

Ex-terrorist evading arrest for last 18 years arrested



REASI: In a significant breakthrough in the ongoing drive against absconders launched by District Police Reasi, an

accused who had been evading arrest for the past 18 years in heinous terrorism-related criminal cases has been apprehended. Reasi Police arrested an absconder (Ex-terrorist) Anwar Ali Chouhan, son of Haji Nizam Din Chouhan alias Jamsheer, Caste Bakkarwal, aged 40 years, originally a resident of Gujjar Kothian, Talwara, Reasi, and presently residing at Kharpura, Anantnag. The accused had joined the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) militant outfit in 2001 and remained active for seven years. He later surrendered in 2007 in Kashmir but subsequently went underground, evading arrest by going underground kept changing location so as to evade arrest which is required in multiple high-profile criminal and militancy-related cases registered at Police Station Reasi.

Several attempts were made to arrest him over the years by conducting raids at his known locations in Gujjar Kothian, Chinore (Jammu) and Kherpora (Anantnag). Consequently, the Hon'ble Court was approached, and proceedings under sections 82 and 83 Cr.Pc were initiated against him. Despite these measures, his whereabouts remained unknown.

On the directions of SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh, a special police team was constituted under the leadership of SHO Reasi supervised by DySP Headquarters Reasi and Addl Sp Reasi. After strenuous efforts and the use of technical surveillance, Reasi Police developed a specific input by meticulously planning & coordinated efforts in repeated raids and chased him from a forested area near Gujjar Kothian, Talwara.

On 05.01.2006 a case FIR No. 04/2006 under sections 307, 120B, 121(A) RPC, and 7/27 Arms Act was registered at P/S

Reasi in which during a search operation in the Jadd, Talwara forest area, some unknown terrorists opened fire on the police party and subsequently escaped under the cover of dense forest. A grenade was recovered from the site. The investigation revealed the involvement of Anwar Ali, and a charge sheet was produced against him under Section 512 Cr.PC in the Court of Law.

On 07.04.2006 a case FIR No. 57/2006 under sections 302, 307, 120B, 121(A), 212, 216 RPC, 7/27 Arms Act, and 3 JKPS Act was registered at P/S Reasi. In this case, a hand grenade was thrown at a bus (Registration No. JK02P-3881) at Baradari, Reasi, resulting in the injury of five people. Later on the father of the then Dy.SP Headquarters Reasi succumbed to his injuries due to that grenade blast. During the investigation, a charge sheet was presented before the Court under Section 512 Cr.Pc against two individuals, namely Muntaz Ali Chouhan and Anwar Ali Chouhan both sons of Haji Nizam Din Chouhan R/O Gujjar Kothian, Talwara. While Muntaz was arrested in 2007, Anwar Ali remained absconding-until his arrest today.

743 missing persons recovered, reunited with families in year 2024

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to public service by successfully tracing and reuniting 743 missing persons with their families across District Jammu in 2024. Through relentless efforts, advanced investigative techniques, and strong community engagement, Jammu Police has brought relief to hundreds of families, reaffirming its dedication to maintaining law and order.

Under the leadership of dedicated officers, Jammu Police leveraged technological tools, including CCTV surveillance, digital tracking, and intelligence-based investigations, to swiftly locate missing individuals. Extensive field searches, close coordination with other law enforcement agencies, and active public participation played a crucial role in ensuring the safe return of those reported missing.

Many of these cases involved minors, elderly persons, and women, making the recovery process even more sensitive and urgent. Jammu Police tackled each case with diligence, ensuring that every missing individual was traced with the utmost priority. Their efforts reflect not just policing but a humanitarian approach to serving society.

5 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, police in Awantipora have seized 5 vehicles used in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. A Police party of Police Station Khrew headed by SHO PS Khrew Inspector Syed Mubarak seized five vehicles (04 L&Ts) bearing registration numbers NKJ22CLMVMkA00200, 520052420-Ex200 Super, HYNDN 633 HE-0006988, HYNDN 633 CE-0069705 and 01 tippers bearing registration number JK13E-2327, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Khrew, Pampore.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 13/2025 and 14/2025 under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Khrew and further investigation have been initiated.

