

RTO seizes 103 E-Rickshaws for violations in Jammu Distt

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JAMMU: In a continued stringent enforcement drive targeting overloading, overcharging, and other major violations under the Motor Vehicles Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, the Motor Vehicles Department on Friday conducted a special enforcement drive in Jammu district.

The operation was carried out under direct supervision of Regional Transport Officer Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra in compliance to the special directions issued by Vishesh Mahajan, Transport Commissioner J&K.

The drive was conducted in and around Jammu city and along the Jammu-Srinagar IHighway by different teams constituted for the special drive to ensure safety and compliance of Regulations pertaining to e-rickshaws plying within the city.

The drive was launched following complaints that several e-rickshaws were being operated without valid driving licenses. During the operation, nearly 475 vehicles were checked for violations like Registration certificate (RC) violations, Overloading of passengers, Over-speeding, Non-compliance with other mandatory regulations.

Out of 450 eRikshaws inspected, 91 e-rickshaw were seized and a fine totaling ₹2,30,000 (Rupees Two lakh thirty thousand) was imposed.

The Officials informed that MVD is committed to ensuring safety and responsible operation of all the vehicles within its jurisdiction including e-rickshaw. They further added that such drives will continue in future and all the violators are warned to strictly follow rules otherwise more harsh actions will be taken by the department.

The team also educated e-rickshaw drivers that e-rickshaw is meant for last mile connectivity and prohibited to ply on National Highways and other main roads as per the objective of their introduction in the transport system.

The enforcement team included Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQ) Jammu, Mudasir Iqbal, ARTO (BOI-G) Jammu, Bipin Singh Charak, ARTO Flying Squad, along with Motor Vehicles Inspectors (MVIs) Vikas Srivats, Jagandeep Singh, Rajeev Kundal, Amanish Sharma and MVTA Tarunjit Singh.

Samba police traces out missing person, executed 2 non-bailable warrants issued against him

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SAMBA: Samba Police has traced out a missing person against whom two non-bailable warrants have been issued by Court Samba.

On Nov 1, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by the wife of missing person namely Shahnaz Akhter, wife of Azad Ahmed, resident of Kanthpur tehsil Vijaypur district Samba stating therein that her husband had gone missing from home. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing person could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a missing report vide DD No. 10 dated 01.11.2024 was entered at Police Station Vijaypur and search started to trace out the said missing person.

With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team headed by SHO Police Station Vijaypur has traced out the said missing person. Accordingly, the said missing report has been closed.

It is pertinent to mention here that two non-bailable warrants had been issued against the said person by the Hon'ble Court Samba and these warrants were executed by producing the said person before the court.

3 Notorious Drug Smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act, Notorious fraudster detained under PSA

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ANANTNAG: As a part of its sustained efforts to combat drug trafficking and ensure public safety, Police in Anantnag have booked three notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act, while a habitual fraudster has been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA). The three notorious drug smugglers namely Zubair Ahmad Ganie son of Mohammad Ramzan Ganie resident of Gund Bagh Seer Hamdan (involved in case FIR No. 04/2024 under NDPS Act at PS Mattan), Bashir Ahmad Khan son of Mohammad Yousuf Khan resident of Gopalpora Mattan (implicated in case FIR No. 89/2024 under NDPS Act at PS Mattan) and Sartaj Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Rashid Bhat resident of Tulkhan Bijbehara (involved in case FIR No. 14/2024 under NDPS Act at PS Bijbehara) have been booked under PIT NDPS Act. Additionally, Police in Anantnag also detained a notorious fraudster namely Bilal Ahmad Lone alias Dr. Bilal, son of Mohammad Akbar Lone resident of Maratgam, Handwara under the PSA. Known for his involvement in multiple fraudulent activities, Bilal Ahmad Lone has caused significant public distress.

4 drug peddlers arrested

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SRINAGAR/KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers in Srinagar & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

During patrolling by team of Police Station Bemina on link road between Bemina and Ibrahim Colony, a vehicle bearing registration number MH02ER/9763 (Etios) parked under suspicious circumstances by the road side was noticed. Upon

approaching the vehicle, two persons on board attempted to flee, but were apprehended tactfully by the police team. During search, 7.10gms of brown sugar-like substance was recovered from their possession. The two persons disclosed their identity as Syed Athar Raffi son of Syed Raffi Ahmed resident of Dehraman Soibugh Badgam A/P Usmania Colony Bemina and Waseem Ahmed Rather son of Mohd Ashraf Rather resident of Hamdaniya colony Bemina.

