

CRIME REPORT

13 gamblers nabbed; stake money recovered

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REASI/SRINAGAR: Continuing its Endeavour to weed out social crime from the society, District Police Reasi under the overall supervision of SSP Reasi, arrested 5 gamblers and recovered stake money of Rs. 25050.

Acting on specific information about Gambling in their jurisdictional area of Katra, a special team of Police Station Katra conducted a raid at Chintamani, Katra and arrested gamblers along with stake money.

Police party of Police Station Katra under the supervision of SDPO Katra Surinder Singh Baloria and SHO Police Station Katra Nishant Gupta raided at Chintamani, Katra & arrested 5 gamblers identified as namely Hans Raj, son of Hari Sara, Baldev Singh, son of Prem Singh, Ashok Kumar, son of Chunu Lal, Angrez Singh, son of Romal Singh all residents of Village Badotta, Panchari) and Sandlot Singh, son of Pyar Singh, resident of Gehlot, Panchari. Taking cognizance into the matter, all the gamblers were booked under section 13 of Gambling Act at Police Station Katra.

In Baramulla, acting on a specific information regarding gambling activities in the orchards of Tapper Pattan, a police party headed by Incharge Police Post Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan raided the specific spot and apprehended 04 gamblers & recovered stake money of ₹ 1250/- & playing cards from their possession. They have been identified as Fayaz Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Abdullah resident of Trumgund Sopore, Ab Ahad Rather son of Ghulam Mohd, Mohd Shafi Wani son of Gaffar Wani & Ghulam Nabi Parra son of Abdul Raheem all residents of Tapper Pattan. They have been shifted to Police Station Pattan where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation has been initiated.

In Kulgam, acting on a specific information regarding gambling activities in the orchards of Pombay Kulgam, a police party headed by SHO Police Station DH Pora raided the specific spot and apprehended 04 gamblers & recovered stake money of ₹ 7650/- & playing cards from their possession. They have been identified as Aamir Ahmad Shakhshaz son of Abdul Hamid Shakhshaz resident of Chawalgam, Abdul Rashid Thoker son of Ghulam Ahmad Thoker resident of Pombay, Mohd Ashraf Malik son of Wali Mohd Malik resident of Yarpura & Sharukh Khan son of Fayaz Ahmad Khan resident of Chatabal Kulgam. They have been shifted to PS DH Pora where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No 32/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station DH Pora and investigation has been initiated.

23 vehicles seized for illegal mining, 9 drivers arrested

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Samba/SRINAGAR: Continuing its drive against illegal mining in the district, Samba Police has seized eight vehicles across the district which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, Incharge Police Post RakhAmbTaliand Incharge Police Post Goranwhile performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, have seized four tractor trolleys without registration Nos. for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

Similarly, Police teams headed by SHO PS Purmandal and SHO PS Vijaypur while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area, have seized four tractor trolleys without registration Nos. for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

In Kulgam, a police party led by SHO Police Station Devsar during patrolling at general road Peepora, Pahlow crossing seized 02 vehicles (tractors) & arrested 02 drivers involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Nallah Vaishow. The accused drivers have been identified as Zubair Ahmad Rather son of Hamidullah Rather resident of Sopat, Tenggpora and Danish Ahmad Ganie son of Manzoor Ahmad Ganie resident of Bona Devsar. They have been shifted to Police Station Devsar where they remain in custody.

In Baramulla, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg, Pattan & Kreeri assisted by SHO PS Kunzer, Incharge Police Post Palhallan & Incharge Police Post Wagoora seized 8 tractors & arrested 7 drivers at Kunzer, Shrakwara & Dargam area of Baramulla involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. They have been identified as Adil Akbar Rather son of Mohd Akbar resident of Ogmuna, Mudasir Ahmad Thokar son of Ab Ahad resident of Chek Khaitangan, Yaseen Ahmad Malik son of Habibullah Malik resident of Hurehak, Mohd Rafiq Bhat son of Ab Rehman resident of Pakipora Pattan, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani son of Ab Khaliq, Umar Salaam Parra son of Ab Salaam both residents of Tapper Payeen & Mohd Hussain Parray son of Ab Rahman resident of Goigam.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy

was devised by Jammu Police in which Police teams of Police Post Phallian, Police Post Sidhra and Border Police Post Gajansoo acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at multiple locations within their respective jurisdictions and seized 05 vehicles involved in illegal mining. PP Phallian Mandal seized 03 mining vehicles in which 01 JCB machine driver absconded from spot and was registered under case FIR no: 58/2024 u/s 353 IPC and 4/21 MMRD Act and 02 tractor trolleys loaded with sand bearing registration chassis no 1717594K2010 (JCB); MBNAAALXBKJK03132; and MBN-GAALF2NRD00790.

