

## Three vehicles loaded with illegal Khair Wood seized

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JAMMU: Continuing its crackdown against illegal timber



smuggling, Jammu (Rural) Police achieved a significant success by seizing a vehicle involved in the illegal transportation of Khair wood in the jurisdiction of Police Station Gharota.

During routine naka checking on the intervening night of December 27/28, 2025, a police party from Police Station Gharota established a special naka at the Ghorda area of Gharota. During the operation, one black-coloured Scorpio (Registration No. JK02X-0027) was signalled to stop.

On noticing the police presence, the driver attempted to flee and managed to escape. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found loaded with Khair wood logs weighing approximately 15-20 quintals, being illegally transported for commercial purposes. The vehicle along with the seized Khair wood has been taken into police custody.

A report has been entered at Police Station Gharota, and the matter has been intimated to the Forest Department for further action under the relevant provisions of the Forest Act.

Meanwhile, A police party from Police Post Jourian established a special naka at Rakh Muthi during routine checking on the intervening night of December 27/28, 2025. At around 03:30 hours, two vehicles Scorpio (Registration No. PB09G-4072) and Mahindra Load Carrier (Registration No. JK02BM-7125) were signalled to stop.

On noticing police presence, the drivers of both vehicles attempted to flee and managed to escape under the cover of darkness. Upon inspection, both vehicles were found loaded with Khair wood logs weighing approximately 50/60 quintals, being illegally transported for commercial purposes.

The vehicles along with the seized Khair wood have been taken into police custody. A report has been entered at Police Post Jourian, and the matter has been intimated to the Forest Department for further action under the relevant provisions of the Forest Act.

## Major theft network busted; 6 stolen two-wheelers recovered

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JAMMU: Jammu Police, South Zone has achieved a major breakthrough by busting an active theft network and recovering over 06 stolen two-wheelers, thereby curbing a spate of vehicle thefts reported from different parts of Jammu.

Acting under the strong leadership of the SSP Jammu, and under the continuous guidance of the SP South and SDPO South, Police Station Gangyal launched a focused crackdown after noticing a sudden surge in two-wheeler theft cases within its jurisdiction.

In this connection, the SHO, Police Station Gangyal constituted special teams to trace the culprits involved. One such dedicated team was led by PSI Atta-ur-Rehman. The team



conducted extensive field work, analysed theft patterns, developed technical inputs and carried out searches at several suspected locations commonly used for concealing stolen vehicles.

Due to the sustained and systematic efforts of the police team, over 06 high-value stolen two-wheelers have been recovered, which are linked to multiple theft cases registered at different police stations.

This significant recovery sends a strong message to criminal elements that Jammu Police remains fully committed to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of public property. The coordinated supervision of senior officers and the round-the-clock efforts of the Police on ground have further strengthened public confidence in the police.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled

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JAMMU: Under the ongoing Kamdhenu Operation, Police Station Akhnoor foiled a bovine smuggling bid today at about 0715 hours at Naka Khuga Morh.

A vehicle bearing registration number JK02CX-6449, coming from Akhnoor towards Rajouri, was signalled to stop for checking. However, the driver attempted to evade the naka. After a brief chase, the vehicle was successfully intercepted and the driver apprehended by the naka party.

During questioning, the driver disclosed his identity as Ranjeet Kumar, son of Diwan Chand, resident of Sunglal. On thorough search of the vehicle, one bovine animal (buffalo) was found loaded inside, tied in a cruel manner and without food or water. The driver failed to produce any valid written permission from the District Magistrate, Jammu, for transportation of the bovine animal.

Accordingly, the driver has committed offences punishable under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. In this regard, FIR No. 245/2025 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Akhnoor, and further investigation is underway.

## Doda police secures conviction in bovine smuggling case

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DODA: Doda Police have successfully secured the conviction and punishment of an accused involved in a bovine smuggling case, reaffirming their sustained efforts to curb illegal activities in the district.

As per official sources, on 25.12.2025, a case vide FIR No. 76/2025 under Sections 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act was registered at Police Station Thathri against Mohd Hanief S/o Alfio Gujar R/o Barthal, Batote, Tehsil Batote, District Ramban. During the operation, six (06) bovines were rescued from his

possession.

After completion of the investigation, the challan was produced before the Hon'ble Court of JMJC Thathri on 27.12.2025. After hearing the matter, the Hon'ble Court convicted the accused and imposed a fine of Rs 7,550/- upon him. Pertinently this conviction has been secured within three days of registration of the case.

## Brandishing pistol in public lands two in police net

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on a reliable input, police team of Police Station Satwari in a joint operation with 13 BN BSF, registered a case against two individuals who were allegedly roaming in a public area while openly displaying a pistol, caus-



ing panic and insecurity among the local population.

The accused have been identified as Manzoor Hussain S/o Noor Hussain, R/o Badhori, Tehsil Bari-Brahamana, Samba, and Suraj, S/o Om Parkash, R/o Badhori, Tehsil Bari-Brahamana, Samba. As per the information received, the duo was freely moving within the jurisdiction of the police station while exhibiting a firearm, thereby creating fear and disturbing public order.

