

Illicit liquor seized, accused apprehended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Doda Police recovered a consignment of illicit liquor and apprehended one person during a routine traffic checking operation at Kandari Nallah, Assar, on 22.01.2026.
The accused has been identified as Slinder Singh S/O Munshi Ram R/o Kakala Kharounti, Bulandpur, Tehsil Assar. During checking, police recovered 26 quarters of illicit liquor (375 ml each) from his possession, allegedly meant for illegal sale. Accordingly, FIR No. 02/2026 U/S 48(a) Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Assar, and investigation into the case is underway.

Four booked for violating tenant verification orders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: District Police Reasi has registered four separate FIRs under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against four property owners for violating the mandatory tenant verification orders issued by the SDM Katra.
During routine checks, it came to notice that the following individuals had rented out their accommodations without mandatory police tenant verification, thereby acting in contravention of the orders promulgated by the SDM Katra, the violators were Sanjeev Kumar S/O Bansil Lal, R/o Keshav Nagar, Katra; Parkash Chand S/O Ram Ditta, House No. 22, Ward No. 11, Arli Hansali; Sham Lal S/O Panti, Ward No. 9, Peer Baba Street, Matyal and Subash Chander @ Somu, Secretary S/O Late Thakur Das, House No. 13, Ward No. 09, Keshav Nagar, Tehsil Katra, District Reasi.
Accordingly, Case FIR Nos. 33/2026, 34/2026, 35/2026 and 36/2026, each U/S 223 BNS, have been registered at Police



Bovines smuggling bid foiled; 25 bovines rescued & 3 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Tightening the noose of bovine smugglers within the district, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma-IPS, rescued a total of 25 bovines from NIW PS Lakhanpur & PS Rajbagh area and seized 03 vehicles involved.
In the first instance, On dated 22.01.2026 a police team of PS Lakhanpur led by SHO P/S Lakhanpur Insp. Tariq Ahmed under the guidance of Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Charak & DySP DAR Kathua Ritesh Sanyal during naka/ checking noticed the movement of one suspicious vehicle (Bulkier) bearing Reg.No. PB35Q-9230 driven by an unknown person enroute from Lakhanpur side towards Srinagar was signalled to stop for checking. During checking of the vehicle, total 15 Bovines (15 Cows) were found loaded in the vehicles mercifully which were rescued and 01 vehicle seized on spot. On this, an instant case FIR No. 08/2026 U/S 223/BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at P/S Lakhanpur while further investigation into this matter has been set into motion.
In the second instance, On dated 22.01.2026 & 23.01.26 police teams led by SHO P/S Rajbagh Insp. Ajay Singh Chib assisted by IC PP Marheen & IC PP Chadval under the guidance of SP Ops Kathua Sh. Mukund Tibrewal IPS & SDPO Border Sh. Dheeraj Katoch JKPS during naka/ checking in its jurisdictional areas noticed the movement of two suspicious vehicles i.e. (Mahindra Pick Up bearing Reg.No. PB07BX-3253 & JK08J-2433) driven by two unknown persons enroute from Punjab towards Srinagar J&K were signalled to stop for checking. During checking of the both the vehicles, total 10 Bovines i.e. (05 Bovines in each vehicle) were found loaded in the vehicles mercifully which were rescued and 02 vehicles seized on spot. On this, two instant cases vide FIR No. 16/2026 & 18/2026 U/S 223/BNS, 11 PCA Act have been registered at P/S Rajbagh while further investigation into this matter has been set into motion. Thus, overall 25 Bovines rescued, and 03 vehicles were seized in all the three incidents while further investigation is underway.

Police Poonch ensures safe movement of pilgrims amid snowfall on Basant Panchami

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: On the eve of Basant Panchami, a large number of pilgrims from Rajouri, Poonch, and Jammu arrived at the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Mandir, Mandi to participate in the religious celebrations. Due to heavy snowfall in the region, roads leading to the shrine were temporarily closed, resulting in traffic congestion and inconvenience to pilgrims.
Taking swift action, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Poonch, Shri Mohan Lal, visited the spot and personally supervised traffic management and clearance operations. Under his direction, police teams worked efficiently to clear the heavy traffic jam and restore smooth vehicular movement, ensuring the safe and hassle-free travel of pilgrims.
Meanwhile, District Police Poonch continues to assist stranded passengers and vehicles across various snow-affected areas of the district. Police personnel remain deployed at vulnerable stretches, providing on-ground assistance, guidance, and relief to commuters amid harsh weather conditions.
ASP Poonch actively monitored and assisted rescue efforts at multiple locations, ensuring timely intervention and safe passage for vehicles and passengers affected by snowfall. The prompt and dedicated response by the police teams helped maintain public safety and ensured uninterrupted movement despite challenging weather conditions.



