

Major bovine smuggling bids foiled; 68 bovines rescued, vehicles seized

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SAMBA/UDHAMPUR: Tightening noose against the bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has today foiled a major bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and rescued thirty one bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines was also seized.



An information was received at Police Station Samba from reliable sources regarding smuggling of bovines in a truck container bearing registration No. PB13BC-4295 coming from Kathua side. Acting on information, a Police team headed by SHO Police Station Samba successfully intercepted the said truck near NHW SIDCO Chowk Samba for its checking. During checking, thirty one bovines found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 45/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started. Police team of Police Station Rehambal led by its SHO while performing patrolling/vehicle checking duty at naka point Rehambal stopped one vehicle (truck) bearing registration No. JK13E- 4142 for checking purpose. During checking of said vehicle, 28 no. of bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

Bovine smuggler namely Sameer Ahmed, son of Mushtaq Ahmed, resident of Chamalwass, Ramban has been arrested on spot.

All the bovines were rescued and have been shifted to a safer place.

Police team of Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO while performing vehicle checking duty at Jakahani Naka point intercepted one vehicle (Dumper) bearing registration No. JK19A-5938 for checking purpose. During checking of the above said vehicle, 09 no. of bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. Driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot. All the bovines were rescued and have been shifted to a safer place.

In this regards, case FIR No. 50/2025 and under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Udhampur.

Police opens 55 history sheets against habitual drug peddlers

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police in Jammu District opens 55 history sheets against repeated drug peddlers. This initiative is part of intensified anti-drug operations by Jammu Police, aimed at eliminating the drug menace from society.

In yet another significant step towards curbing illegal drug trafficking, District Police Jammu has formally opened 55 History Sheets against habitual drug peddlers across various police stations in the district. This action, sanctioned by the District Police Headquarters, Jammu, marks an important move to monitor and dismantle organized drug networks operating in the region.

The individuals identified in these History Sheets have a well-documented criminal history, with repeated involvement in drug-related offences, particularly under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Their activities have primarily revolved around the illicit trade and distribution of narcotics, with a concerning impact on the youth of Jammu.

Despite multiple arrests and legal actions, these offenders have continued their illegal operations, posing a persistent threat to public safety and order. Many of them who are still behind bars are also implicated in a range of other criminal activities, including fraud, assault, and organized drug trafficking, underscoring their status as repeat offenders.

This initiative is part of intensified anti-drug operations by Jammu Police, aimed at eliminating the drug menace from society.

Jammu and Kashmir Police remains committed to its mission of ensuring a drug-free environment and urges the public to support these efforts by reporting any suspicious activities related to drug trafficking.

For any information related to drug dealers/peddlers in Jammu, citizens are encouraged to contact the police through official Antidrug helpline number 9086100100 or PCR DPL Jammu on 95419 51100.

Together, we can build a safer and healthier Jammu.

Three narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

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JAMMU: In it's relentless fight to dismantle the illegal narcotics network from the society, Police Station Nowabad, Jammu apprehended 02 drug peddlers and recovered contraband about 41.64 gms. heroin (chitta) like substance from their possession.



Police party of Nowabad Police Station while performing patrolling duty, established a naka at Niki Tawi near T-Chowk 4th Bridge for vehicle checking. During checking, found two persons coming from Niki Tawi to T- point towards 4th Tawi Bridge and upon noticing police party the said persons tried to conceal their presence. This created suspicion and they were apprehended by police party. During their personal search, 41.64 gms. of chitta (Heroin) like substance was recovered from their possession who disclosed their identities as Manat Ali, son of Rashid Ahmad, resident of Chagani Ranjan, Tehsil - Bhalwal, Jammu and Vijay Kumar, son of Tara Chand, resident of Chagani Ranjan, Tehsil - Bhalwal, Jammu.

In this connection, Case FIR No. 18/25 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Nowabad.

Police team led by PSI Darshan Singh made the arrest/recovery under the supervision of Insp. Deepak Pathania SHO P/S Nowabad, Farha Nishat, Dy.SP Hqrs. and Sh. Vivek Shekhar SP City North Jammu.

