

GDC Bishnah organizes educational field visit to SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Bishnah organized an educational field visit to the Kisan Mela at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Wednesday.

The programme was coordinated by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Department of Botany. A total of 35 students and five faculty members participated in the visit. The accompanying faculty included Prof. Sania Hamid, Vice-President IIC; Prof. Shrotika Rajput, Coordinator IQAC; Dr. Preeti Mahajan; Dr. Sonika Khajuria, Convener IIC and Skill Coordinator; and Dr. Koushal Kiran, Convener, Discipline Committee.

The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to advancements in agriculture, allied sectors, entrepreneurship, and sustainable technologies. The Kisan Mela featured stalls by



GDC Bishnah students and faculty during educational field visit to Kisan Mela at SKUAST-J.

start-ups, progressive farmers, entrepreneurs, and various departments of SKUAST-J, showcasing innovative practices and emerging opportunities in agriculture and rural development.

Students gained firsthand knowledge of modern, skill-based areas such as hydroponics, agroforestry, apiculture, sericulture, silviculture, and dairy farming. Experts demonstrated advanced cultivation techniques, integrated farming systems, organic practices,

value addition of agricultural products, and climate-resilient crops. Students learned about the economic viability of hydroponics, scientific beekeeping for enhanced honey production, and the environmental and financial benefits of agroforestry and silviculture.

Interactions with young entrepreneurs inspired students to explore innovation-driven ventures in agriculture. They also observed modern dairy management practices, livestock disease control meas-

ures, and sustainable resource management strategies.

In addition, students enthusiastically participated in rural sports competitions, including tug of war, volleyball, and kabaddi, fostering teamwork and cultural appreciation. The Principal appreciated the efforts of IIC and IQAC in organizing the visit, emphasizing experiential learning. The programme concluded successfully, enriching students' academic and entrepreneurial perspectives.

Environmental-Building Programme on Inclusive Education held at Marh

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JAMMU: A Zonal-Level Environmental-Building Programme on Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) was organized at the premises of the Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Marh.

The programme aimed to create mass awareness among the general public regarding various initiatives of the Education Department, particularly under SAMAGRA Shiksha, for the welfare and upliftment of specially-abled children. The event was inaugurated by Rita Devi, Zonal Education Officer, Marh, and



Student being honoured at a programme.

Principal, Government HSS Gajansoo, in the presence of the Principal, Government Degree College Marh. The

programme was hosted by the ZEO and Zonal Education Planning Officer (ZEPO), Marh. Parents of CWSN chil-

dren, PRI members, and local residents attended the programme. Among other dignitaries present were the Principals of HSS Marh, HSS Gole Gujral, and Government HSS Ghon Manhasan. Speakers including Ridhi Suri (SET), Rakesh Gupta (ZNO), and Pooja Tuli (SNO) highlighted various schemes and benefits available for CWSN under Inclusive Education. Tokens of appreciation were presented to CWSN students. The programme was anchored by Shweta Rajput, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Chander Uday, ZEPO Marh.

KC Gurukul Public School shines at 13th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship 2026

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JAMMU: KC Gurukul Public School has once again demonstrated excellence in sports as its students delivered an outstanding performance at the 13th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship 2026, where the school secured a total of eight medals along with the prestigious Trophy of Excellence.

The Gold Medals were won by Aarav Bhagat (Grade V), Aagaa Singh (Grade V), Sarthak Chopra (Grade V), and Kuvira Gadoo (Grade II). Notably, Kuvira Gadoo was also conferred with the Trophy of Excellence in recognition of outstanding performance at the championship.

The Bronze Medals were



KC Gurukul Public School faculty felicitating winner students.

secured by Ojasvi Bhatt (Grade V), Ananya Sudan (Grade IV), Panshul Mahajan (Grade V), and Mammeet Kour (Grade IV).

This remarkable achievement reflects the students' dedication, perseverance, and disciplined training. The Management of KC Gurukul

Public School have conveyed their appreciation to the students and their mentor Abhinav Chhokra for bringing laurels to the institution.

