

## Timely intervention by Army, Fire Tenders, Forest Officials doused forest fire in Kellar area

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BHADERWAH: On a specific information regarding devastating forest fire in the Kellar Range near Bhaderwah last



night, Army's Rashtriya Rifles (Bravo Company) successfully extinguished the fire from spreading to the nearby populated areas through the combined efforts along with forest officials, Fire Tenders and locals.

Range Officer Suresh Jamwal, and his team coordinated efforts on the ground, ensured a swift and effective response. The timely intervention of the Indian Army and Fire Tenders played a crucial role in preventing the fire from spreading further and causing significant damage to the ecosystem and nearby villages.

This operation highlights the importance of collaboration between agencies in tackling natural disasters.

The Indian Army's unwavering support to the civil administration during crisis reaffirms its commitment to serving the nation and protecting its citizens.

## Forest Deptt seizes 2 trucks carrying firewood illegally

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UDHAMPUR: Tightening noise of unscrupulous elements indulged in smuggling of fire/fuelwood outside UT of J&K,

Police and Forest Deptt. in concerted efforts seized two vehicles loaded with fuelwood without permits.

According to sources on tiff of information forest department team led by Range Officer (RO) and local police intercepted two vehicles bearing No. JK08M-8694 and JK02CR-8391. During search team found loaded with firewood/ fuelwood under cover of counterfeited permits and brought under seizure for contravention of sec 41 and 42 of Indian Forest Act, 1927. A case under relevant sections have been registered in this regards at Range Office Jasrota and confiscation proceedings u/s 52 of IFA, 1927 initiated in the court of Authorised Officer(DFO), Kathua was added.

## Criminal arrested with sharp edge weapon

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NOWSHERA: Police on Thursday nabbed a criminal with sharp edged weapon.

As per details, Nowshera Police laid a special Naka at Dhallain Nowshera and during checking, a Tralla bearing Regd. No. PB02DV- 5305, was coming from Rajouri side towards Sunderbani stopped for checking purpose. On questioning, the driver of said Tralla disclosed his name as Sarbjett Singh, son of Gopal Singh, resident of Hailar Tehsil Ajnala District Anrntsar. During checking, one sharp edge weapon (Toka) was recovered from the possession of the said driver. On this, Case FIR NO 184/2024 U/sec 4/25 Arms Act registered at Police Station Nowshera and investigation of the



case is under going.

## Bovine smuggling bid foils; 15 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police in successive day has foiled yet another bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued fifteen bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines.

A Police team of Police Station Ghagwal headed by SHO PS Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at NHIW Naka Tapyal, signaled to stop a Truck bearing registration No. JK02AB-9535 coming from Kathua side for checking. But the driver instead of stopping the vehicle, accelerated the speed and tried to flee away from the spot. The alert police party successfully chased the vehicle and intercepted it at some distance away from Naka point.

During checking of the vehicle, fifteen bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 181/2024 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Ghagwal and investigation started.

## Property worth Rs 6 lakh seized under NDPS Act

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SHOPIAN: In a major breakthrough against the drug menace, Police in Shopian have attached a double-storey residential house worth ₹14,76,579 and cash amount of ₹6 lakh belongs to a notorious drug peddler namely Farooq Ahmad Koka son of Ghulam Mohammad Koka, resident of Melhura Zainapora. The action was taken under section 68-E read with 68-F(1) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

(NDPS) Act, 1985.

The property attachment and the seizure of cash is linked to FIR No. 36/2024 of Police Station Zainapora and was executed in the presence of duly constituted Police team and the Executive Magistrate, ensuring full compliance with legal protocols. The property was identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Shopian Police. The property & the seized cash were prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in narcotic drug and psychotropic substances by the owner.

## 3 drug peddlers arrested; Contraband/psychotropic substances recovered

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KASHMIR: In a persistent effort to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested 3 drug peddlers in Kashmir and recovered contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession. In Budgam, Police Station Magam received information from reliable sources that a person namely Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh son of Abdul Razak Sheikh resident of Mazhama Magam has concealed narcotic substance in his residential house for its illegal sale among youth of the area. Subsequently, a Police party of PS Magam led by SHO Magam raided the house and during search, 50 bottles of Codeine Phosphate were recovered from the said residential house. The accused owner has been arrested accordingly.

In Awantipora, a Police party at a checkpoint established at Sail Crossing, arrested a drug peddler identified as Kifayat Shafiq son of Shafiq Ahmad Bhat resident of Sail Awantipora. During search, 3.5 Kgs of grinded Cannabis was recovered from his possession.

Meanwhile in Shopian, a Police party of Police Station Shopian at a checkpoint established at Batapora Shopian arrested a drug peddler identified as Mohd Ishaq Khanday @Hie Khanday son of Gh Qadir Khanday resident of Khanday Mohallah Bonbazar Shopian. During search, 62 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession.

