

Army holds motivational lecture for youth at Patti

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RAJOURI: The Indian Army conducted a lecture on "Motivating youth and fostering associations with locals in Patti Village, Darhal. A total str of 50 individual along with the Sarpanch attend the event.

The aim of the session was to inspire young minds to adopt values like discipline, patriotism and service to the nation. Interactions with local youth fostered to build trust, understandings and mutual respect among the security forces.

The session also aimed to provide career guidance and skill development opportuni-



Army official delivering lecture.

ties to the youth & promote national pride and social responsibility amongst the local population. It also focused on community development and social cohesion by encouraging youth to become responsible

citizens.

This session not only benefited the youth but also strengthened the bond between the armed forces and the local community, promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose.

DC leads Rescue & Relief operations after devastating rains, Flash Floods in Ramban

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RAMBAN: The District Administration Ramban has launched an extensive rescue and relief operation amidst devastating rains and flash floods that affected several parts of the district on Sunday morning.

Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary is personally monitoring the ongoing operations in the affected areas. Accompanied by SSP Ramban Kulbir Singh and other senior officers, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the ground situation and coordinated with the specialized teams engaged in relief efforts.



Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary taking stock of damages.

Teams from the Police, SDRF, Civil QRTs, ARMY and other stakeholder departments and agencies, besides volunteers from the local NGOs are actively engaged in rescue and restoration operations across the affected areas.

Expressing deep sorrow and grief over the tragic loss of three lives, including two children and an elderly person, the Deputy Commissioner conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. He affirmed that rescue of precious lives and restoration of the essential services

are the topmost priorities of the District Administration.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the Administration is implementing Government directives with utmost urgency to intensify rescue operations and ensure the safety and welfare of the affected people.

He appreciated the public response in adhering to advisories issued through social media and other communication channels, noting that people's alertness played a vital role in minimizing the loss of lives during the calamity.

While confirming that huge loss of property and damage to infrastructure has been reported from various parts of the district, he appealed to the public to avoid venturing into risky areas, including nallahs and landslide-prone zones, and to remain in safer locations. The Deputy Commissioner also urged the public to rely only on authentic sources of information and refrain from spreading or believing in rumours.

Modi's speeches on culture compiled in book

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NEW DELHI: From his 2015 Independence Day address in Delhi to the one delivered at an eye hospital opening last year in Varanasi, a set of 34 speeches made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a wide range of cultural subjects has now been compiled in a book.

Titled 'Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay', the curated collection lays emphasis on Modi's addresses on Indian culture, traditions, spiritual values and heritage delivered on various occasions in the past 10 years.

The book was released on Friday evening by Acharya Mahamandaleswar Pujya Swami Avdeshanand Giri Maharaj, the head of the Juna Akhara, in the presence of Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) here.

The compilation contains 34 speeches, arranged chronologically, beginning with his 2015 Independence Day address delivered from the ramparts



of the Red Fort in Delhi and the last in the series, being his speech at the inauguration of the R J Shankar Eye Hospital in Varanasi on October 2024.

These speeches cover a wide range of cultural contexts -- from sacred shrines like Kedarnath, Ram Jammabhoomi, Kashi Vishwanath Dham and Omkareshwar to occasions such as the launch of various editions of the 'Bhagavad Gita', Guru Nanak Jayanti, the Global Buddhist Conference, the birth anniversary of

Acharya Vijay Vallabh Surishwar Maharaj and the World Sufi Conference, the IGNCA said.

The IGNCA is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture.

"These speeches reflect a quest to identify the Indianness in various religious traditions. The appendix contains reflections by Acharya Shri Pragya Sagar Ji Maharaj and Shankaracharya Shri Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati Swami Ji of Kanchi Kamakoti. Both appear to affirm the cultural vision espoused by the prime minister," it said in a statement.

The Rajya Sabha deputy chairman in his address said the country is currently in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal' period.

"And the prime minister gave a resolve to make a 'Viksit Bharat' by the time we complete 100 years of our Independence. This dream of 'Viksit Bharat' was dreamt after 2014 and not dreamt before it," he added.

Rich material on taking pride on "our culture" is in this book, Harivansh said.

"After 2014, we have begun to speak about Indian culture and 'sanatan' values with pride, and that has been a big change. And, therefore, this book has greater significance," he said.