Police team from PP Roun led by its ICPP while performing vehicle checking duty at naka point Roun domain apprehended one suspicious person namely Ajay Singh S/O Sh. Balbir Singh R/O Shiv Nagar, Udhampur who was coming from Roundomail side towards Darsoo by foot who turned to be suspicious as he tried to fled away from the spot on seeing police team.

Upon conducting thorough frisking of apprehended person, 4.25 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from his possession who has been arrested on spot.

On this, a case FIR No. 49/2025 under relevant sections of law stands registered at PS Udhampur.

Absconder arrested after 6 years

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DODA: Continuing its special drive against absconders and wanted criminals Jammu and Kashmir Police in District

Doda has arrested absconder who was evading arrest since last 06 years.

Official sources said that accused Mehraj Din, son of Ramzan Butt, resident of Gurekhra Tehsil Gandoh was involved in FIR NO. 71/2014 US 451,380,323 RPC of PS Bhaderwah. After completion of investigation of the case, challan was produced in the court of law. The accused person was declared as absconder and warrant of arrest was issued against him by the court of Spl Mobie Magistrate Bhaderwah on May 2m 2019 . On the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, special teams at Police Station level have been constituted for the search and arrest of the absconders. The Police team of PS Bhaderwah led by Inspector Sandeep Parihar SHO PS Bhaderwah during search utilized human and technical services and ultimately after hectic efforts arrested the absconder from Sidrah area of Jammu and produced him before the court of law.



Mentionable here that on the directions of SSP Doda, special drive has been launched by Doda Police and special teams have been constituted at PS level for the arrest of absconders/wanted criminals and during last 03 months 13 absconders have been arrested and produced in the court of law.

GRP nabs narco smuggler with heroin worth Rs 2 Lakh

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JAMMU: The Govt Railway Police (GRP) Jammu has recovered and seized Heroine (Chitta) like substance from the possession of accused Jatinder Singh, son of Raghu Nandan Singh, resident of Ward No. 12, Tehsil and District Kathua, worth market price Rs. 2,00,000.



Accordingly, a case under FIR No. 01/2025 U/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station GRP Kathua and investigation initiated. This is the 2nd case of narcotics drug registered in GRP Jammu in the year 2025.

14 vehicles seized, 13 arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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KULGAM/AWANTIPORA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police have arrested 14 vehicles and arrested 13 persons.

In Kulgam, a Police party of Police Post Mirbazar seized four vehicles (02 Tippers and 02 Tractors) for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals besides, arrested three persons (drivers) involved in the commission of crime.

Meanwhile, in Awantipora, a Police team of Police Station Khrew headed by SHO PS Khrew seized ten vehicles (06 L&Ts and 04 Tippers) and arrested their drivers for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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KUPWARA/SOPORE: To combat the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers in Kupwara & Sopore and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A Police team of Police Post Bazaar at a checkpoint estab-

lished at Geerhati Kupwara intercepted two persons roaming in a suspicious manner. They have been identified as Sameer Ahmad Zargar son of Bashir Ahmad Zargar resident of Tiker Kupwara and Sachin Koul son of Suresh Koul resident of Nagrota Jammu. During search, 7.13 grams of Brown Sugar-like substance was recovered from their possession.

Meanwhile, in Sopore, a Police team of Police Station Bomai, during patrolling at Nathipora Tujjer Shareef Road intercepted a suspected person identified as Javaid Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Subhan Wani resident of Palihar Tujjer Shareef. During search, a Police team was able to recover 5 grams of Heroine-like substance from his possession.

Properties of notorious narco-terror smugglers attached

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KUPWARA: In a decisive action against narco-terrorism and illegal drug trade, Police in Kupwara today attached two residential properties belonging to notorious drug smugglers from Karnah under Section 68A of the NDPS Act.

The residential house of Zakir Hussain Shah son of Ali Hyder Shah resident of Takiya Bahadarkote, has been attached in connection with FIR No. 78/2020 registered at Police Station Karnah under Sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act, 7/25 I.A. Act, and 13,16,18,39 of UAPA. The case pertains to the recovery of 5 Kgs of heroin, five pistols, and other arms/ammunition from his possession. Investigations revealed that he constructed his house using illicit proceeds from drug trafficking.

