

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: Continuing its sustained efforts to trace missing persons, Jammu (Rural) Police successfully traced a missing girl (name withheld), a resident of Bantlab, Jammu.

The girl had been reported missing on 15-03-2026. Acting promptly on the report, a police team led by the IC of Police Post Chinore launched sustained search efforts and carried out extensive verification, which ultimately led to tracing the missing girl.

After completing all due legal formalities, she was safely reunited with her family members. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed.

Bovine smuggling attempts foiled; 18 bovines rescued

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police foiled two bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Majalta and PP Ghordi and rescued 06 bovine animals being transported illegally without valid permission.

During naka checking at Battal Naka, police naka team intercepted a Tata Pickup bearing registration No. JK19A-5370. Upon checking, 04 bovine animals were found tied in a cruel manner and being transported towards Kashmir without permission.

All bovines were rescued and the vehicle was seized.

In this regard, Case FIR No. 28/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Majalta and investigation has been taken up.

Based on reliable information, a police team of Police Post Ghordi intercepted 02 bovine animals which were being transported from Sarsoo towards Kashmir without any valid permission. Both bovines were rescued on the spot.

In this connection, Case FIR No. 32/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Rannagar.

Jammu (Rural) Police also foiled two bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdictions of PP Sidhra and PP Manwal and rescued 13 bovine animals.

In the first incident, a police team of PP Sidhra intercepted a Tata Load Carrier (JK22C-6810) during routine patrolling. On checking, 04 bovines were found loaded without valid permission. The driver Owais Aslam S/o Mohd Aslam R/o Pahano, Shopian along with two helpers was apprehended. The animals were rescued and the vehicle seized.

In this regard, FIR No. 73/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Nagrota.

In another incident, acting on reliable information, a police team of PP Manwal laid a naka at Nadhal on Battal Dhar Road. A Tata Load Carrier (JK21K-3197) attempted to flee after breaking the naka but was chased and intercepted. During checking, 09 bovines were found loaded without permission. The animals were rescued and the vehicle seized.

In this regard, FIR No. 31/2026 under Section 223 BNS and Section 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Jhajjar Kotli. Investigation is underway.

LPG Cylinder Theft Case solved; 50 cylinders recovered, accused arrested

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JAMMU: Police Post Jourian has solved a theft case registered vide FIR No. 235/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS dated 11.12.2025 at Police Station Akhmoor and recovered 50 stolen LPG gas cylinders (Indian brand). During investigation, a suspect

namely Zakir Hussain S/o Abdul Majid Shah R/o Kotli Mian Fateh, R.S. Pura, Jammu A/P Gujjar Basti, Belicharana, Jammu was apprehended.

During sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to his involvement in the theft and disclosed the place where the stolen cylinders had been concealed. Acting on his disclosure, police recovered 50 LPG cylinders, which were identified by the complainant on the spot. The Tata Mobile bearing registration No. JK02BD-2805, used in the commission of the crime, has also been seized.

The accused has been formally arrested and further investigation is underway.



8 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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DODA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Doda Police seized 06 dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Post Khellani (PS Doda), Police Post Bhalla (PS Bhaderwah), and Police Post Premnagar (PS Thathri) which were found involved in illegal transportation of construction material.

On the directions of SSP Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), police teams headed by the Incharges of Police Posts Khellani, Bhalla, and Premnagar, while performing routine checking duties in their respective jurisdictions, intercepted the following dumpers. Accordingly, the vehicles were seized and the matter was immediately brought to the notice of the District Mineral Officer (DMO) Doda for further necessary action under the relevant provisions of law. A total fine of ₹1,31,080 has been imposed by the DMO. Vehicle No. JK02CR-9969, driven by Baldev Raj S/o Sh. Sukh Ram R/o Damsal, seized by Police Post Khellani (PS Doda) - Fine imposed: ₹30,400; Vehicle No. JK02CU-6469, driven by Sanjay Kumar S/o Romalo Ram R/o Jindrah, Jammu, seized by Police Post Khellani (PS Doda) - Fine imposed: ₹30,400; Vehicle No. JK06B-2830, driven by Ajay Kumar S/o Romesh Chand R/o Udrana Bhaderwah, seized by Police Post Bhalla (PS Bhaderwah) - Fine imposed: ₹20,280; Vehicle No. JK06C-9368, driven by Suneet Kumar S/o Daleep Kumar R/o Himote Bhaderwah, seized by Police Post Bhalla (PS Bhaderwah) - Fine imposed: ₹20,280; Vehicle No. JK06B-6501, driven by Shoket Hussain S/o Ghulam Mohd R/o Chatroo, Kishtwar, seized by Police Post Bhalla (PS Bhaderwah) - Fine imposed: ₹15,520 and Vehicle No. JK06B-3501, driven by Kungli Lal S/o Gian Chand R/o Langhote Bijarni, Doda, seized by Police Post Premnagar (PS Thathri) - Fine imposed: ₹14,200. During checking, all 06 vehicles were found carrying minor mineral (Bajri) without valid GR/Form-A at different locations across District Doda. Doda Police also seized two dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Post Khellani under Police Station Doda, which were being used for illegal transportation of construction material. On the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a police team headed by the Incharge Police Post Khellani of PS Doda, while performing routine checking duty in the jurisdictional area, intercepted two dumpers bearing registration numbers JK02CR-9969 and JK02CU-6469. The vehicles were driven by Baldev Raj S/o Sh. Sukh Ram R/o Damsal and Sanjay Kumar S/o Romalo Ram R/o Jindrah, Jammu, respectively.

