

Two drug peddlers apprehended with 8.85 grams heroin

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers and peddlers, Samba Police has apprehended two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered approximately 8.85 grams heroin like substance from their possession.

A Police team of Police Station Vijaypur during naka checking near Shiv temple Rakh Barotian Vijaypur, intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration No. JK02DR-0334 for checking. During checking, approximately 8.85 grams heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of rider and pillion rider.

The drug peddlers identified as Vishal Kumar S/O Daleep Kumar R/O Gandhu Choni, Residency Road tehsil and district Jammu and one more accused (juvenile) have been apprehended and the contraband item has been seized. The motorcycle used in the offence has also been seized by the Police in the instant case.

A case FIR No 137/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.



Absconder wanted in multiple cases arrested

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POONCH: Police Station Mandi, under District Police Poonch, successfully apprehended and produced before the court an absconder wanted in multiple criminal cases, following his detention at Kochi Airport, Kerala.

The accused, Farooq Abdullah S/O Abdul Rahim R/O Sawjian, Mandi, was wanted in FIR No. 94/2018 and FIR No. 99/2020, for which the Hon'ble Court had issued two General Warrants of Arrest under Section 299 CrPC. The individual had been absconding for a prolonged period.

Based on a Look Out Circular (LOC) issued by District Police Office Poonch, the accused was intercepted and detained at Kochi Airport. After receiving the information, Police Station Mandi constituted a special team, which was deputed to Kerala to take custody of the accused.

The team successfully brought the accused back to Poonch, where he was produced before the Hon'ble CJM Court Poonch.



Two missing women traced; reunite her with family

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DODA: Doda Police have traced a missing woman who had been reported missing from the Sharowa Humble area of Doda.

On 21.11.2024, a missing report was entered vide DD No. 06 at Police Post Khellani regarding the disappearance of a woman resident of Sharowa Humble, Tehsil & District Doda.

Acting promptly on the report, Doda Police launched efforts using human intelligence inputs as well as technical assistance provided by ESU Doda. During the course of investigation, the police team succeeded in locating the missing woman in Jalandhar, Punjab.

The traced woman has been safely handed over to her legal heirs after completing all necessary legal formalities. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed.

In another case, On 25.07.2025, one lady resident of Bulanpur, Tehsil Assar, went missing from her home, and the missing report was entered vide DDR No.14 dated 25-07-2025 at Police Station Assar.

Acting promptly, Doda Police utilised all possible technical and human resources to trace the missing lady. After sustained and dedicated efforts, she was located, and upon completion of all requisite legal formalities, the recovered lady was handed over to her parents, Ashok Kumar S/O Sanat Ram and Pushpa Devi, R/O Bulanpur, vide DDR No. 20 dated 04-12-2025. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed.

Accused wanted in attempt to murder case arrested

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KATHUA: In continuation to its drive against the accused/criminals, District Police Kathua apprehended an accused who was wanted in an "Attempt to Murder" Case FIR No. 55/2024 U/S 307 IPC of PS Lakhampur.

On 04/12/2025 a Police team of PS Lakhampur led by SHO PS Lakhampur Insp. Tariq Ahmed assisted by PSI Yousaf under the supervision of Addl. SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS &



DySP DAR Kathua Sh. Ritesh Sambyal and overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms Mohita Sharma IPS succeeded in apprehending the accused namely Akhter Hussain S/O Mohd Din R/o Bibrote Tehsil Rajgarh District Ramban who was evading his arrest since 2024 in case FIR No. 55/2024 U/S 307/IPC of PS Lakhampur. The said accused was evading arrest since long after the commission of the crime.

After completing legal formalities, he was produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law.

Criminal nabbed with sharp edged weapon

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JAMMU: In a continued crackdown on criminal activities, Jammu (Rural) Police intercepted a vehicle JK02DF-2625 during patrolling on the intervening night of 03/12/2025 in the Domana area. During checking, the police recovered a sharp-edged weapon from a person identified as Balram Singh Jamwal @ Kapil S/o Balbir Singh R/o Galwade Chak, Gajansoo.

In this regard, FIR No. 254/2025 U/S 4/25 Arms Act was registered at Police Station Domana.

A police team led by Insp. Varuneshwar, SHO Domana, successfully apprehended the accused on the spot. Further investigation is underway to ascertain his possible involvement in other criminal activities and identify any associates.



SSP Jammu holds crime/security review meeting

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JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu Joginder Singh on Friday held a Crime/Security review at District Police Lines. The meeting was attended by all the Zonal SSP, PSP Ops Jammu, all SDPO's, DySP DAR, Sr PO DPO Jammu, all SHO's & Incharge Police Posts of Jammu District.