Sodhi inspires DPS Nagbani with visionary address on excellence and values



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JAMMU: S. S. Sodhi, Pro-Vice Chairperson and Director of DPS Schools J&K, addressed the staff and students of Delhi Public School, Nagbani, in an inspiring session that motivated the entire school community. Interacting warmly with students, he encouraged them to approach their forthcoming Board Examinations with dedication, discipline, and confidence. Emphasizing that exams are opportunities to showcase perseverance and hard work, he urged students to

face challenges with courage and self-belief. Sodhi also highlighted the importance of value-based learning, integrity, empathy, and leadership, motivating students to excel academically while developing communication, analytical, and life skills. Addressing teachers, he acknowledged their pivotal role in shaping young minds and guiding the nation's future. He encouraged proactive preparation for the new academic session, integrating innovative teaching methodologies, modern educational technologies, and competency-

based, experiential learning approaches to enhance classroom engagement. Sodhi further emphasized the significance of strong parent-teacher collaboration, noting that mutual understanding, transparent communication, and shared responsibility are essential for the holistic development of students. The session concluded with renewed commitment toward the school's vision of academic excellence and character building. Principal Raj Kumar Verma, Deputy Headmistress Harshita Singh, and the staff expressed gratitude to the management for their guidance. The school management, under Ajatshatru Singh, Pro-Vice Chairperson and Trustee, and Ritu Singh, Member Trustee, reiterated their commitment to excellence, discipline, innovation, and strong moral values, inspiring the school community to nurture future-ready, value-driven global citizens. This session reinforced DPS Nagbani's ethos of fostering academic brilliance, holistic growth, and responsible citizenship among its students.

Janipur police recovers stolen e-rickshaw

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JAMMU: Janipur police received a complaint that one Tanvir



kumar had purchased an e-Rickshaw for a consideration of Rs 5,00,000 three days ago and had parked the said vehicle outside his residence at Sector no. 7 upper Roop nagar Shanti nagar near fortis lab, Janipur. On the morning of 10-02-2026, he found that the e-Rickshaw had been stolen.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 20 of 2026 under the relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Janipur and investigation entrusted to PSI Vivek Daliya who along with SHO and other team members started the search promptly.

During the course of investigation, a dedicated police team was constituted. The team, while using scientific methods and technical inputs, worked meticulously and successfully traced the stolen e-Rickshaw. As a result of sustained efforts and professional investigation, the stolen e-Rickshaw was recovered.

Hardcore criminal nabbed with pistol, live cartridges, heroin

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SAMBA: In a significant action against crime and drug trafficking, Samba Police apprehended a hardcore criminal-cum-drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh and recovered a pistol along with five live cartridges and approximately 20.23 grams of heroin-like substance (Chitta) from his possession.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ramgarh laid a special naka on Rajpura-Jattan Road near watertank and intercepted a pedestrian under suspicious circumstances who was coming from village Khour side and moving towards Swankha. During frisking, one pistol alongwith 05 live cartridges and approximately 20.23 grams of heroin-like substance (chitta) were recovered from the possession of said person.

The hardcore criminal identified as Ranju Choudhary S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Kathar tehsil Arnia district Jammu has been arrested. The police has seized one pis-

tol alongwith 05 live cartridges and contraband item on the spot.

A case FIR No. 12/2026 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act and 3/25 Arms Act has been registered at PS Ramgarh and investigation started. The whole operation was carried out by police team headed by SHO PS Ramgarh under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba.

It is pertinent to mention here that the said accused is a habitual hardcore criminal and is involved in multiple cases including attempt to murder; assault on public servant, snatching and other heinous cases under the Arms Act registered at different Police Stations of district Samba and district Jammu.

The details of the cases registered against the accused include FIR No. 11/2020 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of P/S Ramgarh; FIR No. 19/2022 U/S 307/353/382/34 IPC of P/S Ramgarh; FIR No. 29/2023 U/S 307/452/323/504/34. IPC of PS Ramgarh; FIR No.74/2024 U/S 307/351(3) BNS of PS Ramgarh; FIR No. 10/2023 U/S 4/25 Arms Act, 34 IPC was registered at PS Arnia; FIR No. 61/2023U/S 341/323/382/427/34 IPC, 4/25 Arms Act registered at PS Arnia; FIR No. 99/2024 U/S 109/115(2)/324(4)/191(2) BNS 3/4/25 Arms Act of PS Kahana Chak, Jammu and FIR No. 50/2020 U/S 341/323,506/34 IPC, 4/25 Arms Act of PS Arnia.