Taking prompt action, a joint team of Police Station Satwari and 13 BN BSF apprehended the suspects, following which Case FIR No. 249/2025 U/S 3/25 Arms Act was registered.

During the investigation, the team recovered one pistol along with two magazines, in addition to one pistol-like toy that was allegedly used by the accused to create fear among the public.

Police officials stated that unauthorized possession and display of a firearm in a public place poses a serious threat to public safety and order.

## GRP Jammu registers 30 NDPS FIRs in two years, arrests 33 drug peddlers

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JAMMU: The Government Railway Police (GRP) Jammu, a wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, has intensified its drive against drug trafficking and criminal activity, registering a significant rise in enforcement actions during the last two years.

According to official figures, the GRP Jammu registered 18 cases in 2025 alone and a total of 30 FIRs under various sections of the NDPS Act during the past

two years. This marks a manifold increase compared to the preceding period, highlighting the department's enhanced vigilance and enforcement strategy against narcotics-related crimes. These operations have led to the arrest of 33 drug peddlers and the seizure of contraband items worth more than ₹1.65 crore in the illicit market.

In a major breakthrough, the Railway Police also booked two of the most notorious drug peddlers under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, 1988, an action taken for the first time by this unit. The move reflects the police's firm resolve to dismantle organized drug networks operating through railway routes.

Apart from narcotics-related seizures, Police Station GRP Jammu also recovered two Indian-made pistols (0.315 bore) during the period. Legal proceedings have been initiated against the accused persons in these cases, further strengthening action against organized crime and illegal arms.

In another major success, the long arm of law caught up with 12 long-pending absconders who had been evading arrest for 15 to 20 years. These individuals were apprehended under Section 512 of the CrPC and were subsequently produced before the concerned courts of law.

Senior police officers said that the Jammu Railway Police remains committed to making the railway network free from drug trafficking and criminal activities. The sustained crackdown has not only disrupted illegal operations but also sent a strong message to those involved in narcotics and other unlawful activities.

## Action against reckless snow stunts; 2 vehicles seized

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GULMARG: J&K Police has taken immediate action against two individuals for performing dangerous driving stunts on snow at Gulmarg, an act that put pedestrians and other road users at serious risk.

Police Station Gulmarg registered FIR No. 19/2025 under Sections 281 & 125 BNS and Section 184 of the Motor Vehicles Act against Imad ur Rehman Miya of Molvi Stop, Lal Bazar, Srinagar, and Mohd Munzarin Kullu of Alamdar Colony, Lal Bazar, Srinagar.

The accused were caught indulging in reckless driving on snow-covered roads, creating a life-threatening situation for people moving in the area. The vehicles involved, JK01BB-3417 and JK01AP-5151, were seized on the spot. Legal proceedings are underway. Apart from legal action, the accused were counselled and clearly warned not to repeat such behaviour. They were advised to follow traffic rules strictly, especially during snowfall and slippery road conditions.

# Nagar Kirtan taken out in Poonch

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POONCH: A vibrant and spiritually uplifting Nagar Kirtan was organized in Poonch to commemorate the 359th Parkash Parv of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Guru of Sikhism.

The grand procession commenced from Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Poonch, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of devotees belonging to different sections of society.

The Nagar Kirtan was marked by the sacred presence of the Saroop of Sahib Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, beautifully adorned and accompanied by the five beloved ones (Panj Pyaras). Youth showcased traditional Gatka and martial arts performances, adding fervor and spiritual energy to the procession.

President District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Poonch, S. Narinder Singh, addressed the sangat and highlighted the life, teachings and sacrifices of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

General Secretary DGPC



Panji Piare leading the Nagar Kirtan in Poonch.

(Pic by Randhir Singh)

Poonch, S. Harcharan Singh, in his address, reiterated the importance of Sikh history and the timeless teachings of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The Nagar Kirtan not only commemorated the Guru's Parkash Parv but also strengthened communal harmony, unity and the spirit of seva among the people of Poonch. Joint Secretary DGPC Poonch, S. Gureharan Singh, and President AISSE, S. Paramjeet Singh, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the Guru's message of courage, equality and righteousness.

DGPC Poonch expressed

sincere gratitude to Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Shafaqat Hussain Bhat, for their participation and full support. Appreciation was also extended to all supporting departments including the Motor Vehicles Department, Health Department, JPDCL, PHIE, Fire & Emergency Services, Municipality and others for ensuring smooth and well-coordinated arrangements.

DIG Rajouri/Poonch Range, Tajinder Singh (IPS), Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma (JKAS), SSP

Poonch, Shafaqat Hussain Bhat, Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majid, DySP Har Neeraj Sharma, SHO Poonch Satinder Singh, along with other district administration and police officers, participated in the Nagar Kirtan.

Preacher Amarjeet Singh from SGPC, Amritsar delivered an enlightening discourse on the life history of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the rich legacy of Sikhism, inspiring the sangat. Ragi Jathas led by Bhai Parvinder Singh, Bhai Sartaj Singh and other ragi groups recited soulful Gurbani Kirtan throughout the procession.

