

9 vehicles including 3 dumpers seizes for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized four vehicles including three dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, Incharge Police Post Rakh Amb Talli, Incharge Police Post Supwal both falling under PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized four vehicles including three dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08G-3273, JK02CL-7059 & JK21J-6386 and a tractor trolley bearing registration No. JK21J-7079 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

Meanwhile, Police team of Police Station Billawar under the

guidance of SDPO Billawar & SHO PS Billawar has seized total five tractor-trolleys loaded with sand and boulders without any valid permission of mining department whose detail is as Swaraj tractor trolley without any number plate loaded with sand; Sonalika Tractor trolley without any number plate loaded with sand; and Hindustan tractor trolley without any number plate loaded with sand.

Moreover, police team of PP Ramkot has also seized two tractor trolleys loaded with gravel and boulders i.e one bearing Registration No. JK08M 6282 and other bearing Chassis No. MBNBU53AAPTH74147. Meanwhile all the 05 vehicles (Tractor Trolleys) indulged in illegal mining were seized & immediately handed over to the officials of the Geological and Mining department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

Absconder evading arrest for last 11 years arrested

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SAMBA: In continuation to its drive against the Absconders/Criminals, Samba Police apprehended an absconder who was wanted in a case FIR registered at Police Station

Ghagwal during the year 2014.

A Police team of Police Station Ghagwal headed by SHO PS Ghagwal under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Samba and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba succeeded in apprehending an absconder namely Abdul Rasid son of Mohd Yaqoob resident of Kanshi Patta tehsil and district Reasi wanted in case FIR No. 02/2014 U/S 188 RPC, 2/3 PCA Act registered at PS Ghagwal. The said accused was evading his arrest since 2014 after the commission of the crime.

Accordingly, the said absconder was produced in the court of law and the arrest warrant u/s 512 CrPC issued against him got executed.



2 missing persons traced, re-united with their families

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JAMMU: In a respite to the families of the missing persons Doda Police has traced 02 missing Persons from different areas of J&K and reunited them with their families whose missing reports were lodged at Police Station Gandoh and PS Doda respectively. Official sources said that missing report of a lady resident of Chilly Gandoh was entered at Police Station Gandoh on 13.02.2025. The said lady has been traced out from Malat Mukyas area by a special Police team and has been re-united with her family. Similarly, another missing of a boy namely Aqib Hussain son of Ashiq Hussain resident of Roti Paderna was entered at PS Doda on 19.02.2025. On the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta and acting on missing reports filed by the families of these missing persons, teams of Police Officials was constituted from both the Police Stations under the supervision of SHO's concerned for through investigation and conduct search in various areas. After tireless efforts, the Police teams were able to locate the missing Persons and they have been safely reunited with their families. Both the missing reports has been closed by the concerned Police Station.

KVK Kathua organises live webcasting of 19th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme

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KATHUA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua under the dynamic leadership of Dr. B.N.Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu and guidance of Dr. Anrishi Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST Jammu organized virtual inauguration of 19th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Sammelan 2025. The inauguration of mega event by Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi marked the release of 19th instalment under PM-KISAN scheme from Bhagalpur, Bihar. During the programme the Prime Minister releases an amount of Rs. 22,000 crores for 9.8 crores of farmers from all over the country.

Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Kathua while welcoming the guests and farmers in the programme and highlighted



Dr. Bharat Bhushan, MLA Kathua being honoured during the programme.

the activities of KVK for promotion of entrepreneurship and start-ups. He also shared the glaring examples set-up by the farmer in the agri-entrepreneurship such as mushroom, value addition, dairy and piggyery. The programme was attended by more than 350 participants including Progressive farmers, Farm Women, Sarpanches, Panches, Ward members, and the officers from Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry.

The live webcasting of the programme organized at KVK Kathua was presided over by Dr. Bharat Bhushan (MLA Kathua). He interacted with farmers and appreciated the efforts of central Govt. for the welfare of the farming community. He emphasised upon the development of clusters for specialised products to harvest greater profits. He also appreciated the role of KVK Kathua in organizing the program and its continuous efforts in educating farmers about modern farming tech-

niques, crop diversification, and sustainable agricultural practices. Sanjeev Rai, Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua while interacting with farmers discussed the initiatives of government to support agriculture sector. He suggested farmers to adopt diversification by adopting innovative products and enterprises. Dr. Jugal Kishore and Dr. R. Minhas, DSHO Kathua also attended the programme alongwith the staff. In heart-felt ceremony, the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA)

of Kathua district, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, honored the hard work and dedication of the district's progressive farmers and farm women by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation. The progressive farmers and farm women of the district were awarded with certificate of appreciation.