Tipper loaded with bajri bearing registration no. JK02BB-7587 seized by Sidhra Police; one Dumper loaded with Crusher dust bearing no: JK02CE-3899 seized by Gajansoo police.

The vehicles were found loaded with minor mineral sand without FormA/permission and so were detained.

9 absconders arrested

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SHOPIAN/ BARAMULLA/RAM-BAN: Continuing its crackdown against absconders, Police arrested 9 absconders who were absconding from last many years.

A police party of Shopian Police arrested two Absconders namely Mohammad Yousuf Chohan son of Mohammad Sie Chohan resident of Reshnagri Arda Shopian involved in case FIR No. 222/2014 under section 379 RPC and Tariq Ahmed Malik son of Nazir Ahmed Malik resident of Balpora Shopian involved in case FIR No. 55/2003 under section 452, 354, 427, 323 RPC.

Warrant of arrest was issued by the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian and Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Shopian against them respectively. They were evading their arrests since 2014 and 2003 respectively. The duo was produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian and Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Shopian on April 01, 2024.

Meanwhile, a Party of Police Station Tangmarg arrested one absconder namely Nazir Ahmad Mir son of Wali Mohammad resident of Miskeenbagh Khanyar A/P Ladoo Pampore involved in case FIR No. 03/1988 of PS Tangmarg. Similarly, a Police Party of Police Station Kunzer arrested one absconder namely Ali Mohd Kawa son of Mohammad Qasim resident of Kawapora Sumbal A/P Hamdaniya Colony Bemina Srinagar involved in case FIR No. 115/1997 of PS Pattan. Moreover, a Police Party of Police Station Boniyar arrested three absconders namely Khurshheed Ahmad Bhat son of Ali Mohammad & Farooq AHmad Bhat son of Ali Mohd both residents of Heewan Sheeri & Abdul Majeed Khawaja son of Habibullah Khawaja resident of Binayar Boniyar involved in case FIR No.'s 52/2008 & 11/2009 of PS Boniyar respectively.

Warrant of arrest was issued by the Court of Sub Judge JMJC Tangmarg & Boniyar against them. They were evading their arrests since 1988, 1997 & 2009 respectively. All were produced before the Court of JMJC Tangmarg & Boniyar.

Ramban Police also apprehended 2 absconders. SSP Ramban Anuj Kumar-IPS constituted special police teams to apprehend the absconders wanted in various cases. The police team of Police Station Batote headed by SHO PS Batote apprehended 02 absconders wanted in two different FIRs of Police Station Batote. The detail is as Anjad Ahmed son of Reyaz Ahmed resident of Kachwan Kokernag District Anantnag wanted in case FIR No. 62/2022 u/s 188/109/IPC and Section 11 PC Act and Afzal Ahmed son of Iftikar Ahmed resident of Jasrota Kathua wanted in case FIR No. 71/2022 under section 188/109 IPC and 11PC Act. Both the above named accused persons were absconding and evading their arrest after the commission of offence with a motive to avoid the legal proceedings. The Police team of PS Batote after hectic efforts produced the above named absconders before the court of Sub Judge Batote under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban, Adl.SP Ramban and overall supervision of SSP Ramban.

5 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 05 drug peddlers in Handwara, Awantipora & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Handwara, a police party of Police station Kralgund headed by SHO PS Kralgund at a checkpoint established at Pandithpora Kralgund intercepted a

person identified as Mohd Yaseen Malik son of Bashir Ahmad Malik resident of Humpora Kralgund. During search, 45 grams of charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

In Awantipora, a police party of Police Station Awantipora at a checkpoint established at Y Junction Barsoo Awantipora arrested a drug peddler identified as Aijaz Ahmad Sultan son of Sonnullah Sultan resident of Wanihama-Payeen Hazratbal Srinagar. During search, 18 grams of Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

In Kulgam, a Police party led by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar during patrolling at Furrah near railway bridge intercepted 02 suspicious persons, who on noticing police party tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully by alert police party. During search, 13 grams of Brown Sugar like contraband substance was recovered from their possession. The accused persons have been identified as Sameer Ahmad Sheikh son of Farooq Ahmad Sheikh resident of Bangi Dar Anantnag and Umer Ahmad Lone son of Mohd Ramzan Lone resident of Hangir Yarpura. They have been arrested and shifted to Police Station Qazigund where they remain in custody.

