

## Police secure conviction in NDPS case against four accused

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KULGAM: Police in Kulgam have secured conviction of four accused persons namely Mohd Aslam War son of Ghulam Hassan War resident of Arwani Bijebhara, Mehraj-ud-Din Wani son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani resident of Nowpora, Kharpora, Waqar Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Yaseen Dar resident of Padshahi Bagh Srinagar and Bilal Ahmad Hanji Son of Mohammad Maqbool Hanji resident of Kharpora by virtue of judgement from Court of the Principal Sessions Judge Kulgam dated 23/01/2025 followed by Quantum of punishment dated 08/02/2025. The above-mentioned accused persons were convicted for the offences under section 8/20, 8/22 read with sec 29 NDPS act in case FIR No 21/2021 of Police Station Yaripora.

The accused were arrested on 26/04/2021, during naka checking by the police party of Police Post Frisal at Kharpora near playground and contraband recovery consists of 100 ML of 36 bottles without label and six bottles with label Cocax-Dx and two polythene bags, containing 130 grams of Charas was recovered from their possession. The prosecution presented multiple witnesses and multiple documents to prove the charges against the accused.

The court, after careful consideration of the evidence, found the accused guilty under Section 8/20, 8/22 of the NDPS Act and sentenced them to 12 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1,00,000/- each.

This successfully conviction demonstrates the commitment of J&K Police to combat drug trafficking and ensure public safety and serves as a strong message against drug peddling and its propagators and reinforces the resolve to maintain a drug-free society.

## 8 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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HANDWARA: Police have seized eight vehicles involved in the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Handwara.

A police team from Police Post Langate, led by IC Police Post, seized four tippers and three tractors, while a team from Police Post Chogul seized one tipper engaged in illegal mineral extraction. The vehicles were challaned under relevant sections of the MMRD Act, and legal proceedings have been initiated against the owners and drivers.

This operation, conducted in collaboration with the Geology and Mining Department, is part of a sustained effort to dismantle illegal mining networks and protect the region's natural resources. Authorities have reaffirmed their commitment to combating illegal mineral extraction, which threatens the environment and poses significant health risks to local communities.

**Three narco smugglers nabbed with heroin**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BISHNAH: In a significant action against drug trafficking under Operation Sanjeevani, Jammu Police apprehended three drug peddlers and recovered 15 grams of heroin-like substance (Chitta) during patrolling at Chak Bana, Bishnah.

A police team from Police Station Bishnah led by the SHO Sushil Choudhary under the supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura and overall guidance of SP Headquarters, intercepted 03 suspects who attempted to flee but were swiftly apprehended.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Rakesh Kumar Choudhary son of Baldev Raj resident of Bana Chak Bishnah; Jeet Raj son of Som Nath resident of Khour Dunian Teh RS Pura and Navjot Singh son of Vikram Singh resident



of Khore Dunian Tehsil RS Pura. A thorough search of the accused persons led to the recovery of 15 grams of heroin-like substance.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 16/2025 under sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bishnah and further investigation is underway.

## Police's year-long crackdown on bovine smuggling: 425 arrests, 3434 animals rescued, 360 vehicles seized

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JAMMU: In a sustained and strategic campaign against bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu & Kashmir Police undertook a year-long crackdown across District Jammu from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. The intensive operations led to the arrest of 425 smugglers, the rescue of 3434 animals, and the seizure of 360 vehicles used in illegal transportation. These actions reaffirm Jammu Police's commitment to enforcing the law and preventing unlawful activities that threaten public order.

The police stations across Jammu District played a pivotal role in executing targeted operations. Personnel from Police Stations

Nagrota, Jhajjar Kotli, Domana, Akhmoor, Kanachak, Khour, Pacea Danga, Satwari, Bishnah, R.S. Pura and other sub-divisional units worked tirelessly to intercept smugglers and dismantle their networks. These police units, equipped with actionable intelligence and rigorous patrolling measures, carried out surprise checkpoints, highway surveillance, and night-long monitoring to prevent the illegal transport of bovines. Bovine smuggling has been a longstanding challenge, with perpetrators frequently using unauthorized routes, forging transportation permits, and evading law enforcement by adopting new tactics. To counter these evolving threats, Jammu Police enhanced its intelligence-sharing mechanisms, strengthened inter-district coordination, and deployed special teams at vulnerable points. The collaboration with local communities also played a crucial role, as residents actively reported suspicious movements, enabling swift police action. The magnitude of operations underscored the zero-tolerance policy of Jammu Police towards criminal activities. Several high-profile smugglers were apprehended during the year, and strict legal actions under relevant sections of the law were initiated against them. The seized vehicles, often modified for illegal transport, were impounded as part of strong deterrence measures to curb such offenses in the future. Jammu Police continues to emphasize that bovine smuggling not only violates the law but also poses serious risks to animal welfare, road safety, and communal harmony. The department remains vigilant in ensuring that those involved in such illicit trade are held accountable. With a robust framework of intelligence-led policing and enhanced patrolling strategies, Jammu Police remains steadfast in its mission to completely eradicate this menace. In the coming months, the crackdown against bovine smuggling will intensify further, with increased night patrols, stricter highway monitoring, and rapid-response teams deployed at critical junctions. Jammu Police urges the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the nearest police station. The cooperation of citizens is vital in maintaining law & order and peace across the region.

