

Ramban Police’ swift action saves three precious lives

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RAMBAN: In a tragic incident that occurred at about 0010 hrs on Friday 01/2/25, one person lost his life and three others were injured in a road accident on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. The accident took place at Battery Chashma area and vehicle fell approximately 1000-1500 feet below the road, when the driver of a vehicle lost control and rolled down the hill.



According to sources, the vehicle was traveling from Jammu to Srinagar with a licensed alcohol load, and the driver was allegedly driving rashly and negligently. The incident occurred at around 0010 hrs, and a police team from Ramban Police Station, including the SHO, Civil QRT, and UTDRF, was immediately dispatched to the scene.

After a rigorous rescue operation under the supervision of SSP Ramban, three persons were rescued alive due to the timely and prompt action taken by Ramban police and others. The rescued individuals are Junaid Ahmed, son of Gulam Nabi, and Zakir Hussain, son of Akbar Ali, both residents of Satra, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua. third injured individual, Arafat Ali, son of Kalu, also a resident of Satra, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua, was also rescued . However, one person, Yasir Ali, son of Mohd Azhar, succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The injured were shifted to District Hospital Ramban, where they are receiving medical attention. An investigation into the incident has been launched, and a case under sections 281/125(a)/106 BNS has been registered at Ramban Police Station, bearing FIR No. 10/2025.

7 narco smugglers held with heroin

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REASI/RAJOURI/NAGROTA: In a relentless pursuit against drug peddlers, Jammu Police, under the operation Sanjeevani,

made a significant breakthrough on 01-02-2025, Police party of Police station Nagrota has intercepted a vehicle Maruti Car bearing Reg No. Jk20/2939 and round up two suspects namely Sanjeev Singh, son of Karan Singh, resident

of Katra and Mintu Kumar, son of Hans Raj, resident of Kakryal, both belongs to District Reasi and recovered 10 grams of Heroin from the cogent possession of said persons.



In this regard a case FIR No 21/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 of NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Nagrota, both the accused were arrested and vehicle also got seized marking a decisive step towards curbing the drug trade in the area.

Police team of Police Station Katra led by SHO Katra laid a surprise naka and apprehended one person namely Rinku, son of Manohar Lal, resident of W.No. 11, Keshav Nagar Matyal, Katra who was on his way from Nomain link road towards Katra town on Motorcycle bearing Registration No. JK14J-2409 and during checking/ frisking 5.53 grams of Heroin like substance was recovered from his possession.

On this FIR No. 29/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Katra and investigation initiated to unearth backward and forward linkage.

Rajouri Police also recovered 6 grams heroine like narcotics substance at nowshera and arrested two persons. A team from PS Nowshera, during routine vehicle and pedestrian checking at Naushera intercepted a Scooty bearing registration number JK11H 4395 which was coming from Bareri towards Nowshera.

The vehicle, which had a driver and a pillion rider was stopped for checking. Upon noticing the police the individuals began acting suspiciously raising doubts. A thorough personal search of both of them was conducted which led to the recovery of 06 grams of heroin-like narcotic substance from their possession.

During questioning, the accused disclosed their identities as: Ashu Bali, son of Rakesh Kumar, resident of Rajal Tehsil Nowshera District Rajouri and Pankaj Kumar, son of Shiv Ratan, resident of Bareri Tehsil Nowshera District Rajouri.

In this regard, a case under FIR No. 14/2025 under Sections 8/21/22/25/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at PS Nowshera. Both the accused have been arrested, and

further investigation is underway to ascertain the backward and forward linkages of the case.

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Two bike lifters arrested; three stolen motorcycles, car recovered

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MENDHAR: In a major breakthrough against vehicle theft, Mendhar Police today apprehended two individuals involved in a series of motorcycle thefts, leading to the recovery of three



stolen motorcycles and one car. The arrests were made following a well-coordinated operation based on specific intelligence inputs.