Jammu Div of Northern Railway signs MoU with AWPO to recruit retired soldiers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu Division of Northern Railway signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Army Welfare Placement Organisation on Friday to provide employment opportunities to retired soldiers, an official said.
Divisional Railway Manager, Jammu, Vivek Kumar, said the decision was taken with the objective of enhancing safety in railway operations by utilising the high discipline and experience of ex-servicemen and providing them with rehabilitation opportunities.
"This successful endeavour will improve the safety and security of railway operations. Indian Railways has previously entered into agreements with AWPO (Army Welfare Placement Organisation) in several other divisions for the appointment of pointsmen," he said.
As part of the agreement, 30 ex-servicemen will be recruited for the post of pointsmen in the Jammu Division, the officials said. Shortage of pointsmen in the operations department was hindering the workflow. This agreement would be valid from January 2026 to December 2028, the officials said.
Meanwhile, the Divisional Railway Manager lauded the railway employees on the Baramulla-Budgam-Banihal section in Kashmir for their dedication and commendable efforts in ensuring uninterrupted rail operations despite heavy snowfall and cold wave conditions on Friday.
"In this challenging terrain, track maintainers and pointsmen are working with complete commitment to clear snow from the tracks, yards, railway stations, and crossings. Despite the biting cold, these employees are ensuring that there are no disruptions to the tracks due to snow and that train operations continue uninterrupted, allowing passengers to reach their destinations safely," he said.

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Sub: Public Notice regarding Traffic Restrictions for Republic Day-2026.

On the eve of Republic Day 2026, the main function is to be celebrated at MA Stadium Jammu. The following traffic parking arrangements are put in place for the convenience of general public, participants and invitees.

1. PARKING SLOTS AVAILABLE.

The following 29 Parking slots have been earmarked in connection with the Republic Day celebration.

S.No	Parking Locations	Entry
1.	M.A Stadium (VIP only)	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
2.	Jammu Club	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
3.	Near Water Pump Opp. Jammu Club	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
4.	Peer Baba Ground G.G.M. Science College	Back gate of GGM Science College
5.	Hockey Ground G.G.M. Science College	GGM Science College
6.	Cricketer Ground G.G.M. Science College	GGM Science College
7.	Kabaddi ground	Main Entrance Gate M.A Stadium Jammu
8.	Commerce College ground	Canal Road
9.	Old Campus Jammu University	Canal Road
10.	Gurdwara Bibi Chand Kour Parking	Opposite National Furnishing
11.	Abhinav Theatre Jammu (Cultural Academy)	--
12.	New JDA Parking Bus Stand	--
13.	Convention Centre canal road	--
14.	Palm island Parking	--
15.	SRTC Yard Bikram Chowk	--
16.	Kala Kendra Bikram Chowk	--
17.	Dry Fruit Mandi Parking Jewel (for Escorts Only)	--
18.	JDA Parking Opp. Jewel Cinema (for Escorts Only)	--
19.	One tube from Gurudwara Bibi Chand Kour towards Vivekananda chowk.	--
20.	Dogra Chowk to Shaheed Bhagat Singh chowk	--
21.	JDA Parking (Near Early Times Office)	--
22.	Tawi River Front Right Bank	--

S.No	Parking Locations	Entry
23.	One tube from JDA parking to Samadi Cut	General Parking (Non-pass holders)
24.	Ranbir Market Parking, Indira chowk	-do-
25.	JDA Parking, 4 th Tawi Bridge near Banda Bahadur Chowk	-do-
26.	Govt. Polytechnic College Bikram Chowk	-do-
27.	Govt. Women College Gandhi Nagar	-do-
28.	MAM College	-do-
29.	Tawi River Front Left Bank	-do-

2. PARKING SLOTS FOR PASS HOLDERS: -

General Instructions: -

- All the Pass holders shall enter to their respective parking slots earmarked for them by Civil Administration and get their vehicles parked accordingly in the allotted parking Slot.
- Car passes shall be pasted on the windscreen of the vehicles to get entry as per the allotted parking pass on first come first park basis.
- No other parking slot /short cut approach towards the allotted parking slot shall be allowed to avoid last moment confusion.

