

## Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

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SHOPLAN: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police arrested a drug peddler in Shopian and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Imamsahib under the supervision of SSP Shopian Tanushree at a checkpoint established at Hillow crossing, intercepted a suspicious person who on seeing the police party tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 265 grams of contraband Brown sugar like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Javid Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat resident of Arwani Bijbehara. He was shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 19/2024 under sections of law was registered in Police Station Imamsahib and investigation was taken up.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding drug peddlers in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace.

## 3 notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act

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BARAMULLA: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked 3 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention orders from competent authority.

The notorious drug smugglers Hussain Shahid Hussain Darson of Ghulam Hassan resident of Sultanpora Pattan, Mohd Saleem Sheikh @ Mass son of Abdul Rashid resident of Malikbagh Pattan & Nazaar Ahmad Bhatti son of Bawar Ali resident of Madiyan Kamalkote Uri have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against these drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Uri, Kamalkote, Madiyan, Pattan, Sultanpora & other areas of District. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

General public of Baramulla appreciated the role of Police for their action against drug peddlers. Police' consistent actions against the drug peddlers should reassure the community members that police is making all efforts to keep our society free from drug abuse.

## GRP Jammu arrests absconding narcotics dealer

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JAMMU: Continuing Special drive against wanted criminals and absconders GRP Jammu arrested drugs dealer absconder Shahid Ahmed, son of Habibullah Sofi, resident of Srigufwara Tehsil Srigufwara District Anantnag Involved in Case FIR No. 10/2009 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act of Police Station

GRP Jammu. He was evading arrest for the last 15 years and finally apprehended by team of Railway Police (GRP) Jammu after chasing him in Kashmir valley. He is also accused in case FIR number 90/23 of Police Station Srigufwara Anantnag.

He was caught with Charas worth Rs one lakh market price at Railway Station Jammu. This is the fifth warrant under section 512 CrPC executed by GRP Jammu with in five weeks.

## Drug peddler nabbed with 21 kg poppy straw

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REASI: In continuous drive against Drug Abuse launched by District Police Reasi under Operation Jeevandan, surprise naka & checking is being conducted to check the offenders & criminals.

During routine checking and frisking, Police party of Police Station Katra intercepted one person namely Suresh Kumar alias Bantu, son of Lt. Sansar Chand, resident of Ward No.12, Mathyal, Katra during checking approx. 21 kg of Poppy straw recovered from his possession.

On this case FIR No. 116/2024 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Katra and investigations started to unearth forward and backward linkages. The whole operation was led by SHO P/S Katra Insp. Nishant Gupta under the supervision of SDPO Katra Sh. Surinder Singh Baloria.

## Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 10 bovines rescued

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SAMBA: Police on Friday foiled two separate bovine smuggling attempts during the early morning hours in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, district Samba and rescued ten bovine from the clutches of bovine smugglers.

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines from Kathua side via border road towards Samba side, a police party of Police Station Ghagwalheaded by SHO PS Ghagwalhas intercepted two Mahindra Bolero vehicles bearing registration No. JK08M-1863 & JK08F-7141 near Lower Harsathin two separate incidents during the early morning hours and rescued 10 bovines (5 in each vehicle)which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

Two case FIRs viz FIR No. 55/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act and FIR No. 56/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act have been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

## Woman narco smuggler nabbed with 71.24 grams of heroin

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/suppliers, J&K Police has arrested a lady drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and has recovered approximately 71.24 grams heroin like substance from her possession.

A Police team of Police Station Samba accompanied by SST team during vehicle checking at a joint static naka laid near SIDCO Chowk Samba, intercepted a bus bearing registration No. AR20-9645 which was coming from Punjab enroute Jammu for checking. During checking, one lady passenger seemed suspicious who was frisked by lady police official and consequently recovery of 71.24 grams (approx.) heroin like substance from her possession was affected.

The accused lady heroin supplier was later identified as PalviKunsla w/o Vishal Kunsla R/o Amritsar, Punjab A/P Bhagwati Nagar, District Jammu was arrested and contraband item was also seized.

