

Drug trafficker arrested; 2,460 intoxicating tablets seized

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RAJOURI: Continuing its efforts against drug trafficking Rajouri Police apprehended an accused and seized a significant quantity of banned narcotic substances during a naka checking at Khandli.

A Police Team from Police Station Rajouri was conducting routine vehicle and pedestrian checking when a motorcycle Registration No. JK11G 9980 coming from Mehra towards Rajouri was intercepted. The rider, who was carrying a backpack attempted to flee upon seeing the police team but was swiftly chased down and apprehended.

During Search the police recovered 24 boxes of Tapentadol, total 2,400 tablets and 6 strips of Tramadol, total 60 tablets.

The accused has been identified as Asif Ali S/O Nazir Hussain resident of Parori Gujjaran Tehsil Koteranka. A case has been registered under FIR No. 67/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at Police Station Rajouri.

The investigation is underway to trace the entire supply chain and the accused's connections in drug trafficking.

Five narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

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KATHUA/HIRANAGAR/UDHAMPUR : In continuation to take tough action against drug menace and its propagators within the District, J&K Police Kathua recovered Approx. 15.18 grams of heroin (chitta) like narcotics at Galak area of PP Ramkot and one drug peddler was arrested.

A police team led by IC PP Ramkot under the supervision of SDPO Billawar and SHO P/S Billawar during naka/ checking in its jurisdictional area at Galak apprehended one suspicious person namely Bhag Hussain, son of Shumma, resident of Garh Samma Banj Tehsil Majalta District Udhampur. During checking, approx. 15.18 grams of heroin like narcotics was recovered from the possession of said person who was en routed on his motorbike bearing Reg. No. JK02C-5275 and doing illegal trade of selling narcotic contraband among the youth of Ramkot in order to gain illegitimate profit. Thereafter all the recovered narcotics i.e. approx. 15.18 grams of Heroin alongwith 01 motorbike was seized and one person was arrested. In this connection, a case vide FIR No. 15/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act got registered at P/S Billawar and further investigation was taken up.

Meanwhile, during the patrolling at near Jandi fort, the patrolling party of P/S Hiranagar intercepted one person coming from Jandi towards Hiranagar when asked to stop, he on seeing police party, tried to escape and caught hold of him. On enquiry, he disclosed himself as Gourav Kumar, son of Sham Lal, resident of Sube Chack Tehsil Hiranagar. Conducted the personal search in presence of magistrate. During personal search small Light Green coloured transparent polyethylene pouch containing heroin like substance chitta 12.79grams was recovered from the possession of the above mentioned person. The above mentioned accused person was arrested on the spot. In this connection, case FIR No 15/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands register.

In another incident, a team from Police Post Tikri led by its IC PP while performing routine vehicle checking at Tikri naka

point, NHW recovered 8.80 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like substance from 03 narco smugglers who were travelling in a vehicle (Alto car) bearing Registration No. JK02AL-8831 which was on its way from Jammu towards Udhampur; three narco smugglers (including driver of the vehicle) have been arrested on spot.

The arrested persons have been identified as Ravi Kumar, son of Tara Chand, resident of Seen Brahmna, Udhampur; Anil Kumar, son of Hans Raj, resident of Seen Brahmna, Udhampur and Mushtaq Mohd. son of Bashir Mohd., resident of Samole, Udhampur

In this connection, a case FIR No. 20/2025 under sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Rehanbal and further investigation is going on.

Theft case solved, stolen copper wires worth lakhs, other items recovered

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JAMMU: In a swift and efficient action, Police team of police post Sainik colony have successfully solved a theft case reported by a complainant Bhanu Pratap, son of R N Padha, resident of Sector E Trikuta Nagar, Jammu filed a written complaint stating that some unknown person have stolen whole copper wire worth around Rs 2 Lakh from both the floors of his under construction house in Sector A, Sainik colony.

Based on his complaint, a case FIR No. 26/2025 U/S 331(4)/305 BNS was registered in the police station Chami and investigation was immediately taken up.

