

2 notorious drug peddlers booked under PIT NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SOPORE: Continuing its drive against drug peddlers and its propagators, police have booked 02 notorious drug peddlers under PIT NDPS Act in Sopore after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

Two notorious drug peddlers namely Firdous Ahmad Dar son of Nazir Ahmad Dar resident of Mahrajpora Sopore and Firdous Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Mohiudin Bhat resident of Mazbugh Sopore have been booked under PIT NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority & subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur and District Jail Kathua.

Its pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against these drug peddlers and they were involved in promoting drug trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Police District Sopore.

Stolen vehicle recovered from accused involved in extortion case

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SRINAGAR: In a significant breakthrough, Police in SRINAGAR recovered stolen vehicle from accused person in extortion case. The accused, identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad

Shah @ 99, son of Ghulam Qadir Shah, a resident of Aikal Mir Khanyar, was apprehended by the team of Police Station Safakadal in connection with the extortion case vide FIR No. 02/2025 under section 308(2) BNS.

Upon his disclosure, a stolen (Alto) vehicle has been recovered by the investigating team. More recoveries are expected in the ongoing case.

It is pertinent to mention here that the accused person is involved in more than 30 FIRs involving theft and extortion in addition to being booked under PSA twice. The apprehension of the accused person is a significant achievement of Srinagar Police which was undertaken by the team of Police Station MR Gunj led by SHO Police Station MR Gunj.

Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

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SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested a drug peddler in Sopore and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Panzalla led by SHO Police Station Panzalla, at a checkpoint established at Panji Colony Rohama, intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 42 grams of contraband charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Nazir Ahmad Lone son of Ghulam Nabi Lone resident of Shalkote Rohama

Rafiabad. Subsequently he has been arrested.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 08/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Panzalla & further investigation has been initiated.

Drug peddler nabbed with 4.14 grams heroin like substance

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered 4.14 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

A Police party headed by SHO PS Vijaypur during special naka at RahyaMorhVijaypur, intercepted a pedestrian on suspicious ground. During checking, 4.14 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from his possession.

The drug peddler identified as Anil Choudhary S/o



AjeetSingh R/o Ranjari tehsil Vijaypur district Samba has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No 24/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 15 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has foiled bovine smuggling attempt, rescued fifteen 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.

An information was received at Police Station Ghagwal from reliable sources regarding smuggling of bovines in a canter bearing registration No. PB06AT-7184coming from Kathua side. Acting on information, a Police team headed by SHO Police Station Ghagwal successfully intercepted the said canter at Naka Tapyal NHW Ghagwal for its checking. During checking, fifteen 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. 32/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

DC Poonch reviews pending court cases across different departments

Directs HoDs to submit reports on pendency

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal chaired a crucial meeting today in the Meeting Hall of his Office Complex to review the latest status of pending court cases across different departments.

The meeting focused on cases awaiting resolution in the subordinate courts of District Poonch, as well as in the High Court, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), National Green Tribunal (NGT), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), and Central Information Commission (CIC).

The Deputy Commissioner requested comprehensive briefings from the concerned officers regarding the current status of these cases. The District Litigation Officer delivered an in-depth presentation, detailing the department-wise and court-wise latest status of pending cases.

During discussions, specific



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

cases pending for replies from various departments were examined in detail. Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to expeditious justice, DC Vikas Kundal emphasized the urgency of filing replies for outstanding complaints and directed all concerned departments to submit reports promptly. This is crucial for legal vetting by the Law Department before final submissions are made.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in handling court cases. He direct-

ed all officers involved to uphold the highest ethical standards and prioritize the community's best interests in these legal matters. He encouraged a knowledge-sharing approach among departments to strengthen their legal capabilities and contribute to the overall development goals of Poonch district.

The meeting was attended by several key officials, including ADC Poonch, ACD, ACR, SDM Mendhar and Surankote, Tehsildar Haveli, District Litigation Officer, CEO MC Poonch, and other concerned officers.

