

Fire erupts at grid station in Udhampur

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A fire broke out at a grid station in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Thursday and efforts are underway to control it, police said.

They said the grid station is in the Battal Ballian industrial area and police and fire department personnel are at the spot. "We are trying to control the fire as there is oil stock and big transformers there," Deputy Superintendent of Police Prahlad Sharma said.

He said efforts are being made to extinguish it with foam.

Illegal Mining: 211 Vehicles seized, Rs.72 lakh fine/ penalty realised in first quarter at Pulwama

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PULWAMA: In order to curb the menace of illegal mining in the district, the Enforcement teams comprising Mining, Revenue, Police and I&FC besides others continued operations against illegal mining across different locations.



In a statement, DMO informed that a total of 211 vehicles/machinery indulging in illegal transportation/ extraction of minerals have been seized from offenders and fine/ penalty to the tune of Rs. 72,23,000 has been realised from the offenders. Besides, FIRs against 25 persons/ vehicles found to be involved in illegal mining have been lodged in various police stations of the district.

The proactive stance taken by joint teams ensuring environmental sustainability and the preservation of natural resources has resulted in seizures and deterrence by boing the offenders.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr Basharat Qayoom issued unequivocal instructions to prevent and deter illegal mining throughout the district during various District Mining Task force meetings.

District Administration has warned violators against resorting to illegal means and asked to follow proper procedural norms.

To ensure that various govt works are not hampered, disposal permits for a quantity minerals have been issued under rules thereby providing legal source of material for different developmental activities.

The permit holders have been cautioned not to violate the terms and conditions of the permits and in some cases the permits found to be violating the norms were cancelled immediately.

Moreover, a large quantity of minerals from legal blocks of neighbouring districts are being transported to other parts of Pulwama and Srinagar via Pulwama district. Such block holders have been directed to carry all requisite documents as mandated under law.

DMO Pulwama has advised people to desist from indulging in any kind of illegal mining, and procure the material from legal sources only otherwise stringent action shall follow against the offenders.

Notorious criminal of Gataru gang booked under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In order to curb the criminal activities in the district, Samba Police has detained and lodged in jail notorious criminal of Gataru gang Rohit Baloria under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The notorious criminal Rohit Baloria S/o GopalKrishan R/o Vijaypur tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba has been involved in a number of criminal cases registered against him at Police Stations of district Samba & district Jammu viz. PS Bishnah, PS Ramgarh and PS Vijaypur. His criminal activities have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquillity.

Following his repeated engagement in criminal activities, detention order was issued by the District Magistrate Samba based on detailed dossier prepared by SSP Samba. The police team led by SHO PS Vijaypur successfully executed the warrant, detained the notorious criminal Rohit Baloria and lodged in District Jail Kathua.

It is pertinent to mention here that kingpin of Gataru gang and his brother have already been booked under PSA by Police.

Bovine transportation banned in Reasi District

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Additional District Magistrate, in exercise of powers vested under section 144 Cr.PC has prohibited the transportation of bovine animals within the jurisdiction of District Reasi, without seeking permission from the District Magistrate.

The order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of two months. However, it shall not apply in case of transportation of bovine animals by the Government departments for departmental purposes.

Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 4 vehicles seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.



In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

Police Post Sandwan seized one tractor trolley without any Reg.No. found loaded with sand without any permission.

Police Station Nagrota seized one small tipper bearing Reg.No. JK02DB7621 and Chasis No. MAT804301N8J19684 loaded with sand without Form-A.

PS Gharota seized two vehicle involved in illegal mining one Tipper bearing Registration No. JK02X-0482 loaded with sand and one Tractor bearing Reg.No. JK02DC-4333 loaded with stone gravel.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

While giving the details SP Rural Jammu, conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

Police intensifies traffic enforcement drive; 80 vehicles Challenged, 14 seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a concerted effort to bolster road safety and

enforce traffic regulations, the District Police Jammu conducted an extensive traffic enforcement drive on Thursday. The operation resulted in the issuance of 80 traffic Challans across multiple police stations within the district. This rigorous initiative underscores the police department's commitment to maintaining order and safety on the roads.

During the operation, the police also seized 14 vehicles with 6 of these vehicles found to have modified silencers, in direct violation of motor vehicle regulations. The crackdown on such modifications is part of a broader strategy to curb noise pollution and enhance motor vehicle Act compliance.

The District Police Jammu reiterates its appeal to all vehicle owners and drivers to adhere strictly to traffic rules and regulations. Ensuring road safety is a collective responsibility, and the public's cooperation is vital in achieving this goal. Compliance with traffic laws not only protects individual drivers but also safeguards the broader community.

Two notorious drug smugglers held with Charas

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police in District Doda has apprehended two notorious drug smugglers and recovered 800/900 grams charas like substance from their possession in Gandoh area of District Doda.



Giving details Doda Police said that a Police party of Police station Gandoh was on Patrolling and area domination duty in the area of Alni, Seru Kahaljugassar Gandoh. During Patrolling in Alni area (02) persons who were coming by foot, tried to flee from the spot after seeing patrolling party in Alni area of Gandoh. Acting swiftly police party apprehended both the persons. After preliminary enquiry, they disclosed their names as Sardar Mohd, son of Shukar Din, resident of Seru, Shapriot (324) Thaneikothi District Chamba (HP) and Hosiya Singh, son of Parmatama Singh, resident of Sanwal Tehsil Churah (315) Distt Chamba HP

During their personal search, Cannabis (Charas) like substance wrapped in polythene weighing about 800/900 grams was recovered from their possession.