The proceedings of the programme were carried out by Dr. Anamika Janwal Chief Scientist (P.P). Dr. Ajay Kumar, Neeraj Singh, Vijay Singh, Amit Kumar, Sushant Sharma, Raj Kumar, Rishav Sharma, Latif Ahmed and all the members of KVK Kathua cooperated in successful organization of the programme.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat Chief Scientist (A.E) who expressed gratitude to the MLA for his continued support and efforts to uplift the farming community in Kathua district.

GDC Kathua felicitates students for outstanding cultural performances at Madhopur

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KATHUA: The Principal of Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua, Prof. Seema Mir facilitated the students who represented the college at the 66th Raising day of 126 Infantry Battalion (TA) JAK RIF in Madhopur.

Prof. Mir congratulated the students on their outstanding performance, saying, "We are proud of our students' achievements, which demonstrate their dedication, discipline, and passion. This recognition is a testament to the college's commitment to nurturing talented individuals."

This achievement underscores strong emphasis on holistic education, combining academic excellence with extracurricular pursuits.

On this occasion, students performed one group song and two group dances. Group song was performed by Bharat Attri, Manu



Faculty members along with students posing for photograph.

Sharma, Rajan Bhagat, Umesh Sanyal, Shivika Rajput, Ankush Majotra, Gunjan Gupta and Lakshay Janotra while Dogri and Punjabi Folk dance was performed by Shivika Rajput, Rekha Kumari, Muska Bhat, Diksha Devi, Riya Thakur, Danisha Devi, Shakshi Devi, Gurleen Kour, Unnati Sharma, Sneha Sharma, Sania Basotra and Manu Slathia.

The felicitated students received certificates of appreciation, gifts and cash prize of Rs. 12,000 from Col Manoj Sharma, Commanding Officer, 126 Infantry Battalion (TA) JAK RIF. The performances were held under the guidance of the Principal and under the supervision of Prof. Yash Paul, HOD Urdu, Dr. Pinkey, CTO Girls NCC Wing, Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram and Lecturer Deepshikha of Computer Sciences.

Kishtwar police pays rich tribute to martyr DySP Aman Thakur



Police officials paying tributes to Martyr Dy.SP Aman Thakur at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: J&K Police District Kishtwar, under the supervision of SSP Kishtwar Javaid Iqbal Mir, paid rich tribute to the brave martyr, Dy.SP Aman Thakur, on the solemn occasion of his 6th anniversary of martyrdom.

The ceremony was led by Addl. SP Kishtwar Pawan Kumar, SP (OPS) Nissar

Khoja, Dy. SP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta, SDPO Marwah Vijay Kumar, along with other officers and officials, who paid homage by laying wreaths at the Martyrs Memorial at DPO Kishtwar.

During the ceremony, SSP Kishtwar in his message shared his heartfelt remarks, reflecting the

exemplary service and courageous actions of Shaheed Dy.SP Aman Thakur. He lauded the late officer as a dedicated and devoted member of the Police force who valiantly served on the anti-terror front. Dy.SP Aman Thakur's unwavering commitment to duty and selfless sacrifice earned him the

prestigious Shaurya Chakra, a testament to his extraordinary bravery and service to the Nation. J&K Police District Kishtwar remains committed to upholding the values and dedication exemplified by Shaheed Dy.SP Aman Thakur, ensuring that his sacrifice continues to inspire future generations.

National Level FIP inaugurated at UGC-MMTTC Centre, SMVDU

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KATRA: Four-week long Faculty Induction Program (FIP) inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra, the event is being organized by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre-SMVDU.

The program aims to enhance teaching and academic skills among faculty members across a variety of disciplines. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Asok De, Bharti Arian Chair, School of ECE, SMVDU, who emphasized the importance of such programs in shaping the future of higher education. Prof. De highlighted how faculty induction

initiatives contribute to professional growth, effective pedagogy, and research excellence.

Prof. Supran Kumar Sharma, Director, UGC-MMTTC, SMVDU, addressed the gathering and provided insights into the objectives of the Faculty Induction Program.

He elaborated on the various aspects covered in the training and its significance in aligning with the UGC's vision for faculty development.

Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, School of ECE, and Coordinator of the program, briefed the participants about the schedule, key topics, and

expected learning outcomes.

