

104 bovines rescued; 7 smugglers nabbed

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KATHUA: Tightening the noose of bovine smugglers within the district, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxena rescued a total of 44 bovines in two separate incidents at Basantpur & Lakhanpur area, 2 persons arrested and seized 02 vehicles (02 Trucks) involved. In the first instance, a team of PS Lakhanpur led by SHO PS Lakhanpur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua during naka/ checking at Lakhanpur area noticed the movement of one suspicious vehicle (Truck) bearing Registration No. PB13AW-1131 which was being driven by a person named Vakil Singh, son of Darshan Singh, resident of IL.No. 185 Gaswa Fathehabaad Haryama who was enroute from Punjab side towards Srinagar was signalled to stop for checking. During checking of the said vehicle, 27 bovines were found loaded in the vehicle which were rescued, 1 person arrested and 01 truck was seized on spot. Thereafter all the 27 bovines were rescued and also seized the vehicle involved. On this, an instant case has been registered at P/S Lakhanpur vide FIR No. 139/2024 U/S 223/BNS, 11/PCA act while further investigation into this matter has been set into motion.

While in the second instance, another police team of PS Lakhanpur during naka/ checking at Basantpur area noticed the movement of one more suspicious vehicle (Truck) bearing Registration No. JK21D-3786 which was being driven by a person named Sohan Singh, son of Netar Singh, resident of Makhanpur Simbal Camp Tehsil R S Pura District Jammu who was enroute from Punjab side towards Srinagar was signalled to stop for checking. During checking of the said

vehicle, 17 bovines were found loaded in the vehicle mercilessly which were rescued, 01 person arrested and 01 truck was seized on spot. Thereafter all the 17 bovines (07 Cows & 10 Oxen) were rescued and also seized the vehicle involved. On this, an instant case has been registered at P/S Lakhanpur vide FIR No. 138/2024 U/S 223/BNS, 11/PCA act while further investigation into this matter has been set into motion. Thus overall 44 Bovines were rescued, 02 persons arrested and 02 vehicles were seized as well.

Surankote Police also conducted multiple nocturnal raids and rescued 21 bovines from four vehicles in four separate incidents. The operations were conducted by SHO Surankote Insp Rajesh Thappa and SDPO Surankote, Sh. Ajaz Choudhary under the supervision of SSP Poonch.

During the raids, four individuals were apprehended while attempting to illegally transport the bovines. Different FIR have been lodged against the accused at Surankote Police Station. The vehicles used in the illegal activity have been seized, and further investigations are underway.

These operations underscore the commitment of Surankote Police to prevent illegal activities in the region and ensure strict enforcement of the law.

Police in Kulgam also foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of PS Qazigund by arresting a bovine smuggler and rescued several bovine animals.

A police party of Police Post Navayuga Tunnel at a checkpoint established at NHW Navayuga Tunnel intercepted one vehicle bearing registration number JK19A-7806. During checking, 39 Bovines were recovered from the said vehicle and the bovine smuggler was arrested on the spot. He has been identified as Mohd Yousuf Itoo son of Khazar Mohd Itoo resident of Nowgam Banihal. Besides, vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Qazigund and further investigation has been initiated.

Police reunites missing woman with family

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SAMBA: Police has reunited a missing lady with her family whose missing report was lodged at Police Station Ramgarh district Samba.

On December 13, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Ramgarh by the husband of missing woman resident of Chak Doulat Tehsil Ramgarh district Samba stating therein that his wife went missing from home. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing lady could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a missing report vide DD No. 17 dated 13.12.2024 was entered at Police Station Ramgarh and search started to trace out the said missing lady.

With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team of Police Station Ramgarh has traced out the said missing lady and handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities. Accordingly, the said missing report has been closed.

GRP nabs man with 3 Kg Ganja

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Railway Police (GRP) Jammu recovered and seized more than 3kg ganja like substance from the possession of one accused Anil Kumar, son of Shankar Kumar, resident of Odisha at present Govindsar Kathua.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 20/2024 under section

80/20 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station GRP Jammu. This is the Tenth case of seizure of banned drugs since February-2024 and the total value of seized contraband is worth market price of Rs. 70,00,000 Lakh.