## SWD Reasi organises awareness programme on three new Criminal Laws

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Social Welfare Department, Reasi in convergence with District Police, Reasi organized a mass awareness programme at Govt. ITI Reasi to educate the students about three newly enacted criminal laws-Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023.

The programme was attended by large number of students and faculty members of the institute.

The main aim of this event is to educate the students about the key provisions and implications of these laws.

Resource Person Shikha Jamwal, Prosecuting Officer DPO Reasi highlighted the key reforms introduced in the new laws, emphasizing that they prioritize justice over punishment and are designed to ensure speedy justice, strengthen



SWD officer speaking during the event.

judicial and court management systems, and enhance accessibility to justice for all. She stressed the importance of public awareness in facilitating a smooth transition to the new legal framework.

District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Sachin Sharma provided a comprehensive overview of the three new criminal laws and stressed that the programme was part of a broader initiative by the District Administration

Reasi to familiarize the public with legal reforms and empower them with the knowledge to navigate the new judicial landscape effectively. DSWO reaffirmed that such mass awareness programmes shall continue across the district so that people shall aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Rajesh Bamotra, Superintendent ITI Reasi, officials of Social Welfare Department and faculty members of ITI Reasi were present.

## SCERT launches 5-day Training Programme for In-Service Teachers under NISHTHA initiative for inclusive education

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: The State Council of Educational Research and Training SCERT Divisional Office Jammu in collaboration with the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Doda, has officially launched a five-day training programme for in-service teachers.



Resource person delivering lecture.

The programme, which commenced today, will continue through February 22, 2025, with a focus on promoting equitable and inclusive education as recommend in NEP 2020 in schools across the district.

The training began with a briefing by Suheel Raja, a teacher from the District Resource Group (DRG), who introduced the training schedule and outlined the sessions planned for the week.

Following the introduction, Dharmender Kumar, Principal of DIET Doda,

delivered the keynote address. In his speech, he encouraged the participants to apply the key insights from the training in their respective schools and stressed the importance of 100% attendance. He also highlighted the necessity of translating the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 into actionable practices at the grassroots level.

This training programme is part of the National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA), which is designed to strengthen teachers' capacity to implement inclusive education practices.

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The opening session was attended by Parshotam Singh, Academic Officer from SCERT Divisional Office Jammu, along with resource persons and

teacher participants from various schools in the region. The training sessions, led by experts in special education and pedagogy, cover a broad spectrum of topics, including differentiated instruction, classroom strategies for inclusive settings, addressing the diverse needs of learners, and understanding legal frameworks such as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act.

In his address, Parshotam Singh emphasized the importance of inclusive education in building an equitable and accessible learning environment for all students. "This training programme reflects our ongoing commitment to enhance the capabilities of teachers and ensuring that no child is left behind, regardless of their abilities," he said.

The programme aims to promote a holistic approach to teaching that accommo-

dates the diverse needs of students while fostering a supportive, inclusive school culture. By the end of the training, participants will have acquired practical skills and strategies to integrate inclusive practices into their daily teaching routines.

The training is being held at both the DIET Doda campus and Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Girls Doda, providing an opportunity for educators to exchange ideas and collaborate. The programme is expected to play a key role in strengthening the education system at the grassroots level.

Through the NISHTHA initiative, SCERT JK Divisional Office Jammu and DIETs aim to bring about sustainable improvements in teaching methodologies, ultimately enhancing the quality of education for students across Jammu and Kashmir.

## GDC Khour launches 7-day NSS Winter Special Camp

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KHOUR: The NSS unit of Government Degree College Khour commenced its 7 day winter special camp from February 18th to February 25th, 2025, with a fervent inauguration ceremony led by the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma. The event started with the traditional lightening of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment and unity of purpose. Prof.



Faculty members along with faculty members during the camp.

Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Program Officer, outlined the comprehensive schedule of activities planned for the camp, setting the stage for an enriching experience ahead.

