

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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NOTICE

My daughter's name has wrongly been written as Janvi Kumari instead of Janvi Devi in her JK Bank Pass Book & in Account bearing A/c No. 1209051110000265. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

Joginder Kumar
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R/o Allah Teh: Arnia, Distt: Jammu

NOTICE

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STATE TIMES

Rajesh Kesri holds awareness meeting on drug menace

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a step to curb the growing threat of drug abuse among youth, Shiv Sena Hindustan, Jammu & Kashmir unit, organized an awareness meeting at Naradani village, Block Palwal. The programme was presided over by Pandit Rajesh Kesri, President, SSH J&K, and witnessed active participation from local leaders, elders, and youth.

Addressing the gathering, Kesri expressed grave concern over the alarming rise in drug trafficking in the region. He alleged that Pakistan-sponsored narcotic terrorism is being carried out through drones dropping drugs in border areas. He further stated that innocent villagers, particularly farmers, are being targeted by drug peddlers

who lure children into addiction by selling small packets of narcotics near schools and playgrounds. Kesri highlighted the serious social consequences of drug abuse, noting an increase in crimes such as theft and burglary, and cases where addicts have even harmed their own family members. He strongly urged parents to remain vigilant about their

children's activities and cautioned against the devastating effects of heroin and other addictive substances. Border President Sanjeev Sharma, Rajkumar, Shyamal, Vinod Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Saurabh Sharma, Seema Devi, Darshana Devi, Anu Devi, Mani Devi, along with dozens of village elders and children were present on the occasion.

Spa owner among two booked for violating verification norms

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Akhnoor Police on Sunday registered FIR against Spa Centre Owner and owner of property for violations of District Magistrate Order in Akhnoor.

Akhnoor Police, while acting firmly against violators of District Magistrate (DM) orders, have registered an FIR at Police Station Akhnoor against a spa centre operating under the name "Colour Relaxing Spa Centre" within the jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor.

The said establishment was found operating without mandatory police verification of its workers/employees, in clear violation of the notifications and orders issued by the District Magistrate, Jammu. As per DM orders, it is mandatory for all residents, property owners, and owners of commercial establishments to furnish complete details of tenants, employees, and workers to the concerned police station for verification.

Accordingly, FIR No. 11/2026 under Section 223 BNS has been registered at Police Station Akhnoor against Jasmeet Singh S/o Jarnail Singh, In/charge/Owner of the Spa Centre, R/O H.No. 1123, Sector-6, Nanak Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The involvement of Tikshan Langer S/o Sh. Parveen Langer, owner of the property where the spa centre was operating, R/o Ward No. 12, Akhnoor, Tehsil Akhnoor, District Jammu, for permitting the operation of the spa centre without ensuring compliance with mandatory police verification norms and the lawful orders of the District Magistrate, Jammu, is also under examination. His role and responsibility are being examined in detail. The entire action was carried out under the leadership of SHO Police Station Akhnoor.

Non compliance with the orders of the District Magistrate and mandatory police verification norms will not be tolerated.

6 dumpers seized for illegal mining

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba, Ramgarh and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Ghagwal and SHO PS Ramgarh while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas have seized six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-6585, JK02BV-2458, JK21B-3737, JK21G-9265, JK08P-5812, JK21G-0372 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.

Bootlegger arrested, illicit liquor recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: District Police Udhampur under the jurisdiction of Police Station Panchari have recovered illicit liquor and booked one person under the Excise Act.

On receiving reliable information that an E-Auto bearing registration number JK14L-3805, coming from Kainthgali towards Panchari, was carrying illicit liquor, a police team from P/S Panchari laid a naka at Domail Chowk.

During checking, the said E-Auto was intercepted and 16 bottles of illicit liquor (750 ml each) were recovered. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Rakesh Kumar S/o Suram Chand R/o Latyar, Tehsil Panchari.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 02/2026 under Section 48(a) Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Panchari, and further investigation is underway.

Two found dead under mysterious circumstances in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An elderly woman among two people found dead under mysterious circumstances in separate incidents within the Jammu region on Sunday, officials said.

Official sources said that a 46-year-old woman, identified as Anju Devi, wife of Yashpal, was found unconscious at her home in the Akhnoor area.

She was immediately transported to the Government Medical College (GMC) in Jammu, where doctors pronounced her dead on arrival.

In a separate incident, an unidentified man, approximately 45 years old, was found unconscious in Lane 4 of the Belicharana locality. He was also rushed to GMC Jammu, where doctors declared him dead.

The bodies of both individuals have been sent for a post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death, sources added.

A police official said that police have initiated inquest proceedings and registered formal cases under relevant legal sections in connection with both deaths.

"A thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding both incidents is now underway," he added.

Unidentified woman's body found

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: A body of an unidentified woman was found near a nallah behind the Government Medical College (GMC) at Janglat Mandi in Anantnag district on

Sunday, officials said.

