

Theft case solved, accused arrested, stolen cash recovered

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SAMBA: Samba Police on Thursday worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Ghagval, arrested an accused and recovered stolen cash of Rs.37000 approximately from his possession.



"On February 25, 2025, a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagval by one Sanjeev Kumar, son of Bisakhi Ram, resident of Dhulma Chak, Tehsil Rajpura, district Samba, regarding theft of cash of Rs. 37000 approximately from Kul

Devta Sthan Baba Bali Karan, Dhulma Chak tehsil Rajpura district Samba by an unknown person," police spokesperson said.

Acting upon the complaint, spokesperson added, a case FIR No. 34/2025 under Sections 305, 331(1) BNS was registered at Police Station Ghagval and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a Police team headed by Incharge Police Post Rajpura after relentless efforts and meticulous investigation successfully apprehended the accused namely Surinder Kumar, son of Ram Pal, resident of Ramloo tehsil, Rangarh district Samba who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case and stolen cash has been recovered from his possession, spokesperson said adding that

Further investigation of the case is going on.

Drug peddler nabbed with heroin

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JAMMU : Police arrested a narco smuggler and recovered heroin from his possession.

A team of PS Gangyal led by SHO Gangyal Insp Satvir

Singh during nakka checking at greater kailash one person driving cart, who was coming from fawara chowk towards greater kailash, on seeing patrolling party and tried to fled away. On his suspicious movement self along with other officials made our best efforts and apprehended him on spot.

During questioning said person disclosed his name as Nayan Gaji S/O kho Khan Gaji R/O Narela Delhi A/P Bhour camp Satwari Jammu . During personal search of said person 16.60 grams of heroin like narcotic substance recovered from the possession of said person. In this regard FIR No. 29/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS registered at p/S Gangval further investigation of case is going on.



5 bovines rescued; smuggler held

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REASI: Continuing special drive against the bovine smuggler Reasi police foiled bovine smuggling at Kanjali, Reasi. An information through reliable source received at PP Dera Baba that some bovine smugglers have carried bovine animals in a pick up truck bearing Registration No. JK02CL-7740 for selling purpose. Soon after the receipt of the information, the police party laid a Naka at Kanjali area and bovine smuggler namely Mumtaz Ahmed Chouhan son of Mohd Khalil Chouhan resident of Verinag, Anantnag at present Dhansal, District Jammu who was found carrying 5 bovine animals without any valid permission of the concerned authority, was apprehended by the Police party. On this, Case FIR No. 35/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11(1) (A) PCA Act stands registered at P/S Reasi and investigation initiated to unearth the forward and backward linkages. The whole operation is led by I/C PP Dera Baba PSI Jarnail Singh alongwith SHO P/S Reasi Insp. Ranjeet Singh Rao under the supervision of Dy.SP HQ Reasi Sh. Vishal Singh Jamwal and Addl. SP Reasi Sh. Iftkhar Ahmed-JKPS.

3-day Mahashivratri Shivkhori Mela concludes 91,788 devotees pay obeisance at revered Shrine

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REASI: The three-day Mahashivratri Shivkhori Mela at Ransoo, Reasi, a sacred congregation celebrating the divine essence of Lord Shiva, concluded today amidst fervent devotion and spiritual enthusiasm.

Organized by the district administration Reasi headed by Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, Tourism Department Jammu and Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board (SSKSB), the event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of devotees from across Jammu and Kashmir UT and adjoining states.

By 5 PM today, approximately 91,788 individuals marked attendance at the revered shrine to pay homage and seek blessings.

Throughout the mela, the District Administration



Reasi and SSKSB collaborated to provide a range of facilities catering to the needs of the devotees.

From accommodations and medical aid to essential amenities like water and power, every possible effort was made by the administration to ensure the comfort and safety of the pilgrims on this sacred journey.

The cultural program, including Jhanki, folk and

religious dances, devotional songs, and Dargal, organized by the Tourism Department in collaboration with the District Administration Reasi, added vibrancy and spirit to the event.

On the final day, a Dargal, also known as 'Chinj,' was organized by the J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, headed by Shiv Kumar Sharma, with sup-

port from the Tourism Department, District Administration Reasi, Shivkhori Shrine Board and Shivkhori Dargal Committee.

The atmosphere at Shivkhori resonated with reverberating chants of Lord Shiva as devotees immersed themselves in prayer and introspection. The diligent efforts of the authorities, coupled with strict adherence to safety measures, ensured a seamless and secure experience for all participants.