Similarly, the residential house of Imtiyaz Ahmad Khan son of Habibullah Khan resident of Chitterkote Karnah, has been attached in connection with FIR No. 38/2022 under Sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act, 3/5 of the Explosive Substances Act, and 13, 23, 39 of UAPA. The case involves the recovery of 7 Kgs of heroin and two IEDs from his possession. It was established during the investigation that he acquired illegal property and constructed his house using drug money, contributing to the narco-terrorism network aimed at destabilizing the region.

In compliance to the provisions of the NDPS Act it has been ordered that these properties shall not be transferred, sold, or dealt with in any manner without prior permission the competent authority.

ADM bans use, possession of drones, flying objects in Doda district

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DODA: Additional District Magistrate has imposed a ban on sale, storage, possession, use and transport of any drones, flying objects in the jurisdiction of District Doda.

"Those already in possession of drone cameras/flying objects/toys or similar gadgets are directed to deposit the same in the nearest Police Station within a week's time of the issuance of this order against proper receipt" the order issued today stated.

It further stated that the Government Departments using drones for mapping, surveys, surveillance in construction works, agricultural, environmental conservation and disaster mitigation sectors and for creating pictures/movies shall inform the local Police Station Incharge and the Executive Magistrate concerned in writing about possession of such flying objects and shall seek prior permission from the ADC office before using the same.

The police/defense forces using flying objects/drone shall be exempted under this order. They shall, however, intimate the concerned SHO before using the same, it added. Any violation of this order shall attract punitive action as warranted under relevant sections of law. This order shall remain in force for a period of two months from the date of its issue.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda shall ensure the implementation of this order in letter and spirit.

AYUSH Deptt celebrates World Unani Day 2025

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KISHTWAR: The Department of AYUSH celebrated the World Unani Day 2025 in the Kishtwar District with great enthusiasm and community involvement. The event is celebrated every year as the birth anniversary of eminent Unani physician, educator, and freedom fighter Hakim Ajmal Khan and honors the traditional practices of India's ancient health system.

The whole event was organised under the directions and guidance of worthy Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan. The



event began with a welcoming of the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar, Pawan Kumar Kotwal (the Chief Guest of the occasion), by Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal , Nodal Officer of AYUSH Kishtwar.

Other dignitaries present in the occasion were ACR Kishtwar, DYSSO Kishtwar, DSEO, Ex En Jal Shakti, Ex

En PWD (R&B), BMO Kishtwar, CDPO and others.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kumar Kotwal, emphasized the role of Unani in modern healthcare and encouraged participants to integrate Unani principles into their daily lives. He highlighted Unani's significance as an ancient science rooted in India that

has now extended its influence globally. Unani emphasizes disease prevention by addressing root causes, promoting a return to this traditional approach to health and well-being.

The District Nodal Officer Ayush Kishtwar further elaborated on the contribution of Ayush staff in spreading Ayush System medicare for the preventive health, particularly in building immunity and managing lifestyle diseases among the community . He urged the community to adopt these practices for a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

The event included insightful lectures on Unani by Dr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat and others. The Department of AYUSH expressed gratitude for the community's participation and pledged to continue promoting Unani across the region.

The program concluded with the presentation of mementos and certificates. Dr. Joneed Iqbal delivered the vote of thanks at the end on the occasion. This celebration in Kishtwar is part of a nationwide effort to revive and mainstream Unani as a sustainable approach to healthcare.

GDC Nowshera honours NCC Cadet for his representation at Republic Day Camp

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NOWSHERA: GDC Nowshera felicitated Gagandeep, student of B.Sc Semester 6th for his outstanding achievement of representing the college at the prestigious Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025 held in New Delhi. The event took place in the presence of the Principal, faculty members, NCC officers, and fellow students, celebrating the cadet's dedication and excellence in the National Cadet Corps (NCC).



Principal of the college Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad honouring Gagandeep.

pete and train for the Republic Day Parade, cultural programs, and various competitions. Being selected for this esteemed camp is a testament to discipline, leadership, and hard work. He has done his rigorous training under the able guidance of Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, ANO, GDC Nowshera.

Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, Principal of the college expressed immense pride and congratulated NCC cadet Gagandeep on this remarkable achievement. He expressed that this is a moment of great honor for our

institution. Representing at RDC is not just an individual accomplishment but a matter of prestige for the entire college and this inspires other cadets to strive for excellence.

In response, NCC cadet Gagandeep shared experience of training, selection, and participation at RDC, expressing gratitude to the NCC unit, mentors, and college for their unwavering support. The event concluded with a ceremonial felicitation, where the cadet was presented with a certificate of appreciation and momento in recognition of his remarkable contribution.

FPF Kathua foils timber smuggling attempt; Truck loaded with 3,000 willow clefts extradited from Punjab

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KATHUA: A Forest Protection Force (FPF) team has thwarted a timber smuggling attempt with timely action and alertness. As per the forest department, on getting specific inputs regarding export of willow cleft, illegally out of state, a team led by Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force, Gamma Unit J03 Kathua Dherminder Sharma, assisted by Assistant Director (Adm.) Rajesh Kumar, & Assistant Director (Operation) Atul Kumar Gupta, with staff laid a Nakka on February 9 night near Basohli More, ahead of Lakahpur toll plaza. At about 12:00 midnight, the suspected truck was signaled at Nakka point to stop for checking but escaped the Nakka due to heavy traffic on National Highway and left for Punjab. However, FPF team with support of senior official, immediately swung into action and with the assistance of State Police, took up the matter with Punjab Police, and intercepted the truck at Naggal. The Truck was detained SHO, Naggal Police Station, Punjab at about 1:30 A.M. Next day, after legal formalities with Punjab Police and Punjab Forest Department, the truck was brought to FPF complex Kathua at about 6:50 A.M for further investigation.

After unloading, the team found that about 3000 willow cleft were being illegally exported out of state in violation of the Section 3,4 & 5 of J&K Willow (Prohibition on Export and Movement) Act 2002. Accordingly, the truck along with loaded stuff was seized. Driver of the truck has also been arrested and shall be produced before Judicial Magistrate for further custody after Jama-Talashi, Medical and other formalities. Further, necessary action regarding confiscation of seized stuff and the truck has been initiated.

DC reviews progress of work on NH144-A, other road projects in Poonch

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of work on Road Projects being executed by Border Roads Organization (BRO) in the District.

The meeting was attended by key BRO officers, the collector of land acquisition, and Tehsildars. The discussions centered on the advancement of critical infrastructure projects, including the Jammu to Poonch NH144-A highway, Rajouri Thanamandi Surankote Road (RTS) and Shahpur Road which are essential for regional connectivity and development.

The Deputy Commissioner received updates on the progress of work on Jammu - Poonch NH144-A. It was



DC Poonch Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

informed that land acquisition and utility shifting processes are underway. He emphasized the urgency of timely disbursement of land compensation to facilitate the progress of these projects.

The concerned agencies were asked to expedite the

removal of the structures within the alignment of RTS and NH144-A, for which compensation has already been paid to landowners. "This step is vital to clear the bottlenecks and ensure the smooth execution of these pivotal projects' the DC said.

GDC Khour holds workshop on Safer Internet Day

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KHOUR: A workshop on "Safer Internet Day" under the theme "Together for a Better Internet" was celebrated at GDC Khour on 11th February 2025, as part of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) nationwide, an initiative under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project, to raise awareness and promote the safe and responsible use of the internet, particularly focusing on students, women, and young people.

The Workshop was organized by the Department of Computer Applications under the guidance of principal Dr T.K.Sharma. To raise awareness on safe internet measures among students and faculty members, the speaker Manisha Bharti from the department



acquainted the participants about various types of cyber crimes and threats viz. hacking, phishing, spamming, cyberstalking, email spoofing and digital arrest, etc. To avoid being a cyber victim, Safety First, online Always should be kept in mind for all the internet users as per the speaker.

Further to encourage the students, the Principal, Dr. T.K. Sharma also highlighted the safety measures like how to avoid the misuse of

internet and cyber threats and safeguard themselves from cyber frauds. More than fifty students along with faculty members from different departments of the college attended the workshop.

The workshop ended with the Vote of thanks by Dr. Anjana Sharma, HoD Computer Applications. The event was also coordinated by HOD EVS Shivani Sharma and HOD English Pooja Kumari.

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