish a helpline number and e-governance system to address complaints quickly; Increasing the number of sanitation workers and providing advanced machinery for cleaning operations were also discussed.

Pawan Kumar Gupta assured that the sewerage system will soon be modernized and made more efficient, ensuring that residents do not face any inconvenience.

This meeting marks a positive step towards urban development and raises hope for resolving the city's sewerage issues effectively.

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