

## Eight gamblers nabbed; playing cards, stake money recovered

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JAMMU: In a decisive action against illegal gambling, a police team from Police Post Residency (PS City) apprehended four notorious gamblers during a raid at Eidgah Road near Grace Hotel. The accused were caught red-handed while engaging in gambling in an open space.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ajaz Ahmed (Navapur, Khanyar), Sayed Irshad (Renawari, Srinagar), Ghulam Mohammad (Safakadal, Srinagar), and Nazir Ahmed (Kangan, Chatergul, Ganderbal). Their activities had been under police surveillance, leading to this successful operation.

During the raid, the police recovered Rs 7,000 in gambling stakes (Tikdi) and a set of playing cards from the accused. They have been booked under Section 13 of the Gambling Act, and further investigations are underway to trace any larger network involved in gambling activities.

meanwhile, Bakshi Nagar police received an information from reliable sources that four persons - Rahul Kular son of Samsheer Lal resident of Lower Shiv Nagar Jammu; Lucky son of Tilak Raj resident of Gurdass Pur at present Toph Sher khaniya Jammu; Gurnam son of Mukhtar resident of Bakshi Nagar Jammu and Thomas son of Sardool Massi R/o Bakshi Nagar are sitting in car and are engaged in gambling. Near Shamshad Ghat Shakti Nagar Jammu.

Inspector Azad Manhas along with his team from Police sta-



tion Bakshi Nagar acting promptly and proactively raided the said location and caught the accused persons red handed along with the stake money of Rs 11400/- and playing cards. The car JK 02 BH 0984 in which they were seated and bike JK02 BR 3567 of accused person were also seized.

## Inter-District Narco smuggler held, heroin recovered

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UDHAMPUR: Police team of Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO was conducting routine vehicle checking at Naka Point Jakhani and a vehicle (Tempo Traveller) bearing registration No. JK14C-6636 was made to stop which was coming from Jammu towards Kashmir valley. During frisking of the passengers/driver of the said vehicle, Police team recovered 5.65 grams of Heroin like substance from one narco smuggler (passenger) which he had kept in his possession.

The said narco smuggler namely Bilal Ahmed Naikoo son of Ali Mohd. Naikoo resident of Tikan, Batpora, Pulwama has been arrested on spot.

In this connection, A case FIR No. 51/2025 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Udhampur and further investigation of the case has been taken up.

## Two criminals arrested, weapon of offence recovered

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JAMMU: Police on Wednesday nabbed two criminals and recovered weapon of offence from their possession.

As per details, on Feb 11, 2025 an applicant namely Siddiq, son of Mohd Ashraf resident of Tanda, RS Pura lodged a written complaint that on Feb 7, 2025 at about 1900 hours his younger brother namely Mohd Saleem, son of Mohd. Ashraf R/o Tanda, R.S Pura, who was standing opposite Deedar Medical Shop on road side at Tanda was wrongful restrained and assaulted with deadly weapons by Dheeraj Kumar alias Jatt son of Janak Raj resident of Chohala Kothey, RS Pura & Shibu Kumar son of Garu Ram resident of Chohala Kothey RS Pura & some unknown persons



In the assault his brother got seriously injured & was immediately taken to GMC hospital for medical treatment.

On this, a case FIR No. 26/2025 U/S 126(2)/115(2) BNS & 4/25 Arms Act was registered at PS RS Pura and Investigation taken up. Acting swiftly, a special police team led by SHO R S Pua Ravi Singh Parihar based on inputs from sources and with the help of technical assistance apprehended both the aforementioned accused and were put to sustained questioning.

During sustained questioning they disclosed their involvement in the commission of crime and on their disclosure, Weapon of offence, Sharp edged weapon was also recovered.

## Bovine smuggler arrested, 10 bovines rescued

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has foiled yet another bovine smuggling attempt in successive day, arrested a bovine smuggler and rescued ten bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal. The vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines was also seized.