In his address, Harivansh referred to Randhari Singh Dinkar's seminal work 'Sanskriti ke Chaar Adhyay', whose foreword was written by then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Member Secretary, IGNCA, Sachchidanand Joshi highlighted the significance of the prime minister's oft-repeated maxim of 'Virasat bhi, Vikas bhi' (heritage as well as development).

IGNCA Chairman Ram Bahadur Rai has written a foreword in the book that has been published by Prabhat Prakashan.

"If we are searching for the key-board to the supercomputer of Indian culture, that quest begins and ends with this book. In this sense, this chapter is inspired by culture in the Modi era. It is also an invitation to a cultural journey," Rai writes in the foreword.

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DHARAMSHALA: With the party expected to soon elect its successor, BJP chief J P Nadda on Sunday ruled out a return to Himachal Pradesh politics.

"I am in a responsible position and there is no possibility of coming back to the state," Nadda, who was elected BJP's national president in February 2020 and has been on an extension since his three-year term ended, said at a press conference here.

The BJP is in the process of picking the chiefs of several state units in the coming days to pave the way for the election of its national president, sources said earlier this week.

"Once the appointment is made in some of the states, the process for electing Nadda's replacement will begin soon," a

party leader had said.

The state BJP president would be elected soon, Nadda said while replying to a question on Sunday. He attacked the Himachal Government, alleging that it was the "most corrupt" among the Congress governments in the country.

Nadda claimed that the Congress government in the state has given advertisements worth crores of rupees to the National Herald which is not being published.

"Himachal Government is the most corrupt among the Congress governments in the

country and tops the list in financial mismanagement," he alleged. Nadda claimed that the Congress government led by Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is trying to spread a false narrative that the Centre is not giving funds and is not concerned about the state.

"If you cannot run the government, then step down, but do not blame others," Nadda said and pointed out various initiatives taken by the BJP-led central governments for the state, including an "industrial package when A B Vajpayee was the prime minister".

AYUSH Pharmacist course introduced at ANMT School Ramban



Officials during the training programme.

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RAMBAN: In a significant step towards strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in the district, and in line with the priorities of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, AYUSH Pharmacist course has been introduced for the first time at the Ancillary Nursing & Midwifery Training (ANMT) School Ramban. This pioneering initiative aims to create a skilled workforce in the field of traditional Indian medicine. Alongside the ten students enrolled in the newly launched AYUSH Pharmacist course, over 90 trainees from other healthcare streams including Female Multi-Purpose Health Worker (FMPHW), Medical Assistant, and Laboratory Assistant courses are also being introduced to the fundamentals of the Ayurvedic system of medicine.

According to Dr. Masood Iqbal Zargar, Senior Medical Officer AYUSH, who has been engaged as the AYUSH Lecturer at the ANMT School, this initiative will play a vital role in filling vacant positions of AYUSH Pharmacists at AYUSH Arogya Mandirs previously known as AYUSH Dispensaries and later as AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres.

"This initiative is not just about addressing manpower gaps," Dr. Zargar added, "it also aims to promote the ancient Indian System of Medicine, known for being natural, cost-effective, and free from harmful side effects thus making it accessible and beneficial to the larger population."

Kathua police attaches movable/immovable property worth 14.58 lakh of drug kingpin

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BILLAWAR: As a part of its relentless effort against drug peddlers/smugglers, Police has executed attachment operation by PS Billawar resulting in the freezing / seizure of movable property i.e. scooter bearing Regd. No. JK08M-4244 worth rupees 80 thousand approximately and immovable



property Double storey building worth Rs. 13.78 lac owned by drug Kingpin namely Rahul @ Rotu S/o Balbir Singh R/o Ward No.4 Tehsil Ramkot Distt. Kathua.

The action was taken by Police team headed by SHO PS Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq and assisted by I/C PP Ramkot Ramlheer singh under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh. Neeraj Padyar JKPS and over all supervision of worthy SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS under sections 68 A.2 (c), & E read with 68-F of the NDPS Act of 1985, dealing with provisions for attachment of properties of drug peddlers/smugglers.

The drug Kingpin Rahul is presently in Judicial custody in case FIR No. 69/2023 U/S 8/21/22/29/ NDPS Act of Police Station Billawar and is also involved in multiple cases registered under NDPS Act at PS Billawar district Kathua which includes FIR 69/2023 U/S 8/21/22/29/ NDPS Act of Police Station Billawar; FIR 170/2024 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act of Police station Billawar.

