

Bus driver booked for dangerous driving

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JAMMU: Traffic Police Rural Jammu has taken strict action against a driver after his recent video surfaced on social media showing a passenger bus being driven by him in a dangerous and reckless manner creating panic among the general public. The driver was seen repeatedly withdrawing his hands off the steering wheel and dancing while driving, a Bus reportedly carrying students on picnic over Mughal Road near Chandimarb.

Taking prompt cognizance of the matter, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu got an enquiry conducted through DTI Poonch during which the details of the vehicle and identity of the driver involved in stunt driving were established. Consequently, action U/S 3/181/184/207 M V Act was taken by Traffic Police Rural Jammu and Bus bearing Regd. No JK12C-9247 was also seized for offences which mainly included dangerous driving. The findings were also shared with SSP Poonch who directed immediate registration of Case FIR No 284/2025 U/S 281/125 BNS read with 184 M V Act at Police Station Surankot. The driver of the Bus has been identified as Ramzan Ali @ Chuni S/O Mohd Bashir R/O Dhargloon Tehsil Mendhar District Poonch who has been arrested for further investigation.

SSP Traffic Rural Jammu FarooqQaiser has urged the public to remain vigilant and report any such illegal and dangerous driving practices that may endanger public safety. He assured that strict action will be taken against all violators under the law.

Illegal sand dumpers seized

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AKHNOOR: In a significant enforcement move, District Mineral Officer (DMO) Naveen Kumar and his team seized multiple illegal sand-laden dumpers that were coming from the Pargwal area and were intercepted near Khugga Morh (TCP No. 4). The swift action by the DMO's team has been widely appreciated for its firm stand against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of sand.

Drive against traffic violations launched

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SOPORE: Police launched a district-wide drive against traffic violations to enforce road discipline and ensure safer movement on public roads across Police District Sopore.

As part of the drive, action is being taken against visible violations of traffic rules and the Motor Vehicles Act. Vehicles with outside UT registration numbers were also checked, and several vehicles were seized and challaned for violations of the MV Act. The enforcement drive aims to inculcate a sense of responsibility among road users and ensure orderly, lawful and disciplined behaviour on roads. Special emphasis is being laid on addressing visible violations so that the implementation of law is clearly seen and felt on the ground.

J&K Police have intensified checking at key locations and are maintaining strict vigil to deter violations that endanger public safety. The drive will continue in the coming days, and strict action shall be taken against violators without exception.

Vehicles not transferred after sale-purchase seized

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AWANTIPORA: Police in Awantipora have intensified vehicle checking across the police district as part of an enforcement drive targeting vehicles operating without mandatory transfer of ownership after sale/purchase.

Checking teams were deployed at multiple locations, during which several vehicles found without proper documentation, without updated ownership records, or involved in rash driving were seized. Necessary proceedings under the Motor

Vehicles Act have been initiated.

J&K Police urges all vehicle owners to promptly complete transfer-of-ownership formalities, avoid rash driving, and ensure all vehicle documents are kept up to date. Similar enforcement drives will continue in the coming days.

Police take legal action against 144 vehicles for ownership violations

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SHOPIAN: In a week-long enforcement drive against traffic violations, J&K Police in Shopian took legal action against 144 vehicles bearing registration numbers of other states, found plying on roads without mandatory transfer of ownership after sale-purchase.

Special police teams were deployed across multiple locations to identify such vehicles. During the drive, several vehicles operating without proper transfer of ownership and without mandatory re-registration were found in violation, and action under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act has been initiated, including for non-registration and failure to transfer ownership. This action forms part of a sustained enforcement campaign carried out over the last few weeks, during which Shopian Police has already taken action against a large number of vehicles involved in similar violations.

11 vehicles including 6 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharges of Police Posts Supwal&Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK02CT-9433, JK21A-8872, JK02AT-6287, JK14D-9133, JK08F-1273, JK21G-7817 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

District Police Poonch also seized one tipper and two tractor-trolleys found transporting minerals without valid permission.

During routine checking, police teams intercepted the vehicles and detected unauthorized extraction and movement of minerals. All three vehicles were seized on the spot, and the Mining Department has been informed for further legal action as per law.

Kathua Police also seized a total of 02 vehicles i.e (02 Tractor alongwith Trolleys) in the jurisdictional area of P/S Billawar which were being used for illegal mining/transportation of the construction material (Without A Form).

A team led by SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq under the guidance of SDPO Billawar Neeraj Padyar while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, has seized 02 vehicles (Tractor Trolleys bearing Reg. No.s Jk08P-8093 & JK08P-5175) indulged in illegal mining / transportation of construction material without any legal permission.

Marh firing incident solved; 5 notorious criminals arrested

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JAMMU: In a significant development, Jammu (Rural) Police have successfully solved the recent firing incident that took place in the Marh area a few days ago. Acting promptly on the complaint lodged by Jatinder Singh @ Rajan, son of Surinder Singh and resident of Marh, Jammu, the police registered a case at Police Station Domana under FIR No. 258/2025, pertaining to offences under Sections 3/4/25/27 of the Arms Act and Section 191(2) BNS.