The body was spotted by locals, who informed the police. A police team reached the spot and took the body into custody, officials said. The body, they said, has been shifted to GMC Anantnag for medico-legal formalities and to establish the identity of the deceased. Police have taken cognisance of the matter and initiated an investigation, the officials added.

Narco smuggler nabbed with more than half kg of Charas

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Tightening its noose against narcotics smuggling, Doda Police, acting on the directions of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, arrested an alleged drug peddler and recovered 578 grams of charas-like narcotic substance from his possession.

A naka and traffic checking point was established at Ganpat Bridge, Doda, by a police team from Police Station Doda, led by the SHO PS Doda and IC Police Post Pull Doda, under the supervision of the DySP Headquarters Doda. During naka checking, the police noticed a suspicious person standing near a shed close to the bridge. On noticing the police party, the individual attempted to flee but was promptly apprehended. His vehicle was also seized.

Upon questioning, the accused was identified as Shrawan Kumar, S/o Narendra Kumar, R/o Chilly Bhalesa, Tehsil Gandoh, District Doda. During his personal search, a white plastic bag was recovered from his possession, which was found to contain 578 grams of a charas-like substance. The accused failed to provide any satisfactory explanation regarding possession of the contraband.

Accordingly, FIR No. 18/2026 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Doda. Further investigation is underway to trace the source of the contraband and identify other individuals involved in the drug trafficking network.

Drug Peddler arrested with Chitta

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu (Rural) Police achieved a significant success under the jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor by arresting a notorious drug peddler and recovering a chitta like narcotic substance during routine patrolling and naka checking at Old Bridge, Akhnoor.

During naka checking, a motorcycle bearing registration number JK02DL-9671, coming from the Ambarain side towards Akhnoor, was noticed by the police party. On noticing the police naka, the motorcyclist attempted to flee from the spot in a suspicious manner, which immediately raised suspicion.

Acting swiftly, the alert police party, headed by PSI Zahid Ahmed Ganai along with other officials of Police Station Akhnoor, successfully apprehended the motorcyclist. Upon questioning, the individual failed to provide any satisfactory explanation for his attempt to flee.

During the personal search of the apprehended person, a chitta like narcotic substance weighing approximately 6 grams was recovered from his possession. On further enquiry, the accused disclosed his identity as Ajay Singh S/o Balbir Singh, R/o Ambarain, Akhnoor.

The recovered contraband was seized on the spot in accordance with due legal procedures in the presence of a Magistrate. In this regard, FIR No. 12/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Akhnoor,



and further investigation has been initiated. The investigation has been entrusted to PSI Rafiq Ahmed Rather of Police Station Akhnoor.

During the course of investigation, police teams are actively working to establish both backward and forward linkages of the seized narcotic substance, including identification of the source of procurement, supply chain, and intended recipients. Raids are being conducted, and further arrests are likely.

Illegal transportation of rice foiled, 750 Kg seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

HANDWARA: In a continued drive against illegal transportation and black marketing of essential commodities, Handwara Police today intercepted a vehicle and seized approximately 750 kilograms of rice being transported illegally.

During routine naka checking at Vilgam, a police party noticed a suspicious vehicle and stopped it for checking. On inspection, the vehicle was found carrying a large quantity of rice without any valid authorization or supporting documents. The driver failed to produce any permit or proof regarding the lawful transportation of the commodity.

Accordingly, the consignment weighing about 750 kg of rice was seized on the spot and the vehicle was taken into custody. FIR has been registered as per relevant sections of law at PS Vilgam, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the source and intended destination of the seized rice.



Notorious drug peddler arrested ; 1.6 Kg heroin recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Sunday said that in its sustained drive against drug trafficking and in furtherance of its commitment to eradicate the menace of narcotics from society, Srinagar Police achieved a major breakthrough by arresting a notorious drug peddler and recovering a huge quantity of heroin from his possession.

In a handout to the police said that a Police team from Police Station Khanyar, during routine checking at Munwarabad near the Sewage Treatment Plant, apprehended a suspicious individual. Upon conducting a search, two packets of heroin weighing approximately 1.6 kilograms were recovered from his bag.

During the course of investigation, the accused disclosed his identity as Fayaz Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Hussain Dar, resident of Ichgam, Budgam.

Accordingly, FIR No. 04/2026 under Sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Khanyar. The accused has been arrested and further investigation is in progress to ascertain the source and network involved in the trafficking of narcotics.



Woman found tied inside plastic bag in Rajouri; police launch probe

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 45-year-old woman was found tied with a rope inside a plastic bag in Rajouri district late Sunday, police said.

The woman, Azeem Akhtar, was freed and rushed to the GMC Hospital in a serious condition, they said.

The bag was spotted by some locals in an isolated stretch in the district's Tandalwala area. The police are waiting for Akhtar to get better and give her statement.

Modi to launch NDA's TN campaign on Jan 23

STATE TIMES NEWS

CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will kickstart the NDA campaign for the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections from Madurantakam near here on January 23, BJP legislative party leader Nainar Nagenthran announced on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters here, Nagenthran said the prime minister would address a massive public gathering in the afternoon to signal the start of the NDA's electoral battle against the incumbent DMK government.