A case FIR No. 115/2024 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation has been started to ascertain the further linkages.

## Excise team seize 15 litres of desi liquor, destroy 580 of Lahan

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RAJOURI: In order to curb menace of illicit distillation and sale of liquor during election of house of people and on dry day, Excise Team conducted raids in various areas falling in Sub Division Nowshera and Rajouri. During search at Argi, Dalhori, Kanthol, Badhal, Dabbar, Potha, Lower Nonial areas, 15 litres of illicit liquor distilled and 580kgs of Lahan(Raw material used for illicit Liquor distillation), 06 working still apparatus recovered. Further investigation in this regard is being conducted to break the supply chain of illicit liquor in Rajouri Area. The raids are being conducted on the direction of Excise Commissioner J&K Pankaj Kumar (JKAS) and Deputy Excise Commissioner Executive Smt Kusum Sharma(JKAS) and under supervision of ETO Rajouri Poonch Narinder Singh Anthal by a team led by Insp. Mohd Araf.



## Forest team seizes truck loaded with illicit firewood

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KATHUA: A Team of Kathua Forest Range and FPF Gamma Unit seized a truck loaded with illicit firewood from Nagri area during late night naka checking.

As per DFO Kathua, during the intervening night of 25th and 26th April at about 11:30 PM, a joint naka laid by officials of Kathua Forest Range and FPF Gamma Unit Kathua with active cooperation of J&K Police Post Nagri, intercepted a Truck bearing Registration No. JK08D/8445. On its checking, the Vehicle was found loaded with illicit green mixed B/L firewood/logs of species Kambel, Kikar, Dhaman, plash etc weighing around 50 Qtls.

On questioning the driver/occupant of the truck Krishan Lal of village Mela Tehsil Hiranagar failed to produce any valid documents regarding the ownership as well as the transportation permission of the forest produce loaded in the truck.

Consequently, the truck along with forest produce was seized on the spot by forest team under section 52 of Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, the driver managed to escape. A case under section 41, 42, 69 and 69A R/W section 4(a, b) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 (amended upto 2020 for J and K) was registered by Range Office Kathua in the court of Authorised Officer Kathua (DFO Kathua).

The operation was carried under the direct supervision of Range Forest Officer Kathua Narinder Verma and overall supervision of Divisional Forest Officer Kathua Dr. Rajan Singh.

## 4 bovine smugglers arrested, 4 vehicles seized, 69 bovines rescued

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RAMBAN: Jammu and Kashmir Police Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators under Operation KAMDHENU, District Police Ramban under the supervision of SSP Ramban Sh.Amuj Kumar-IPS has foiled bovine smuggling attempts, registered 04 FIRs arrested 04 bovine smugglers, rescued 69 bovines and seized 04 vehicles.

Police team of Police station Chanderkote headed by SHO Chanderkote while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted two vehicles bearing registration No. JK 02CL 7472 and JK 14 J 1423 held two persons Mohd.Akhter son of Mohd Shafi resident of Chappan, Tehsil Dansal, District Jammu and Muneer Ahmed son of Yaqoob resident of Wali Nullaha Udhampur. During checking 19 bovines were found laden inside both the vehicles which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police Party of PS Ramban headed by SHO Ramban foiled a bovine smuggling bid, intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No JK 13C 8175 and held one person namely Shabir Ahmed son of Mohd Qasim resident of Tatrsoo, Tehsil & District Ramban. During checking, 32 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle, which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police Party of Police Post Jawahar Tunnel headed by IC PP foiled bovine smuggling bid, intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No JK 03G 5853, held

one person namely Altaf Hussian son of Mohd Rafiq resident of Mazmoon, Tehsil Dooru District Anantnag During checking 18 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

As a result, a total of 69 bovine animals were rescued under the operation "KAMDHENU." Subsequently, FIR No. 53/2024 and 54/2024 were registered at Police Station Chanderkote, FIR No. 91/2024 at PS Ramban and FIR No.58/2024 was registered at PS Banihal under Sections 188 IPC and under section 11 of the Prevention of cruelty to Animals Act. The investigation has been initiated into these cases. 04 persons arrested and 04 vehicles involved in the commission of offence have been seized.