J&K Police urge the public to report any such illegal activities by dialling 112. Strict action will be taken against anyone found involved in unlawful mining practices.

Absconder arrested after 12 years

SOPORE: Police in Sopore have arrested an absconder who was evading his arrest since 2012.

Police in Sopore have arrested an absconder, namely Nayeem Ahmad War son of Nazir Ahmad War resident of Warpora Sopore, who had been evading arrest for over 12 years. He was wanted in connection with a case FIR No. 190 filed in 2012 under sections 454 and 380 of the RPC at Police Station Sopore. A warrant of arrest had been issued by the Hon'ble Court Sopore against him. He has been produced before the Hon'ble Court and has been lodged in judicial custody until February 25, 2025. This arrest demonstrates the police's commitment to apprehending individuals who have outstanding warrants and holding them accountable for their actions. J&K Police is implementing rigorous measures to ensure that all absconders are brought to justice, and their dedication to combating crime remains unwavering.

Police attaches property worth lakhs of Proclaimed Offenders

SOPORE: Police in Sopore have attached 4 kanals and 2 marlas of orchard land belonging to two proclaimed offenders

namely Afroz Ahmad War son of Mohammad Maqbool War and Maqsood Ahmad War son of Sona-ullah War, both residents of Warpora Sopore under Survey numbers 3225, 3950, 3956 and 2384 in Estate Warpora Sopore.

This action is connected to case FIR No. 28/2008 U/S 2/3 EMCO, 120B, 121 IPC and 7/24 Arms Act.

The attachment was executed under the provisions of Sections 82, 83 of CrPC, by a team of Police and Revenue officials, after receiving approval from competent authority.

This measure marks a significant step in the investigation into subversive activities in the area. It underscores Police's commitment to countering threats to national security and ensuring peace and stability.

Theft case solved, 2 arrested, stolen property recovered

POONCH: District Police Poonch solved a theft case and recovered stolen property within 24 hours, reaffirming its commitment to maintaining law and order.

On 18 Feb 2025, a complaint was lodged at Poonch regarding a theft incident, on this a case FIR no.27/2025 u/s 303(2) BNS is registered at PS Poonch. Acting swiftly, a dedicated team led by IC PP Jhullas, under the close supervision of SHO Poonch, DySP Hqrs Poonch and in overall supervision of SSP Poonch initiated an investigation.

Using technical surveillance and human intelligence, the police identified and apprehended the accused, Irfan Ahmed son of Mohd Razaq and Ifraz Hussain son of Mehmood Hussain both residents of Dara Dhullian, Poonch and recovered the stolen items from them.

The accused were booked under relevant sections of the law, and further investigation is underway to ascertain any possible links to other crimes.



JPDCL Chief Engineer approached for 24 hour power supply to Katra

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KATRA: A delegation from the Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra (CTTIK), led by President Raj Kumar Padha and Secretary Atul Sharma, met with K.K. Thappa the Chief Engineer of the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) in his office chamber to discuss pressing electricity supply concerns affecting the hospitality industry in the region.

During the discussions, the delegation emphasized the vital role of electricity in the hospitality sector, comparing it to the lifeblood of the industry. Given the critical dependence of hotels and other establishments on uninterrupted power, the delegation strongly urged JPDCL to ensure a 24-hour



CTTIK delegation meeting with CE JPDCL K.K. Thappa.

power supply to maintain the seamless operation of businesses catering to millions of pilgrims visiting the holy town of Katra annually.

Additionally, the CTTIK delegation brought to the Chief Engineer's attention

the issue of electricity billing under the KVAH tariff structure, which has been applied with retrospective effect. The delegation referred to the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) Order No. JERC/LAW-

S/P/2022/F-5/478-84 dated 13-10-2022, which clearly states that the application of the KVAH tariff should be prospective from November 2022. The delegation firmly requested an urgent rectification of the bills issued to ensure compliance with the regulatory order.

Recognizing the importance of a robust power infrastructure in Katra, which welcomes approximately one crore pilgrims annually, the delegation also demanded urgent augmentation of the region's electricity distribution infrastructure. Specifically, they requested the provision of LT cables, transformer cables, and the upgradation of overloaded transformers to ensure a stable and efficient power supply.