During the meeting in addition to Crime review, various security measures were discussed for controlling crime & ensuring peace and stability in the District. Various aspects of policing including quality investigation of cases, time bound crime disposal, verifications, disposal of Property related & NDPS cases, completion of inquest proceedings, history sheets, absconders, missing persons and other issues related to accountable policing were also discussed.

Disposal of cases registered under Old as well as



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh chairing meeting on Friday.

New Criminal Laws of each Police Station/Sub-division/Zone was discussed in detail including disposal within time limit period of 60 & 90 days.

SSP Jammu asked officers to ensure time bound completion of Investigation of cases to ensure speedy justice to the victims.

Progress on CCTNS front, e-Sakshya, SID's, e-summons was also taken up during meeting.

SSP Jammu also asked the officers for improving, capacity building on all important aspects of Policing.

Officers were asked for Mandatory utilisation of

FSL services as per BNSS provisions without fail and progress achieved and challenges faced on this front were discussed with all the stakeholders. Progress on mandatory utilisation of FSL services was discussed in detail & officers were given directions for strict compliance regarding utilisation of FSL services to collect scientific evidence under New Criminal laws.

SSP Jammu also advised the police officers posted in the district in various capacities to provide a good policing with assurance of safety/security to the general public and adhering to all legal parameters give a

tough time to anti-national and antisocial elements.*

SSP Jammu specifically mentioned that all drug peddlers/Organised crime networks should be identified & strict action need to be taken against them. There is clearly policy of Zero Tolerance against Drugs and Organised crime & whatsoever, is involved in drug trafficking/Organised Crime should be strictly dealt

Officers were asked to fully implement citizen centric provisions available under New Criminal laws including registration of Zero-FIR's & e-FIR's.

Progress achieved on util-

isation of e-Sakshya by each unit & creation of SID's was also discussed, besides progress on utilising MedLEaPR.

SSP Jammu emphasized upon the participating officers to ensure quantitative and qualitative disposal of under investigation cases of various nature as priority and to take stringent action against those who are involved in various social crimes.

SSP Jammu directed officers to assure proper surveillance on all the released organised criminal elements and asked officers take all necessary steps to curb the criminal activities of Criminals especially Organised Criminals (Gangsters) so that general public don't feel any sort of criminal threat around.

SSP Jammu stressed for quality investigation and speedy disposal of under investigation case and reduction in the overall pendency to ensure speedy justice to the victims.

He also directed that there is zero tolerance to corruption, burking of crime and indiscipline at any level. He said that the efficiency of police can be gauged from the time it takes to respond to the day to day situations. He asserted that alongwith quickness in response, the polite behavior and sympathy at heart are required while dealing with the problems of general public

SSP Jammu applauded the sincere efforts of Jammu Police team and asked for strict compliance to V.D.G as well as Border S.O.P's. He stressed officers for proper coordination with other forces & area domination in their areas and ensuring tenant verifications without any harassment to general public.

At the conclusion, SSP Jammu directed Officers to ensure proper presence on important roads/junctions at peak hours of the day and evening to facilitate smooth traffic movement and to avoid inconvenience caused to general public due to traffic jamming in the city.

‘Rang-E-Khiza’: Colours, creativity & confidence light up Udchampur school



Trust members along with students during the camp.

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UDHAMPUR: The National Art Workshop "Rang-E-Khiza", organised by MSCBMC Trust in collaboration with Petronet LNG Ltd (PLL), Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India, transformed the Govt Girls Middle School Baryal, Zone JIB into a vibrant celebration of art and imagination.

The school courtyard blossomed with colours as students immersed themselves in painting, singing, dancing, sketching, and observing live art demonstrations. Their enthusiasm was met with cheers, applause, and prizes for the best performers.

Organisers also distributed sweaters, warm clothing, utensils, eatables, and refreshments, adding warmth and care to the joyous atmosphere. The school management extended heartfelt thanks to the Trust and its President Anuradha Rishi for their generous support.

Students, full of energy and confidence, participated without hesitation. The top three young artists were also specially awarded for their exceptional creativity.

The workshop was enriched by the presence of ten acclaimed national artists Sharmila Sharma, Rakhi Kumar, Manish K. Rao, Jivan Biswas, Sanghpal Mhaske, Aditya Shankar Prasad, Rahul Mhetre, Taslim Sona, Apurba Karati, and Rakhee Kumari who guided students through live sessions, expanding their

artistic exposure.

MSCBMC Trust President Anuradha Rishi, daughter of iconic artist Master Sansar Chand Baru, said: Art speaks a language that crosses all boundaries. 'Rang-E-Khiza' inspires imagination, exploration, and the courage to dream. Creativity builds confidence in every child, no matter what path they choose."

