

Samba police seizes 5 vehicles for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five vehicles across the district which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ramgarh, SHO PS Samba, Incharge PP Supwal falling under PS Samba and Incharge PP Utterbehani falling under PS Purmandal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized two tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21-9658 & JK21H-7300 and three tractor trolleys without registration Nos. for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Budgam & Handwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Budgam, a police party of Police Station Beerwah headed by ASI Mohammad Shafi at a checkpoint established near Larbal bridge intercepted two suspicious persons, who on seeing the police party, threw a green-coloured polythene bag on the roadside and tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully. During checking the said bag, charas like substance in powdered form weighing about 575 grams was recovered. They have been identified as Rameez Ahmad Ganie son of Mohammad Ramzan Ganie resident of Hardu Lattina and Danish Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Ahad Sheikh resident of Larbal. Both accused persons have been arrested and a case FIR No. 15/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Beerwah and investigation initiated. In Handwara, a police team of Police

Station Villgam at a checkpoint established at Champora Crossing intercepted 02 suspicious persons. They have been identified as Mohammed Gulzar Mir son of Gh Mohi ud din Mir resident of Amargarh Sharkoot and Faisal Ahmed Mir son of Ghulam Ahmad Mir resident of Manngam. During search, 62 grams of contraband Charas-like substance was recovered from their possession. Both the accused have been arrested. Accordingly, a case under relevant section of law stands registered in Police Station Villgam and investigation initiated.

Bootlegger arrested, illicit liquor recovered

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KUPWARA: In a significant action against illegal liquor trade, Police in Kupwara have arrested a person and seized illicit liquor from his possession. A police team of Police Post Kalaroos, at a checkpoint established near Fire Service Station Kalaroos, intercepted a suspicious person identified as Hilal Ahmad Bhat son of Khizar Ahmad Bhat resident of Kalaroos. During the search, 37 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and a case vide FIR No. 37/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered

at Police Station Kupwara and investigation has been initiated.

Police launch verification drive on SIM vendors

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PULWAMA: As a part of its ongoing effort to curb the rising instances of fraud and to prevent misuse of mobile phone SIMs, Police in Pulwama today launched a verification drive on SIM card vendors across the district.

The drive aims to verify the authenticity of documents submitted by subscribers and to ensure that SIM vendors are adhering to the guidelines set by the government and to ensure that their SIM connections are verified.

In a significant move to prevent SIM card misuse and enhance Public safety, Police in Handwara conducted a comprehensive inspection of SIM card vendors. The initiative aimed to ensure strict compliance with guidelines for SIM card sales and activations while supporting law enforcement efforts. The inspection focused on verifying adherence to Know Your Customer (KYC) norms, proper documentation, and preventing unauthorized issuance of SIM cards. Vendors were monitored to ensure their operations comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

SSP Samba holds PCPG meeting

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SAMBA: In order to strengthen Police-Public relationship and to reduce the gap between general public and police, SSP Samba Virinder Singh Manhas held a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting in the premises of Police Post RakhAmb/Talli under the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba. The meeting saw the participation of DDC member Samba, representatives from industries, Ex-Sarpanches/Panches, Numbardars and large number of prominent persons/youth hailing from adjoining villages BeinGlar,



SSP Samba Virinder Singh Manhas addressing public.

Pangdour, ChakDayala, ChakFaqira, Kalibari, Sadoh, Sordi, etc.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss/acquaint with the problems of the general public of the area and to develop a sense among the general public

that Police is committed for the safety & security of its citizens and is very much concerned to redress their genuine issues.

SSP Samba assured the participants that District Police Samba is committed to curb the crime from the

society and to provide safe and secure environment to the law abiding people. He warned strict action against the people indulging in drug trafficking, bovine smuggling and other criminal activities. Besides this, SSP Samba appealed the participants as well as the general public to cooperate and assist the Police in its fight against drug menace.

SSP Samba urged upon the public residing in the border villages to remain alert and inform Police about any suspicious movement in their areas. The identity of the informer shall be kept secret. Moreover, it was also appealed to the participants/general public to

get the tenant verification of outsiders staying in their houses/land on priority.

During the course of meeting, SSP Samba patiently heard the problems/issues highlighted by the participants and assured them that their genuine problems shall be redressed. At last chairing Police officer thanked the participants for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. On the occasion, Addl. SP Samba, DySPHqrs Samba, DySP Operations Samba, SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharge PPs RakhAmb/Talli, Rajpura, SIDCO, Supwal and other Police Officers were also present.

DGPC Rajouri organises plantation drive

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SUNDERBANI: District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Rajouri organized a plantation drive throughout the district on the occasion of Parkash Gurburab of Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji the 7th Guru of Sikhs who for the first time gave the concept of preservation of natural resources, protection as well as importance of natural environment.