Moreover, a police party headed by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar at a checkpoint established at Mirbazar Chowk intercepted a suspicious person identified as Aadil Ahmad Khan Son of Gull Mohd Khan resident of Ashajipora A/P Bangi Dar Anantnag. During search, officers were able to recover 05 grams of Brown Sugar like contraband substance from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Theft case solved, thief arrested; worth Rs 3 lakh recovered

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NAGROTA: A theft case was solved by Police Station Nagrota, Jammu by arresting the thief recovered valuable worth 3 Lakh.

On Feb 6, 2024, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Nagrota by a lady namely Chanchal Devi to the effect that I went to Nagrota market at Own Kids Wear Shop at 1200 hours and when at about 1520 hours I reached back at home found that theft from Almirah and bed box took place and lock of main door was broken & on checking found gold items missing. On this, case FIR No. 46/2024 u/s 454/380 IPC was immediately registered at P/S Nagrota and Police swung into action.

Sensing gravity of the crime, Police team headed by SHO Nagrota Inspector Rajeshwar Singh along with IC PP Jagti Colony PSI Ishfaq Tantray was constituted by Sh. Aakash Kohli SDPO Nagrota Jammu. Different police parties were constituted at police station level which raided several hideouts. During sustained questioning it came to fore that a suspect namely Akash Khushu, son of Late Ashok, resident of Kumar Muthi Domana was the one who committed the theft and confessed his involvement in the crime. On their disclosure, gold items worth Rupees 3 lakhs recovered.

Police team led by Rajeshwar Singh SHO Nagrota and assisted by PSI Ishfaq Tantray made the arrests/recovery under the supervision of SDPO Aakash Kohli and SP Rural Brijesh Sharma (JKPS).

4 arrested with 115 bottles of illicit liquor

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JAMMU/KISHTWAR: Police on Tuesday arrested 4 persons and recovered 115 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession.

During routine Naka checking at 4th Bridge, a party of Police Post Belicharana stopped one car bearing registration no JK02AE 7588 for checking and during Checking of vehicle, police party recovered 44 quarters of illicit liquor.

Driver namely Ganesh, son of Babu Ram, resident of r/o Nai Basti, Jammu, and Co-Driver and Krishna Kumar, son of Kair Singh, resident of Nai Basti, Jammu arrested on spot and recovered liquor and the said vehicle also seized in the instant case.

District Police Kishtwar have recovered 71 bottles of illicit liquor (22 ltr) from Kuleed area of Kishtwar town.

During routine patrolling a Police Party of Police Station Kishtwar noticed some suspicious activities on a chicken shop in Kuleed area. The Police party on reaching the shop started search of the shop and during search 71 bottles of illicit liquor (22 ltr) has been recovered.

In this regard a case FIR No. 90/ 2024 under relevant provisions of law has been registered at Police Station Kishtwar against one bootlegger namely Suraj Kumar S/O Khushi Ram R/O Waseer Kuleed and his associate.

Driver booked for rash and negligent driving

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GANDOHI: Police on Tuesday nabbed a driver for rash and negligent driving. Based on specific information received in police station Gandoh that one vehicle Tata Sumo bearing Registration No JK03B-0851, driven by the driver namely Zubair Ahmed, son of Jaan Mohd, resident of Alni Gangota Tehsil Gandoh plying from Govari towards Goilbar in rash and negligent manner which was highly dangerous & risky for pedestrians and other vehicles plying on the road and the passengers boarding in it.

On Checking vehicle 9 passengers were found overloaded in the vehicle. On this, case FIR No 22/2024 under section 279,336 IPC 194-A M.V. Act stands registered in Police station Gandoh and investigation started.

Sanjay Nayar takes over as ASSOCHAM President

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JAMMU: Sanjay Nayar, a well-known name in the global financial markets and Founder and Chairman, Sorin Investment Fund has taken over as President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

Nayar with extensive experience in international finance replaces Ajay Singh, completing his tenure at the Chamber.

Nayar brings an experience of four decades in global financial and capital markets, including 25 years at Citi and nearly 14 at KKR, before retiring last year. He established KKR India operations in 2009 after leaving Citigroup.

At KKR, Sanjay led investments of around USD 14 Billion in Private Equity, Real Estate, Infrastructure, and Credit with Private equity being the largest at approximately USD 10 billion valuation.