A Police team headed by SHO Police Station Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at naka NIHW Tapyal, signaled to stop a dumper bearing registration No. JK19A-7376 coming from Kathua side for checking. But the driver of the vehicle accelerated the speed endangering the life of police personnel on naka duty and hit the vehicle with naka road barrier causing damage to it. The alert cops successfully intercepted the vehicle and during checking ten bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smuggler identified as Shabir Shah S/o Bagh Hussain Shah R/o Chaman was tehsil Banihal district Ramban has been arrested.

A case FIR No. 24/2025 u/s 223 BNS 11 PCA 3 PDPP Act, 50/52/54 Transport of Animals Rules has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.



## Crackdown on traffic rule violators; bikes including fitted with modified silencers seized

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SAMBA: Samba Police in its drive against traffic rule violators has seized a number of bikes including motorcycles fitted with modified silencers across the district Samba. The action against the two-wheelers fitted with modified silencers was taken by Samba Police after numerous complaints pouring from the public about the nuisance these bikes (Bullets) were creating in the area. Unauthorized modification to the vehicle silencers is illegal under the Motor Vehicles Act. Such alterations not only contribute to noise pollution but can also reduce the efficiency of the bike and pose safety risks. Besides this, bikes were also seized by the police under the relevant sections of Motor Vehicle Act for violating other traffic rules. SSP Samba warned that strict action will be taken against those possessing bikes with modified silencers and asserted that such drive will continue in future also.

## 5 drug peddlers arrested; huge quantity of contraband substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its fight against the drug menace, Police arrests five drug peddlers in Srinagar, Kupwara & Anantnag districts, and seized contraband substances from their possession. A Police team of Srinagar Police at a checkpoint established at General Road Allochibagh Bund near Sacred Mission School, intercepted a suspicious person who after noticing police team tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During search, substantial quantity of contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Majid Shafi Najar @ Chota Chaama son of Mohammad Shafi Najara resident of Chan Mohalla Allochibagh Srinagar. In Kupwara, a Police team from Police Post Drugmulla, at a checkpoint established at FCI Bunhama intercepted two suspicious individuals. During search, 1220 grams of Charas-like substance from their possession. They have been identified as Aijaz Ahmad Ganie son of Khazir Mohammad Ganie resident of Khumriyal and Hakim Din Khatana son of Taj Din Khatana resident of Gagat Katiyawali.

Meanwhile, Police team of Police Station Aishmuqam at a checkpoint established near Budreshan, intercepted two drug peddlers and recovered 07 Kgs of cannabis husk from their possession. They have been identified as Owais Mansoor Bhat son of Manzoor Ahmad Bhat and Gh Mohd Bhat son of Ab Razaq Bhat, both residents of Charakpora Hapatnara.

Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

## Sankalp HEW Doda strives to empower girls through Sports as it celebrates 10 iconic years of BBBP

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DODA: As part of the 10th anniversary celebration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), District administration Doda has intensified initiatives for empowerment of girls. The District has witnessed a major surge in girls' participation in sports and reaping of benefits under welfare schemes launched under the banner of iconic BBBP initiative.

The stakeholder departments, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, have been organizing multiple programs to promote physical well-being, sports and education empowerment of women.

One of the key achievements has been the training



Officials along with kids during the event.

of 100 girls in Taekwondo, empowering them with self-defense skills and boosting their confidence. The Chenab Sports Academy played a crucial role in encouraging young girls to actively participate in Taekwondo as a sport, fostering discipline and

resilience. Additionally, archery has been introduced in the girls' hostels, leading to remarkable performances at division and state levels. Cricket has also been promoted by the Doda administration, ensuring equal opportunities for

girls in mainstream sports. To minimize their school dropout, the facility of toilets has been ensured in majority of schools across the district.