In this connection, a case FIR No 81/24 under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered in Police Station Bemina and investigation has been taken up. Both the accused persons have been arrested and vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

Meanwhile, In Kulgam a police party of Police Station Qaimoh at a checkpoint established at Khudvani Bypass-NHW intercepted a suspicious person carrying a bag. During search, 4 Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance concealed in the said bag was recovered. He has been identified as Raj Kumar son of Meer Chand resident of Batote Ramban and was subsequently arrested on the spot. Accordingly, a case vide FIR no 109/2024 under section 8/15 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Qaimoh and investigation has been taken up.

A Police party of Police Post Mirgund headed by IC PP Mirgund at a checkpoint established at Parihaspora-Diwer Crossing Pattan, intercepted one person who has been identified as Syed Akhter Shah son of Syed Mustafa Shah resident of Diwer Pattan. During search, 5.95 grams of contraband Heroin-like substances has been recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

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

Deputation from Chenani calls on Prpl Secy

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UDHAMPUR: A deputation led by Advocate Madan Gopal met Suresh Gupta, Principal Secretary to Govt. School Education Department , J&K UT in his office at Civil Secretariat Jammu and brought to his notice various pressing problems being faced by various schools of Chenani Zone of District Udhampur. The shortage of teaching and non-teaching staff, lack of adequate building and sports infrastructure are the main issues which were brought to the notice of Principal Secretary and he was requested to address these problems on priority.

Specifically, the deputation apprised the Principal Secretary the dilapidated condition of the building of Govt. Higher Secondary School Chenani which was constructed during 1950s



Deputation members handing over memorandum of demands to Pr Secy in Jammu.

and has already completed its useful life and thus is unsafe for the students. The Principal Secretary was requested that the said building be got demolished and a new multi-storey building be constructed at the site as the school doesn't have land to construct building elsewhere in the school premises.

Further , the Principal

Secretary was also apprised of the severe shortage of teaching and non teaching staff , lack of basic sports infrastructure and a proper boundary wall at Government Girls High school Madha.

Prpl Secy heard the delegation patiently and assured that all the issues raised by them would be examined earliest.

Director Horticulture Jammu conducts review meeting of Ramban District

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RAMBAN: To have a complete review of Horticulture activities as well as physical and financial achievements under different schemes, especially HADP and Revised Modified High Density Plantation, a review meeting was chaired by Director Horticulture, Jammu C. L Sharma on Friday at Ramban. All the officers, officials & field staff of the department attended the meeting.

While taking a review of the ongoing schemes, Director Horticulture Jammu impressed upon all the officers and officials to expedite the works undertaken for the development of the departmental nurseries and achieve the targets



Director Horticulture, Jammu C. L Sharma chairing a meeting at Ramban.

allotted under different schemes well in time so that full expenditure shall be incurred. He also said all the fruit plants produced in the departmental nurseries which are fit for distribution should be lifted.

The Director laid emphasis on effective implementation of HADP projects particularly different components of project-21 viz:

establishment of plant propagation units, root stock banks, mother orchards, protected cultivation units, and rejuvenation of old & senile orchards.

He impressed upon staff to make maximum efforts to reach to every farmer so that various interventions being taken up under HADP and Revised Modified High Density

Plantation Schemeare implemented and objective of the Govt. is well achieved.

Director Horticulture also reviewed the developmental activities in the ACHD farm and issued instructions to Sh. Virinder Kumar, Farm Manager, ACHDregarding the production of quality grafted planting material

and other developmental activities.

Earlier, at the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer, Ramban Sh. Anil Gorkha presented an overview of the District and apprised about the achievements made by the department under different ongoing Horticulture developmental schemes for the upliftment of the farming community.

He also listened to the grievances of the field staff patiently and assured them to be resolved in a time bound manner.

At last, all the staff of the district assured the chair to extend full co-operation and vowed to work hard for the betterment of farming community and achieve the targets in time.

KVK Reasi promotes hill garlic production

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating farmers on hill garlicproduction.KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension (DE), Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J.

Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal said that KVK is guiding farmers on the commer-



cial cultivation of hill garlic and encourging them for its area enhancement. He said that farmers can fetch more returns by growing it organically. He further said that KVK is creating awareness on the health benefits of hill garlic and guiding farmers on the

management of diseases and nutrients inhill garlic. He informed that organic garlic, turmeric and ginger are helpful to improve the health status of human beings by improving the immunity in the body. He added that value addition in garlic can open some new

avenues of income and employment in rural areas.He stressed on the organic cultivation of hill garlic for more returns.He informed that organic and natural farming is helpful in the production of safe and quality spices by reducing the cost of cultivation.He narrated that Reasi distt. has an immense potential in the cultivation of hill garlic.He further expressed that some pockets of the distt. are heavily infested with the monkeys menace as monkeys damage the main crops and thus directly affect the farmers income. He narrat-

ed that hill garlic, turmeric and ginger are viable alternative crops in monkeys' prone areas. He added that KVK is guiding farmers on the preparation of organic formulations such as bejamrit, jeevamrit, Panchgavya, fermented butter milk etc. and elaborating their usages to produce the organic hill garlic.He also said that KVK is suggesting the farmers to useGhanjeevamrit,Neemastra a, organic fungicides, manures etc. to produce the organic garlic. By observing the benefits of hill garlic many new farmers showed keen interest towards the cultivation of this crop.