The successful rescue operation was conducted by Police parties led by SHO Police Station Chanderkot, SHO PS Ramban and IC PP Jawahar Tunnel under the supervision of Dyp Hqrs Ramban, SDPO Banihal, Addl.SP Ramban, with the overall supervision by SSP Ramban.

## Two missing minor boys recovered from Jammu Railway Station

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KISHTWAR: District Police Kishtwar has demonstrated exemplary dedication and professionalism in the recovery of two missing minor boys from Jammu railway station.

On April 20, 2024, District Police Kishtwar received a complaint from the parents of two minor boys, aged 14 and 15 years, residents of Kuchal Tehsil Mughalmaidan Chatroo, District Kishtwar. The boys had gone missing from their homes.

After receiving the information, SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom directed SHO PS Chatroo to lodge an FIR at PS Chatroo. He also constituted a special team led by SHO PS Chatroo, Insp. Vikram Parihar, and assisted by IC PP Mughalmaidan, PSI Rohit Kumar, under the supervision of Dy SP DAR, Sajjad Khan.

In this regard, case FIR No.16/2024 U/S 363 IPC was registered at PS Chatroo and investigation started.

The special team, through relentless efforts and leveraging technical and human resources, successfully traced both missing boys to the Jammu railway station.

Following protocols and in consultation with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), both minor boys were reunited safely with their parents.

District Police Kishtwar urges the general public to remain vigilant and proactive in promptly sharing any relevant information that could assist in similar cases in the future. Your cooperation and support are invaluable in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members. Together, let us continue to foster a culture of mutual assistance and responsibility.

## Two drivers detained for endangering passengers' lives

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KISHTWAR: In a proactive move to uphold public safety on the roads, the District Police Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Traffic Police NHW, conducted a successful operation resulting in the apprehension of two drivers for endangering the lives of passengers through negligent driving and overloading of vehicles.

Under the direction of SSP Kishtwar, a joint checkpoint was established at Mughalmaidan led by Inspector Vikram Singh, SHO of P/S Chatroo assisted by IC PP Mughalmaidan PSI Rohit Kumar alongside DTI Kishtwar, Insp Navneet Sharma. During routine vehicle inspections, two vehicles - an EECO with registration No. JK17A2339 and a SUMO with registration No. JK172044 - were flagged down for reckless driving and overspeeding.

Upon thorough examination, it was discovered that both vehicles were significantly overloaded, exceeding their designated seating capacities.

This blatant violation not only contravened the Motor Vehicles Act but also posed a severe risk to the safety and well-being of the passengers.

In response to this grave breach of road safety regulations, the District Police Kishtwar promptly registered two FIRs - Case FIR NO.17/2024 and Case FIR NO.18/2024 - under sections 279/336 IPC and 194-A MV Act at P/S Chatroo. The detained drivers will face legal consequences for their actions, ensuring accountability for endangering public safety.

SSP Kishtwar reiterates its commitment to enforcing traffic laws and maintaining road discipline to safeguard the lives of all road users. We urge the public to adhere to traffic regulations and cooperate with law enforcement authorities to ensure a safe and secure commuting experience for everyone.

## AIF adopts garden at Holy Devika Ghat Udhampur, plants rose saplings

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UDHAMPUR: Aware India Foundation (AIF) District President Vimal Sharma disclosed that their NGO has adopted a barren land at Bank of Holy Devika to develop it as a rose garden to beautify Ghat today.