# Dy CM holds public outreach camp in Sadda, lays foundation for key Infrastructural Project

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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Chowdhary on Thursday conducted a public outreach camp in the Sadda area of Block Khawas, where he interacted with local residents and listened to their grievances and demands.

The people raised several issues including construction of roads from Soni Gala to Gadyog and Dangote to Bandigala, as well as upgradation of High School Sadda to Higher Secondary School.

The Dy CM assured the public of timely redressal of their concerns and reiterated the government's commitment towards ensuring development of remote areas.

During the visit, Surinder Chowdhary, in presence of MLA



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Chowdhary addressing a gathering.

Javed Choudhary, laid the foundation stone for construction of a 45-meter span motorable bridge at Mangrote over Sadda Nallah. The project, to be executed by PWD

(R&B), is estimated to cost Rs 520 lakh.

Surinder Chowdhary assured the public that the bridge project would be completed in time while asking

the officials to ensure high-quality standards during construction.

The Deputy Chief Minister reaffirmed the government's focus on addressing developmental gaps and improving infrastructure in rural areas.

The public expressed gratitude for initiation of this vital infrastructure project, which will significantly improve connectivity in the region.

The event was attended by MLA Koteranka, Javed Choudhary, DDC member Dhangri, Rameshwar Singh, DDC Mougla, Shamim Akhter, ADC Kalakote, Mohammad Tanveer, SE PWD (R&B), Devi Dayal, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Kalakote, Aftab and other officers.

## Samba police organises anti drug awareness programmes

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SAMBA: Samba Police has organized an anti-drug awareness programmes, aiming to sensitize the students about the ill effects of drug abuse, at Samba Fort & GHSS Mansar which was attended by large number of students, lecturers, teachers and members of the Civil Society Samba.

The programme at Samba Fort organized under Civic Action Programme (CAP) was presided over SHO PS Samba in which students from Govt. Middle School Arazi Samba, Govt. High School Diani and Govt. Middle School Chack Manga Rakwal had participated. The first, second and third best performers were presented cash rewards



of rupees 10000, 6000 and 4000 respectively, whereas eight other participating students were also felicitated with consolation cash prizes of rupees 2000 each.

In other programmes at Govt. Higher Secondary School Mansar & Govt. Girls Primary School Partharin the jurisdiction of Police Station

Samba, J&K Police has donated 70 school kits comprising of school bags and stationary items to the students under CAP.

The efforts of J&K Police in promoting awareness about the negative impact of drug abuse were highly appreciated by the school management and attendees.

## CTTIK appeals LG Sinha for constructive dialogue

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KATRA: The Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra (CTTIK) earnestly appealed to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to initiate dialogue with stakeholders regarding the proposed ropeway project from Tarakot to Sanjchhatt.

President CTTIK, Raj Kumar Padha strongly condemned the recent arrest of members of the Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti, who were peacefully expressing their concerns through a procession.

Such actions by the district administration are deeply regrettable and counterproductive in maintaining harmony in the region, he said.

CTTIK appealed to the district administration, Shrine Board authorities, Board Members, and Chairman of the Shrine Board Manoj Sinha to take immediate steps to release the arrested individuals.

It is crucial to uphold democratic principles and respect the sentiments of those involved.

Furthermore, CTTIK urged the authorities to engage in meaningful discussions with all relevant stakeholders to address and resolve the pressing issues amicably.

This collaborative approach will pave the way for progress while preserving the sanctity and smooth functioning of the pilgrimage.

President Raj Kumar Padha also reminded the government agencies of their paramount responsibility to facilitate and enhance services for visiting pilgrims. The ongoing agitation is hindering these services, and swift resolution is imperative to restore normalcy and ensure a positive experience for all pilgrims.

CTTIK remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote the development and welfare of the region and its pilgrims while fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation among all stakeholders.

# Senior Citizens Club Ramnagar celebrates Rising Day

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RAMNAGAR: The Senior Citizens Club Ramnagar celebrated its Rising Day with great enthusiasm, marking a significant milestone in the allocation of land near the Dak Bungalow for the establishment of an Old Age Home.

This facility is envisioned to serve as a haven for elderly individuals, orphans, widows, and children, offering them shelter and care in the years to come.

The event was inaugurated by Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, Retired SSP and



Members of Club during the programme at Ramnagar.

District President of the Senior Citizens Club Udhampur, in the presence of Raj Guru, General Secretary of the Club. During the ceremony,

Tehsil President Unit Ramnagar Shiv Dev Singh shared the journey of perseverance and dedication that led to the acquisition of this prestigious site,

emphasizing its importance for the underprivileged sections of society.

The program was attended by around 100 individuals, including community

leaders and well-wishers.

Thakur Dass, Retired ZEO, and Ram Swaroop delivered speeches highlighting the pivotal role of the Senior Citizens Club in advocating for and addressing the needs of society's vulnerable members.