The Immovable property (Double storey building) and Moveable Property (scooty Activa) was identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation/inquiry conducted by the police with the help of transport and Revenue department. The properties was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by the drug peddler.

This operation reaffirms the commitment of Kathua Police to combat the drug menace. Local people of the area hailed this unprecedented initiative of Kathua against drug dealers.

Approx. 2000 litres of Lahan destroyed; Approx. 45 litres illicit liquor seized, one held

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KATHUA: In continuation to stringent actions against illicit liquor menace, J&K police at Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS cracked down on illicit liquor; conducted a series of raids in the jurisdictional area of PP Nagri at Mirpur Jaggo area, destroyed approx. 2000 litres of Lahan, one person arrested, Seized 45 Litres Desi (Illicit Liquor) as well equipments used for making illicit liquor (Desi) were also seized on spot.

On 20/04/2025, on the information of District Special Branch Kathua, joint team of DSB Kathua & PP Nagri raided at Mirpur Jagoo area. During checking



the joint police teams recovered approx 45 litres illicit liquor from the house of Abhishek Kumar Age 21 Yrs. S/o Chanda R/o Mirpur Jagoo Tehsil Kathua who was preparing illicit liquor by installing Distillation Unit at his house. Thereafter the said person was arrested and also destroyed approx. 2000 litres of lahan as well as destroyed makeshift production units used for manufacturing of illicit liquor. In this regard a case under relevant sections has been registered at PS Kathua and further investigation is underway. Moreover it is pertinent to mention here that on 15/04/2025 approx. 1300 litres of lahan was destroyed and approx. 10 litres of illicit liquor was also recovered from the Karan Kumar S/o Chanda at same spot for which a case under relevant sections has already been registered at PS Lakhampur and further investigation is underway.

SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena IPS said that strong steps are being taken to contain drug and liquor menace in the district. He further said that such raids will be conducted in other identified areas where such illegal activities are going on. The SSP Kathua also warned all those who are indulging in illicit liquor trade saying, strict action under law will be taken against them. He also appealed to people of the area to come forward and share information about any such illegal activities with Police by dialing 100 or 9858034100.

Missing boy traced re-united with family

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POONCH: Police traced out missing boy within 48 hours and re-united with his family.

A missing report of a boy namely Rehan Nazir S/O Nazir Ahmed R/O Baila, Tehsil Mandi age about 18 years was entered at Police Station Mandi vide DDR No. 22 Dated 18-04-2025 and now he has been traced and re-united with his family.

Soon after getting the information regarding his missing, search of the said boy was started. On the directions of SSP Poonch Sh Shafket Hussain JKPS, a team was constituted from PS Mandi under the supervision of SHO Mandi and overall supervision of DySP Hqrs Poonch in search of missing boy. The Police team by using all possible means as well as technical help, succeeded in tracing his out today on 20-04-2025.

Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the boy has been handed over to his family and missing report has been closed.

Mobile phone robbery solved, 3 lakhs worth Mobile phones recovered, two accused arrested

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BANDIPORA : Police station Bandipora received an application on 21-03-2025 from one one shopkeeper namely Sheik



Javid Ahmad S/o Gh Mohd R/o Plan Bandipora ward no.2 who is running a mobile phone shop "Sheik Electronics", at Bandipora. The complainant mentioning therein that during that intervening night of 20/21 March 2025 some thieves have barged the entity of their house and thefted near about 17/18 Android Mobile phones valuing approximately 3 lacs from their Car bearing registration number JK15-5752 parked in the lawn of their residential house.

Subsequently in this regard case FIR NO 47/25 u/s 331(4),305(B) BNS was registered in police station

Bandipora.

A special team of PS Bandipora headed by SHO Ps Bandipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora was constituted and investigation started. During investigation with the help of some human as well technical threads police zeroed on two suspects who were questioned and during questioning they confessed the commission of crime and Bandipora Police recovered the said stolen mobile phones from the accused persons. They said have been identified as Junaid Ahmad Bhat S/o Reyaz Ahmad Bhat R/o Ward No.2 Bandipora and Sahil Tariq Malla S/o Tariq Ahmad Malla R/o Nowpora Bandipora A/P Ajar Bandipora.

Inclement Weather/Incessant Rains Police provides helping hand to needy in Kulgam

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KULGAM: In view of the ongoing inclement weather and incessant rainfall across various parts of valley, the J&K Police have come forward to provide timely assistance to the needy people in Kulgam.

