

Drug peddler arrested; narcotics & weapon recovered

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JAMMU: In continuation of its sustained drive against drug trafficking and criminal activities in South Zone under the supervision of SP South and SDPO South, Police Station Satwari, during routine patrolling, apprehended one person at Dashmesh Nagar Park near MBS College and recovered narcotic substance along with a sharp-edged weapon.

During checking, the apprehended person was identified as Sanjay Mishra S/o Raju Mishra R/o H.No. 404, Jawahar Nagar, Narwal Pain, Satwari, District Jammu. On search, the following items were recovered from his possession Alprazolam Tablets I.P. 0.5 mg - 975 tablets; Dicyclomine, Tramadol HCL & Acetaminophen Capsules - 264 capsules, One sharp-edged toka and Cash amounting to Rs. 2,630.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 06/2026 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act and 4/25 Arms Act has been registered at Police Station Satwari, and investigation has been entrusted to PSI Ajaz Ahmed Shah of the said police station.

Missing lady traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced a missing woman and



reunited her with family.

An information was received at Police Station Domana regarding a missing lady (name withheld), resident of Jammu. Accordingly, a missing report was entered at Police Station Domana on 24/10/2025.

Acting swiftly on the report, a police team of Police Station Domana, led by SHO PS Domana, made strenuous efforts and, with the help of technical assistance and human intelligence, successfully traced the missing lady.

After completing all legal formalities, the lady was safely handed over to her legal heirs, and the missing report was accordingly closed.

The general public has appreciated the prompt and sincere action of Jammu Police in tracing the missing lady and reuniting her with her family.

Bovine smuggling bids foiled; 11 bovines rescued

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JAMMU: Continuing its sustained crackdown against bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu (Rural) Police foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the Sidhra area.

A police party from Police Post Sidhra, during naka checking at Sidhra Bridge, intercepted a Mahindra vehicle bearing registration No. JK19A-5734. During checking, four bovines were found being transported illegally in a cruel manner.

The animals were rescued safely, while the driver identified as Abdul Razaq Kisana, S/o Mahmood Ahmad Kisana, R/o Anantnag was taken into custody. The vehicle involved in the offence was seized.

Accordingly, FIR No. 01/2026 under Sections 223 BNS and 11 of the PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Nagrota. Further investigation is underway.

Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station

Samba, rescued seven (07) bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle.

A Police team of Police Post Mansar of PS Samba during special naka on Surinsar road, intercepted an auto load carrier bearing registration number JK14K-2031 for its checking. During checking, seven bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and shifted to a safer place. The vehicle used in illegal transportation of bovines has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 10/2026 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband recovered

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SHOPIAN: As a part of its sustained efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police in Shopian have arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A Police team of Police Station Shopian at a checkpoint established at Nadigam Junction, intercepted a suspicious person. He has been identified as Gh Mohi-ud-Din Mochi resident of Nadigam. During search, charas like substance weighing approximately 495 grams were recovered from his possession.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 02/2026 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Shopian and investigation has been initiated.

J&K Police reiterate its commitment to maintaining a drug-

free society and appeals to the general public to cooperate in this noble mission. Citizens are requested to share any information regarding drug abuse or peddling to the nearest police establishment.

Lady found dead in Bemina, probe taken-up

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SRINAGAR: A lady was found dead under mysterious circumstances in her rented room in the Bemina area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Sunday, officials said.

As per details, a lady, who was living as a tenant in a house at Sir Syedabad, Bemina, was found dead this morning.

He said the lady was found lying unconscious inside her room and was later declared dead by doctors.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and launched an investigation to ascertain the cause of death. The deceased has been identified as Saima Rajab, daughter of Mohd Rajab, a resident of Naidkhai Sonawari.

Four Kerala tourists injured in Awantipora road accident, hospitalized

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SRINAGAR: Four tourists from Kerala were injured in a road accident at Barsoor area of Awantipora in south Kashmir on Sunday morning.

Officials told that injured persons were travelling in a passenger vehicle when it was allegedly hit by an unidentified truck at Barsoor, Awantipora, resulting in multiple injuries to the occupants.

The injured were subsequently shifted to SMHS Hospital Srinagar for treatment after being referred from SDH Srinagar. All injured are residents of Kerala, they said adding that all the injured are currently in stable condition while cognizance of the incident has been taken and further investigation initiated.

Nagar Kirtan taken out in Akhnoor, MLA Mohan Lal joins

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AKHNOOR: On the auspicious occasion of the Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, Akhnoor witnessed a grand display of devotion, peace and communal harmony with the organisation of a magnificent Nagar Kirtan. The sacred procession was organised under the presidency of District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Joint Secretary Akhnoor, S. Ranvir Singh, and was ceremonially flagged off by MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal, by offering garlands to the Panj Pyare and showing the holy flag.

The Nagar Kirtan commenced from Daskal and passed through Nirdosh Chowk, Radhe Chowk and



MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal joining the Nagar Kirtan at Akhnoor.

the Bus Stand before culminating at Sant Baba Sundar Singh Gurdwara, Akhnoor. The entire town resonated with the divine recitation of Gurbani and Shabad Kirtan, creating a spiritually charged and peaceful atmosphere.

Along the procession route, several Langars were organised at different locations by prominent citizens and social organisations of Akhnoor. A large number of devotees and people from various communities participated

and partook in the Langar, reflecting the true spirit of sewa, equality and brotherhood. Sikh youths also showcased traditional Gatka performances, which drew widespread appreciation from the gathering. Religious discourses were delivered at Nirdosh Chowk, highlighting the teachings of the Guru.