Acting on credible information, a special naka (checkpoint) was set up at Aangaala Chowk, where alert police personnel conducted thorough checks on passing vehicles. During the operation, two youths were intercepted while riding a motorcycle without a registration number plate. Upon being stopped, they were asked to produce valid documents for the motorcycle but failed to do so, raising immediate suspicion.

Upon sustained questioning, both individuals confessed to stealing the motorcycle from the Pathaana Teer area. They were identified as: Sameer Khan, son of Mohd Azam Khan, resident of Dharana, Tehsil Mendhar Intiaz Hussain, son of Mohd Taj, resident of Salvah, currently residing in Gohlad, Mendhar.

Based on their disclosure, police conducted follow-up operations, resulting in the recovery of Two additional motorcycles

(one bearing registration number JK12B 3394, and two without number plates) and One Hyundai i10 car (bearing registration number 2199), suspected to be linked to criminal activities.

4 vehicles seized for illegal transportation of minerals

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AWANTIPORA: Continuing its drive against persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police have seized 04 vehicles in Pampore area of Awantipora.

A Police party from Police Station Pampore headed by SHO PS Pampore Inspector Naieem Rashid under the supervision of SDPO Pampore have seized four vehicles (tippers) bearing registration numbers JK01L-2855, JK13J-5961, JK01R-7454 and JK04A-7877, involved in illegal transportation of minerals in Samboora, Pampore.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 12/2025 under relevant sections of law have been registered at police station and investigation have been initiated.

2 drug peddlers arrested, contraband substances recovered

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ANANTNAG: Continuing its war against drug menace, police in Anantnag arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

Police Station Mattan received a specific information through reliable sources that one Hilal Ahmad Wani son of Farooq Ahmad Wani resident of Kralgund Brah Mattan has indulged in peddling of narcotic substances and has hoarded a large quantity of narcotic substance in his residential house. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of NDPS was registered in Police Station Mattan and investigation was taken up. On receipt of this information, a police team alongwith Executive Magistrate concerned raided the specific location. During search, about 04 Kgs of Charas Powder was recovered from the said house and the owner of the said house was arrested on the spot. Further investigation in the instant case continues.

Moreover, Police Party from Police Lost Sangam during naka checking near Tulkhan crossing apprehended Saber Ahmad Sheikh son of Roni Sheikh resident of Delhi. During search, 14 grams of brown sugar was recovered from his possession. In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Bijbehara and investigation has been initiated.

Dy CM for fair Industrial expansion, environmental protection

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KATHUA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary conducted a whirlwind tour of Kathua, engaging with local residents, stakeholders and officials to assess concerns related to land acquisition for industrial expansion under SIDCO in Barwal.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated government's commitment towards a balanced and sustainable development, ensuring that the interests of the local population, environment, and industrial growth are harmonised.

Speaking to the affected residents and industry representatives, the Deputy Chief Minister assured that the government is taking a cautious and inclusive approach in developing industrial zones, ensuring that the benefits of such projects extend to all stakeholders, particularly the local communities. He emphasized that while industrialization is crucial for economic growth and employment generation, it must be pursued responsibly, keeping in mind the environmental sustainability and public welfare.

"The government is fully aware of the concerns of the people regarding land acquisition and its impact on their



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary addressing gathering at Kathua.

livelihoods. We are committed towards ensuring that no one is unfairly affected by these development projects. Industrial expansion must go hand in hand with environmental conservation and social responsibility. We will ensure that those impacted by land acquisition receive adequate compensation and rehabilitation measures" maintained the Deputy Chief Minister.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister also addressed the recent large-scale felling of over 250 trees in the Barwal area, which occurred as part of the land acquisition process for SIDCO. Acknowledging public outcry over the incident, he assured that a detailed investigation would be carried out to determine who granted the necessary clearances for tree cutting and whether the due process was

followed.

"The ecological balance of Jammu & Kashmir is of utmost importance. We cannot afford to compromise on environmental concerns in the name of industrialization. I have directed the officials to launch a comprehensive inquiry into the tree-felling incident in Barwal, and strict action will be taken against any violations of environmental norms," he said.