# Dy CM inaugurates 45-Metre Steel Bridge at Sadda Nallah, Mangrote

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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Sunday inaugurated a 45-metre span single-lane steel motorable bridge over Sadda Nallah at Mangrote, marking a significant milestone in strengthening the road connectivity in the region.

The event was attended by MLA Budhal, Javed Iqbal Choudhary, MLA Kalakote, Thakur Randhir



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary during the programme at Mangrote.

Singh, DDC Member Budhal Old-A, Shazia Kousar and DDC Member Moughla, Shamim Akhter besides senior officers and media persons.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the newly constructed bridge will provide all-weather connectivity to the local population, ease transportation difficulties and ensure safer movement for

the commuters. He said that the UT government is committed towards bridging the infrastructural gaps in rural and remote areas and ensuring equitable development across all regions.

In another major development initiative, the Deputy Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for construction of an inspection hut along with allied works at

Sadda, Kalakote. He said that the facility will strengthen administrative presence and improve monitoring and implementation of development works in the area.

During the visit, Surinder Choudhary interacted with the public, listening to their grievances. He assured time-bound redressal of all genuine demands raised by the people. He emphasized

that the government is following a people-centric and proactive approach to governance, with special focus on addressing grass-roots-level issues.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Budhal Javed Iqbal Choudhary lauded the UT administration for prioritizing infrastructure development in far-flung areas. He said that such projects play a vital role in improving the quality of life of the people.

MLA Kalakote Thakur Randhir Singh also expressed gratitude to the government for approving key developmental works for the constituency.

The general public appreciated the developmental initiatives, terming them a long-pending demand that will significantly improve accessibility, enhance commuter safety and support effective administrative oversight in the region.

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KISHTWAR: On the directions of SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, District Police Kishtwar organised a Powerlifting Championship at District Police Lines (DPL) Kishtwar under the Civic Action Programme (CAP). Powerlifters from different parts of Kishtwar district enthusiastically participated in the championship, showcasing their strength, discipline, and sporting spirit.

Addressing the participants on the occasion, Addl. SP Kishtwar said that Kishtwar Police is committed to providing a positive platform to the talented youth of the district so that they can showcase their abilities, channel their energy in a constructive direction, and stay away from drugs, social evils, criminal activities, and anti-national tendencies. He emphasized that sports play a vital role in character building, discipline, and overall personality development of youth.



Police officials along with players posing for photograph.

The prizes were distributed by Addl. SP PC Kishtwar, accompanied by Dy. SP PC Kishtwar in the championship, outstanding performers were felicitated with cash prizes, gold medals, trophies, and certificates. Mr. Momin Dar secured top positions in the Junior and Senior categories and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000/-. In the Sub-Junior category, Mr. Dawar Javed emerged victorious and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-, along with a trophy, medal,

and certificate. Other participants were also awarded medals and certificates for their commendable performances.

In his message, SSP Kishtwar Sh. Naresh Singh JKPS lauded the enthusiastic participation of the youth and reiterated the commitment of Kishtwar Police towards promoting sports and healthy activities. He encouraged the youth to actively participate in sports and join hands in the fight against drug abuse for build-

ing a healthy, peaceful, and progressive society.

The event was witnessed by Addl. SP Kishtwar Sh. Pardeep Singh Gorla-JKPS, Addl. SP PC Kishtwar Nisar Khoja-JKPS, Dy. SP Headquarters Dr. Ishan Gupta-JKP, Dy. SP PC Kishtwar Sh. Sharvan Singh-JKPS, besides other officers of the Police Department. A huge gathering of spectators was also present, who continuously boosted the morale of the participating powerlifters.

## Atal Ji set benchmark for good governance in India: Col Mahan

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MAHANPUR: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua and senior BJP leader of Pahari Zila, today chaired a meeting at Mahanpur as part of the Atal Smriti Varsh Sammelans being organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party at the Assembly Constituency level.

The programme witnessed participation of hundreds of BJP workers from far-flung areas, reflecting strong enthusiasm and organisational strength.

Prominent BJP leaders present on the occasion included Rajinder Jaswal, General Secretary Pahari Zila; Rajeshwar "Lucky", District Vice President; Narita Manhas, Mandal President Mahanpur; Sushma Karyal, Chander Prabha, Dharam Chand Malgotra, District President OBC Morecha; and veteran BJP leader Sham Singh Bhadwal.

Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh paid rich



tributes to the legendary former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, recalling his statesmanship, integrity and inclusive vision for India.

"Atal Ji was not only a great leader but a true democrat who believed in consensus, compassion and national unity. His model of governance continues to inspire the nation even today," he said.

Col Mahan Singh further highlighted the relevance of good governance, which he described as the hallmark of Atal Ji's leadership and the guiding principle of the present Narendra Modi

Government. "The last eleven years under Prime Minister Modi have strengthened transparency, accountability, responsiveness and the rule of law. People's participation and welfare have been placed at the centre of governance," he stated.

He added that good governance ensures equal opportunities and fair distribution of resources to all sections of society, which in turn builds public trust in democratic institutions. "When governance is honest and people-centric, democracy becomes strong and meaningful," he remarked.

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