During the intervening night of 19/20-04-2025, Police Post Jawahar Tunnel received the distress call for assistance from the residents of Gulabagh stating therein that due to clogging of water flowing in a stream there, the flood water has entered into the residential houses. Promptly, a Police team of Police post Jawahar Tunnel under the supervision of SSP Kulgam was constituted who swiftly reached the spot.

With strenuous efforts and by using all available means, the water was diverted in the main stream which not only retarded flood water from entering into the said village but safe guarded the property and lives of the said area.

General public especially the residents of the said village thanked the Police for prompt response and assistance at a crucial juncture. Police reiterates its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

Police seizes illicit timber in Handwara

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HANDWARA: In a significant operation aimed at curbing the illegal trade of forest resources, Police in Handwara seized a substantial quantity of illicit timber, dealing a major blow to timber smugglers operating in the region.

Acting on specific information, a police party from PS Handwara conducted raids at two locations in the Darashpora area of Handwara.

During the operation, a total of 28 illegally felled timber logs were seized on the spot. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 80/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Handwara and investigation is underway.

This action reflects the continued commitment of Jammu & Kashmir Police to protect the environment and preserve the ecological balance of the region and urges citizens to report any suspicious activities related to forest produce or environmental violations.

Drug peddler nabbed with 7 grams of Heroin

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RAJOURI: In a major crackdown on drug trafficking the Rajouri Police apprehended one individual with possession of 7 Grams of Heroin (chitta) like narcotics substance during checking at Kallar Naka, Rajouri.

Police team of PS Rajouri was on checking at Naka and intercepted one motorcycle which was without number plates and was on its way from Nawshera to Rajouri. During questioning the accused identified himself as Sarbjot Singh, son of Raghbir Singh, resident of Rajpura Kamila Lam Rajouri.

During his personal search, police recovered Heroin like narcotics substance weighing 07 grams from his illegal possession.

In this regard, a case of FIR No. 218/2025 under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rajouri. The accused was arrested on the spot and the recovered contraband has been seized as evidence.

Further investigation is underway to trace the backward and forward linkages of the drug network.

IN THE COURT OF PRESIDING OFFICER, MACT, UDHAMPUR	
Present: Virinder Singh Bhou	
Rahul Kumar S/o Lt Kaku Ram R/o Village Ressain Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur through his Grandfather namely Chet Ram as natural guardian.	(Petitioner)
Versus	
1. Sr. Divisional Manager Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd (Insurer).	
2. Raj Kumar S/O Hakum Chand R/O Bindla Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur.	
(Owner of the offending vehicle bearing no JK02T-1857)	
3. Kapil Sharma S/O Karan Kumar R/O Village Ramkote Tehsil Billawer District Kathua.	
(Driver of the offending vehicle)	
IN THE MATTER OF:- Claim Petition 166/140 of Motor Vehicle Act.	
Proclamation	
Whereas the above titled claim petition is pending for disposal before this Tribunal and next date of hearing is fixed on 16.05.2025. The respondent no.3 namely Kapil Sharma S/O Karan Kumar R/O Village Ramkote Tehsil Billawer District Kathua (Driver of the offending vehicle) was summoned through registered post, but he has not appeared before this Tribunal Personally or through any recognized agent. Therefore, now above named respondent no.3 is hereby summoned through this publication to appear in this Tribunal personally or through any recognized agent on the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate order shall be passed under law.	
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal today on 15.04.2025.	
Sd/- Presiding officer MACT, Udhampur	

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE UDHAMPUR	
Present:- Sh. Virinder Singh Bhou	
Ram Rattan Manhas v/s Sonum Dorjay and anr	
IN THE MATTER OF:- Suit for recovery of Rs. 2,32,000/- along with interest @8% per annum.	
Summon to defendant no.2 by way of Proclamation:-	
1) Thella S/o Kunga Laba R/o Shey Chuglamsars, Leh Phone No. 9797489005 Pin 194201.	
Whereas the plaintiff has instituted a suit for recovery of Rs. 2,32,000/- against you, you are hereby summoned by way of proclamation to appear in this court in person or through advocate /attorney holder on 09.05.2025 at 10.00. A.M. to answer the suit and to file the objections, if any. You are directed to produce on that date all documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence. If the date fixed is declared holiday, then the matter shall be taken up on the next working day.	
Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 18th day of April 2025.	
Sd/- Principal District Judge Udhampur	