He further added that the government is exploring alternative measures such as afforestation programs and green industrial practices to ensure that environmental damage is minimised.

In addition to industrial development concerns, the Deputy Chief Minister also addressed the growing challenges posed by drug trafficking, illegal mining and industrial mafias in the

region. He stated that these issues are undermining the socio-economic fabric of the region and warned that the government will take strict and decisive action against any individuals or groups involved in such activities. He also appealed the public to cooperate with law enforcement authorities by reporting any suspicious activities related to illegal trade and organised crime.

Highlighting the broader economic vision for Jammu & Kashmir, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised that while industrial growth is essential, the region's traditional strength in agriculture and tourism must not be neglected. He acknowledged that a major section of the population depends on agriculture and tourism for their livelihood, and the government is committed towards strengthening these sectors through

policy reforms, infrastructure development, and financial support.

"Jammu & Kashmir is blessed with fertile land, rich natural resources and immense tourism potential. Our focus remains on safeguarding and developing these sectors, ensuring that farmers and tourism stakeholders receive the support, subsidies and infrastructure they need to flourish.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the public that the government is working on a comprehensive roadmap to ensure sustainable industrial growth without compromising local aspirations and environmental concerns. He stressed that every development project will be thoroughly scrutinized to prevent any adverse impact on the region's natural resources, heritage, and socio-economic structure.

"We believe in a holistic development model that fosters economic progress, environmental protection and social well-being. Every policy decision is being taken with a long-term vision to create a prosperous and inclusive Jammu & Kashmir," he said.

MLA Jasrota, Rajiv Jasrotia, Former MP Lal Singh, DDC members and large number of locals were also present on the occasion.

SMVDIME & SMVDNSH organise health camp on Shaheedi Diwas

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JOURIAN: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (SMVDNSH), in collaboration with the Praja Parishad Memorial Trust, successfully organized a Mega Health Camp at Jourian on the occasion of Shaheedi Diwas. This initiative aimed to provide specialized healthcare services to underserved communities, particularly in remote and border areas, ensuring access to expert medical consultations and essential diagnostics.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, benefiting over 1,700 patients with free consultations across multiple specialties, including orthopedics, internal medicine, dermatology, gynecology, general surgery, ENT, ophthalmology, dental, and pediatrics. Senior consultants from SMVDIME and SMVDNSH provided expert medical guidance, addressing a wide range of health concerns and advising patients on necessary treatments.

In addition to consulta-



Locals participating in medical camp.

tions, the camp offered comprehensive diagnostic services, facilitating early detection of various medical conditions 400+ lab tests conducted; 105 X-rays performed; 200+ ECGs recorded for cardiac assessment; 20 mammograms for early breast cancer screening.

To ensure immediate relief and treatment, thousands of free medicines were distributed to patients.

Speaking about the initiative, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME, stated: "This health camp reflects our unwavering commitment to

preventive and accessible healthcare. The overwhelming participation underscores the urgent need for continued outreach programs, and we remain dedicated to expanding our services to more such regions in the future."

With their expertise, resources, and dedication to community health, SMVDIME and SMVDNSH continue to lead efforts in bringing high-quality medical care beyond hospital walls, reaffirming the vision of Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board to serve those in need through specialized outreach initiatives.

GDC Bishnah hosts Alumni meet

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JAMMU: Government Degree College Bishnah on Saturday hosted its Alumni Meet 2025 which served as a remarkable reunion of all batches.

The event started with the lighting of the lamp as invocation of Goddess Saraswati on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchmi. The meet kicked off with the welcome address of the convener followed by an insightful speech from the Principal in which she encapsulated the journey



Faculty members along with locals during the event.

of college over the years, prompting the Alumni to reflect on their personal and professional growth.

As a part of Alumni Meet, a colourful cultural bonanza was presented

for the Alumni which created a nostalgic ambience among them. They expressed their joy and gratitude by sharing their experiences during the program. The program

concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph followed by Lunch.