The mela also featured captivating cultural performances, including the mesmerizing Shiv-Parvati Vival and a soul-stirring rendition of Lord Shiva bhajans by renowned singer Chaman Lehari. As per the directions of Deputy Commissioner, who also serves as Vice

Chairman of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, maintaining cleanliness was a top priority for the District Administration Reasi, with dedicated efforts toward sanitation across all mela sites. She also emphasized the proper inspection of Langar food by the Food Safety Department during the mela. The installation of CCTV cameras and the deployment of additional security personnel further enhanced safety, ensuring a secure environment for all attendees.

All staff members of District Administration Reasi from Revenue, SSKSB, magistrates, police officials and other departments worked tirelessly day and night to ensure the smooth conduct of the event and the availability of all necessary facilities.

RS Pura commemorates 50 Years of Sant Gora Ji Maharaj's Memorial

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R S PURA: RS Pura witnessed a grand religious celebration today as local devotees gathered to mark the 50th anniversary of the installation of the mortal remains of Prajapati Param Shri Sant Gora Ji Maharaj-a revered spiritual figure installed in 1976.

The day began with a traditional Hawan Yagna at the temple premises. Devotees participated in the sacred ritual by offering sticks into the hawan kund, praying for the prosperity and well-being of their families. The solemn chants and ritualistic offerings set a deeply spiritual tone for the anniversary celebrations.

Temple Committee President Balbindra Paji addressed the assembled crowd, recalling the installation of the memorial and the



Temple Committee members and devotees during the event.

enduring legacy of Sant Gora Ji Maharaj.

"Sant Gora Ji Maharaj was a great soul who taught us that true devotion leads to the Supreme," he remarked.

He also highlighted the continuous support of the local community, which has been instrumental in ensuring that the temple hosts such grand religious programs every year.

The celebration continued into the afternoon with a community meal (bhandara), dur-

ing which devotees partook in the Prasad.

Social worker Ashwini Jogra, along with other local dignitaries, was present, further emphasizing the community's unity and shared devotion.

The 50th anniversary celebration not only honored the memory of a revered saint but also reinforced the community's commitment to preserving their spiritual heritage and traditions.

National Science Day celebration held at GDC Samba

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SAMBA: SPPND GDC Samba celebrated National Science Day 2025 with a two-day event organized by the CV Raman Club to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Dr. C. V. Raman and to foster scientific temperament among students.

The event was aligned with this year's theme, "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat," emphasizing the role of young minds in shaping India's scientific future.

A major highlight of the event was the display of 21 creative posters, showcasing innovative scientific concepts and their real-world applications.

In her address, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri underscored the importance of scientific research and innova-



tion in national development.

She encouraged students to cultivate a spirit of inquiry, scientific thinking, and innovation, reinforcing their potential to contribute to India's vision of becoming a developed nation-Viksit Bharat. In the poster competition, Manvi Sambyal and Palak Gupta (Semester 2) secured the first prize. Sandeep Kour and Shamsher Singh (Semester 6) won second place and Suvda Sambyal (Semester 2) clinched the third position.

The event served as a platform to inspire young minds to pursue scientific endeavors with passion and curiosity, equipping them to become global leaders in science and innovation. Assistant Professor Kamlesh and Assistant Professor Rubena judged the competition.

By embracing this year's National Science Day theme, GDC Samba reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing young scientists who will contribute to India's global leadership in science and technology.

EPFO Jammu conducts 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0' awareness program in Ramban

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RAMBAN: The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Ramban, conducted 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0', an awareness and outreach program at the Conference Hall, Maitra, here on Thursday.

The program, presided over by P.F. Commissioner Jammu, Rizwan Uddin, aimed to educate employers, employees, and other stakeholders about various EPFO schemes and grievance redressal mechanisms. Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, extended full support to the initiative.

The event was attended by ACD Shrinath Suman, PD PIU Ramban Parshotam Singh, ALC Amit Kumar, senior officers, and various



P.F. Commissioner Jammu, Rizwan Uddin chairing a meeting at Ramban.

stakeholders.

During the session, participants were sensitized about grievance filing through EPFIGMS, CPGRAMS, and other digital portals, along with fraud prevention measures and employees' rights. Detailed discussions covered Provident Fund (PF), Pension, and Insurance schemes, ensuring that all

eligible employees receive social security benefits from their first day of employment.

Reviewing the EPF compliance status of various construction companies, firms, contractors, and subcontractors, the P.F. Commissioner directed all private schools and firms to ensure 100% enrollment of their employ-

ees and the timely deposit of EPF contributions to provide them with social security under insurance and pension benefit schemes. Companies were also advised to obtain EPF codes from Jammu to facilitate local staff.

Key district officers, including the ACD, CEO, CMO, DMO, and Executive

Engineers, were instructed to ensure the registration of employees working under different firms, agencies, and contractors operating under their jurisdiction.