3 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested three drug peddlers in Shopian and recovered contraband substances from their possession. Police Station Shopian received an information regarding sale and purchase of Heroine in a residential house at Bonbazar Shopian. Consequent upon this information, Police raided the said residential house of Bashir Ahmad Sofi son of Gh Hassan Sofi resident of Bonbazar Hergam Shopian and arrested the said accused. Besides, police party have also arrested his accomplice identified as Parvaiz Ahmad Peer son of Ghulam Din Peer resident of Tujar Sopore. During search, 381 grams of Heroine was recovered from their possession. Moreover, Police party of Police Post Wachi during naka checking at Batapora Wachi link road intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 1.8Kgs of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Umer Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Ismail Bhat resident of Marhama Sangam. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations. Further investigation is underway to unearth the forward and backward linkages of the arrested individuals.

IFFCO J&K organises 'Nano Awareness cum Farmers Interaction Programme'

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ARNIA: The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), J&K (UT), organized a "Nano Awareness cum Farmers Interaction Programme" at Treva, Block Arnia, Jammu district. More than, 120 farmers enthusiastically participated in the event. The programme was graced by Sukhpal Singh Sidhu, State Marketing Manager, IFFCO J&K, Surinder Gupta, SDAO, R.S. Pura, Basant Saini, Chairman CMS-Bishnahand progressive farmer from the region.

Addressing the gathering, S. Sukhpal Singh Sidhu highlighted IFFCO's nanofertilizers, explaining



Sukhpal Singh Sidhu, State Marketing Manager, IFFCO J&K and others during visit to Arnia.

their step-by-step application process and transformative benefits. He emphasized how these fertilizers not only enhance crop productivity and quality but also contribute to sustainable farming by reducing dependency on traditional

chemical fertilizers. He encouraged farmers to adopt these innovative solutions to achieve sustainable agricultural growth while minimizing reliance on traditional chemical fertilizers.

Live demonstration was conducted to showcase the

efficiency and effectiveness of IFFCO's nano-fertilizers and Sagarika in improving crop yield and soil health. Farmers observed the step-by-step application process and engaged in discussions about the products' usage and their impact on various crops. Farmers also visited the potato field of Basant Saini, a progressive farmer, who shared his personal experiences of using nano-fertilizers. Many other farmers also expressed their satisfaction with the products, praising their significant role in improving productivity and overall farming outcomes.

The programme was coordinated by Vivek Verma, Field Officer, Jammu.

JU organises one-week workshop on Research Methodology

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JAMMU: A one-week workshop on "Research Methodology" was inaugurated on Monday by Prof. S.K. Pandita, Director, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Jammu. The workshop is jointly organised by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre and the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu. Around 65 research scholars and faculty members from various university departments and colleges are participating in the workshop.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Pandita elaborated on the aims and objectives of the workshop, emphasising its significance for research scholars. He underscored the value of both online and offline workshops in introducing



scholars to new research techniques and digital platforms. Prof. Pandita noted that such workshops encourage interaction with external experts and provide insight into ongoing research trends across the country. He lauded the Department of Urdu for successfully conducting the workshop and assured full support both moral and financial from the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre for

future initiatives.

Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmad, who presided over the function, discussed key aspects of research, including the process of choosing a research topic, preparing a synopsis, and maintaining research ethics. He informed participants that expert-led sessions in the coming days would delve into these areas in greater detail.

Earlier, Prof. Shohab

Inayat Malik, Head, Department of Urdu, welcomed the participants. Highlighting the importance of offline workshops, he emphasised that physical interactions with distinguished experts offer a unique opportunity for deeper learning. He also outlined the topics to be covered, such as understanding research, topic selection, synopsis preparation, plagiarism and research ethics.

The workshop proceedings were conducted by Dr. Farhat Shamim, while the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Chaman Lal.

In the academic session, Dr. Suchita Pathania, Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered two insightful lectures on the 'Meaning and Scope of Research'.