Upon checking, both vehicles were found carrying minor minerals (Bajri) without any valid GR/Form-A. Accordingly, the vehicles were seized, and the matter was immediately brought to the notice of the District Mineral Officer (DMO) Doda for

further necessary action under the relevant provisions of law.

Three inter-district hardcore drug peddlers among 5 arrested with heroin

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UDHAMPUR: A police team of Police Post Tikri led by its ICPP, while conducting routine naka checking at Tikri Naka Point, intercepted one vehicle bearing Registration No. JK11G-9286 coming from Jammu towards Udhampur.

During the checking, three persons were found travelling in the vehicle. On questioning the driver disclosed his identity as Rafiq Ahmed S/O Abdul Karim R/O Sainik Colony while the co-passengers disclosed their identities as Arun Singh S/O Prakash Singh R/O Sainik Colony and Amandeep Singh S/O Swarn Singh R/O Chowadhi. Upon conducting their personal search, a total of 15.51 grams of heroin was recovered from their possession. Accordingly all three persons were arrested on the spot and FIR No. 49/2026 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal. Meanwhile, a police party of BPP Gajansoo, Police Station Kanachak, while on routine patrolling duty near the Ring Road service lane adjoining Gajansoo, apprehended one person identified as Abhi Kumar, son of Madan Lal, resident of Ghou Manhassan. During his search, approximately 4.54 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 39/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Kanachak, and further investigation of the case is underway. In another case; Police team of Police Station Chenani led by its SHO while conducting naka checking duty at motor shed, Chenani intercepted one truck bearing registration number JK05C- 8263 coming from Jammu towards Srinagar for checking purpose. During checking, one person was found sitting in the vehicle who on questioning disclosed his identity as Jahangeer Ahmed Bhat S/O Ghordi. Ahmed Bhat R/O Panzgram, Kupwara. During his personal search, 59.85 grams of Heroin were recovered from his possession. On being questioned about the recovered narcotic substance, he failed to give any satisfactory reply regarding its possession. In this regard, Case FIR No. 42/2026 under Sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Chennai and investigation of the case has been taken up.

PIA-marked balloon recovered in Chatroo

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KISHTWAR: In a development from Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, a balloon bearing the marking of Pakistan International Airlines, commonly known as PIA, has been recovered from the Singhpora area of Chatroo. The recovery has prompted security agencies to remain alert and initiate precautionary checks in the region. According to officials, the suspicious balloon was spotted by security forces during routine patrolling in the Singhpora area, which falls under Police Station Chatroo in Kishtwar district. Acting promptly, the security personnel reached the location and recovered the balloon from an open field. The object was immediately taken into possession by the police for further verification and examination.

Preliminary inspection indicates that no suspicious material, electronic device or explosive substance was attached to the balloon. Authorities believe that such balloons can travel long distances due to wind currents and sometimes drift across borders before landing in interior areas.



Doda Police raises drivers' awareness during inclement weather



Police officials educating drivers.

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DODA: In view of the prevailing bad weather and slippery road conditions, and on the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, Doda Police conducted a road safety awareness campaign at several key locations including Thathri, Pul Doda, Bhaderwah, Khellani, and Assar.

During the drive, drivers were sensitized about the importance of cautious driving during adverse weather conditions.

They were advised to main-

tain a safe speed, keep adequate distance from other vehicles, avoid sudden braking, and strictly follow traffic rules to prevent accidents.

Pamphlets highlighting the Do's and Don'ts of safe driving were also distributed among drivers to raise awareness and promote safer travel on slippery roads. Doda Police has urged all motorists to remain vigilant and cooperate with law enforcement agencies to ensure road safety for everyone.