6 vehicles including one excavator seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized three vehicles including an excavator and 02 dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Samba and Incharge of Police Post Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized three vehicles including an excavator (JCB) without registration No. and two dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-9749, JK21G-6049 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area. The above-mentioned vehicles have been seized by Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department Samba for further action. Meanwhile, a police party from Police Station Jhajjar Kotli intercepted and detained one Tractor Trolley bearing registration No. JK14K-4955, which was found loaded with minerals without any valid permission. The vehicle was detained on the spot. In a similar action, a police party from Police Post Sidhra seized two Tractor Trolleys bearing registration numbers JK20-9486, JK02DE-0155 which were found involved in illegal transportation of mining minerals and were seized accordingly.

The District Mineral Officer (DMO), Jammu has been informed in all cases for further necessary legal action under the relevant provisions of mining laws.

Man booked for disrespecting National Flag

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DODA: Doda Police have taken cognizance of an incident involving the dishonouring of the Indian National Flag, which came to light after a video went viral on social media platforms. In the video, a person namely Farooq Ahmed S/o Mohd Ramzan Bhandary R/o Nagri, Doda, was allegedly seen cleaning the window glass of his house using the Indian National Flag. The said act prima facie amounts to an offence under Section 2 of the Prevention of Insult to National Honour Act, 1971, which strictly prohibits any act that disrespects the dignity of the National Flag.

Taking serious note of the matter and on the directions of SSP Doda Case FIR No. 30/2026 has been registered at Police Station Doda, the alleged accused has been detained and further investigation into the matter is underway as per law. Necessary legal action shall be taken against anyone found guilty, strictly in accordance with the law.

Moveable property of habitual bovine smuggler attached

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police has attached a vehicle worth approximately ₹10 lakhs belonging to a habitual bovine smuggler U/S 107(5) BNSS in compliance with the orders passed by the Hon'ble Court, Udhampur.

The attached property is a TATA Yodha 1700 Piek-Up vehicle bearing Registration No. JK14H-8621 owned by Younis Mohd S/o Bind Ali R/o Darsoo, District Udhampur. The vehicle was found involved in FIR No. 001/2026 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA

Act registered at Police Station Panchari.

During the course of investigation, a detailed inquiry was conducted by the Investigating Officer PSI of PS Panchari from multiple aspects, including criminal antecedents and financial investigation. The inquiry revealed that the offending vehicle had been acquired through illegally obtained money generated from unlawful activities. Accordingly, the said vehicle has been lawfully seized and provisionally attached under Section 107(5) BNSS.

Four bovine smuggling bids foiled; 48 bovines rescued

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police foiled two bovine smuggling attempts at Police Station Chenani and Police Station Panchari, rescuing 21 bovines.

During naka checking at Motor Shed Naka, NHW Chenani, a truck bearing Regd. No. JK02AU-4456, coming from Udhampur towards Srinagar was intercepted for checking. On checking, 15 bovine animals were found loaded in a cruel manner and being illegally transported without any permission. FIR No. 23/2026 U/S 223 BNS 11 PCA Act stands registered at PS Chenani. In another case, based on reliable information, a TATA Mobile bearing Regd. No. JK14J-3731 was found transporting 06 bovine animals from Moungri towards Kainthgali in a cruel manner without legal permission.

In this regard, a Case FIR No. 09/2026 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act stands registered at PS Panchari. Investigation in both cases is underway.

Udhampur Police Foils Two more Bovine Smuggling Attempts; 27 Bovines Rescued, One Accused Arrested.

During naka checking, a police party intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No. JK02DL-7735. On inspection, 04 bovine animals were found loaded in the vehicle in a cruel manner. The driver of the vehicle fled from the spot, and his identity is presently unknown.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 41/2026 under Section 223(a) BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered and further investigation is underway.

In another incident, a police party intercepted a vehicle bearing Registration No. HR-55AB-0701 during naka checking. Upon inspection, 23 bovine animals were found being transported illegally. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Arshad Ali S/O Mohd. Liqat R/O Saharanpur; Uttar Pradesh who failed to produce any valid permission or documents for transportation of the bovines.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 42/2026 under Section 223(a) BNS U/S 11 PCA Act has been registered and the accused has been arrested.

Five drug peddlers arrested with heroin

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UDHAMPUR: A police team of Police Post Tikri while conducting routine traffic checking intercepted an Innova taxi bearing Registration No. DL2CAZ 1209 which was coming from Jammu towards Srinagar.