Addressing the gathering, DGPC Joint Secretary S. Ranvir Singh stated that such religious programmes inspire society to rise above differences and promote peace, harmony and mutual respect among all communities.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Akhnoor Shri Mohan Lal said that the life of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj stands as a symbol of sacrifice, courage and the protection of humanity. He added that the Guru's teachings continue to inspire people to stand against injustice, uphold equality and adopt selfless service as a way of life. The MLA emphasized that events like Nagar Kirtan play a vital role in strengthening social unity, brotherhood and harmony.

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Labour Deptt Poonch conducts awareness camp on new Labour codes

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POONCH: The Labour Department, Poonch today organized an awareness camp at Boys Higher Secondary School Poonch to educate shopkeepers and members of the Beopar Mandal about the recently implemented Labour Codes and various welfare schemes of the department.

During the programme, Labour Inspector Ravinder Singh delivered an informative lecture highlighting the salient features of the new Labour Codes. He explained the benefits, compliance requirements, and welfare provisions aimed at ensuring the social and economic securi-



Official educating participants at Poonch.

ty of workers. He also briefed the participants about different labour welfare schemes and urged all eligible beneficiaries to register and avail themselves of the available benefits. The participating shop-

keepers and representatives of the Beopar Mandal expressed gratitude to the Labour Department for organizing the awareness programme and acknowledged its role in enhancing understanding of labour rights and responsibilities.

SWD distributes blankets among needy

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POONCH: In view of the prevailing harsh winter conditions, the Department of Social Welfare, Poonch organized a winter relief drive and distributed blankets among underprivileged slum dwellers (Juggi walas) in various parts of the town. The initiative aimed at providing immediate relief to poor and downtrodden families who are most vulnerable during the severe cold season. Blankets were distributed to ensure warmth and basic protection against the biting winter chill. The programme was conducted under the supervision of the District Social Welfare Officer, Poonch, Khalil A Banday. AGMO Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Shri Charan Kamal Singh was also present on the occasion. Officers and staff of the Department of Social Welfare actively participated and extended full cooperation during the distribution process. The beneficiaries appreciated the humanitarian effort of the department. The Department of Social Welfare, Poonch continues to undertake welfare oriented initiatives to support marginalized and needy sections of society, especially during adverse weather conditions.



Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees, Workers raises long-pending demands

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association today held a protest at the PHE Complex, Udhampur, under the chairmanship of Mr. Som Nath, District President and Senior Trade Union Leader, Jammu Province, to highlight the long-pending genuine demands of PHE daily wage workers.

Addressing the gathering, Som Nath emphasized that the issues of PHE daily wagers require early resolution. He stated that a five-member committee headed by the Chief Secretary was constituted to examine these matters and submit its report within six months, but the report is still awaited. He stressed that concerns such as pending wages, implementation of the Minimum Wages Act, and shortage of staff need urgent attention.



The Association highlighted the following major demands during the protest which include CP/ITI/Land Case Workers who have completed 7 years of service should be regularized as per SRO-64, after fulfilling all required formalities. All pending service records should be completed so that workers receive wages without delay. A clear and time-bound regularization policy should be framed.

Daily wage workers have pending wages for 65-70 months (2014-2020). The Association demanded immediate clearance of all pending wages, including dues of retired workers, and timely release of wages in the future.

Minimum wages should be paid strictly as per the Minimum Wages Act and applicable government orders. The Association demanded enhancement of daily wage rates and uni-

form implementation so that workers receive fair wages in line with other Union Territories.

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Senior leaders who addressed the gathering included Suraj Parkash, Vijay Sharma, Dinesh Kesar, Shanker Singh, Mahinder Singh, Karan Singh, Prem Singh, Sandokh Ram, and Tilak Raj Katoch, among others.

GCW Udhampur hold Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Shlokas recitation programme

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Sanskrit of Government Degree College for Women, Udhampur organized a programme on recitation and chanting of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita shlokas under the able guidance and supervision of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Nalini Pathania.

As per the directions of the Principal, such programmes should be organized from time



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

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Now, therefore, in terms of Rule 24 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, the final seniority list in respect of PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Persian forming Annexure-A to this order, is hereby issued, subject to further verification from service records, also with reference to the original Matriculation certificates of all the concerned.

Moreover, twenty-four (24) incumbents have been included in the final seniority list at appropriate places as detailed in Annexure-B and twenty-eight (28) incumbents have been deleted from the final seniority list as detailed in Annexure-C for the reasons as shown against each; and

Furthermore, five (05) incumbents who have been recommended by the committee constituted vide Government Order No. 188-JK(Edu) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024, who had obtained their PG degrees through distance/private mode during service without obtaining proper permission/leave from the competent authority and whose cases have not yet been recommended by the designated committee constituted vide Government Order No. 188-JK(Edu) of 2024, dated 15.03.2024, have also been incorporated in the seniority list, with the condition that their inclusion in seniority / promotion is subject to the condition that proper permission has been/is granted by the Competent Authority for acquiring the PG degree during service. Their names shall be deemed to have been deleted from the seniority lists, ab-initio in case the recommendation is not received in the time frame decided in the ibid Government order; and

Whereas, the objections received by the Department from the members of the Cadre with regard to additions/deletions/corrections have been examined thoroughly in the Department and the genuine objections have been entertained; and

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