The Rising Day celebration not only commemorated the Club's efforts but also symbolized a new chapter of hope and support for those in need. The Senior Citizens Club Ramnagar reaffirmed its commitment to serving the community and ensuring the well-being of its members.

# Safre Shadat 'Chetna March' taken out in Poonch

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POONCH: In order to pay tributes and homage to Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh, Mata Gujar Kour and martyr Sikhs of Anandpur Sahib Sarsa and Chamkor, an impressive Chetna March was taken out in Poonch by Sangat of Poonch. The Khalsa Chetna March was organised by All India Sikh Students federation which started from Gurdwara AISSF Poonch and enroutes Main Bazar , Qila Bazar, Bus Stand, KC Park Road, Nakhani wali road, Hathi than Bazar and culminated at starting point



Sikh Sangar during the Chetna March at Poonch.

passing through main market.

In the Khalsa chetna March children were dressed

in Baanaas traditional Sikh dresses looking like Nihangs reciting Sattman Waheguru and Shabad Keertan reciting

Gurbaani. At culmination Point S. Hareharn Singh Khalsa thanked all the sangat of Poonch who partici-

pated in programme and also threw light on great sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh, Sahibzadas and great Sikh Martyrs . S Mannohan Singh also spoke on the occasion and thanked Sikh Noujwan Sabha, Istri Satsang Sabhas, General Sangat, Sikh youths, different Gurdwara managements, Nihang Jathas, Chetna march management for their cooperation and participation and urged to follow the path shown by great Gurus, Martyrs and to work for unity, prosperity of sikhism and also for betterment of humanity.

## Nanak Academy Poonch felicitates meritorious students

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POONCH: Nanak Academy Poonch a prestigious institute of Poonch in a convocation first of its kind, felicitated meritorious students of its institute who excelled in Academics extra Co curricular activities and also outgoing 10th class. In a colourful programme the outgoing 10th class students were felicitated by school management with citations, Mementos and School Magazine . Meritorious Students of institute who excelled in different fields in addition to academics were also honoured. Chief Education Officer Lal Hussain was the Chief Guest Mannohan Singh from DIET Poonch Guest of honour were welcomed by S Gurbaksh Singh Chairman and Mannohinder Kour Principal of the institute.

The institute's First edition of yearly School Magazine was launched by Chief Guest, Guest of honour, School Chairman, Principal in presence of School faculty , Students and parents . S Mannohan Singh officiating Principal DIET Poonch in his address appreciated the role of Nanak Academy in the educational sector and all round development of students . He appreciated the role of school management Gurbaksh Singh Chairman, Mannohinder Kour and especially Amandeep Singh for their efforts in organising Such a memorable event . Chief guest ,Guest of honour were presented Mementos by the School Management.



# Omar Govt to ensure equitable development of all regions: Javed Rana

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POONCH: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Thursday underlined the need for working in a mission mode to



Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana chairing a meeting.

redress developmental concerns of certain regions in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was speaking during a public darbar in Mendhar, during which hundreds of delegations and individuals met the Minister and apprised him of their

issues and grievances.

Javed Rana said that equitable development of all regions is priority of Omar Abdullah led government.

While addressing the public darbar, Rana assured the people of the

region of an inclusive development and good governance. He said that aim of the government is based on the idea that everyone has a role to play in transforming their societies. He asked the officers to remain accessible and dedicate themselves towards solving the problems of common people and improving their ease of living.

Javed Rana assured the people that all their issues and grievances will be resolved on priority basis. He also issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for redressal of the issues projected by the deputations.

## Keshav meets DIG UR Range, SSP Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Prominent Social Activist and Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra today met with Deputy Inspector General of Police Udhampur Reasi Range Rayees Mohammad Bhat IPS & Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur Amod Nagpure IPS. During the meet Keshav discussed Several Issues with both the officers.

Keshav Chopra while meeting hailed DIG URR Rayees Mohammad Bhat for his people friendly Policing and said that under the guidance of DIG many drug peddler's including the notorious criminals have been put behind the bars which is commendable.

Rayees Mohammad Bhat while speaking said that J&K Police is always ready to serve the society. He also appreciated the Work of Samvedna Society and said that the



way Samvedna is working for the upliftment of the Common man is really appreciable.

Keshav Chopra while speaking said that the people of Udhampur are fortunate enough to have such a dedicated district police team working under a very Honest and humble officer, Samvedna Society is

also committed to selflessly work with the JKP to keep the society crime and drug free keshav further added.

During the meeting, SSP Amod Nagpure said that to serve the people, Udhampur police is available 24 Hrs. He stated that police is working hard to eradicate drug menace and regarding that Udhampur Police has also organized several events and awareness campaigns to alert the youth to stay away from drugs, Civil Society is also supporting the Police to eradicate the crime. He also acknowledged the role of NGOs like Samvedna in creating awareness and providing much needed help to the people.

Later on Keshav Chopra met with Station House Officer Udhampur Inspector Raghubir Singh and felicitated him for his dedication and work.

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