

## Two narco-smugglers nabbed with heroin, pistol & live cartridges

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JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested two drug peddlers and



SP South Ajay Sharma briefing media.

recovered heroine-like substance, along with fire arm from their possession in PS Bishnah.

Briefing media, SP South Ajay Sharma said that acting on a specific input regarding two persons namely Jaswinder Singh, son of Kulbir Singh, resident of W No 02 Bhour Camp Chatta and Jarnail Singh, son of Harpal Singh, resident of W No 02 Bhour Camp Chatta, who are involved in illegal trade of selling/transporting of narcotics contraband, who were roaming in vehicle bearing regd no JK02BN 0205 in Bishnah ring road area, in this regard a police party of PS Bishnah along with Executive Magistrate Bishnah laid a naka at Palli Morh, Ring Road, Bishnah and intercepted the said vehicle coming from Raya Morh area towards Bishnah.

During search, 265 gms of heroine-like substance along with fire arm i.e one pistol and 02 live cartridges were recovered from them.

In this regard a case FIR No 209/2024 under sections 8/21/22/29/60/NDPS Act, 3/25/A.Act has been registered at PS Bishnah and investigation set into motion.

It is pertinent to mention here that both the accused persons are habitual/hard-core criminals whose are involved in criminals activities in past also, while Jasvinder alias Jimmy has 6 FIRs registered against him, Jarnail has 2 FIRs registered against them in different Police Stations in Distt Jammu.

The arrest was made by a team of Police Station Bishnah headed by SHO PS Bishnah under the close supervision of SDPO R.S.Pura, SP Hqrs Jammu & overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

## Police crackdown on illegal sale of high-dose medicines

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POONCH: Acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of high-dose medicines to youth without proper medical prescriptions, the Poonch Police has taken swift and decisive action.

During a series of coordinated raids conducted under the

supervision of DYSP HQ Poonch, several medical shops were found engaging in the unauthorized sale of such medicines. Police have seized a significant quantity of high-dose medicines from these establishments.

In this connection, the matter has been taken up with Drugs and Food Control Department, Poonch. The Assistant Controller Drugs, District Poonch has ordered for Suspension of operations of Sales of Licences of these three shops for one week viz Raman Medical Hall,Kamsar, Arsh Medical Hall Kamsar and Arvinder Medical Hall, Parade, Poonch. Any deviation in this regard shall follow penal action as per law.

SSP Poonch assured that strict action will be taken against those found guilty, emphasizing the commitment of law enforcement to safeguard the health and well-being of the community, especially the youth. The SSP further urged the public to report any similar activities to the authorities to ensure such incidents are curbed effectively.

The police reiterate that the sale of medicines without a valid doctor's prescription is a serious offense under the law and can have severe consequences for public health.

## Notorious fraudster arrested for duping innocent citizens in ATM fraud cases

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THANNAMANDI: A notorious fraudster was arrested by police who was duping innocent citizens by ATM fraud.

Police Station Thanamandi has arrested a notorious fraudster, Javed Iqbal Tass, son of Mohd Ashraf, a resident of Bhanghai, Tehsil Thanamandi, District Rajouri, for his involvement in multiple cases of ATM fraud. The accused has been cheating innocent people by swapping their ATM cards under the pretext of helping them withdraw money.

Javed Iqbal Tass recently duped Tahira Parveen W/o Mohd Alyas R/o Saaj Thanamandi of an amount of Rs. 17,000, leading to the registration of FIR No. 146/2024 U/s 303(2), 318(4) BNS at Police Station Thanamandi. In another case, he targeted Nazir Hussain S/o Wazir Hussain R/o Damma Husplote Thanamandi swapping his ATM card and withdrawing Rs. 16,400 of his hard-earned money, for which FIR No. 109/2024 U/s 420/34 IPC was also registered.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to his fraudulent activities and a total of 11 ATM cards belonging to various victims have been recovered from his possession, indicating the extent of his criminal acts. he investigation has also revealed that Javed Iqbal Tass has carried out similar fraudulent activities in other Districts, further highlighting his involvement in a broader pattern of deceit.