Reasi Admin, police imparts awareness on criminal laws



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: In a significant move to educate the youth and general public about the recently amended New criminal laws, District administration along with district Police Reasi organized an awareness programme at General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi.

The initiative aimed to familiarize students with the new legal provisions, enabling them to stay informed and better equipped to navigate the

evolving legal framework. During the session, Prosecution Officer Shikha Jamwal highlighted key aspects of the new criminal laws, emphasizing their social benefits in maintaining law and order. She stressed upon the importance of understanding and adhering to these legal norms for a safer and more disciplined society.

Students actively participated in the interactive session, engaging in in-depth discussions on various legal provisions. They

raised queries before the panel of experts and received comprehensive clarifications from legal professionals, enhancing their understanding of the subject.

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of DC Reasi Nidhi Malik, SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh, Addl SP Reasi Iftkhar Ahmed, DySP Reasi Vishal Singh Jamwal, Principal of General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, along with faculty members and students of the college.

DC Rajouri finalises MGNREGA Convergence Plan for FY 2025-26

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma chaired a high-level meeting to discuss and finalise the modalities for the formulation of the convergence plan under MGNREGA for the financial year 2025-26.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, along with other senior officers from the Rural Development Department and other concerned departments.

At the outset, ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa briefed the chair about the nature of works proposed for inclusion in the MGNREGA plan under convergence mode. He provided insights into the potential projects that align with the district's development priorities, ensuring



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

effective utilization of resources to benefit the rural populace.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of including projects in the MGNREGA plan under convergence mode, particularly those aimed at water conservation and recharge. He directed officials to prioritize the construction of check dams, water harvesting structures, and other initiatives that contribute to sustainable water management.

Library orientation programme conducted at GDC Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: The Department of Library Science at Government Degree College (GDC) Akhnoor organized a Library Orientation Programme to educate students on the significance of library resources and digital platforms. The event was spearheaded by Librarian Arti Chadha and was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Sandhya (HOD, Department of Sanskrit).

During the session, Assistant Professor Irshad

growth and research.

Chief Guest Dr. Sandhya captivated the audience with her poetry, highlighting the invaluable role of books. Through her verses, she beautifully conveyed that books are true friends that never deceive and remain a constant source of knowledge and wisdom.

Additionally, Assistant Professor Sarfaraz Sofi provided an insightful demonstration on the National Digital Library of India (NDLI). He familiarized stu-



Dr. Sandhya HOD, Department of Sanskrit along with faculty and students during the programme.

Mir sensitized students about consortia and elaborated on their benefits for both students and faculty members. He emphasized how such resources facilitate academic

enrichment. He familiarized students with its various features and guided them on the process of obtaining membership, showcasing how NDLI can be an essential tool for academic enrichment.

5-Day Training Programme on Inclusive Education Concludes at DIET Poonch



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: A five-day training programme on Inclusive Education under NISHTHA successfully concluded today at DIET Poonch.

The programme was organized under the direction of the the Director SCERT, Prakshit Singh Manhas, and Professor Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT Jammu. The training was supervised by Parkash Lal Thapa, Principal DIET Poonch, and coordinated by Muzafar Hussain (Sr. Lecturer) and Altat Ahmed (Sr. Lecturer).

The training aimed to equip educators with the necessary knowledge, skills, and strategies to foster inclusive learning environments.

Various sessions were conducted on key topics, including the RPW Act 2016, RTE Act, NEP-2020, Samagra Shiksha, disabilities and their intervention strategies, gender education, assistive devices, universal design for learning (UDL), and the role of teachers in inclusive education.

Eminent resource persons, including. Haroon Rathore (Sr. Lecturer), Anwar Khan (Sr. Lecturer), Harish Kumar, Ajay Maini, Tariq Mehmood, Divjot Singh, Sauda Begum, and Nazar Ali Naqvi, delivered insightful sessions during the training.

A total of 129 participants, including Sr. Lecturers, Lecturers, Masters, and

grievances and instructed officials to ensure that complaints received through the portal are resolved in a time-bound manner. He reiterated the importance of transparency and accountability in governance.