The program will feature expert sessions from resource persons of diverse academic and industry backgrounds. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Kamaldeep, Asstt. Prof, and Dr. Surender Singh, Associate Prof expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and organizers for their support.

The coordinators expressed sincere appreciation to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU for his continuous encouragement and support in organizing such impactful faculty development programs.

Participating faculty members from 20 states and multiple institutions have registered for this prestigious training program, reflecting its wide reach and significance.

The training sessions in this four week long mammoth and ambitious event will be conducted by renowned resource persons from various academic and industry domains, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience for all participants.

This second Faculty Induction Program in this year marks another milestone in SMVDU's commitment to fostering excellence in higher education and faculty development.

DC inspects patient care services at Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch



DC Vikas Kundal during inspection at District Hospital.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal visited Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital to evaluate its functioning and the quality of healthcare services provided to patients.

He inspected OPD, Labour Section, Operation Theatre, diagnostic labs, X-Ray, and ECG sections, Hospital Dispensary and interacted with patients and their attendants to get feedback about the medical care being provided.

He took stock of cleanliness, and checked the staff attendance and exhorted the doctors

and staff to work diligently to meet patient needs. The DC expressed satisfaction with the facilities and patient care provided by the hospital administration and staff.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner asked the Medical Superintendent to assess the infrastructure needs of the hospital to facilitate necessary improvements by the district administration.

GDC Bani organises awareness week on 'Constitution of India and Citizens rights'

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BANI: The Department of Political Science of Government Degree College Bani Organized awareness week Program on the Citizens right enshrined in the Constitution of India, as part of the Celebration of the 75th year of adaptation of the Indian Constitution here today.

The Awareness Program focuses on engaging students in understanding the importance of Constitutional provisions and the role of Citizens in shaping a democratic Society while enjoying their rights.

The Program commented with the detailed lecture on the Fundamental rights and Fundamental duties, and message of constitution of Indian in its brief through the Preamble of the Constitution while upholding the spirit of social Justice, liberty, equality and Fraternity enshrined in the constitution of India, delivered by Dr. Jahnu Kumar Heer, Head Department of Political Science.

As the Constitution of India has to do deep in our daily life and knowing the rights become essential for every citizens of country

which guides the nation's legal, social and Political systems.

The lecture was held under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal Principal of the College, who expressed his support for initiatives' Understanding the Values enshrined in the Constitutions of India and how the students can play active role in the nation building along with fostering Scientific and Critical thinking on the various issues surrounding them while developing leadership and decision making capabilities in them.

The Awareness Program was participated by the College student with great enthusiasm along the presence of teaching and non-teaching staff.

The Program ended with the pledge to the Preamble of the Constitution and to follow the values enshrined in it.

The Program was supported by the Prof. Naseeb Kumar Bhagat, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Prof. Nuratnel Islam, Sajad Hussain, Anil Singh, Farooq Ahmad Kumar and Mehnaz Raffiq.

Army organises road safety & traffic awareness campaign at Khellani

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DODA: The Sohanda Battalion of the Delta Force organized a Joint Traffic Awareness Campaign at Khellani, District Doda.

This initiative was crucial due to the region's narrow roads, which are particularly prone to traffic accidents. Consequently, there has been a rise in road traffic accidents, leading to numerous avoidable fatalities and serious injuries.

The campaign aimed to educate the audience on the importance of road safety and measures to avoid accidents. Attendees were also briefed on the benefits of wearing helmets and seat belts while traveling including safety tools and features given in vehicles for the same. The speaker urged drivers and civilians to obey traffic rules, avoid drinking and driving and refrain from

using mobile phones while driving.

The event witnessed a total of 41 attendees, including officials from Police Post, Khellani, Representatives from Traffic Police & National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.(NHIDCL). The local population expressed their appreciation for the Indian Army's efforts in raising awareness about such critical issues.

NSS Unit of GDC Khour conducts Shramdaan

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KHOUR: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Khour organized Shramdaan at NSS Park and various other locations of the College campus on the Sixth day of the ongoing 07 days NSS special Winter Camp.

The drive was conducted under the able leadership of Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma, Principal of the College and under the supervision of Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, Program Officer of NSS Unit



Faculty members along with students during the activity.

of the College. About 40 NSS volunteers of the College participated in the three hour long beautification drive of the College campus. They painted the tree

stump in white colour and decorated stones with multi-colour to enhance the ambiance of the campus. The Principal appreciated the efforts put in by the NSS

volunteers and motivated them to actively contribute Shramdaan in the beautification of the College campus making its environment clean and eco friendly.

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