

Hard-core criminal and drug peddler slapped with PSA

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POONCH: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the crime and drug nuisance from the society, today one more hard-core criminal and drug peddler namely Rashid Ahmed @missing S/O Abdul Hamid R/O Jalian, Tehsil Mandi has been booked and detained under PSA by District Police Poonch.

Several number of FIRs including NDPS cases were registered against him in Police Station Poonch. His activities were detrimental for the peace and tranquility of the area. So acting tough against the above mentioned person he has been lodged in District Jail Poonch under Public Safety Act.

Drug peddler nabbed with 12.34 grams heroin

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 12.34 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

A Police party headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana under the supervision of ASP SDPO Bari Barhmana and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba during vehicle checking naka established near SIDCO Chowk Bari Brahmana, intercepted a bike bearing registration No. JK02CD-9454 coming from Sarore and moving towards Bari Brahmana for its checking. During checking, 12.34 grams approximately hero-

in like substance was recovered from the possession of the said bike rider.

The drug peddler identified as Nikhil Choudhary, son of Ramesh Singh, resident of Satwari district Jammu has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 168/2024 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Bari Brahmana and investigation started.

Operations of 2 wholesale medical agencies stopped in Kulgam

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KULGAM: In continuous efforts to achieve 100 percent transparency in sale and purchase of Scheduled Drug formulations, the Drug Control officials of Kulgam District on Tuesday carried out surprise inspections at various locations of Kulgam.

During the inspections, two Wholesale medical agencies were found violating the conditions of licenses and their discrepancies in the sale purchase records lead to their operation being disallowed on the spot, and have been put on show-cause notices.

Moreover 15 drug samples were randomly lifted for ascertaining their quality parameters.

50 vehicles Challaned under various MV Acts

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REASI: To enhance road safety and maintain discipline on roads, and to remove illegally occupied roads by cart vendors

and shopkeepers, District Police Reasi has launched a rigorous special drive against violators at Reasi town. The drive was launched by joint team of Police and civil administration headed by SHO Reasi Khyatimaan Khajuria and DySP HQs Reasi Neeraj Padyar-JKPS. During the recent operation, nearly 50 vehicles were booked under various provisions of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act for violating traffic norms. Additionally, action was taken against 24 cart vendors found obstructing the smooth flow of traffic in key areas, ensuring better accessibility and order on the roads.

7 electric autos seized for traffic hindrance

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AKHNOOR: In a proactive move to ensure the smooth functioning of traffic in Akhnor, the Jammu Police seized seven electric autos that were creating obstacles and disrupting the



free flow of traffic. The vehicles have been booked under the relevant sections of the Motor Vehicles Act. This action was taken as part of the police's efforts to maintain order and ensure the safety and convenience of commuters. Strict enforcement measures will continue to be implemented to address any violations affecting traffic movement.

2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substance recovered

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BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to combat the menace of drugs in society, Police in Baramulla have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession. A police team led by SHO Police Station Pattan at a checkpoint established near ITI Pattan, intercepted a vehicle Santro bearing registration number JK01L-7671 with 02 persons onboard. They have been identified as Mosin Raja son of Gh Mohiuddin Tantray resident of Tantraypora Palhallan and Ashiq Hussain Dar son of Ab Ahad resident of Manzseer Sopore. During search, 2.30 grams of contraband brown sugar was recovered from their possession. Vehicle used in the commission of the crime has been seized. The accused persons have been arrested and a case under relevant sections of the law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation is underway.

6 vehicles seized, 5 arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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BUDGAM: Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, Police have arrested 05 persons and seized 06 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Budgam. A police party of Police Post Waterhail, arrested five persons and seized six vehicles, 01 LNT and 05 tippers bearing registration numbers (JK14C-1705, JK03B-9020, JK05G-5212, JK13-1231 and JK03B-2072) for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in area of Samson Khansahib. The accused persons have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Pandit resident of Kanoora Khansahab, Ishfaq Ahmad Ganie, Abdul Majeed Dar, Sameer Ahmad Ahangar and Shabir Ahmad Dar all residents of Sholipora Budgam.

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

Deputy CM reviews progress on development works in Nowshera

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NOWSHERA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Chowdhary, chaired a review meeting of the works department, encompassing Public Works Department (PWD), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Roads and Buildings (R&B) department at Dak Bungalow, Nowshera.

The meeting aimed to evaluate the progress on ongoing developmental works and review the status of projects yet to be initiated in the region.