S.No	Parking Slot	To be used by	Remarks
1.	GGM Science College (Peer Baba Ground Parking)	Parade Contingents/Cultural Participants Parking	All vehicles carrying Parade Contingents/ Participants shall enter from the rear gate of Science College and park their vehicles at Peer Baba Ground near Boys Hostel GGM Science College accordingly.
2.	Old University Campus	Army / Para Military Vehicles Carrying Families	All Army / Para Military Vehicles Carrying Families shall park their vehicles inside Old University Campus and enter the Venue from Commerce College Boys Hostel Gate.
3.	Dry Fruit Mandi parking area	Escort Vehicles	1. All Protection/ Escort Vehicles shall be peeled off at Jewel Chowk and shall park their vehicles in Dry Fruit Mandi parking area/ JDA Parking Slot Jewel in an orderly manner. 2. The PSOs/ drivers of the Escort vehicles shall remain available/present in their respective vehicles.
4.	JDA Parking Jewel Chowk	-do-	-do-

3. PARKING FOR OFFICERS/ OFFICIALS DEPLOYED FOR REPUBLIC DAY(WITH PASSES) DUTIES: -

All vehicles of Officers/ Officials coming for Duty inside M.A Stadium Jammu as well as around the stadium shall park their vehicles at Gurudwara Bibi Chand Kour Parking and shall not park their vehicles anywhere on roadside.

4. PARKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC (WITHOUT PASSES.)

The following Parking slots have been earmarked for general public(without passes) in connection with the Republic Day celebration.

S.No	Parking Locations	Jurisdictions
1.	One tube from JDA parking to Samadi Cut	Vehicles of North
2.	Ranbir Market Parking, Indira chowk	-do-
3.	JDA Parking, 4 th Tawi Bridge near Banda Bahadur Chowk	-do-
4.	Govt. Polytechnic College Bikram Chowk	Vehicles of South
5.	Govt. Women College Gandhi Nagar	-do-
6.	MAM College	-do-
7.	Tawi River Front Left Bank	-do-

No Vehicle carrying General Public (without Passes) shall be allowed beyond the Cut-off points mentioned below towards Venue

- Bikram Chowk
- Canal Head
- Indira Chowk
- Shakuntala Crossing

However, they shall be guided by the Traffic Police Personnel deployed for duty regarding the general parking mentioned above to be used.

5. RESTRICTED AREAS

- Fly Over stretch from Green Belt Park to Vigilance Rotary via Bikram Chowk (both Tubes).
- Tawi Bridge
- Dogra Chowk to J.P Chowk
- Bhagat Singh Chowk to Jewel Chowk.

6. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS / DIVERSIONS.

- All Vehicles carrying students (spectators) coming from Akhnoor/Talab Tillo side shall be diverted from Bakshi Nagar Pulli towards Maheshpora- Shakuntala Crossing - B.C Road - Bus Stand - Jewel Chowk - Dogra Chowk and shall be parked at JDA Parking near Early Times Office. Similarly, the vehicles carrying students coming from Janipur, Old City, Nagrota side shall reach Shakuntala Crossing and will follow the same route.
- All Buses/ Vehicles carrying students (Spectators), coming from South Jammu towards the Venue, shall divert from Mandir Masjid point towards Right Bank Tawi River Front Parking and shall deboard the students there and park vehicles there only.
- All the PSVs/ Buses/ Mini Buses operating from Kathua, Samba, Bari Brahmanna, Srinagar, Udhampur, Katra, Doda, Banihal, Rajouri, Poonch, R.S Pura, Miran Sahib, Bishnah, Gangyal, Mandal Phallian shall be diverted accordingly on alternate routes viz. Kunjwani Chowk, TCP Nagrota, Narwal, Bagh-e-Bahu Crossing, Satwari Chowk, Main Stop Gandhi Nagar, Asia Crossing via 4th Tawi Bridge, Bhagwati Nagar Rotary, Bakshi Nagar, Canal Head during the celebration of National Function.
- During the celebration of the National festival till conclusion of the functions, strict diversions shall be enforced on ground. However, emergency Vehicles shall be allowed.
- For the convenient movement of general public, Gujjar Nagar Bridge, Sidhra Bridge and 4th Tawi Bridge Bhagwati Nagar are kept free from restrictions but shall follow the diversions put in place.
- General Public planning to go from City North towards Railway Station/Airport / South side of Jammu City shall opt the following routes during the restriction period: -
 - Indira Chowk - J.P Chowk - Vivekananda Chowk - Gujjar Nagar Bridge and further towards the destination.
 - Pantirthi to Circular Road towards Gujjar Nagar Bridge and vice versa. Same routes can be adopted by people willing to go from South to North side.
 - Moreover, people who intend to go Akhnoor, Talab Tillo, Paloura etc shall adopt 4th Tawi Bridge via Bhagwati Nagar/ Canal head.