Over 1,000 patients receive specialist medical care in Health Camp

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UDHAMPUR: With the objective of addressing the shortage of healthcare services in rural areas, the 27th Mega Health Camp was organized on Saturday at Thial by the Shri Durga Dass Sharma Memorial Society (Regd.), where more than 1,000 local residents benefited from free medical services.

The health camp was conducted in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital. On this occasion, the premises of the Government Higher Secondary School and Shri Jagannath Swami Temple were transformed into a healthcare service center for the day.

The program began in a spiritual and positive atmosphere. Before the medical services commenced, children from the local Gurukul presented yoga demonstrations and chanted Vedie mantras, creating an environment filled with peace, energy, and spirituality.

The event was inaugurated by MLA Udhampur, Ranbir Singh Pathania. Appreciating the ini-



MLA Udhampur, RS Pathania inaugurating camp.

tiative of bringing specialist healthcare services to rural areas, he stated that during his present tenure, this was the second major health camp organized by the hospital in his constituency, reflecting the institution's commitment to social service.

He emphasized that delivering quality tertiary healthcare services directly to rural communities is a highly important and commendable effort. He also praised the Shri Durga Dass Sharma Memorial Society for consistently organizing such service activities for nearly 30 years.

During the camp, a team of

specialist doctors and healthcare professionals from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital provided medical services. People from distant and remote areas received free specialist consultations, health check-ups, and necessary medicines on the spot.

The camp offered medical consultations across several specialties including Cardiology, Orthopedics, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Pulmonology, General Medicine, General Surgery, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dental Care, and ENT.

In addition, patients were also educated about disease preven-

tion, adopting a healthy lifestyle, and long-term health management. Patients requiring further specialized treatment or surgery were assured free treatment under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital.

Promoting the spirit of service and cooperation, a Langar service was also organized throughout the day at Shri Jagannath Swami Temple, where meals were provided to patients, their attendants, doctors, and volunteers.

The large participation of local residents clearly reflected the strong need for accessible and quality healthcare services in rural areas. At the end of the program, representatives of the Shri Durga Dass Sharma Memorial Society expressed gratitude to the hospital's medical team, volunteers of Narsingh Seva Kendra, the Gurukul children, and local residents whose support ensured the success of the event.

Tilligarh Resort in Bhaderwah now equipped with modern health club

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BHADERWAH: The Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA) inaugurated a much-awaited Health Club and Fitness Facility at the famous Tilligarh Resort in Bhaderwah, providing a new attraction for tourists and fitness enthusiasts visiting the scenic destination.

The facility was formally inaugurated by CEO BDA Sanjeev Sharma in the presence of ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, SDPO Naveed Shoket Qazi, Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, Publicity Officer Dr Itikhar Malik, AO BDA Manmeet Ganjoo, Educationist Arif Rana, YAC President Naser Mehbub and others.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO BDA Sanjeev Sharma said that the initiative aims to enhance tourism infrastructure in Bhaderwah and provide modern fitness facilities to visitors as well as locals. He added that the development of such amenities will further strengthen Bhaderwah's image as an emerging year-round tourist destination.

Officials said the newly established health club is equipped with modern gym and fitness equipment and will benefit tourists staying at Tilligarh Resort along with residents of the surrounding areas.

ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma appreciated the tourism department and BDA for such a wonderful initiative as it will be a great platform in diverting the youths towards fitness and Healthy lifestyle.

KVK Reasi educates farmers on hydroponics technology

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) educated and provided the technical guidelines on hydroponics technology to the farmers. KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J.

Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal said that hydroponics technology is a very effective technique for the production of safe and fresh organic vegetables. He said that this technology is very simple, easy to operate, labour and water saving. He said that this technology has the potential to attract the youths towards agriculture as their interest is dwindling towards this sector. He nar-



KVK scientists educating farmers at Reasi.

rated that the demand of organic, safe and high quality vegetables is increasing day-by-day and through this technology one can produce the quality organic vegetables consistently. He further said that the plants are grown in an inert substrate such as the perlite, coconut fiber, vermiculite etc. in the hydroponics unit and also discussed on the water use efficiency in the hydroponics system. He informed that in this technology plants are grown in asoil less culture and there are least chances of infestation of insects-pests, diseases and weeds in the crop. He further added that the hydroponics technique requires less space and has an immense scope in future also. He informed that this technology can be considered as an efficient method of farming in modern era when the climate is impacting the agriculture. He informed that this technology can be very useful to produce the organic vegetables especially

in the urban and semi-urban areas and entrepreneurship can also be developed on it.