LEAD announces second annual Mahotsav-Jammu Kashmir Ladakh in Jammu

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JAMMU: LEAD is set to organize the Second Annual Mahotsav-Jammu Kashmir Ladakh (JKI) on December 21st and 22nd, 2024, at GGM Science College Ground, Jammu.

The two-day event will prompt the themes of Swadeshi, Swawlambhan, and Sanskriti while showcasing the diverse cultural heritage, entrepreneurial spirit, and indigenous products of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Speaking at a press conference, Harinder Gupta, Board Member of LEAD, shared that the Mahotsav will feature over 100 stalls exhibiting local handicrafts, cuisines, and startup ventures. The event will also include cultural exhibitions, adventure



Harinder Gupta, Board Member of LEAD and others announcing Mahotsav.

activities and competitions for students, ensuring active community participation. With an anticipated footfall of thousands, the Mahotsav promises to be a grand celebration that highlights the region's untapped potential.

Emphasizing the event's alignment with national initiatives like Vocal for Local, Make in India, and Startup

India, Sanjeev Sharma, Media In charge, stated that Mahotsav 2024 serves as a platform to empower local businesses, nurture entrepreneurship, and inspire self-reliance among the youth and community. "The Mahotsav reflects our commitment to promote sustainable development, encouraging innovation, and preserv-

ing cultural heritage," he said. Signature events planned for the Mahotsav include SABRANG (Programme for School and Colleges Students), Gatka (Sikh martial arts demonstration), Khel Utsav (Sports competitions), Jangam (folk Shiv Parvati Vivaah Katha), Rang Tarang and Natyotsav (cultural and theatrical show-

cases), Chaija (Lohri Utsav), and adventure activities.

LEAD-LJK Economic Growth And Development Dialogue, is a platform, first of its kind, a Citizens' initiative of like-minded individuals and professionals working towards sustainable development of the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Among others present in press conference include Board Members of LEAD, including Surinder Mohan Gupta, CA Rajeev Gupta, and Vikram Gajral, along with key members such as Parveen Pargal, Karan Sharma, Vishal Abrol, Gaurav Abrol, and Gaurav Gupta, who collectively reiterated their commitment to the success of Mahotsav 2024.

Police Public School Doda celebrates 14th Annual Day

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DODA: Police Public School Doda celebrated its 14th annual day function in District Police Lines Doda. On this occasion, SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta was the chief guest whereas SP Hqrs Doda and Dy.SP DAR Doda were the special guest/guest of honour.

A colorful programme was presented by the school children which includes cultural programme, debates, skits etc.

The school also declared its annual result for the academic year-2023-2024 which was 100% recorded with 118 students in A+ category who got 85% above marks and remaining students of A and B category who secured upto 85% marks. Mementos and medals were given to the



SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta presenting trophy to student.

meritorious children by the chief guest.

Mentionable here that Police Public School Doda was established in the year-2011 and is functioning in DPL Complex Doda with a sizable enrolment of students

of Doda area.

SSP Doda congratulated the Principal and teaching staff of the school for their hard work and dedication towards their duties which led to 100% annual result of the school.

Dr Prakash Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu transferred to Lucknow; Dr. Sandeep takes over charge

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JAMMU: Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu has been transferred to Regional Centre Lucknow as per the Order issued by Academic Coordination Division of the New Delhi Headquarters of IGNOU. Dr. Jai Prakash Verma stands relieved on 16.12.2024 from the Regional Centre Jammu.

Dr. Sandeep Gupta, who is the sen-



ior most Academic at Regional Centre Jammu at present, has taken over the operations of the Regional Centre. Apart from the Regional Centre Jammu, Dr. Sandeep Gupta has already served in the New Delhi Headquarters of IGNOU in the Student Service Centre and also at the Regional Centre Srinagar and carries a varied experience in handling the student grievances and operations at

the Regional Centres.

"We are right now in the midst of December 2024 Term-End Examinations which is one of the most important activities for the Regional Centre and it is our foremost priority to conduct the examinations smoothly in the region with the cooperation of our Centre Superintendents, Invigilation staff, local administration, postal authorities and other stakeholders of the University", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director.