The Deputy Chief Minister took a detailed account of the works in progress, stressing the need for maintaining high-quality standards in all phases of project execution. Highlighting the significance of infrastructure development, he directed the officials to ensure strict adherence to deadlines besides addressing any bottlenecks



DyCM Surinder Chowdhary chairing a meeting.

hindering the timely completion of projects.

Discussions revolved around key projects under PWD, PMGSY and R&B, with a focus on road connectivity, maintenance of existing infrastructure and execution of new projects.

The Deputy Chief Minister expressed concern over delays in certain works and emphasised the importance of meticulous planning and execution. He instructed the

officials to prepare a prioritized list of pending projects and ensure their early initiation. "Quality should not be compromised at any cost, as these projects are pivotal for overall development of the region and well-being of the people," he remarked.

During the meeting, the officials provided updates regarding the progress on various projects and highlighted challenges, including funding constraints, land acquisi-

tion issues and technical difficulties.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured them of the government's full support in addressing these challenges and facilitating smooth implementation of development projects.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Chief Minister called for regular monitoring and evaluation of all ongoing works to ensure transparency and accountability. He also urged the officials to engage local communities and stakeholders in the developmental process to create a sense of ownership and responsibility among the residents.

Chief Engineer Anil Kumar Pandoi, along with Executive Engineers and other senior officials from the Works Department, attended the meeting.

DC provides Red Cross aid to TB Patients in Poonch

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POONCH: A cheque amounting to Rs. 84,000 has been issued by the Chairman of the District Red Cross Society (Deputy Commissioner), Vikas Kundal to the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. P.A. Khan. The funds will be allocated among 28 tuberculosis (TB) patients under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA) program.

The initiative aligns with the Ni-kshay Mitra program, launched by President of India Droupadi Murmu, on September 9, 2022. The crowd-sourced initiative



DC Vikas Kundal handing over cheque to CMO Dr. P.A. Khan.

enables organizations and individuals to 'adopt' TB patients, offering crucial support through nutrition supplies and vocational training.

Each patient will receive Rs. 500 per month for the next six months, providing

vital support for their treatment.

This initiative demonstrates the district administration's commitment to enhancing healthcare access and supporting vulnerable populations in the fight against tuberculosis.

Joint outreach programme on GST awareness held



State Tax Officer, Poonch Quaratul Ain Batool chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: The State Taxes Office, Poonch, J&K, in collaboration with the J&K Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), successfully organized an outreach program on Goods and Services Tax (GST) awareness at Dak Bungalow, Poonch.

The event was graced by Quaratul Ain Batool (JKAS), State Tax Officer, Poonch, and CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman, J&K ICAI. Batool welcomed the audience and set the tone

for the program, while CA Kohli deliberated on the importance of timely filing of GST returns, offences, and penalties related to fake invoices and fake Input Tax Credit (ITC).

The program aimed to bridge the gap between the department and taxpayers, promoting a better understanding of GST regulations and compliance. Various participants, including trade associations, businessmen, tax professionals, and officials from the State Taxes Office,

attended the awareness program.

Key attendees included Inuran Mir, Mohd Hafiz, and Smt. Nazia, Inspectors, State Taxes Office, Poonch. The event provided a platform for stakeholders to interact, clarify doubts, and gain insights into GST compliance.

The joint initiative by the State Taxes Office and J&K ICAI demonstrates their commitment to promoting GST awareness and facilitating a smoother transition for taxpayers in the region.

Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy organises Science Festival

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POONCH: Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy, Power House Poonch, Today organized an exhilarating Science Festival that aimed to ignite curiosity and foster scientific temperament among students. The event, which took place at the school campus, witnessed a remarkable participation from students across different grades, showcasing their creativity, innovation, and scientific knowledge.

The festival, held under the theme "Exploring the World Through Science," featured a wide array of engaging activities, including science exhibitions, live demonstrations, working models, and interactive sessions. Students presented projects on topics ranging from renewable energy, space exploration, robotics, environmental sustainability, to advancements in medical science.



Principal GHSS Poonch Anjuman Shaheen honouring a dignitary.

The chief guest for the event, Principal GHSS Poonch Anjuman Shaheen praised the efforts of the school in promoting scientific thinking among students. In her address, she emphasized the importance of cultivating a scientific mindset at an early age and encouraged the young minds to continue exploring, experimenting, and pushing the boundaries of knowledge.

The event also included a

series of workshops and seminars where students interacted with experts in various fields of science, gaining firsthand insights into the latest developments and trends. Various competitions, including quiz contests and model-building challenges, added a competitive edge to the festival, allowing students to showcase their talents and teamwork.