By giving the message of Guru Sahib ji on his Parkash Gurburab to the masses, DGPC Rajouri along with the Sikh Sangat organized a "Plantation Drive" at their homes, Gurdwaras, schools, colleges, offices, open places,



Committee members planting saplings.

along the roads, cremation grounds, etc. throughout the district.

Prof. Hardial Singh President District Gurdwara

Parbandhak Committee Rajouri thanked to all the sangat of District Rajouri who participated in this great event.

SPPND GDC Samba imparts leprosy awareness

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SAMBA: Awareness Lecture on Leprosy was organized by First Aid committee of Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College Samba in collaboration with Chief Medical Officer (CMO) office under SPARSH LEPROSY PROGRAM. The event aimed to educate students and faculty about leprosy, its causes, symptoms, treatment, and the importance of early detection and eradication.

The session was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college along with medical professionals from the CMO Office, Samba. Addressing the gathering, the speakers emphasized that leprosy is a completely curable disease and highlighted the National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP), which focuses on early diagnosis, free treatment, and reducing social stigma associated with the disease.

During the lecture, medical experts



Faculty members along with students during the event.

dispelled common myths about leprosy and educated the attendees about preventive measures, transmission modes, and the significance of community awareness. The session also encouraged students to act as ambassadors of change by spreading correct information within their communities.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, expressed gratitude to the CMO team for their valuable insights and conducting an informative session to

help create a more aware and sensitive society. The event concluded with an interactive session wherein students actively participated and clarified their doubts.

The initiative was part of ongoing efforts to promote public health awareness and disease eradication. Such programs play a crucial role in educating young minds and fostering a more inclusive and stigma-free approach to healthcare.

Poonch police starts 5-day course on new criminal laws

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POONCH: 05 days crash course on new criminal laws commenced today at (DTC) DPL Poonch. In which Police officers/officials have attended the above said course. The primary objective of the course is to understand the theme behind the New Criminal Laws with an emphasis on significant changes. The necessary knowledge and understanding of these new laws, ensuring they are well-prepared to address contemporary challenges in law enforcement. In addition, the participants were made aware by the chairing officers about the comparisons of old and new laws. Officers' officials had the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions,



Police officer delivering lecture.

enhancing their comprehension and application of the new laws. This initiative underscores the commitment of Police to provide comprehensive and relevant training to its personnel, ensuring they remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices. Beisde

this the role of other important portals in policing such as Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS), e-Summons, e-Sakshya, ICJS (Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System), ITSSO (Investigation Tracking

System for Sexual Offences) and POCOS (Protection of Children from Sexual Offence) was also briefed among the participants.

The course was formally inaugurated by DySP DAR DPL Poonch under the supervision of SSP Poonch who in his inaugural address, briefed the participating officers/officials and emphasized upon them to gain knowledge of all the three new Criminal Laws viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 which effective july 01, 2024 and important online portals for their proper use on ground after implementation of these Laws.

People's Hut Foundation, army organise free medical camp

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AKHNOOR: People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with 2 Assam of the Indian Army conducted a "Free Medical Camp" at Government High School Kaleeth, Tehsil Akhnoor and District Jammu and was supported by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity Jammu. The main aim of conducting this medical camp was to provide essential free health care services to the villagers in the Area of responsibility of 2 Assam. The People's Hut Foundation headed by Dr. Rohit Koul and Dr. Ritu Koul which is a national level registered NGO registered with Govt of India & Niti Aayog brought together a team of dedicated health care professionals who volunteered to offer medical consultations.

The medical camp themed "Mobile Health Clinic Program" saw an overwhelming



NGO members, army officials along with students during the camp.

ing participation where 486 patients availed the free services from villages of Kaleeth and adjoining Block. In addition to medical consultation in Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Pathology, General medicine, Oncology, Clinical Psychology the camp also provided free Allopathic and Ayush Medicines along with basic health screening and awareness about Nutrition, Hygiene and preventive care.

The Directorate of Ayush also participated in the camp and was represented by

Medical Officers Dr. Dheeraj Raina and Dr. Sanjay Pandita along with other Ayush Staff. The medical camp provided medical services to the villagers which lacked basic medical facilities due to their proximity to the Line of Control. A special ECHS service camp for the people of Kaleth and nearby villages was also organized by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity under the guidance of Dr. Harmeet Singh, MD - Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity and Group Director Ujala Cygnus Emergency and Trauma in collaboration with People's Hut

Foundation It received a great response from the ex Serviceman.