A special focus was laid on sensitizing participants about the schemes covered under the EPF and MP Act. Hands-on training was provided on UAN activation, Aadhaar and bank seeding, e-nomination, online claim filing, and employer compliance requirements. Additionally, queries from employees, employers, and company representatives were addressed by the P.F. Commissioner and District Nodal Officers.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various sectors, reinforcing awareness and implementation of EPFO schemes in Ramban.

CTM Management announces new shift for women workers amid economic challenges

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KATHUA: In a significant move towards women empowerment, the CTM management has announced the introduction of an 8-hour rotational shift for women workers, effective March 1, 2025.

The decision aligns with the J&K government's notification and has been taken while ensuring strict compliance with all labour laws and safety regulations.

During a press conference, Manoj Kumar Jha, Senior Vice President (HR, IR & Admin), expressed his gratitude to media representatives and highlighted the company's continuous efforts to increase employment opportunities for women.

He emphasized that for over a year, women workers have been employed in night shifts, following all necessary safety measures and guidelines.

"All our workers are working happily, and we are committed to creating a safe and supportive work environment," he stated.



Manoj Kumar Jha, Senior Vice President (HR, IR & Admin) briefing media at Kathua.

Upendra Kumar Patnaik, Joint Executive President, also extended his thanks to the media and shed light on the current global economic recession, which has severely impacted industries worldwide.

He acknowledged that despite the challenges, CTM management has successfully kept the mill running without disruption.

Lecturer Deepak Kaith felicitated at Piri Trai

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AKHNOOR: Lecturer Deepak Kumar Kaith was felicitated by his Biradari at a function in Piri Trai for receiving the 'Best Teacher Award' for his dedicated and untiring services to Department of Education.

R.L.Kaith said, "Deepak Kumar is a great teacher but also an ideal person. He has all the favourite teacher qualities, and everyone loves him because he teaches his students even beyond the school hours and during the vacations".

Prominent among those who



were present on the occasion included Sarpanch Babu Ram, Hans Raj Loria, Hony Captain Kamal Dass Kaith (Retd), Subedar Major Ram Paul Motan (Retd), Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Naib Subedar Kaku Ram Kaith (Retd), Naib Subedar

Raj Kumar Tugga (Retd), Havildar Des Raj Kaith (Retd), Havildar Master Ram Kaith (Retd), Havildar Ajay Kumar Kaith (Retd), Naik Darshan Lal Tugga (Retd), Panch Tarsem Lal, Subash Chander, Parina Nand, Tirath Ram and Paras Ram.

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RAMBAN: SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban organized a Financial Literacy Camp on Thursday at Ramban, focusing on the theme 'Financial Literacy: Women's Prosperity'. The event aimed at empowering women and the local community with essential financial knowledge and creating awareness about the risks of cyber frauds.

The program was graced by Branch Manager, SBI Ramban, Sachin Kumar, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of financial independence for women, encouraging them to actively participate in banking services, savings, investments, and entrepreneurship. He also spoke about various financial products and government schemes available to support women in their economic growth.



Director, RSETI Ramban, Harvinder Singh addressing gathering at Ramban.

Director, RSETI Ramban, Harvinder Singh, conducted an insightful awareness session on financial management, digital banking, and cyber fraud prevention. He educated participants on the risks of phishing, OTP frauds, UPI scams, and

fake calls, advising them on how to safeguard their financial assets and personal information in the digital era.

The camp witnessed active participation from women entrepreneurs, self-help group members, and aspiring business-

women, who were encouraged to utilize financial services effectively for economic self-reliance. Discussions were held on topics including Importance of Savings & Investments, Digital Banking & Secure Online Transactions, Government Loan Schemes for Women (PMEGP, Mudra Yojana, HADP, etc.) and Cyber Security Measures & Fraud Prevention. The interactive session allowed participants to ask questions and clarify doubts about banking security, business loans, and digital payments. The experts provided practical tips and guidance on financial planning, securing small business loans, and leveraging government schemes for self-employment opportunities. Participants expressed gratitude for the informative session and pledged to implement financial awareness in their daily lives.

GDC R S Pura organises awareness programme on HIV/AIDS

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R S PURA: The Government Degree College R.S. Pura organized series of events for Spreading Awareness on HIV/AIDS.

The students participated in a poster making competition.

An event on formation of human chain and a

walkathon was also organized.

Speaking about the event Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal stated that organizing such events is very important for spreading awareness on HIV/AIDS. She appreciated the efforts of the committee and students for making such events suc-

cessful. The event was organized by the Red Ribbon Club of the college under the aegis of IQAC.

The programme was conducted under the patronship of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the college.

The programme was organized by members of

Red Ribbon Club of the college including Prof. Priya Darshni, (Convener), Prof. Geetika Goswami, Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Rajinder Singh.

Other faculty members who were present included Dr. Sudesh Kumar and Dr. Raj Kumari.

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