"On January 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the NDA campaign in Madurantakam. He will participate in the meeting to send home the anti-people DMK government currently ruling Tamil Nadu," Nagenthran said.

Responding to persistent queries regarding the final list of alliance partners - specifically the inclusion of T T V Dhinakaran's AMMK, O Panneerselvam (OPS), and the DMDK - Nagenthran maintained a silence on names but promised a show of strength.

"You can see that on the stage on January 23," he said when asked if Dhinakaran would join.

He further confirmed that "all leaders will find a place on the stage" during the PM's visit. Addressing the war of words between the DMK and AIADMK regarding "copied" election promises, Nagenthran defended the autonomy of the manifestos.

The DMK has recently alleged that the AIADMK's promise of increased monthly financial aid for women was a "photo-copy" of their own scheme.

"That cannot be said (as a copy). EPS had already promised Rs 1,500 in the last election. Now they have increased it by Rs 500

and announced Rs 2,000. We cannot call it a copy just because they mentioned it in their manifesto," Nagenthran said, adding that "a massive change is going to happen in the minds of the people."

Nagenthran also moved to dispel reports that the Union Ministry of Defence had rejected the proposed Hosur International Airport project.

"Permission has not been denied anywhere. They have only asked for certain clarifications. It would not be right to immediately label it a rejection," he clarified.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader Tamilisai Soundararajan said the PM's visit will be the start of the BJP's victory in 2026.

Addressing reporters here, the former Telangana Governor said: "People have great expectations from the NDA."

Responding to the DMK's "copycat" allegations against the ADMK's election promises, the BJP leader said the DMK was the "biggest copycat" in the country.

She defended the expansion of welfare schemes, stating, "When a new government takes over, it is only fair to expand existing schemes for the people's benefit, rather than abruptly stopping them as the DMK did with the 'Gold for Thali' scheme."

Soundararajan also predicted a fallout between the DMK and Congress.

"In 1967, it was the DMK that finished the Congress in Tamil Nadu. Today, they have joined hands only to finish each other off. Their alliance partners, including the VCK and Communists, are suffocating," she claimed.

Soundararajan further stated that she would be travelling to Delhi to join the BJP state delegates for a national meeting.

BJP Minority Morcha hails Modi's Khelo India initiative as game-changer for rural youth

STATE TIMES NEWS

ARNIA: In a spirited display of sportsmanship and community engagement, the BJP Minority Morcha Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of its UT President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, organised a grand Volleyball Tournament at Tamala, Arnia.

The event aimed at promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and a drug-free society among the youth of the border region.

The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from local teams and drew a large crowd of spectators.

The final match, played between Tangali Sai and Pindi Kathar, turned out to be an intense and closely contested encounter. Led by Captain Anreek Singh, the Tangali Sai team showcased exceptional skill and coordination to lift the championship trophy. The Pindi Kathar team, captained by Aman, displayed remarkable resilience and finished as the runners-up, earning appreciation from all present. The event was graced by Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, who attended as the Chief Guest



Dignitaries along with winner team during the match.

and encouraged the youth to actively engage in sports.

In his address, he said, "Sports play a crucial role in shaping disciplined, confident, and responsible citizens. Initiatives like this not only nurture talent but also steer young minds away from destructive habits like drug abuse. The youth of Arnia have immense potential, and it is our duty to provide them with the right opportunities."

Speaking on the occasion, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa emphasised the importance

of physical fitness and character-building through sports.

Quoting Swami Vivekananda, he stated, "My young men, be strong; religion comes afterward. You will be nearer to heaven through football than through the study of the Gita, because the Gita is difficult to understand by a weak mind. Only a healthy mind can truly comprehend it, as it is rightly said that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body." He further added that sports are a pow-

erful tool to build discipline, unity, and national spirit among youth.

Ranjodh Singh Nalwa also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary Khelo India initiative, stating that it has revolutionised the sports ecosystem of the country by providing young athletes with world-class facilities, financial support, and national-level exposure.

He said that before Khelo India, many talented rural and border-area players remained unnoticed, but

today they have a strong platform to showcase their abilities.

Nalwa emphasised that Modi's focus on sports is not just about winning medals, but about building discipline, confidence, and a healthy society, making India stronger both physically and mentally.

The tournament was meticulously organised by Tableen Boparai, State Spokesperson of BJP Minority Morcha, who ensured smooth coordination and successful execution of the event.

Prominent leaders present included Rinku Choudhary, District President R.S. Pura; Advocate Jasmeet Kour Pandey and S. Dharamjit Singh, State General Secretaries (Minority Morcha); Gurdeep Singh, District President R.S. Pura Border (Minority Morcha); and Sunil Shastri, Seh Prabhari Jammu North.

The event concluded with the distribution of trophies and certificates to the winners and participants, reinforcing the spirit of sportsmanship and community bonding.