Further enhancing physical fitness, gym equipment has been provided to girls' hostels, promoting a healthy lifestyle alongside education. These initiatives aim to strengthen the physical and mental well-being of young girls, making sports an integral part of their growth.

Beyond sports, the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), under the Department of Social Welfare, has played a crucial role in empowering women by imparting them awareness and linkages to various women-centric schemes.

Through structured programs, Sankalp HEW has helped in generating awareness about financial assistance programs, self-employment schemes, legal aid, and emergency helplines, ensuring that women across the district receive the support they need.

With continuous efforts in sports, education, and welfare, Doda is emerging as a progressive district for women empowerment. The BBBP campaign, alongside the initiatives of the Social Welfare Department and Sankalp HEW, Mission Shakti is ensuring that young girls and women have access to opportunities that help them thrive in all fields-from sports to economic independence.

## Poonch Police conducts awareness program on drug abuse

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POONCH: In a dedicated effort to combat the growing concern of drug abuse in the region, District Police Poonch organized an awareness program targeting the hawkers, Raidi walas and Beggars in the town. The program, held today, aimed to educate these individuals about the dangers of drug addiction and provide them with the necessary resources for support and rehabilitation.

The session included interactive discussions led by DySP Hqrs Poonch, Pankaj Soodan, highlighting the devastating effects of drug abuse on both individuals and society. Attendees were informed about the various types of drugs, their harmful impacts, and the importance of seeking help. Furthermore, the program



Police officers along with hawkers, Rehrwalas, beggars.

emphasized the role of the community in working together to eradicate the drug menace from the region.

"We believe that raising awareness in all sections of society, including hawkers, raidi walas, beggars, is crucial in our collective fight against drug abuse. These vulnerable groups are often at a higher risk of falling prey to addiction, and it is

our duty to empower them with knowledge and support," said the Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch.

District Police Poonch continues to focus on awareness, prevention, and support to create a drug-free environment for the residents of the town. Further initiatives are planned to involve more sections of the community in this vital cause.

## Sant Guru Ravidas Jayanti celebrated with fervour, enthusiasm



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POONCH: The birth anniversary of Sant Guru Ravidas Ji was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm at Nai Basti Poonch and Geeta Bhawan today. Devotees from different parts of the district gathered to pay their respects and remember the teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji, who dedicated his life to social equality, humanity, and devotion to God.

At Nai Basti, a grand function was organized where religious hymns were sung, and devotees shared inspiring anecdotes from Guru Ji's life. The speakers highlighted his teachings of universal brotherhood and the elimination of social discrimination. They emphasized his message of love, humility, and service to mankind.

Similarly, at Geeta Bhawan, another gathering witnessed a spiritual atmosphere filled with devotional songs and discourses on Guru Ravidas Ji's philosophy. Scholars and community leaders spoke about his contributions towards uplifting the marginalized and promoting unity among people. The celebrations concluded with a communal meal (Langar) where people from all communities participated, reflecting upon Guru Ji's vision of an inclusive society. The devotees expressed their commitment to following his path of truth, peace, and equality.

## People living in this world are same, irrespective of their religion or caste: Madhuparamhans

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SAMBA: Sadguru Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi, while delighting the congregation with his discourses in Ranjdi on the occasion of Purnima on Wednesday, said that all the people living in this world are the same, irrespective of their religion or caste. Everyone has two eyes. Everyone has five fingers on each foot. Everyone feels hungry, everyone feels thirsty, everyone feels happiness and sadness. We are all the same mentally as well. Everyone loves their children. Everyone has lust, everyone has anger. Everyone has ego as well.

This human being is a puppet. He does whatever an opposing force from within makes him do. No one can do as he pleases here. We are all bound in the hands of a demonic force. It has so much power that it can turn all our minds in the same direction simultaneously. We are all his puppets. That force takes us all towards



destruction. Who is it? It is the mind. All this is being done by the mind. The mind is Kaal. It is the mind that is making the soul dance. All the activities of a human being are mental.