Team of Doctors and supporting Staff who participated and provided their services in the camp were Dr. Harshen Bali (Dentistry), Dr. Sohail Goni (General Physician), Dr. Richu Sharma (Oncologist), Dr. Jaspreet Singh (Endocrinologist), Dr. Imran Khan (Orthopaedic PT), Dr. Divya Sarotia (Physiotherapist), Dr. Selhrish Bilal (Physiotherapist) Dr. Ritu Koul (Clinical Psychologist

and Counselor), Dr. Sanjay Pandita (Medical Officer Ayush), Dr. Dheeraj Raina (Medical Officer Ayush), Vijay Sharma Pharmacist), Vikas Koul (Advisor and CTM People's Hut Foundation), Dinesh Sharma (Marketing and Sales Head at Ujala Cygnus Jammu), Mehran Masood Dar (Marketing and Sales Officer at Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity)

The village elders and Ex-Servicemen of the area of responsibility conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army, People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity and Directorate of Ayush for organising the multi-disciplinary camp. The representatives of People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity, Directorate of Ayush including doctors and Paramedical Staff were also felicitated by the 2 Assam regiment of the Indian army.

GDC Nowshera hosts seminar on Bio Chemistry



Faculty members along with students during the seminar.

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NOWSHERA: The Department of Chemistry successfully organized a thought-provoking seminar on "Bio Chemistry" aimed at promoting sustainable practices in the field of chemical sciences. The event witnessed the participation of students and faculty members, with five talented students delivering insightful presentations on the topic. Among faculty members Dr. Kuldeep Verma, professor Javed Ahmed and Dr. Sunil Dutt were present.

Dr. Mohd Saleem, Head of the Department of Chemistry, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed gathering, including the college Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, faculty members, and students. In his address, Dr. Saleem emphasized the importance of adopting environmentally friendly chemical processes for a sustainable future.

Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad in his speech, appreciated the department's efforts in fostering awareness about Bio chemistry

and lauded the students for their impressive research and presentations. He encouraged students to actively engage in discussions on sustainability and innovation.

Among the five student speakers, Nikhil Sayal secured the first position for his outstanding presentation.

Dr. Neha concluded the event with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Principal, faculty, and students for their enthusiastic participation and contribution to make the seminar a success.

SKPA starts training programme for investigators on Women Safety

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UDHAMPUR: S.K Police Academy, Udhampur on Monday inaugurated a comprehensive 5-day training programme for investigators on the critical topic of "Safety of Women." The programme has drawn 23 police officers from various districts of Jammu & Kashmir. The event was inaugurated by Rajinder Gupta, SSP,



SKPA officials along with participating officers.

Deputy Director (Indoor/Trainings), with Kavita Suri, Professor at the University of Jammu, gracing the occasion as a distinguished guest.

The inaugural ceremony featured a warm welcome extended by Rajinder Gupta, SSP, on behalf of the Academy's Director. Addressing the participants, he underscored the importance of enhancing investigative skills, particularly in

cases involving women and children, including the rapidly expanding domain of cybercrime. Shri Gupta emphasized the crucial objective of securing successful convictions through meticulous investigations and adherence to legal provisions.

The training programme is designed to equip participants with advanced investigative techniques and comprehensive knowledge of relevant laws, including the

POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act, IT Act, and other pertinent legislations. To enrich the learning experience, the course will feature lectures by distinguished speakers from Police Academy, academia and eminent experts in cyber forensics.

The course is being coordinated by Insp. Vikas Manhas assisted by ASI Zareena Malik member faculty SKPA.

Maha Shivratri Festival at Shiv Khori on Feb 26, DC Poonch reviews arrangements

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POONCH: The Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal on Monday visited the Shiv Khori Mandir to assess the arrangements for the upcoming Maha Shivratri festival scheduled for February 26, 2025. The meeting included key committee members and local leaders to address logistical concerns.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner paid his obeisance at the temple before engaging with the Shiv Khori Mandir committee members.

In the meeting, Various issues were discussed such as water and power supply, sanitation, security, traffic management, medical facilities etc.

The Deputy



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal taking stock of arrangements.

Commissioner directed the Jal Shakti and JPDCL departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply ahead of the festival. He also instructed the Chief Medical Officer to organize a medical camp with ambulance services to handle emergencies. Furthermore, adequate sanitation arrangements were mandated by the Executive

Officer of the Municipality. The Deputy Commissioner also told the police department to arrange security forces for the smooth conduct of the festival.

The committee members expressed their gratitude for the Deputy Commissioner's proactive approach and support, emphasizing the impor-

tance of these arrangements for the smooth conduct of the festival.

Accompanying the Deputy Commissioner were SP Operations Sachin Gupta, Chief Medical Officer, Tehsildar Haveli, AEE PHE, AEE PWD/R&B, AD Food, Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality, and other concerned officials.

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