Sunil Gupta gifts car to Ida Kanya Ved Vidyalaya

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UDHAMPUR: On a special occasion, Sunil Gupta, Patron of Ida Kanya Ved Vidyalaya and Mahatma Rasila Ram Vedic Vanaprasth Ashram, Garhi Udhampur, presented a Maruti Eeco car to the girls of the school. In gratitude for this generous gesture, the school's students performed a mantra recitation to honor Gupta and express their thanks.

On this occasion, the Principal of the school, Dr. Pratibha Purandhi, Director Sukhriti Samarпита, Head Arun Chaudhary, and other teachers praised Gupta's contribution and stated that his



gift would significantly contribute to the development of the school.

In his address, Sunil Gupta blessed the students, wished them a bright future, and emphasized the importance of contributing to the field of education.

This gift is being seen as a new opportunity for the students of Ida Kanya Ved Vidyalaya, paving the way for them to have a more convenient and efficient commute to school.

Sunil Gupta's initiative is an example of promoting awareness and dedication to education in society.

Arun Chaudhary expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sunil Gupta.

ADGP L&O/Armed decorates newly promoted officer

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JAMMU: Vijay Kumar, ADGP L&O/ Armed J&K joined by Dr Vinod Kumar-IPS DIG Armed Jammu decorated Shri Ab Rashid with the rank of Insp (S) on Monday at Armed Police



Headquarters J&K Jammu. In this context, an impressive piping ceremony was organised at Armed Police Headquarters J&K Jammu. Among others the event was attended by Syed Sajad Hussain Pvt Secretary to ADGP Armed J&K, Kuldeep Handoo-DySP, Mohd

Yousuf, DySP (M), ADO & Nisar Ahmad Insp (Pers) APHQ J&K.

ADGP Armed extended his warm greetings to Ab Rashid on his Promotion as Insp (S) and wished him blossoming career in the organization in future as well.

JYBT releases 26th Edition of Panchang Calender-2025

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JAMMU: Amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns and religious rituals, the 26th edition of the Panchang Calendar for the year 2025 was released by K.K. Gupta, Judge (Retd.), Patron of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust (JYBT), Jammu, at the Sankat Mochan Panch Mukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir complex in B.C. Road, Jammu. The release ceremony took place on Monday, with the presence of several dignitaries and members of the Trust.

K.K. Gupta congratulated Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the Trust, and his team for the timely publication of the Panchang, which plays a crucial role in guiding the community through religious rituals, auspicious



dates, and festivals. Shastri emphasized the Panchang's cultural and spiritual significance, noting that it provides valuable information on religious events throughout the year, while also preserving the rich heritage of the region.

On this auspicious occasion of "Paush Sankranti/Margashirsha Purnima Paravs", Pawan Kumar Shastri also announced the induction of

Lila Karan Sharma, a Senior Advocate, as a new Trustee on the Board of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust. Lila Karan Sharma, a respected legal luminary and philanthropist from Jammu, was administered the oath by Patron K.K. Gupta. Shastri expressed pride in Sharma's appointment, describing him as a visionary, social and religious personality, and a source of inspiration for the Trust.

The ceremony was graced by several eminent personalities, including Padma Shri (Prof.) Vishwa Murti Shastri, Prof. Shree Dhar Mishra from the Central Sanskrit University, and Raj Kumar Gupta, Trustee. These dignitaries extended their congratulations to Lila Karan Sharma on his new role. Sharma, in turn, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Pawan Kumar Shastri for the

trust placed in him and assured his commitment to the betterment of the Trust, vowing to adhere strictly to its rules and regulations.

The event was attended by a wide range of distinguished guests, including trustees, working committee members, and staff of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust. Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary/Treasurer of the Trust, delivered the stage presentation and thanked the visiting dignitaries and media representatives for covering this significant occasion.

This event marks an important milestone for the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust as it continues its mission of serving the community, promoting cultural heritage, and fostering spiritual growth.

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