You see that anger is not the nature of the soul. But it is in everyone. Then there is someone else. There is greed in everyone. The soul is not like this. The soul is very lovely, very unique. Even people like Narada got greedy. There is attachment in everyone.

The way the soul is explained in the scriptures, nothing like that is seen in humans. All the sages and saints who came to this

world, all got trapped in the net of the mind. No one could understand the mind. That unknown power is making everyone dance according to its will.

Like the amount of electricity released from the power house, that much will come. Water will come, as much will be released. In this way, that power commits as much sin in the world as it wants. Everyone is bound. Then the people who are trying to free are also such who are themselves bound. In such a situation, how can one be freed? This can be freed only by the power of the true name of the Sadguru.

This is the attraction of the mind and Maya. Just like the gravity of the earth pulls everyone. In the same way, that power is so powerful that it turns everyone's mind at once.

Only by the true name can the soul be freed from that power and go to its country Amar Lok. That name is the object of Amar Lok.

## Forest Minister reiterates Govt's commitment towards resolving public issues



Forest Minister Javed Ahmed Rana addressing gathering.

STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today conducted an exhaustive public outreach camp at Barnoti in Kathua, to assess local issues besides taking stock of development scenario of the area.

The Minister had exclusive interactive sessions with the local populace which apprised him of their grievances and demands seeking speedy redress of the same.

Several delegations compris-

ing industrialists, farmers, youth and community representatives called on the Minister and projected their issues and concerns. They highlighted various issues which inter alia included water supply, forest rights, tribal welfare, enhanced road connectivity, environment preservation and other vital matters concerning welfare of their respective areas. The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Superintendent of Police and other senior officers from the district administration.

During the tour, the Minister also met people in Samba and Vijaypur and listened to their grievances and development issues. The Minister instructed the concerned departments to address the grievances raised by the locals of Samba and Vijaypur on priority basis.

He assured the delegations of government's commitment towards resolving their concerns in a time bound manner while emphasising inclusive and sustainable development. "Our government under the leadership of Omar Abdullah is duty bound to resolve all the issues faced by the people. We are taking administration to people's doorsteps to ensure rapid development of every nook and corner of the region," Rana said in his address to the people of Kathua.

Rana said that with the recently inaugurated 7 water supply schemes in Kathua, many issues related to water scarcity have been resolved.

## BGSBU holds awareness program on Criminal Laws

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RAJOURI: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), in collaboration with District Police Rajouri, organized an awareness program on the three newly enacted criminal laws of India. The session aimed to educate students, faculty, and the general public about the significant changes introduced in the Indian judicial system. The program



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

focused on the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)

Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)

and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

In his message, Vice Chancellor of BGSBU, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, appreciated the collaboration between NSS BGSBU and District Police Rajouri. He reiterated the university's commitment to promoting legal awareness among students and the broader community, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in fostering responsible citizenship.

Registrar, Shabbaz Ahmed Mirza (JKAS), also lauded the efforts of NSS BGSBU and District Police Rajouri in organizing the awareness program. He emphasized the need for students to stay informed about legal developments and actively contribute to a law-abiding society.

Senior officers of the District Police Rajouri who were present on the occasion included Dr. Vinay Gadge (IPS), Shri

S.J. Singh (SP Operations), Sarfaraz Ahmad (Senior Prosecution Officer) and Satish Kumar, DySP. They elaborated on the key provisions of the new laws, highlighting their role in ensuring faster justice, strengthening law enforcement, and safeguarding citizen rights.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Parvez Abdullah, Coordinator NSS BGSBU, welcomed the guests and participants. He empha-

sized the importance of legal awareness among youth and commended the efforts of District Police Rajouri in partnering with NSS BGSBU for this crucial initiative.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, students and faculty members. An interactive session followed, where attendees engaged in discussions and sought clarifications on various aspects of the new laws.

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