In light of past amnesty

schemes granted to domestic consumers, the delegation further urged the JPDCL to introduce a power amnesty scheme for commercial power consumers, providing much-needed relief to businesses struggling with excessive billing concerns.

CTTIK expressed hope that the JPDCL would take immediate steps to address these pressing issues and provide timely resolutions for the betterment of the hospitality industry and the local economy.

K. K. Thappa gave a patient hearing to all the points and ensured his full cooperation and support. Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra expressed gratitude to the JPDCL officials for the opportunity to engage in this constructive dialogue.

CRPF sends underprivileged students to 'Bharat Darshan tour'



DDC Chairman Doda D S Kotwal flagging off students.

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BHADARWAH: To extend their civic action programme to the most deserving and underprivileged students living in far-off areas, 33 Battalion CRPF sends 30 students belonging to families from terrorism effected area of Bhaderwah to 'Bharat Darshan' Tour on Thursday. Beside 30 students, two teachers and two CRPF personnel were also part of this group.

The tour to Delhi was flagged off by DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with Commandant CRPF Arun Kumar Singh, ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar, Tehsildar Bhaderwah Kamalpreet Singh and SHO Bhaderwah Sandeep Parihar from CRPF 33 Battalion Headquarters Sarna Bhaderwah.

During tour, the students

will visit different areas of Delhi to know their tradition and culture. The places includes Red fort, India Gate, War Memorial, Mughal Garden, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Raj Gath, Qutab Minar, Rail Museum, Lotus Temple, Akshardham Temple, National Science Center, Sansad Bhawan and Janta Mantar.

Speaking on the occasion, Arun Kumar Singh, Commandant - 33 BN CRPF expressed his gratitude to the chief guest and other dignitaries present for blessing the event by their gracious presence.

He also stressed upon the importance of organizing such programmes for the youth to know about our nation its different culture and diversity and also propagate the positive role played by security forces to maintain the unity of the country.

"These students have never gone beyond Jammu and some of them are even moving first time outside Bhaderwah. For these students, it's like a dream come true to move beyond hills to the National Capital Delhi," he added.

DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal said that It's heartwarming to see the excitement of the students, this will go a long way to expand their vision and overall development of their personality.

Actively promote anti-drug campaigns: police to locals

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JAMMU: Thana Divas was organized at Police Station Bishnah Jammu by SHO Police Station Bishnah bringing together prominent citizens, shopkeepers and representatives from key areas including Main Market Bishnah, Chak Awtara, Ratnal, Kheri and Kothi Morh area. In-depth discussions were held to address the challenges faced by the community.

Participants were encouraged to lend their full support to the police by providing timely, actionable information to ensure the smooth functioning of the police department and prevent any untoward incidents, especially in light of the upcoming festival season.

Key directives were also issued, including a strict instruction to all shopkeepers to refrain from allowing hawkers or vendors to sell goods in front of their shops, as this creates significant congestion for both the public and vehicles. Additionally, the participants were reminded to ensure that their CCTV cameras are functional, contribut-



SHO Bishnah listening to public issues.

ing to the safety and security of the area.

Furthermore, an essential part of the event was dedicated to raising awareness against the growing menace of drug abuse. The police emphasized the need for a united effort from all citizens to combat this serious issue, which threatens the health and well-being of our society, especially our youth. Shopkeepers, residents, and all attendees were urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to drug trafficking or substance abuse.

The participants were also encouraged to actively pro-

mote anti-drug campaigns within their communities, schools, and marketplaces, thereby creating a safer and healthier environment. The police department is committed to working closely with citizens to not only crack down on illegal drug activities but also to support rehabilitation initiatives and education programs that aim to reduce addiction.

Together, we can fight this social evil and protect our future generations from the dangers of drug addiction. Let us all take a stand against drugs and contribute towards building a drug-free Jammu.

BJP Leader leads 'Budget Pe Charcha' in Poonch

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POONCH: Senior BJP leader and party spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary conducted an impactful 'Budget Pe Charcha' program in Poonch, engaging with prominent citizens and civil society members.

The event focused on the government's developmental roadmap under the Viksit Bharat Vision, with Dr. Choudhary emphasizing the people-centric initiatives outlined in the Union Budget 2024-25.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Choudhary underscored the transformative impact of the budget, particularly for farmers, youth, women, and marginalized communities. He reiterated the government's commitment to accelerating development across Jammu and Kashmir through increased allocations and welfare schemes.