## Most wanted hardcore criminal absconding in heinous cases arrested

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SAMBA: In a major success against the Absconders/Criminals, Samba Police apprehended a hardcore criminal absconding in two heinous criminal cases registered at Police Station Vijaypur and was also wanted/involved in multiple criminal cases registered at Police Station Samba, Police Station Vijaypur and Police Station Rangharh.

A Police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba succeeded in apprehending an absconder namely Fareed Ali S/o LalHussain R/o RakhBarotian tehsil Vijaypur district Samba in case FIR No. 111/2018 U/S 307/452/323/147 RPC and FIR No. 08/2021 U/S 376-

D/323/366/504 IPC registered at PS Vijaypur.The said absconder was one of the main accused in sensational gang rape case of PS Vijaypur and was also involved in attacks on the police party at RakhBarotian Vijaypur. After hectic efforts, Police arrested the absconder who was evading his arrest after the commission of the crime.

The said accused is a hardcore criminal against whom multiple criminal cases have been registered at different Police Stations of district Samba which includes FIR No. 111/2018 U/S 307/452/323/147 RPC of PS Vijaypur; FIR No. 08/2021 U/S 376-D/323/366/504 IPC of PS Vijaypur; FIR No. 106/2021 U/S 353/332/336/147/506 IPC of PS Vijaypur; FIR No. 99/2021 U/S 307/452/323/436/506 IPC of PS Vijaypur; FIR No. 90/2016 U/S 341/323/382/506 RPC of PS Samba; FIR No. 78/2021 U/S 188 IPC 11 PCA Act of PS Samba; FIR No. 262/2024 U/S 109/132/121(1)/125/324(4)/191(3) BNS 4/25 Arms Act 3/4 PDPP Act of PS Samba and FIR No. 69/2018 U/S 341/323/34 RPC of PS Rangharh.

Accordingly, the said absconder will be produced in the court of law and the arrest warrants u/s 512 CrPC issued against him will be executed.

## Forest wood recovered; truck seized, smuggler nabbed

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KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua recovered/seized one Load Carrier vehicle(Truck) laden with "Forest Wood" in the jurisdictional area of PS Basohli at Behani - Mahanpur area which were allegedly being smuggled from Behani Mahanpur area and 01 person was arrested alongwith the said vehicle which was seized in this connection.

An information was received at PCP Mahanpur through reliable sources that one vehicle is indulged in the Smuggling/Theft of Banned Wood of Forest Produce, and doing the illegal "Trade of Smuggling" of Wood without any valid document and permission which is loaded in a vehicle ( Truck) bearing Reg. No. HP38D-0226 and proceeding from Behani chowk towards the Mahanpur side.

Following a tip off about the smuggling of forest wood, the police team led by IC PCP Mahanpur under the guidance of SDPO Basohli and SHO P/S Basohli laid a naka and intercepted the said Truck bearing Reg. No. HP38D-0226 which was driven by a person namely Bunty Kumar, son of Balwant Singh, resident of Damera Tehsil & District Pathankot who was indulged in smuggling of different types of Forest Wood. During checking it was found that the said vehicle was laden with forest Wood logs, when asked for any valid permission the accused person could not produce any document related to the sale and purchase of the forest wood and therefore, the recovered Forest wood logs alongwith said vehicle was seized and 01 person was arrested and later on handed over to Forest Check Post Mahanpur for further legal proceedings.

## 4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband/psychotropic substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Police in Srinagar have arrested two drug peddlers in separate incidents and recovered contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession.

Acting on a specific input regarding a person namely Bashir Ahmed Ganie son of Ghulam Mohammad Ganie res-

ident of Suthsu Kalan, who had hoarded contraband substances in his residential house, a police party of PS Nowgam along with 1st Class Executive Magistrate BK Pora raided the said location. During search, 8.5 Kgs of Psychotropic substances were recovered from the said location and the accused owner of the house has been arrested. Case FIR no. 116/2024 under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered at PS Nowgam and investigation initiated.