An orientation program was conducted by Diljit

Singh for the newly registered NSS volunteers, providing them with insights into the organizations ethos and objectives. Senior volunteers shared their experiences and enthusiasm, underscoring the spirit of community service embodied

by NSS. Addressing the gathering, the College Principal emphasized the NSS motto "Not Me But You" urging students to embrace leadership and responsibility in serving the community selflessly. He further commended the

efforts of the NSS Program Officer and volunteers, highlighting their dedication to community welfare. The launch of the winter special camp underscores GDC Khour's commitment to fostering a spirit of Social responsibility and collective action among its students, preparing them to be proactive agents of positive change in society. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks extended by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, expressing gratitude to all participants for their dedication and commitment. Prof. Khalid Sajad Bohra, Prof. Shivani Sharma & Prof. Pooja Kumari also graced the event with their presence.

## SSP Udhampur chairs meeting to review bovine smuggling cases



SSP Udhampur Amod Ashok Nagpure chairing a meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A meeting was conducted on Tuesday at the District Police Lines Udhampur chaired by SSP Udhampur Amod Ashok Nagpure, to strengthen the district's efforts in combating bovine smuggling and to intensify the surveillance of key individuals

involved in such illegal activities, including the notorious kingspins behind these operations.

Officers were directed to enhance their watch over known routes used for bovine smuggling and to actively gather intelligence related to the movements and operations of smug-

glers.

Special emphasis was placed on identifying and apprehending the key masterminds orchestrating these activities.

SSP Udhampur reiterated the importance of taking swift and decisive action against individuals involved in the illegal trade of bovines, stressing that the law would take its course with utmost severity.

A comprehensive strategy was outlined to address the issue, including increasing surveillance, patrolling, and setting up checkpoints at vulnerable spots.

Additionally, officers were encouraged to collaborate with local communities and leverage intelligence to curb this illegal activity effectively.

## JKB & OCWWB: Over Rs 48 lakh disbursed among workers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: The District Administration Samba has disbursed Rs 48.38 Lakh (Forty Eight Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand and One hundred) under different schemes of J&K Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

As per Assistant Labour Commissioner, Himani Jerath the amount has been disbursed among 800 registered construction workers (Card holders) by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma under different schemes of J&K Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

At the event, the Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the workers engaged in any construction activity in district Samba to enroll for the scheme and avail all benefits which is provided by the construction workers Board, JKBOWWB.

## DC Reasi reviews Shiv Khori Mela 2025 preparations

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik, who also serves as the Vice Chairman of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board (SSKSB), visited Ransoo to review preparations for the three-day Maha Shivratri Mela 2025, set to begin on February 25. During her visit, she directed officials to establish multiple registration counters at different locations to facilitate devotees and improve crowd management. She also inspected the bus and taxi stands at Ransoo, ensuring a well-coordinated traffic plan to prevent congestion during the event.



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik taking stock of arrangements.

the track to accommodate the large number of visitors.

Adding to this Deputy Commissioner directed for stationing of Fire Services staff and trucks during the whole Mela. She directed XENs to ensure uninterrupted availability of basic amenities like electricity supply and water supply for the convenience of devotees. Deputy Commissioner also directed tourism Department to ensure proper publicity of event and Cultural items that will take place. She emphasised on proper illumination of

town to enhance Ambience of the festival.

She emphasised on prioritising public safety and convenience during the event.

The DC stressed on proper security arrangements and the need for additional manpower to ensure a safe and peaceful atmosphere during the mela. She also instructed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to provide all necessary medical facilities, including ambulances, along the track and near the sacred cave, ensuring timely medical assistance for devotees if needed.

As part of her efforts to enhance the overall experience, DC Malik emphasized the beautification of Ransoo town by improving lighting and maintaining cleanliness. She directed officials to ensure a well-organized and welcoming environment, making the pilgrimage a seamless and spiritually enriching experience for thousands of devotees expected to attend the festival. EO SSKSB Pardeep kumar, XEN PWD, XEN JPDCL, XEN PIHE, Tehsildar Pooni, BDO Pooni, HR Manager accompanied The DC during the visit.

## Police imparts awareness on new criminal laws for Civil Society

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MENDHAR: District Police Poonch organized an awareness programme for civil society members on the newly enacted criminal laws at Police Station Mendhar.



Mendhar Police imparting awareness among locals.

The programme aimed to educate the public on the key provisions of these new laws, which have been introduced to modernize and streamline the Indian criminal justice system. A large number of prominent citizens, social activists and community leaders participated in the session.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch Sh Shafket Hussain-JKPS, highlighted the importance of public awareness in ensuring the effective implementation of these

laws.

He explained how the new provisions strengthen the rights of victims, improve investigation procedures, and enhance legal transparency. Key topics discussed included changes in police procedures, citizens' rights, new provisions on cyber-crime, and measures to ensure speedy justice.

Participants actively engaged in discussions and raised queries about

the impact of these laws on their daily lives. District Police assured them that the police department remains committed to protecting the rights of citizens and ensuring fair and efficient law enforcement.

District Police Poonch will continue conducting such awareness programs across the district to ensure that the public is well-informed about these legal reforms.

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