According to president AIF a massive plantation drive started by Chief Guest Joginder Singh ADC Udhampur. In which different species of rose plants were planted in particular area established as ROSE GARDEN. Speaking on the occasion Chief guest stressed upon to make Holy Devika Ghats Clean and Green. He also gave message to locals to participate in such drives for beautification of Holy Devak. He



Foundation members planting saplings.

said Udhampur people are lucky enough to have such sacred Holy Devika river here. He further make a fervent appeal to the local people and social workers to do maintained sanctity of Holy Devika high by maintain it clean and pollution free. Prominent

among participated were Vimal Sharma President AIF, Rakesh Sharma, Rajinder Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Angrej Singh, Vikas Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Vasu Sadotra, Er. Vikundal Sharma, Kuldeep Kumar, Rakesh Sharma and many more.

## BGSBU observes IPR Day

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RAJOURI: Environmental Sciences, Centre of Biodiversity Studies, BGSB University celebrated the World Intellectual Property Right Day 2024. On this occasion, faculty members, students and research scholars of Environmental Sciences participated in the program.

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGSB University in his message asserted that this day was established in 2000 by The World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) and every year, the world celebrates World Intellectual Property Day on April 26 which aims to spread awareness about Intellectual Property



Faculty members along with students during the event.

(IPR) Rights and how it encourages innovation and creativity to drive human progress. The Vice Chancellor mentioned that this day brings in an opportunity to highlight the role that IP rights, such as, patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright, play in encouraging innovation and creativity

Dr A. A. Shah, Associate Dean, School of

Biosciences and Biotechnology deliberated that this day marks the opportunity to educate people on the need for IP protection to protect the creator's rights and copyright as well as the public interest.

Dr. Shreekar Pant, Coordinator, CBS delivered a keynote address during the event. Dr. Pant stated that the official theme of the day 2024 is



Resource persons along with faculty members and students.

cient lighting of the lamp by the chairperson of the college Madhu Khajuria, eminent resource persons, principal of the college Dr. Anita Bali and Mr Shiv Kumar, member of managing committee. Principal of the college pre-

sented welcome address. Workshop was divided into two sessions i.e. Phase-I and Phase-II. The resource persons deliberated the students concerning the psychological testing and its basis for mental health treatment. They fur-

ther explained the tests that are performed by a psychologist to evaluate the results to determine the cause, severity, and duration of symptoms. The resource persons had a healthy interaction among the students through demonstration and practical implementation. While students of the college also shared their experience regarding the workshop. In workshop more than 200 students actively participated. However event was concluded with the vote of thanks by Asst Prof Jyoti Bala. The proceedings of the event were managed by Asst Prof Pinaki Bakshii.

## Army holds lecture on 'World Earth Day'

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POONCH: Army has conducted a lecture for young children of lower Middle Govt School Saila to promote the importance of World Earth Day in the development of the nation and towards sustainable development. The lecture enlightened young minds about the significance of Environmental Conservation. Interacting with the students, the Indian Army emphasised the importance of preserving our planet for future generations through these interactive sessions and such educational activities. By fostering awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility towards the environment, the event aimed to inspire the children to become stewards of the Earth.

Dr. Mamta Bhat in her concluding remarks stated that the celebration is an opportunity to connect inventors and creators with people all over the world and to explore and promote IP solutions in shaping the world. Dr Nazia Parveen, Assistant Professor conducted the proceeding of the program while Dr Rifat Azam, Assistant Professor, presented the vote of thanks.

## Army organizes Poster Making Competition on World Malaria Day

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RAJOURI: In a pro-active initiative to raise awareness on 'World Malaria Day', Indian Army organised a poster-making competition at Govt High school Dalogra, Rajouri. Students showcased their talent by crafting impactful visuals highlighting the importance of 'Malaria Prevention' and treatment with creativity and enthusiasm. The event was organised for two different categories (6th to 8th classes and 9th to 10th classes).

A total of 15 students participated in each category. The event served as a platform to

empower the youth with knowledge about the disease and its method for prevention, instilling a sense of responsibility towards combating this global health challenge. The competition not only fostered artistic expression but also underscored the collective effort in championing public health initiatives. Through the synergy between the military and the School Community, the celebration culminated with prize distribution ceremony wherein students declared winners in each category were awarded followed by distribution of refreshments.

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