Dr. Choudhary criticized the INDIA alliance for indulging in divisive politics, saying, "While the government is working tirelessly for inclusive growth, some opposition parties continue to mislead people on issues like caste and



BJP spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary being honoured by party workers at Poonch.

census, as well as provoking innocent farmers for political gains."

He highlighted key aspects of the Union Budget 2024-25, including Rs 11 lakh crore allocated for capital expenditure, Rs 1.50 lakh crore for agriculture, and Rs 10 lakh crore investment under PM Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0.

Additionally, the historic Rs 2.62 lakh crore allocation for railways and Rs 6.2 lakh crore for defense were noted as game changers for the nation's infrastructure and security.

For Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Choudhary emphasized

the Rs 1,18,390 crore allocation, including Rs 81,486 crore for revenue expenditure and Rs 36,904 crore for capital expenditure.

Prominent leaders and dignitaries present on the occasion included Gurdeep Singh Khalsa, District President Poonch, Rajesh Raina, Choudhary Abdul Ghani, Lokesh Sharma, Rajeev Tandan, Sunil Sharma, Sudarshan Sharma, Amrit Pal Singh, Jyoti Bhalla, Varanchi Raina, Yugal Sharma, Gulzar Jaat, Ranjeet Singh, Harjeet Singh, and Parvinder Singh.

DC Poonch reviews PM Gati Shakti implementation, formulation of Master Plan

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting to discuss the implementation of PM Gati Shakti at the district level and the formulation of the Master Plan for the District.

The meeting focused on using the PM Gati Shakti portal for all future planning activities in the district, which is expected to bring about more efficient, transparent, and coordinated development. The DC emphasized that all future planning in the District will be carried out using the PM Gati Shakti portal. He stressed that this approach will not only streamline the planning and execution of projects but will also have a far-reaching impact on the overall development of the district, ensuring trans-



parency, effectiveness, and better coordination among stakeholder departments. The use of the portal will contribute to the implementation of development projects in a seamless and accountable manner, ultimately benefiting the citizens of Poonch. Experts connected via Bharat VC provided a comprehensive demonstration of the PM Gati Shakti portals' features and functionalities. The demo showcased how the

portal aids in real-time monitoring, effective project execution and enhances inter-departmental coordination facilitating speedy planning and implementation of projects.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC Poonch, ACR Poonch, ADC, CMO Poonch, DFO Poonch, DIO NIC Poonch, ARTO Poonch, CEO MC, Xen PWD(R&B) besides other concerned officers.

GDC Khour visit Vridh Ashram for social services during 3rd Day of Winter Camp

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KHOUR: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College Khour organized a visit to Vridh Ashram (old age home) at Akhnoor on the 3rd day of special winter camp. This initiative was part of the NSS unit's ongoing commitment to the community service and social responsibility. The team of enthusiastic NSS volunteers engaged in the interaction with senior citizens in which the latter shared their experiences of life.

They motivated the young volunteers to take care of their parents/grandparents and imbibe in



Students along with faculty during visit to Vridh Ashram.

them a sense of social responsibility and moral ethics. They appre-

ciated the efforts of Vridh Ashram committee, (a prominent social

welfare organization dedicated to the care and support of helpless and under privileged senior citizens) in arranging their day to day needs. Under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS PO, distribution of essential items & financial help (collected by NSS volunteers from the College) was donated to the committee operating the Vridh Ashram. The volunteers spent quality time with the senior citizens and take mentorship, guidance from them. After the interaction, NSS volunteers participated in Cleanliness drive that was carried out in the vicinity of the Ashram. Through this

experience, the NSS unit emphasized the significance of social responsibility in building a more inclusive and caring society. The Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) T. K Sharma applauded the efforts of the NSS volunteers, encouraging them to continue their outreach activities meant for the service to the community. The visit was lauded by the Vridh Ashram committee, who expressed their gratitude for the support extended by the NSS volunteers. The NSS committee members of the college who accompanied the visit were Prof. Khalid Sajad Bohra, Prof. Shivani Sharma & Prof. Pooja Kumari.

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