The Police team led by Insp.Varuneshwar, SHO Domana raided many places and successfully arrested all the 05 accused involved in the incident.The details are as under Ripu Daman Singh Jamwal, S/o Shubhdeep Singh Jamwal, R/o Mubarak



Mandi; Akshay Sharma, S/o Late Rajesh Sharma, R/o Ragunath Pura, Jammu; Vikrant Kesar, S/o Late Rakesh Kesar, R/o Marh, Jammu; Rohan Goswami, S/o Late Mohinder Pal, R/o Gujjar Nagar and Abhinesh Singh, S/o Sudarshan Singh, R/o Dogra Hall, Rehari, Jammu.

The Police has recovered country made pistol (Katta) used in the incident along with one live round and one fired round; Four sharp edged weapons recovered from their possession and a scooter and one motoreycle seized, both used in the commission of the offence.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 4 bovines rescued

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JAMMU: Continuing its firm crackdown against illegal activities, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved another success after Police Post Bathindi effectively intercepted an illegal transportation of bovine animals in the Barmini area.

During routine patrolling and naka checking, the alert police team signaled a load carrier bearing registration number JK02DG-1474 to stop. On noticing the police presence, the driver fled from the spot, abandoning the vehicle. Upon thorough checking, four bovine animals were found loaded in the carrier; tied mercilessly with ropes.

On this, FIR No. 342/2025 under Sections 299/223 of BNS and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort, and further investigation has been initiated.

House Owners, Shopkeepers booked for violating mandatory tenant verification norms

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RAJOURI: Police continuing its drive to ensure strict enforcement of tenant verification guidelines across the district has taken action in Manjakote and Nowshera after detecting violations of the standing orders issued by the District Magistrate Rajouri.

Police Station Manjakote received information that two individuals had rented out rooms to persons from outside the Union Territory without completing mandatory tenant verification. For this violation FIR Nos. 110, 111/2025 have been registered at Police Station Manjakote.

Acting on reliable information, Police Station Nowshera found that three shop owners had rented out their premises for stay to individuals from outside J&K without conducting compulsory tenant verification, in violation of DM Rajouri's orders. Accordingly three FIRs have been registered FIR Nos. 186, 187, 1888/2025 U/S 223 BNS.

Four FIRs registered at PS Kandri for violation of District Magistrate orders (Mandatory tenant Verification & misuse of VPN services) u/s 223 BNS vide FIR No. 163, 64, 65, 68/2025.General public particularly landlords are requested to strictly adhere to the standing orders of the District Magistrate Rajouri regarding mandatory tenant verification before renting out any premises. Non compliance shall invite legal action as per law.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: A missing woman was traced and reunited with her family.

That on 10.12.2025 a missing report of one lady(name withheld) R/o District Jammu was lodged vide DDR No. 024 Dated : 09-12-2025 on the written complaint of her husband and special team was constituted for tracing out the missing lady.

Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by SHO P/S R.S Pura,Inspector R S Parihar did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the said missing lady was got traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities the said missing lady now been reunited with her family and handed over to legal heirs.

Snatching cases solved, 4 arrested

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REASI: District Police Reasi achieved a major breakthrough by solving two snatching incidents reported from the Katra-SMVD track area, leading to the arrest of four accused persons and recovery of stolen property.

On 09.12.2025, one lady, Rupika Bhardwaj W/O Sumit Tomar R/O Meerut, UP, reported at Police Post Ban Ganga that around 0330 hours, two unknown persons snatched her handbag while she was returning from the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi track. Acting swiftly, FIR No. 330/2025 U/S 304(2)/3(5) BNS was registered and investigation taken up by IC PP Ban Ganga.

During the enquiry, CCTV footage from the area was thoroughly examined, leading to the detention of two suspects. During sustained questioning, both confessed to their involvement in the crime. Upon their disclosure, one snatched handbag, two mobile phones, and other valuables worth ₹50,000 were recovered. Accused Arrested in Case FIR 330/2025 include Lekh Raj S/O Romesh Chand R/O Ladda, Udhampur and Gufoor Mohd. S/O Hashim Din R/O Kun Kalyana, Panthal, Katra. In another incident, Swati Sharma W/O Vishal Sharma R/O Vivek Vihar, Delhi, submitted an online complaint via WhatsApp to SHO Katra. She reported that around 0415 hours, while she and her mother were proceeding for darshan, two unknown thieves followed them from RFID Counter No. 2 and snatched their purse containing approximately Rs 25,000 cash, two Aadhaar cards, three ATM cards (Kotak, Bank of India & PNB), hotel key, home key and luggage key. Based on the e-complaint, FIR No. 334/2025 U/S 304(2)/3(5) BNS was registered at Police Station Katra. Accused Arrested in Case FIR 334/2025 include Badal Kumar S/O Dalip Kumar R/O Panjar, Teh. Mounгри, Udhampur and Balwan Chand S/O Bodh Raj R/O Dubi Gali, Teh. Mounгри, Udhampur; District Police Reasi, through timely action, technical analysis of CCTV footage and sustained interrogation, successfully cracked both cases within a short span, ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims and restoring public confidence.