Sanjay worked across senior leadership positions in Citigroup for 25 years in India, UK, and USA.

He served as the CEO of Citigroup's Indian and South



Asian operations and was a member of Citigroup's Global Management Committee and Asia Executive Operating Committee.

He serves as a Non-Executive Director at the new-age E-commerce company NYKAA founded by him and his wife Falguni Nayar. Sanjay was recently appointed as a non-official member of the Board of Trade, Government of India, representing the private sector and is a member of the National Startup Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Board of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), the Governing Board of the Indian School of Business (ISB), a member of the Advisory Board of Habitat for Humanity,

Chairman of Grameen Impact Investments India (GII); and Founder - Board Member of Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP).

"It is indeed a great honor for me to be elected as the President of ASSOCHAM, the apex institution with a history of over 100 years in its service to the Nation. During my Presidency, my ASSOCHAM colleagues and I will work closely with the government on the visionary goal of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for India to become a developed nation with a multi-fold increase in the country's per capita income and continuation of bold economic growth. I look forward to supporting the efforts being made by the industry to achieve the country's sustainability goals.

"India remains a bright spot in the global economy and we must leverage this position further. Given the recent success of Startup Mahakumbh led by ASSOCHAM, I look forward to catalyzing the startup culture backed by private and public savings", he said.

"ASSOCHAM would contin-

ue to play a pro-active role in the endeavour of nation building. Aligned with its four growth pillars, I look forward to furthering efforts to facilitate the MSME segment, through improved financing and digitization. The Chamber would remain an active partner of the government in the policy formulations for inclusive growth with a sense of social responsibility", said Mr Nayar.

Extending a warm welcome to the new President, ASSOCHAM Secretary General Deepak Sood said Sanjay's leadership would help the Chamber strengthen its four pillars of growth. In the coming year, ASSOCHAM will lean on Sanjay's experience and network to further facilitate the growth of the MSME segment, especially the use of emerging technologies such as AI. The chamber has been working passionately on the four pillars of Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, and Digitization. He said the chamber would work towards realizing the avowed objective of India joining the status of a developed country in the next two decades.

Dr Pawan Kotwal convenes meeting on State Climate Change Centre

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LEH: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh Dr Pawan Kotwal, convened a significant meeting to address the pressing environmental challenges facing the Union Territory of Ladakh, at the Civil Secretariat, Leh.

The central point of discussion was the establishment and functioning of the State Climate Change Centre, aimed at fostering sustainable development and resilience in the region.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ladakh Prof. S. K Mehta, unveiled a comprehensive roadmap aligning with the National Education Policy 2020, aimed at revolutionizing the educational landscape. He commenced proceedings with a meticulous presentation outlining the strategic deployment of the eSAMARTH University Management System to streamline administrative operations. The integration of the national knowledge network and the meticulous structuring of academic programs across all levels emphasize yearly progression and the augmentation of Postgraduate programs and



Advisor UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

development courses.

Furthermore, the Vice-Chancellor outlined plans for the introduction of certificate courses catering to contemporary educational demands, alongside fostering collaboration to strengthen academic endeavors.

Another presentation highlighted the establishment of the State Climate Change Centre sanctioned by the Department of Science & Technology (GoI). The center is poised to scientifically assess the Himalayan region's vulnerability to climate change across diverse dimensions encompassing physical, biological, and socio-cultural facets.

The Advisor Dr Pawan

Kotwal urged the officials to introduce certificate courses in Astro Tourism, with a special focus on the Hanle Galaxy emerging frontiers of knowledge and tourism. He highlighted the establishment of the State Climate Change Centre housed at the University of Ladakh, which addresses climate change challenges and holds sustainable practices across sectors. The Centre seeks to drive transformative initiatives that safeguard Ladakh's unique ecological heritage while fostering socio-economic development, he added. Dr Pawan Kotwal further stressed the strengthening of the Mountain Research Institute (MRI) at the

University of Ladakh and advised that SCCC and MRI should work in tandem.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh; the Commissioner/Secretary of Forest, Ecology & Environment, UT Ladakh; the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Ladakh/Chief Wildlife Warden, Ladakh; the Chief Conservator of Forest, Ladakh; the Director Accounts and Treasuries, UT Ladakh; the Senior Accounts Officer, FE&E Department, Ladakh; the Deputy Director Planning (K), PD&MD, Ladakh; Dean Research Studies and Dean School of Earth Sciences from University of Ladakh.