Keeping in view the proposed restrictions/diversions, the public in general is requested to co-operate with the Traffic Police/Local Police and plan their travel accordingly to reach their destinations. Inconvenience to General Public is regretted. For any traffic related assistance people can contact us on the following numbers: -

TCU Jammu: 0191-2459048
Whats-App : 94191-47732
Toll Free : 103

Note: - Similar arrangements shall be put in place for Full Dress Rehearsal on 24.01.2026.
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Subject: Conduct of J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination 2025- Disposal of the Objections received against the Provisional Answer Key(s) and issuance of Final Answer Key(s) thereof.

Reference: Rule 10 (d) to 10 (f) of the J&K Public Service Commission (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022.

Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/05 Dated: 22.01.2026

- Whereas, the J&K Public Service Commission conducted the **J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination 2025, on 07.12.2025; and**
- Whereas, the Provisional Answer Key(s) were notified and uploaded on the official website of the Commission for information of the candidates vide Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2025/66 dated 07.12.2025, inter-alia notifying that, if any candidate feels that the key(s) to any of the question(s) are wrong/incorrect, he/she may prefer objection on the prescribed proforma to the Controller of Examinations within a period of three days from the date of the said notification along with documentary proof /evidence and a fee of Rs.500/- per question; and
- Whereas, in response to the said notification, objections were received by the J&K Public Service Commission against the Provisional Answer Key(s); and
- Whereas, all the objections were referred to the Experts as envisaged in Rule 10 (d) of the J&K Public Service Commission (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022, as amended from time to time, for Expert opinion; and
- Whereas, the Experts have recommended changes in the Provisional Answer Key(s) in respect of the said papers;

Now, therefore, in view of the above and on the basis of opinion of the Experts, it is hereby notified that:-

- The changes recommended by the Experts are hereby adopted and the Final Answer Key(s) are annexed to this notification as **Annexure A and B** in respect of **General Studies-I and General Studies-II** respectively. In terms of Rule 10 (d) of the J&K Public Service Commission (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022 as amended upto date, the marks allocated to the deleted questions shall be individually added to the marks secured by the individual candidates to ensure that the mark(s) allocated for the question paper as a whole remain unchanged, at the time of calculation/compilation of award sheet before the declaration of the result;
- The amount deposited @ Rs 500/- per question is also hereby released in respect of genuine/correct representations and same shall be transferred through RTGS to individual account of candidates.

Sd/-
(Sachin Jamwal) JKAS
Controller of Examinations
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ANNEXURE A
To Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/05 Dated: 22.01.2026
General Studies - I

Q.No.	SERIES A	Q.No.	SERIES A	Q.No.	SERIES A
1	Delete	35	A	69	D
2	C	36	B	70	C
3	B	37	B	71	B
4	A	38	B	72	D
5	B	39	A	73	D
6	D	40	C	74	C
7	B	41	A	75	D
8	A	42	B	76	A
9	B	43	D	77	B
10	A	44	C	78	B
11	A	45	C	79	A
12	D	46	C	80	C
13	A	47	C	81	D
14	A	48	D	82	C
15	Delete	49	Delete	83	A
16	D	50	A	84	B
17	C	51	D	85	B
18	B	52	A	86	B
19	D	53	C	87	A
20	A	54	A	88	Delete
21	B	55	B	89	A
22	D	56	B	90	B
23	B	57	A	91	A
24	A	58	A	92	B
25	A	59	D	93	A
26	B	60	C	94	B
27	D	61	A	95	B
28	D	62	C	96	D
29	A	63	C	97	A
30	D	64	B	98	A
31	B	65	Delete	99	A
32	C	66	A	100	B
33	D	67	A		
34	A	68	C		

ANNEXURE B
To Notification No. PSC/Exam/S/2026/05 Dated: 22.01.2026
General Studies - II

Q.No.	SERIES A	Q.No.	SERIES A	Q.No.	SERIES A
1	B	35	B	69	B
2	B	36	C	70	D
3	B	37	C	71	A
4	B	38	C	72	C
5	B	39	A	73	B
6	B	40	B	74	B
7	C	41	B	75	C
8	A	42	B	76	D
9	B	43	C	77	B
10	A	44	A	78	B
11	B	45	B	79	D
12	B	46	B	80	C
13	B	47	B	81	C
14	B	48	D	82	A
15	B	49	A	83	C
16	B	50	C	84	B
17	B	51	B	85	A
18	A	52	B	86	B
19	B	53	A	87	B
20	B	54	B	88	C
21	B	55	B	89	B
22	B	56	D	90	A
23	B	57	D	91	C
24	B	58	C	92	B
25	A	59	C	93	C
26	A	60	C	94	A
27	A	61	D	95	D
28	B	62	C	96	A
29	B	63	A	97	B
30	A	64	A	98	A
31	D	65	D	99	D
32	B	66	B	100	B
33	B	67	A		
34	B	68	D		