Tral resident found hanging in mysterious circumstances

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SRINAGAR: A 60-year-old man was found hanging under mysterious circumstances in the Gulshanpora area of South Kashmir's Tral on Thursday, officials said.

They told that the deceased has been identified as 60-year-old, Gh Ahmad resident of Gulshanpora tral. He allegedly has hanged himself to death at near-by orchard at Gulshanpora, they said adding that he was found hanging this evening.

A police team reached the spot and took cognizance of the matter. The body has been taken for medico-legal formalities, and further investigation has been initiated to ascertain the cause of death.

Police said all angles are being examined and the circumstances leading to the incident are being probed.

Col Mahan Singh inspect sinking zone on Mahanpur-Basohli Road

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MAHANPUR: A 300-metre sinking zone along the Mahanpur-Basohli road at KM 12/13, which was completely washed away during last year's monsoon, was inspected by Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua along with Er. Arun Gupta, Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Range.

The damaged stretch had disrupted vehicular movement for over two months, triggering widespread public distress, as the road serves as a vital link for residents of Basohli,



Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua along with Er. Arun Gupta, SE PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Range during visit to Basohli.

Mahanpur, Bani, and further toward Doda district as well as neighbouring Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

Officials from the Billawar PWD Division joined the

Detailed Project Report (DPR) for an alternative road alignment from Upper Danni to Kangote village, which would reconnect with the Mahanpur-Basohli road and help prevent future disruptions.

BJP Pahari Zila General Secretary Rajinder Jaswal, Tilak Andotra, Naresh Sharma, and several other local representatives were also present during the visit.

Speaking to the media after the inspection, the DDC Chairman emphasized that the Mahanpur-Basohli road is of immense public importance and must

receive top priority in restoration and upgradation works. He further conducted an inspection from KM 12 to KM 19, identifying narrow and vulnerable stretches that require immediate attention.

He directed the concerned authorities to undertake early widening and strengthening of the road, stating that reliable connectivity is crucial for the people of Kathua district. He added that improved road infrastructure would not only ease public inconvenience but also boost tourism and overall development in the holy region.

GDC Khour takes pledge on National Energy Conservation Day



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KHOUR: Government Degree College has organized a pledge taking event in the College on the way to celebration of National Energy Conservation Day that is observed on 14th December every year across the country under the guidance of Principal Dr. T.K.Sharma & under the banner of IQAC and in supervision of the Viksit

Bharat@2047 committee of the college.

The event started with the addressing of Principal, Dr. T. K Sharma to the present audience & the students that youth are key stakeholders in promoting sustainable energy behaviour and disseminating knowledge within the wider communities. Principal Sir had emphasized on our collective commitment towards judicious

use of energy, minimising wastage, and adopting energy-efficient practices in daily life, so that we could contribute meaningfully towards sustainable development goals. After that, FizaBhanu the student of B.A. semester- I had read the "Energy Conservation Pledge" shared by the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector. About 50 students and faculty members had taken the pledge.

MVD Doda goes fully digital; three-day Bhaderwah camp clears 450 pending slots

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BHADEURWAH: In a major push towards transparent and hassle-free public services, the Government continues its commitment to digital governance. In line with this vision, the Motor Vehicle Department Doda has now been fully digitalized, ensuring faster, convenient, and corruption-free services for citizens.

To extend these facilities to the doorsteps of people, MVD Doda organized a three-day special trials and fitness camp in Bhaderwah, bringing much-needed relief to license seekers and transporters.

Under the supervision of ARTO Doda Kapil Deol, accompanied by MVI Jasbir Singh, MVI Rakesh Singh, and the departmental team, the camp successfully operated for the last three days in Bhaderwah.

Officials also held an



awareness session on safe driving and strict adherence to traffic rules - a session that saw active participation from drivers, transporters, license applicants, and the general public.

ARTO Doda Kapil Deol informed that the camp was primarily aimed at clearing the pendency caused due to administrative gaps. Over 450 pending slots were cleared during the special drive, offering immediate relief to applicants.

He further announced plans to conduct similar trials in Gandoh Sub Division,

ensuring that aspirants in remote areas also receive timely services.

Kapil Deol urged the public to strictly follow road safety norms - including the use of helmets, seat belts, avoiding over-speeding, and abstaining from mobile usage or liquor while driving. He also appealed to citizens not to approach agents for any work related to the ARTO office and assured strict action against any official found demanding bribes.

The initiative has earned wide appreciation from the locals.

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