The meeting concluded with the Deputy Commissioner directing all departments to work in coordination to achieve effective implementation of the convergence plan, thereby enhancing the impact of MGNREGA in Rajouri district.

PO ICDS, Fareed Kohli; ACP, Sheraz Ahmed; ACD, Vijay kr Verma; CAO, CHO, BDOs, PO IWMP, DYSSO, Ex En I & FC, Ex En REW, AD FCS & CA, AD Fisheries, District Program Manager NRLM attended the meeting.

DC Kishtwar holds Block Diwas Program at Balgran

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan presides over the Block Diwas program at HS Balgran, with the aim of addressing local issues and ensuring effective governance at the grassroots level.

The event witnessed active participation from local residents, who engaged with the DC and other senior officials to raise concerns and discuss solutions for various developmental needs.

During the Block Diwas program, the issue of water scarcity was addressed by emphasizing the importance



DC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan distributing seeds.

of proper rainwater harvesting and the construction of water conservation structures. These initiatives were carried out in collaboration with various departments, including the Rural Development Department (RDD), Soil Conservation, Agriculture, and the Jal Shakti Department. The focus was on building sustainable water conservation systems to ensure a reliable water supply, particularly in areas facing severe water shortages.

In addition to water conservation efforts, the program also raised awareness about key government schemes aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and rural development. Notably, information on

ernment accountability and transparency at the grassroots level.

The DC Kishtwar also laid emphasis on the self Employment Schemes specifically aimed for the empowerment of the Women folk of society and urged women to come forward and play pre-emptive role in the socioeconomic upliftment.

Furthermore, a commitment was made to complete the remaining villages under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) 4.0 and to expedite the ongoing infrastructure projects. This commitment seeks to improve connectivity in remote areas, ensuring that every village has access to essential services and development opportunities.

The role of Pani Samitis (Water Committees) was also highlighted in the program. These committees play a crucial role in managing water storage structures and ensuring the proper maintenance of water tank facilities. By engaging local communities in water Conservation, the program stressed the importance of collective action in tackling water scarcity, empowering

villagers to take ownership of water resources and maintain sustainable water systems for future generations.

Through this comprehensive approach, the Block Diwas program effectively addressed water scarcity, empowered the community with information on government schemes, and encouraged active participation in local development efforts.

During the program, the DC emphasized the government's commitment to reaching out to remote areas and ensuring the welfare of the public.

He assured the locals that all concerns raised would be duly examined, and necessary actions would be taken to address them promptly.

Senior officials from various departments were present to offer assistance and solutions on matters ranging from infrastructure, health, education, and agriculture.

The DC also encouraged the public to make use of such platforms to voice their issues and participate actively in the ongoing developmental activities in the district.

SMVDIME Kakryal, Jammu conducts BLS & ACLS Provider Course for Faculty and Staff members



Participants during the programme at Katra.

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KATRA: SMVDIME (Medical College & Associated Hospital), Kakryal, Jammu in collaboration with the American Heart Association and the Lifesavers Association of India, is conducted a three-day Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider course from February 21-23, 2025. Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director SMVDIME in his welcome address conveyed his heartfelt affiliations to Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean of GMC Jammu

for supporting the noble cause of operationalizing SMVDIME through support of the faculty members. He stressed on the need of BLS and ACLS trainings to faculty and staff, requested the delegates to further train at least 10 more persons in their respective departments to fulfil the need of training to all. He acknowledged efforts of Dr. Muthu Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVDNSH and veteran AHA instructors Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Dr. Sunil Kumar.

The training will be jointly given by ACLS instructors from GMC Jammu, SMVDNSH, and Health

Dept Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Vanilla Chopra, Associate Professor, HOD Anaesthesia and course coordinator, is spearheading the course.

Dr. Muthu Mathavan, Facility Director of SMVDNSH, gave a vote of gratitude to conclude the session. During the practical training, 60 medical professionals-including physicians and nurses-will be mastered both basic and advanced resuscitation procedures.

This effective course demonstrates SMVDIME's steadfast dedication to empowering medical professionals and improving emergency care standards.

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