A special team was constituted headed by IC PP Sainik colony PSI Prince Jasrotia and SHO Channi Himmat, under the supervision of SDPO East & SP South Jammu to apprehend the culprits.

Acting upon the intelligence from the local sources and technical inputs, apprehended the suspected and seized the vehicle carrying the stolen copper wire.

Four theft cases solved; gold smith, 3 juveniles arrested, stolen property worth Rs 12 lakhs recovered

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JAMMU: In a major crackdown on burglars, Jammu Police have successfully solved four theft cases, arresting the accused and recovering stolen property worth nearly Rs 12 lakh. Swift action and thorough investigations of Jammu Police have reinforced public trust in law enforcement agency.

Telemo Equipment Theft case solved: In the first case, police Solved a telemo equipment theft case at an Indus Towers Ltd. site at Chak Jaffer, Jammu. Acting swiftly, officers arrested Mohd Arif Raina and Uttam Kumar in Case FIR No. 176/2024 U/S 303(2) BNS of PS Kanachak. Stolen telemo equipment, including an RRU is recovered from Gharota. This gang is involved in many telemo thefts in District Jammu and further recoveries are expected from them as investigation is in initial stage. Uttam Kumar is a professional thief involved in a similar FIR in Gujarat.

Jewellery theft Worth Rs 7 Lakh Solved: In another breakthrough, police cracked a major jewellery theft case in Mishriwala, where a 13-year-old minor and his two associates stole approximately 10 tolas of gold ornaments worth Rs 7 lakh. The stolen jewellery, was sold to a goldsmith in Deheran Khour, cash amounting to 06 lakh and one golden Tikka was successfully recovered from goldsmith and three juveniles. All juveniles were taken into protective custody and goldsmith arrested in Case FIR No. 13/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS of PS Kanachak, marking a significant success in curbing organized theft Crimes.

Swift Recovery of Stolen Calf in Purkoo: In a unique case, police promptly solved the theft of a cow's calf in Purkoo. Upon receiving a complaint from Anita Sharma, officers arrested Rohit Kumar and Shamsheer Singh alias Pippy under FIR No. 26/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS of PS Kanachak. The stolen calf was recovered and safely returned to its rightful owner.

Cattle lifting gang busted in Akhnoor area

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JAMMU: Cattle lifting gang busted in Akhnoor area, 02 accused arrested in this case and Police recovered one Buffalo and Horse on their disclosure. This Gang is very active in Akhnoor and Gharota area, further recoveries are expected from them in coming days.

The whole operation is done under the close supervision SSP Jammu, Sh. Joginder Singh JKPS.

Poonch Police recovers 50 smartphones, hands over to their owners

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POONCH: Continuing its efforts to extend services to the general public and address their grievances, the Poonch Police Cyber Cell received various complaints about missing mobile phones. After significant efforts, the Cyber Cell of Poonch Police traced and recovered 50 lost mobile phones amounting to approx 08 lakhs and handed over the recovered mobile phones to their legitimate owners.

Upon receiving their missing/lost mobile phones, the owners felt elated and expressed their gratitude towards the District Police Poonch, for their arduous effort in tracing their missing mobiles.

Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch, Shafket Hussain emphasized the importance of safeguarding mobile devices due to the sensitive information they often contain, highlighting the potential risks associated with their misuse. He urged the public to exercise utmost caution in handling their mobile phones to prevent any untoward incidents.

Police books notorious drug peddler under PIT NDPS Act

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KUPWARA: Continuing its efforts to curb the menace of drug trafficking and safeguard society from the harmful effects of narcotics, Police in Kupwara have detained a habitual drug peddler under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act, 1988. The detenuee Sajad Ahmad Lone alia Saj Pal son of Gh Mohd Lone resident of Lastiyora, Kupwara, is involved in multiple narcotics-related cases, including FIR No. 219/2021, FIR No. 158/2022, and FIR No. 274/2023, registered at Police Station Kupwara. Based on a detailed dossier prepared by Police Post Kalaroose, his involvement in illicit drug trafficking was established, necessitating his preventive detention.