She further added that Udchampur holds immense talent, and nurturing art and culture is among the best ways to help students move forward with confidence and purpose.

Rotary Team Hum RID 3070 spread warmth, joy at GHS Pull Tawi



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JAMMU: The Rotary Team HUM RID 3070 recently spread warmth and joy by distributing sweaters and shoes to underprivileged students at Govt High School Pull Tawi. Led by Assistant Governor Dr. Davinder Kour, the team, along with RC Jammu Elite President Dr. Revika Arora and Secretary advocate Jasmeet Kour pandey, brought smiles to the students' faces. The team also took the opportunity to educate the students about the importance of health and hygiene. The school's Headmaster praised the club's efforts, and the students were thrilled to receive the thoughtful gifts.

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MAHANPUR: In a whirlwind tour of Mahanpur Block, District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Col Mahan Singh (Retd) conducted extensive inspections of ongoing development works under the District Capex Plan for FY 2025-26.

He visited several Panchayats, including Sabar, Nowshera, Mahanpur 'B', Dambra East and Dambra West, where he reviewed multiple projects aimed at strengthening rural infrastructure.

Accompanied by Moti Ram Sharma, BDO Mahanpur, along with other block officials, Col Mahan Singh inspected



DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh (Retd) during tour to Mahanpur.

projects such as lanes, hand pumps, water bodies, cremation sheds, passenger waiting sheds, Panchayat Ghars, and other developmental works being executed under the Capex budget. Officials briefed him about the

progress and the impact these works are expected to create in the respective panchayats.

Speaking to media persons after the tour, Col Mahan Singh expressed satisfaction over the pace and quality of work. "Nearly 80 percent of the allotted works, amounting to about Rs 3 crore in Mahanpur Block for the current financial year,

have already been completed," he said. He directed the BDO to ensure the remaining works are completed within the stipulated time frame.

The DDC Chairman also appealed to the UT Government for the early conduct of elections for Panchayat Bodies and Block Development Councils, whose

terms ended nearly one and two years ago, respectively. He emphasised the importance of timely DDC Council elections as well, which are set to complete their five-year tenure by the end of February next year. Highlighting the commitment to grassroots democracy, Col Mahan Singh added that the three-tier system-established for the first time in J&K after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A-must remain empowered through timely elections. He further stated that unprecedented development has taken place in Jammu & Kashmir in the last five years, noting that "over Rs 500 crore has been spent in District Kathua alone since the formation of the District Development Councils."

BIS hosts sensitisation session for government functionaries at Kathua

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KATHUA: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Jammu conducted a sensitisation session for District Level Officers here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma; ADDC Surinder Mohan Sharma; ADC Vishavjeet Singh and district officers from across line departments attended the programme.

Director and Head BIS JKBO Tilak Raj briefed the officers on the functioning of BIS and its role in ensuring quality, safety and reliability of products and services. He underlined that BIS certification provides third-party assurance to consumers regarding product standards.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner called for strict enforcement of BIS standards in all government works to ensure quality asset creation and transparency in procurement. He urged departments to incorporate standardisation norms in ongoing and future projects. The ADDC emphasised the importance of uniform quality protocols across departments to enhance project outcomes. The district administration also called for extending awareness on BIS standards to rural areas to educate the masses about certified products and quality compliance.

The BIS team also highlighted the adoption of certified materials in government projects and explained procedures related to product certification, hallmarking, laboratory testing and regulatory frameworks. Officers were also introduced to the Know Your Standards portal, Manak Online Portal and BIS Care App for verification and grievance redressal.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, during which officers sought sector-specific guidance. BIS officials assured continued technical support to the district administration.

Sunil Sharma lays foundation stone for connectivity project for Paddar Nagseni

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KISHTWAR: Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma laid the foundation stone for KP Galhar-Chingnana road via Lower & Upper Bronan, calling it a landmark step toward fulfilling a long-pending demand of the people of Paddar and Nagseni.

Sunil Sharma, on this occasion, said that the improved road connectivity is the backbone of regional development, and this Rs 17 crore prestigious project will significantly ease travel, enhance accessibility, and boost socio-economic growth across the entire belt. He added that the project reflects the collective will of the people who have consistently raised this demand and finally seeing it taking shape.

"The KP Galhar-



LoP Sunil Sharma laying foundation stone of road.

Chingnana road will transform mobility for thousands, connect remote habitations, and ensure faster access to essential services. This is a strong example of how people's genuine needs must guide development priorities," the LoP said.

Sunil Sharma reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that development reaches every village, espe-

cially those that have long remained neglected. He expressed hope that the work on the road will be completed in a time-bound and transparent manner, bringing long-term benefits to the region.

He congratulated the people of Paddar-Nagseni and assured them of continued support in all upcoming developmental initiatives.

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