During the checking, two persons were found travelling in the vehicle. On questioning the driver disclosed his identity as Danish Butt S/O Sabder Mohd. R/O Butpora, Doda while the co-passenger disclosed his identity as Jawaz Ahmed Wani S/O Ab. Rashid Wani R/O Akramabad, Doda

Upon conducting their personal search, a total of 21.40 grams of heroin was recovered from their possession. Both the accused failed to give any satisfactory explanation regarding the recovered contraband.

Accordingly both persons were arrested on the spot, and FIR No. 32/2026 U/S 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal.

Meanwhile, Police team of PS Udhampur led by its SHO, while performing patrolling duty near Subash Stadium, Udhampur. Police party noticed two suspicious persons coming from Bharat Nagar Cut, NH-44 towards TCP Domain. On spotting the police vehicle, both persons sharply turned back and started moving towards the NH-44 side in haste.

The police party immediately apprehended them. Upon questioning, they disclosed their identities as Shamsheer Singh S/O Shubdev Singh R/O Chang, Tehsil & District Samba and Aditya Kumar S/O Vijay Kumar R/O Jaurian, Tehsil Akhnoor; District Jammu. During personal search, 4.41 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of Shamsheer Singh while 1.57 grams of heroin was recovered from Aditya Kumar.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 43/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur and further investigation is underway.

In another case, A police team of Police Post Roun Domain, while performing patrolling duty near Bloy Bridge, Roun Domain, noticed one suspicious person coming from Udhampur towards Roun Domain.

On spotting the police vehicle, the said person immediately turned back and started walking away in haste. Sensing suspicion, the police party promptly apprehended the individual. Upon questioning, he disclosed his identity as Rahul Kumar S/o Singh Dass R/o Nallah Ghouran, Tehsil Ramnagar, A/P Jorjan Talab, Udhampur. During personal search, 5.75 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 44/2026 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur, and further investigation is underway.

Missing lady traced, reunited with family

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POONCH: District Police Poonch has successfully traced and reunited a missing lady with her family through timely and sustained efforts. A missing report regarding Rukhsana Kouser D/o Nisaar Ahmed was lodged at Police Station Poonch. Immediately after the report was received, a dedicated police team was constituted and investigation was set into motion. Continuous efforts, including field inquiries, technical analysis, and coordination with other agencies, were undertaken to trace her whereabouts.

During the course of investigation, the said lady was traced at Jammu. Acting promptly, a police party from Police Station Poonch proceeded to the location and safely recovered and subsequently brought back to Poonch.

After completing all necessary legal and medico-legal formalities as per established procedures, she was handed over to her parents. The missing report stands closed accordingly.

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The Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge Line/Jammu Tawi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open-tender under for the under noted works:-	
S. No. : 1. Tender No. : OT-05/JAT/25-26	
Name of work : Fabrication & Erection of access ladders, bearings inspection platforms at various PSC girder bridges of JAT-SVDK section.	
Approx Cost (Rs.) : Rs. 99,62,917.69	
Earnest Money (Rs.) : Rs. 1,99,300/-	
Date of opening : 05.03.2026	
Bidding start date on IREPS : 19.02.2026	
Cost of tender form (Rs.) : 0	
Completion period of work : 10 Months	
S. No. : 2. Tender No. : OT-08/JAT/25-26	
Name of work : Provision of protection work on BR. No. 172 Pier 1,2,3,4,7,8,9 of Down line and Pier 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10 of UP line under SSEW/JAT in ADEN JAT section.	
Approx Cost (Rs.) : Rs. 23,34,08,601.47	
Earnest Money (Rs.) : Rs. 13,17,100/-	
Date of opening : 05.03.2026	
Bidding start date on IREPS : 19.02.2026	
Cost of tender form (Rs.) : 0	
Completion period of work : 05 Months	
Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender : Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs. on same date.	
Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded : The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in	
No. : 1-DYCEBJAT-2025/26 Dated: 10.02.2026 468/2026	

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Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/J&K acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tenders. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.				
Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single Packet System	10.02.2026	04.03.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.	04.03.2026 at 15:30 Hrs.
S. No.	Tender Number	Details of Tender		
1	02-MECH-JAT-2026	Inspection, Refilling and Hydraulic Testing of Fire Extinguisher along with condition-based replacement of defective parts at all Depots/ Sheds of Jammu Division for three years (Thirty-Six Months).		
	Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
	Rs. 32,26,767.54/-	Rs. 64,600/-	45 Days	36 Months
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