Meanwhile, during the investigation of the case FIR No. 28/2024 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act of PS Maisuma, a special checkpoint was established at Sheikh Bagh Lane, following the disclosure of two arrested drug peddlers of the instant case, the main accused identified as Shabir Ahmad Zaindari son of Bashir Ahmad Zaindari resident of Firdous Colony Bemina has been arrested. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substances have been recovered from his possession.

Police in Pulwama have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered psychotropic substances during their possession.

During the course of investigation of case FIR No. 246/2024 U/S 8/22 NDPS Act of PS Pulwama, further leads were developed, which led to the arrest of two more drug peddlers identified as Sajad Ahmed Sheikh resident of Nambla Uri and Mudasir Ahmed Thoker son of Gh Hassan Thoker resident of Sonasamil. 264.5 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of one of the accused Mudasir Ahmad. Pertinently, a drug peddler namely Shabir Ahmed Chowdary son of Mir Ali Chowdary resident of Sidhra Jammu has already been arrested along with his vehicle JK02DB-4579 in the instant case besides, 305 grams of Heroin was recovered from his possession.

## Police destroys narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances worth over 1 cr

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SRINAGAR: District Drug Disposal Committee headed by SSP Sopore Smt. Divya D-IPS, SDPO Sopore Shri Sarfaraz Bashir-JKPS (Member) and DySP DAR Sopore (Member), in compliance to the order of Hon'ble Special Court (NDPS) Baramulla, destroyed narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances worth over Rs 1 crore. This consignment of narcotic/psychotropic drugs were seized in 21 different NDPS cases registered in different police stations of Police District Sopore. The destruction was done through incineration at earmarked/approved location at Lassipora Pulwama. During incineration, 123.728 Kgs of Poppy (Straw/Powder), 2811 Bottles of Codeine Phosphate & 28,316 Capsules of SpasmoProxyvon have been destroyed after following all legal requirements as envisaged under Rules, 2022 & was done strictly in compliance to directions issued by the Special Court (NDPS) Baramulla.

## Biker dies in mishap

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POONCH: In a tragic accident at Khanater area of Poonch district a biker lost his life after a bus bearing registration number 3315/JK02DE hit the bike he was riding. The motorcyclist, Shaikh Ahmed, son of Mohd Rashid, aged 22, and a resident of Kali, succumbed to his injuries on the spot. Local residents promptly transported the victim to District Hospital Poonch, where doctors declared him dead Authorities have initiated an investigation into the incident to ascertain the circumstances that led to the collision and to ensure accountability.

## SWD inaugurates Child Helpdesk at Railway Station, Katra

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KATRA: In a significant move towards child welfare, a Child Helpdesk was inaugurated today at Railway Station, Katra. The helpdesk, operational 24x7, will provide crucial assistance to Children in need of Care and Protection. This initiative is part of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, GoI and District Administration, Reasi ongoing efforts to safeguard vulnerable children. The helpdesk shall function under the supervision of the District Child Protection Officer Reasi, Sachin Sharma, offer services like rescue, rehabilitation and counselling to children who are found as lost, abandoned, or in distress conditions. A meeting was also held with the Station Superintendent of



Railway Staion, Katra, who assured full support and assistance from the railway authorities. He emphasized that all necessary help will be provided promptly to ensure the success of the initiative.

DCPO encourage the public to utilize this facility and Child Helpline Line number 1098 to report any child in need of care, further strengthening the protection network at transit hubs.

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KATRA: A comprehensive interactive session and seminar on the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas (D'TVSV) Scheme- 2024' was organized by the Income Tax Department at Income Tax Office Katra with the Chartered Accountants and other tax professionals of Katra and Reasi.

The interactive session was chaired by Vijay Choudhary, Income Tax Officer Katra and covered extensive ground on dispute resolution mechanisms for appeals pending before appellate forums, writ petitions, and special leave petition as on 22.07.2024. Prominent among tax professional



Vijay Choudhary, Income Tax Officer Katra and others during the programme.

present were CA Ritender Gupta and CA Pankaj Sharma. The scheme, which was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, offers a comprehensive framework and significant opportunities for businesses for resolving

various tax-related disputes.