SMVDU postpones 10th convocation due to demise of former PM

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) deeply mourns the passing away of former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh Ji. Dr. Singh's remarkable contributions to India's economic and political landscape, along with his unparalleled vision for inclusive growth, will always be remembered. As a mark of respect to the departed leader, the 10thConvocation of the University, scheduled for today 27.12.2024, has been postponed. The University expresses its heartfelt condolences to Dr. Singh's family, friends, and the entire nation during this moment of profound loss. The new date for the 10th Convocation will be announced in due course.

Dogra Kranti Dal protests against CEO Municipal Council Udhampur



NGO members staging protest at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Under the leadership of Vishal Singh, Executive Member of Dogra Kranti Dal NGO, volunteers staged a massive protest against the CEO of Municipal Council Udhampur also burnt effigy.

Addressing the protest-

ers, Vishal Singh strongly criticized the actions of the CEO, stating that poor street vendors are being harassed and their carts are being seized, depriving them of their livelihood. He condemned this injustice, urging the CEO to stop targeting the underprivileged who earn their

daily bread through hard work.

"Not only are their fruit and vegetable carts being confiscated, but the seized goods are not being returned to them," Vishal Singh revealed, highlighting the plight of the affected vendors.

He further pointed out

the deteriorating condition of the city, emphasizing that street lights are non-functional, garbage is piling up, and the overall sanitation of Udhampur is being neglected. Despite these pressing issues, the Municipal Council continues to focus on actions that harm the weaker sections of society, rather than addressing the real problems plaguing the city.

"The administration must prioritize resolving civic issues instead of snatching away the means of survival from the poor," said Vishal Singh.

The Dogra Kranti Dal has demanded the immediate transfer of the CEO and warned that if corrective measures are not taken promptly, larger and more aggressive protests will be organized.

DC Udhampur reviews implementation of PMAY-Urban scheme

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UDHAMPUR: To review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban scheme, a meeting was convened under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, here in the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh; Chief Executive Officer, Municipality Rajinder Digra and senior officers from line departments.

The DC assessed the town-wise registration

status under the PMAY-U scheme and directed the concerned authorities to organize special camps in all three Municipalities of the district. She emphasized the need to prepare a comprehensive list of landless individuals in urban areas to ensure they are included as beneficiaries under the scheme.

The DC directed the officers to ensure advance financial mobilization for non-starters and complete all pending houses within the stipulated time frame. She urged the concerned departments to strictly adhere to the scheme guidelines and maintain a transparent and accountable process for the benefit of the local people.

GDC Samba observes Shaheedi Divas of 4 Sahibzaade



Faculty members and students during the event at Samba.

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SAMBA: The Cultural Committee of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba under the aegis of IQAC observed Shahidi Divas, honouring the unparalleled sacrifices of four Sahibzaade, the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

The event featured a range of activities aimed at paying homage to these martyrs and installing their values among the students. The programme began with Poetry Recitation competition, where participants recited powerful verses highlighting the bravery and martyrdom of Sahibzaade. This was followed by an Essay Writing competition where participants reflected deeply on the

enduring legacy of Sahibzaade.

In Poetry Recitation category Seema Deviseured the first position,Meenakshi Sarnal second and Sandeep Kour earned third prize. In Essay Writing competition,Seema Devi clinched the first prize,Jhanvi Pargal second and Lisha Rajput third. The programme concluded with the screening of documentary that vividly depicted the story of Sahibzaade. It captured their steadfast faith and sacrifice in the face of oppression, leaving a deep emotional impact on students and reinforcing the values of justice, humanity and selflessness. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri emphasized the importance of remembering Sahibzaades' martyrdom in contemporary times. She urged the students to draw inspiration from their courage, resilience and commitment to righteousness which continue to serve as timeless values. Earlier Dr. Kuldeep Singh, HoDPunjabi, congratulated the students for their enthusiastic participation and delivered an enlightening talk on the Sikh religion and it's history of struggles. The programme was compered by Ankita Hans and Vishali Sharma of semester I. Assoc. Prof. Mala Bhasin, HoD Botany, delivered formal vote of thanks.

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