Acting on the recommendation of District Police Kupwara, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, issued the detention order under the PIT NDPS Act, following which the accused has been lodged in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal today. The detenuee was apprehended from District Ferozpur Punjab by police party from PP Kalaroose.

4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested four drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession. A Police party of Police Station Uri headed by SHO PS Uri at a checkpoint established at Lari Daragutliyan intercepted a person identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Awan son of Abdul Aziz resident of Daragutliyan. During search, 16.2 Kgs of Cannabis Powder like substances

was recovered from his possession. Similarly, a police party of Police Station Kreeri at a checkpoint established at Check Tapper Crossing intercepted two persons identified as Tariq Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Sultan resident of Doolipora and Syed Imran Bukhari son of Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari resident of Kreeri. During search, 30 grams of Charas like substances was recovered from their possession.

In addition, a Police party of Police Station Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Khanpora Bridge intercepted a person identified as Rashid Ahmad Lone son of Abdul Jaleel resident of Gantamulla Colony. During search, 98 grams of Charas like substances was recovered from his possession.

All the accused persons have been arrested and cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

7 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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GANDERBAL: In its ongoing drive to combat illegal mining activities, Police have seized seven vehicles in Ganderbal.

The drive was conducted by PS Ganderbal, PS Kangan and PS Safapora in various areas of the district. This proactive approach to curb illegal mining in the district has been actively taken up by Police in Ganderbal along with the Geology and Mining Department thereby ensuring the individuals involved in such illegal activities are legally prosecuted. These seizures highlight the commitment of J&K Police towards ensuring proper action against these violators.

One among 2 buses involved in reckless racing seized by authorities

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POONCH: In a prompt action against reckless driving, the authorities have seized a Passenger Bus from Surankote involved in racing with another Bus.

The disturbing instance of reckless driving had surfaced on social media showing dangerous driving and racing between two private buses.

The video sent alarm bells ringing among local residents, prompting the authorities to launch a hunt to track down the Buses.

Taking serious note of the incident, Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan ordered the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) to intensify checking of the vehicles in the area.

As a result of the inspections, one of the offending buses was traced to Surankote and seized. The vehicle is currently being held at the Surankote Police Station. Efforts are on to locate the second vehicle involved in the incident, with authorities assuring the public that it will face similar consequences.

The Transport Department has assured strict action against any driver found engaging in unsafe driving practices.

J&K Bank takes strict action against loan defaulters, seizes vehicles, JCB

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POONCH: J&K Bank led by Chief Manager Deepak Bhan In a firm move against loan defaulters, the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Main Branch took strict action today against individuals who failed to repay their loans on time. As part of the recovery process, the bank seized multiple vehicles, including JCBs, which were purchased through bank loans but remained unpaid despite multiple reminders.

According to bank officials, the action was taken after



repeated notices were ignored by defaulters. The seized assets will now be processed as per banking regulations to recover the outstanding dues. The bank has reiterated its commitment to ensuring financial discipline and has urged all borrowers to clear their dues promptly to avoid legal consequences.

The crackdown serves as a warning to those who neglect their loan obligations, as the bank is determined to recover pending amounts through strict enforcement measures. Further actions against more defaulters are expected in the coming days.

132 JJM schemes coming up in Poonch District; DC, Mission Director review progress



DC Vikas Kundal, Mission Director JJM (J&K), Khurshheed Ahmad Shah chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal and Mission Director JJM (J&K), Khurshheed Ahmad Shah reviewed the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes in the Poonch district.

The review focused on the organizational structure, ongoing civil works, and challenges faced in project implementation.

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti provided a detailed overview of the JJM schemes, highlighting that as many as 132 schemes are coming up in the district and numerous projects have been completed.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the block wise status of the schemes and instructed AEEs and JEs to address site-specific issues promptly and expedite work to meet the stipulated deadlines.