The principal applauded the effort of the Alumni Committee.

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UDHAMPUR: Additional General Secretary of National Conference and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, asserted that the Omar Abdullah Government is committed to steer Jammu and Kashmir out of the misrule and mis-governance inflicted by the BJP-led administration over the past decade. Addressing a day long Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Convention of the Udhampur Block organized by Sunil Verma, District President Udhampur; Om Parkash Bhagat Block President Udhampur and District President Youth National Conference Akash Verma, Mr Sadhotra emphasized that the people of J&K have given a massive mandate to the National Conference, reaffirming their trust in the party's vision for peace, progress, and prosperity. Former Minister said the BJP's decade-long rule in J&K, directly and indirectly, has been marked by instability, economic downturn, unemployment, and a disregard for the aspirations of the people. This has to be reversed by redoubling efforts for holistic development, economic empowerment of all segments of society, job creation and



NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra speaking during party convention at Udhampur.

fast track recruitment process and generating avenues for growth in every sector. He said that the National Conference has always worked for the progress of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and will now work towards undoing the damage caused by the policies of the past ten years.

Sadhotra highlighted that Jenab Omar Abdullah, with his vast experience as a Chief Minister, Union Minister and Member of Parliament, is fully committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the people. He said that during Omar Abdullah's tenure as Chief Minister, several landmark initiatives were introduced to enhance governance, create employment opportunities, and improve infrastructure. His leadership is instrumental in restoring public trust

and setting J&K on the path of development, he added. The Additional General Secretary National Conference said that under the towering patronization of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, J&K will once again witness progress and prosperity. He lauded Dr. Abdullah's statesmanship and dedication to the people of J&K, emphasizing that his vision has always been about inclusive growth, communal harmony and safeguarding the unique identity of the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Provincial Secretary Mohd Ayub Malik said that the National Conference remains committed to safeguarding the interests of the people of J&K and ensuring that the region reclaims its rightful place as a hub of development, peace, and economic

growth. Addressing the Convention, Satwant Dogra, Provincial President Women Wing Jammu emphasized the need of extending outreach of the women workers of the party to every door step to create sense of confidence among common people and know their miseries so that we could give them solace of relief as Omar Abdullah government is committed to lessen the miseries of common people. Prominent among those present on this occasion included Chander Mohan Sharma District President Urban, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural, Aslam Khan, Ashwani Charak, Sumita Bhan, Anju Grover, Arun Pal Singh Working President Student Wing, Veer Ji Bhat, Mussarat Malik, Saqib Kitchloo, S Gurmeet Singh Josh Sr. Vice President, Javed Iqbal Vice President, Mannohan Verma Block President Tikri, Mohan Lal Sharma Block President Jagano, Om Parkash Block President Udhampur; Sumita Mehra District President Women Wing Udhampur Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing One Day Convention of Udhampur Block at Udhampur.

Several projects coming up under PMJVK scheme in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: Additional District Development

Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa chaired a meeting to review the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) here in the Conference Hall of the DC office.

The meeting focused on assessing the progress of projects proposed by the Education, Health, Sports, PHE, and PDD departments.

During the meeting, the ADDC reviewed the number of projects for which Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been pre-

pared and approved by the Block Development Committee (BDC). Emphasizing the need for expeditious implementation, he directed the concerned departments to submit all pending DPRs and ensure their approval at the BDC level within one week so that they can be further approved by the District Level Committee (DLC).

Furthermore, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa underscored the importance of financial transparency and instructed officials to submit audit-

ed Utilization Certificates (UCs) at the earliest.

Among those present in the meeting were Chief Planning Officer Maqsood Ahmed, Chief Medical Officer Manohar Rana, Assistant Commissioner Development Vijay Kumar Verma, District Social Welfare Officer Abdul Raheem, Executive Engineer PHE Rajiv Khajuria, Executive Engineer PDD Abdul Rasheed, Administrative Officer GMC Adnan Rather, and other district and sectoral officers.

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