The gathering was appraised with valuable insights into the schemes mechanisms and benefits. During the session, it was clarified that the scheme allows settlement of cases

even if they were disposed off after 22 July 2024, provided they were pending on the cutoff date. Cases involving applications for condonation of delay filed before 22 July 2024, and subsequently admitted, are also eligible

## Income Tax Department Katra holds interaction with Tax professionals

## Mankotia meets CE Jal Shakti, demands immediate action on water supply issue in Chenani constituency

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UDHAMPUR: Balwant Singh Mankotia, MLA of Chenani Constituency, met the Chief Engineer of the Jal Shakti Department in Jammu to discuss the pressing water supply crisis affecting the whole Chenani Constituency.

During the meeting, Mankotia expressed his strong disapproval of the department's inefficiency in resolving the long-standing water supply issues, despite repeated appeals and reminders from his office and the local residents.

"The Jal Shakti Department has completely failed to address the water crisis in Chenani constituency. This negligence has



MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia meeting Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department in Jammu.

caused immense suffering to the people of my constituency. I have strictly demanded immediate action to resolve this issue without further

delay," said Mankotia.

Mankotia criticized the department for its lack of accountability and urged the Chief Engineer to implement

effective and sustainable solutions to ensure uninterrupted water supply in the region and provide water tank facility till permanent solution. He further warned that continued inaction would compel him to escalate the matter to the highest levels of the administration.

Balwant Singh Mankotia reiterated his commitment to ensuring basic amenities and addressing the grievances of the people of Chenani Constituency, vowing to hold the concerned authorities accountable for their responsibilities.

## Endoscopic Septoplasty with Inferior Turbinate Reduction performed for the first time District Hospital Samba

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SAMBA: In a significant advancement for healthcare in the Samba District, a 20-year-old patient underwent successful endoscopic septoplasty with inferior turbinate reduction for the first time at the District Hospital Samba. The ground-breaking procedure was performed by Dr. Deepshikha Sumbria, MS ENT, with essential support from Dr. Anuradha Bali,

Consultant Anaesthesia and Vijay Kumar Sr. OT Tech.

The surgery was conducted under the guidance of Medical Superintendent Dr. Mohinder Kumar, with overall supervision from Director Health Services, Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Magotra. The Chief Medical Officer, Samba, Dr. Vidhi Bhatial provided invaluable support and guidance throughout the process.

This pioneering operation

is expected to greatly benefit residents of Samba, providing them with access to essential medical treatments that previously required travel to the Government Medical College, Jammu. With endoscopic septoplasty and inferior turbinate reduction now available locally, patients can receive comprehensive ENT care without the burden of long-distance travel.

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MARH: The "National Milk Recording Programme" under Rashtriya Gokul Mission was launched on Friday in Jammu Province at Blok Marh of District Jammu by Dr. Waheeda Parveen, Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu in presence of Dr Zaffar Iqbal,Livestock Development Officer; Jammu, Officers from Livestock Development Board, Jammu, Master Trainers(NMRP) and concerned Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

The event was organised by Livestock Development Board



DC Vikas Kundal conducted extensive inspection of new Mini Secretariat Poonch.

improve governance and enhance service delivery at the grassroots level," stated Deputy Commissioner Vikas

Kundal.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner asked the executing agency to expe-

## National Milk Recording Programme launched



Jammu and attended by about 80 farmers from different villages of Jammu district where the NMRP shall be implemented. During the launch, 13 milk recordings were performed on the eligible animals and uploaded on the Bharat

Pashudhan portal using GPS enabled Smart weighing scale.

The NMRP programme is aimed at locating superior germplasm and performance recording of bovines for speedy productivity enhancement and ultimately benefit of the

Livestock owners.

Director Animal Husbandry Jammu who is also the Chief Executive Officer, LDB JAMMU in her address emphasized on the importance of milk recording for breed improvement and improving productivity of bovines, thus providing better profits to the farmers. Under the scheme, the literate unemployed youth shall be engaged as milk recorders and incentivised for the milk recordings performed on animals. Moreover, the farmers whose animals are being recorded under NMRP shall also be incentivised as per the guidelines.

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