The Mission Director emphasized the need to expedite ongoing works and initiate projects that have yet to commence, particularly in remote and urban areas, ensuring equitable access to clean water for all residents.

The discussion also covered the status of various components, including dug wells, pipe networks, GSR, pump rooms etc.

The Mission Director asked the Engineers and concerned officials to prioritize quality and timely completion while maintaining proper supervision throughout the process.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer Jal Shakti, Vikas Sharma, SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch, SE PHE Mechanical Rural Jammu, Xen PHE along with JEs, Xen Ground Water division Jammu along with concerned AEE, besides other concerned officers were present.

Vasantotsav-2025 celebrations at Udhampur Campus JU

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu came alive with vibrant colors and cultural fervor as it celebrated Vasantotsav-2025, a festival marking the onset of spring. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and distinguished guests, making it a memorable occasion.

The event commenced with a Saraswati Vandana, performed by students, invoking divine blessings and setting a spiritual tone for the celebration. This was followed by Vasant Geet and a captivating dance performance by students from the Commerce and Economics departments. Several students also delivered insightful speeches on



JU officials along with dignitaries and students during the event.

the significance of Vasant Panchami, emphasizing its cultural and seasonal importance.

The event was graced by Shri O.P. Vidyarthi, IFS, as the Chief Guest. He addressed the gathering with insightful words on the relevance of environmental conservation and sustainable

growth in today's world. He stressed upon the essence of nature and the culture, art and craft, music, and food associated with nature. He highlighted the cultural significance of the 'Baal Basant' flower and recited a Dogri poem on Vasant Panchami from his own book titled "Aungal Fadi Basanta Ne".

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Rector, Udhampur Campus, delivered an enlightening address on 'Vasant Beauty', highlighting the symbolic and aesthetic importance of Basant Bahar in Indian ethos, traditions and culture. He acknowledged the students for showcasing their cultural talents.

Dr Sunil elected as staff secretary of GDC Nowshera

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NOWSHERA: Assistant Professor in Dogri Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma has been elected as the Staff Secretary for the academic year 2024-25 following an unopposed election under the supervision of our worthy Principal Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad. The election process was conducted during a meeting where name of Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma was proposed by Dr. Mohd. Saleem, HOD Chemistry and it was seconded by Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, HOD Physics and Prof. Mukesh Sharma, HOD Political Science. All the staff members present in the meeting unanimously accepted the proposal and the name of



staff secretary was announced by Dr. Rishi Gupta, HOD Sociology. The overwhelming support for Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma reflects confidence in his leadership and commitment to serving the college community.

With a strong academic background and prior experience in leadership roles

growth of the institution. Upon confirmation of the election results, Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma expressed gratitude and enthusiasm, stating: "I am honored to be elected as the Staff Secretary of GDC Nowshera. I look forward to work closely with faculty and students to enhance collaboration, streamline communication, and support initiatives that benefit our academic community." The administration and student body extend their best wishes to Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma as he takes on this important leadership role. The new staff secretary was greeted and felicitated with a bouquet of flowers by the Principal of the college.

Badhaal village health crisis : 529 insecticide, pesticide, herbicides and fertilizer samples collected from across Rajouri District

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RAJOURI: The dedicated teams constituted by Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma have collected 529 samples of insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers from across the district in connection with the ongoing investigation concerning Badhaal village. A total of 257 shops were identified for sampling, including 60 selling insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides, besides other 194 selling fertilizers. Out of these, 254 shops were subjected to rigorous sample collection. During the extensive drive, a total of 529 samples were collected, comprising 293 samples of insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides, along with 236 samples of fertilizers. These samples will be sent for testing, the results of which may play a crucial role in the investigation related to Badhaal village. The entire exercise was conducted jointly by the Executive Magistrate, Police, Health and Agriculture Department under the close supervision of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa.

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