Principal Manju Sharma expressed her immense sat-

isfaction with the success of the festival, highlighting the positive impact it has had on the students. She mentioned, "The Science Festival not only provided a platform for students to demonstrate their scientific prowess but also instilled a sense of curiosity and discovery. We believe that such events play a vital role in shaping the future leaders in science and technology."

The event was graced by other distinguished guests,

including Pankaj Soodan, Dy. SP HQ, ZEO Poonch, ZEPo Poonch, and Manmohan Singh, HOD DIET Poonch, who all took the time to encourage and motivate the students. In their addresses, they lauded the students for their hard work and emphasized the importance of scientific education in shaping the future. Pankaj Soodan highlighted the significance of curiosity-driven learning, while Manmohan Singh expressed his admiration for the students' enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

The Science Festival organized by Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy, Power House Poonch, concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Advocate Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, the Managing Director of the school.

GCW Kathua unveils Biannual E-Newsletters, IRAWATI



Dignitaries along with faculty members during the event.

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KATHUA: The Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, unveiled its Biannual E-Newsletters, IRAWATI Vol-III (July-Dec 2023) and Vol-IV (Jan-June 2024), in a for-

mal ceremony presided over by Principal Dr. Savi Behl.

The newsletters highlight the college's vibrant academic, cultural, and co-curricular activities, showcasing its collective achievements. Dr. Rachna and Dr. Deepshikha, conveners of Vol-III and Vol-IV respectively, were lauded for their leadership. The Newsletter Committee, comprising Prof. Romika, Prof. Karam Chand, Prof. Surbhi, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Satish, and Prof. Ram Murti, was instrumental in curating the content.

Senior faculty members, including Prof. Seema Jolly, Prof. Inderjeet, Prof. Amita, Prof. Yash, Prof.

Ambica, Dr. Remu, Dr. Ritu Kumar, Dr. Sonika, and Dr. Ajay, along with the entire faculty, contributed to the newsletter's success.

Principal Dr. Savi Behl praised the editorial team's dedication and emphasized the newsletter's role in documenting the college's academic journey, achievements, and innovative initiatives. The newsletters serve as a testament to the institution's commitment to fostering excellence and holistic development.

The event concluded with an acknowledgment of the collective efforts of the faculty and students in making the newsletters an invaluable record of the college's milestones.

JU's Kathua Campus organises Hands-on Training on Information Technology

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KATHUA: Department of Computer Science & IT, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized eleventh Hands-on Training on Information Technology for the students of Government High School, Dewal, Billawar, Kathua. More than 30 students along with faculty members visited the Campus and hands-on training on Information Technology was imparted to them.

During the visit, the students interacted with faculty members and explored the entire campus, including state-of-the-art laboratories, workshops, and other facilities. The visit was designed to offer the students an opportunity to understand the practical aspects of education and its application in real-world scenarios. The students were highly enthusiastic throughout the visit and actively engaged in discussions with the faculty and students of

the Kathua Campus.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus in his message highlighted the significance of such visits in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. He emphasized the importance of introducing students to modern technologies and fostering an environment that nurtures innovation and learning.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/e Head, Computer Science warmly welcomed the students and delivered an engaging lecture on computer science topics. He emphasized the importance of technology in shaping the future and encouraged the students to cultivate a keen interest in technological advancements.

Dr. Bharti Rana, Avni Sharma, Gaurav Sharma, Dr. Shivani Sharma, and Dr. Seema Jamwal delivered captivating lectures and organized interactive sessions for students.

SSP Poonch visits Nagarkot Village; to strengthens community bonding ensures security



SSP Poonch, Shafket Hussain interacting with locals.

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POONCH: Shafket Hussain (JKPS), Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch, conducted an extensive visit to Nagarkot village, located across the fence within the jurisdiction of PS Poonch.

During this outreach, the SSP interacted with residents living at the zero point, fostering dialogue and addressing their concerns.

In his interaction, SSP assured the people of their welfare and security. He emphasized the availability of all possible help to address issues faced by

the community, especially those unique to living in such a sensitive and remote area.

While engaging with the residents, the SSP issued a strong warning against the menace of drug abuse and any activities linked to terrorism.

He reaffirmed the police department's resolve to maintain peace and harmony in the region while urging the community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

The residents of Nagarkot expressed their gratitude for the SSP's visit and pledged their

full cooperation in strengthening the law and order framework.

They appreciated the proactive efforts of the police to address their concerns and ensure their safety.

This visit underscores the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir Police to bridge the gap between the administration and residents, particularly in areas of strategic and geographical importance.

The SSP reiterated that such engagements will continue to foster trust and promote a secure environment for all.

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