He added that in this technology plants get the nutrients in a uniform way and added that the crops like lettuce, tomatoes, capsicum, cucumber etc. can be grown in this system of farming. He further said that waste areas in the house can be utilized for the hydroponics as the crops are grown in the soil-less culture. He informed that nutrient rich solution is circulated through the automated electronic pump. He added that even the landless people can also adopt this technology and fetch returns. He expressed that the hydroponics technology solves number of problems such as lack of soil, space, water and even time. Many farmers/farm women/rural youths/students/officials of the area are visiting the KVK Reasi campus and taking keen interest in this innovative technology established at KVK, Reasi.

SMVDU holds Alumni Meet; launches online alumni portal

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KATRA: The 9th Alumni Meet 2026 of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was organized at the university campus with great enthusiasm and participation from alumni of various batches.

The event served as a vibrant platform for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, interact with faculty members, and relive their cherished memories.

The programme was graced by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Pragati Kumar, who attended the event as the Chief Guest.

In his address, he appreciated the achievements of the alumni and emphasized the importance of strengthening the bond between the university and its alumni community. Prof. Yugal Khajuria, Dean International and Alumni Affairs, welcomed the alumni and spoke about various initiatives being undertaken by the university to enhance alumni engagement and collaboration.

On the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor Pragati Kumar also inaugurated the SMVDU Alumni Portal and a Mobile Application, aimed at strengthening alumni

connectivity and engagement.

Several distinguished alumni shared their professional journeys and experiences during the event.

Among those who spoke were Swan Veer Singh Jaral, alumnus of the School of Energy Management; Deepak Manhas, MBA alumnus; Rohit Sharma, Chief Manager at Punjab National Bank; Aditya Sharma, Founder of Harshvardhan Enterprises; and Atul Gupta, Managing Director of YAPK Enterprises.

They shared their inspiring experiences and encouraged students and fellow alumni to remain connected with the university. The alumni were also felicitated by the student volunteers as a mark of appreciation for their achievements and continued association with the university.

The evening featured cultural performances by alumni, which added a vibrant touch to the celebration. A special Sufi musical performance organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, enthralled the audience. The proceedings of the event were conducted by

Nandita Sharma, an MBA student, while Yuvraj Singh, Student Alumni Coordinator, played an important role in coordinating the programme and facilitating alumni participation.

Among the university officials present on the occasion were Kajal Jasrotia, Finance Officer, along with her team; Prof. Sumeet Gupta, Faculty Incharge Examinations; Prof. Suparna Sharma, Director DQA; Joginder Paul, Public Relations Officer; and Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Alumni Coordinator, School of Mathematics. Prof. Jyoti, Head, School of Business, along with Dr. Ankush Raina (President, BPA), Dr. Sakshi Arora (Associate Prof., SoCSE), and other faculty members were also present and actively coordinated the proceedings of the event. Various Heads, Deans of the University, students, and staff members also attended the event.

Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq, Associate Dean International and Alumni Affairs, presented the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the university officials, alumni, and student volunteers for their support in making the event a grand success.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay training camp concludes

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BASOHLI: A two-day Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Training Camp concluded successfully on Sunday at the PWD Guest House in Basohli Mandal of Basohli constituency. The programme concluded at around 12:30 PM with the participation of several BJP leaders, office bearers, and party workers. The training camp was organised to strengthen the ideological foundation of party workers and enhance organisational efficiency at the grassroots level. During the two-day session, speakers appointed by the organisation delivered detailed lectures on various important topics related to the party's principles, organisational structure, and strategies for strengthening public outreach. Addressing the participants, the speakers emphasized the importance of dedication, discipline, and commitment to the ideology of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. They encouraged party workers to actively engage with the public and work towards strengthening the organisation at the booth and mandal levels. Several senior BJP leaders attended the programme and interacted with the participants. Among those present were Gopal Krishna, President of Basohli Pahari District; Amar Singh, In-charge of

Basohli Pahari District; Darshan Kumar, MLA Basohli; Rajinder Singh Jaswal, District General Secretary of Basohli Pahari District; and Rajat Spolia, Mandal President Basohli. Other prominent attendees included former BDC Chairperson Sushma Jamwal, former BDC Dhar Mahapur Sushma, programme coordinator Sonu Gupta, DDC Billawar Vikram Singh, Basohli Pahari District Secretary Shanti Bhushan, SC Morecha President Raj Kumar, Kisan Morecha President Yubkaran Singh, and social activist Neelam Mishra. Besides them, all office bearers of Basohli Mandal, presidents of various morchas, and a large number of enthusiastic BJP workers were present at the training camp. Party leaders appreciated the enthusiasm and active participation of the workers throughout the programme. They expressed confidence that such training initiatives would further strengthen the organisational structure of the party and help workers perform their responsibilities more effectively. The programme concluded with a message of unity and commitment, with leaders urging workers to continue serving society with dedication while strengthening the party's presence at every level.

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