On this, a case FIR No 56/2024 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act stands registered in P/S Gandoh and investigation started. Mentionable here that Doda Police has launched special drive to tighten the noose of drug peddlers, bootleggers and other criminals in the District.

Police seeks public's help in tracing mentally challenged missing youth

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police Station Nowabad, Jammu has sought help of the general public to trace the mentally challenged missing youth namely Bittu Sharma, son of Jagdish Sharma, resident of Vill. Kullhand, Doda Age - 25 yrs. He has gone missing from near Petrol Pump, Below Gumat Jammu.



He is mentally challenged and was last time seen at 1500 hours on 10/05/24. His I/R is as follows :- Height - 5' 5" Colour - Fair Built - Normal wearing Chocolate Colour Pant, Light Pink Colour Shirt with stripes, Black Shoes.

If found anywhere please contact on below mentioned mobile Nos. :- 9419835599 SHO Nowabad 7006031404 PSI Jeewan Kumar 9419890031 HC Zulfiqar (MHC) or 0192542000 PCR Jammu.

91 bovines rescued, 9 smugglers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators under Operation KAMDHENU, Ramban Police under the supervision of SSP Ramban Shri Anuj Kumar-IPS has foiled bovine smuggling attempts, registered 07 FIRs arrested 06 bovine smugglers, rescued 75 bovines and seized 06 vehicles.

Police team of Police station Chanderkote headed by SHO Chanderkote while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted 01 vehicle held one accused. During checking 03 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police team of Police station Ramban headed by SHO Ramban while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted 03 vehicles held 01 Person and 02 manged to escape Spot. During checking 33 bovines were found laden inside these 03 vehicles which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally. Police Party of PS Ramsoo headed by SHO Ramsoo intercepted a vehicle and held one person. During checking 26 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle, which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally. In another instance Police team of Police station Banihal headed by SHO Banihal while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted 01 vehicle held one accused. During checking 08 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police team of Police station Dharamkund headed by SHO Dharamkund while performing Naka checking duty intercepted 02 persons who were taking 05 bovine animals on foot towards Kash illegally. As a result, a total of 75 bovine Animals were rescued under the operation "KAMDHENU." Subsequently, FIR No. 66/2024 was registered at Police Station Chanderkote, FIR Nos. 105/2024, 106/2024 and 107/2024 at P/S Ramban FIR No. 62/2024 at P/S Ramsoo, FIR No. 73/2024, at PS Banihal and FIR No. 24 stands registered at P/S Dharamkund under Sections 188 IPC and under section 11 of the Prevention of cruelty to Animals Act. The investigation has been initiated into these cases. 06 persons arrested and 06 vehicles involved in the commission of offence have been seized.

Police Post Sidhra also foiled one bovine smuggling bid, rescued 02 bovines and seized one Mahindra bearing registration No. JK02CC-6478 from Toote Di Khui. Accused driver namely Muzaffar Choudhary, son of Ali Mohd, resident of Chowadi arrested from spot. In this regard, Case FIR No.146/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA stands registered in PS Nagrota.

Moreover, 02 more bovine smuggling bids foiled by Police Post Manwal, rescued 14 bovines and arrested both the accused namely Mohd. Riaz, son of Mohd. Sharif, resident of Gandala District Udhampur & Mohd. Bashir, son of Noor Ali, resident of Parnara, Majalta Udhampur from spot who are transporting them by foot. In this regard two FIRs no. 120/121 of 2024 Under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. Investigation of all the cases are in progress.

Bombay High Court Verdict Against Slanderous Campaign Targeting Malabar Group

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Maharashtra The Bombay High Court has, on Thursday, May 9th, issued a strong verdict against those defaming and disseminating misinformation across social media platforms against Malabar Group's scholarship programme that provided education scholarships to 77,000 underprivileged girl students across the country.

The Court granted interim relief to Malabar Gold Limited and directed the opposite party to immediately remove the defamatory content from the defendant's Twitter handle and restrain the person from issuing further defamatory statements.

The Court also directed social media platforms X (Twitter), Instagram, and META Platforms Inc. to take down any posts or comments related to the defamatory content and prohibited the uploading of similar content in the future from specified URLs.

The Court criticised the defendant/opposite party for selectively choosing one photograph that captures scholarships extended to girls from a particular communi-

ty while ignoring the broader initiative of empowering girls through education. The Court also emphasised that this selective posting is damaging the reputation and goodwill of Malabar Group, with the potential to create divisions in society. Moreover, the dissemination of misleading information on various social media platforms is an intentional effort to harm the Malabar Group's reputation, the court opined.

Malabar Gold Limited is a prominent company engaged in the manufacturing and retail of jewellery and other articles crafted in gold, silver, precious stones, diamonds and premium watches, under the brand name "Malabar Gold & Diamonds."

The court emphasised that Malabar Group's philanthropic endeavours, particularly its provision of scholarships to young girls regardless of their caste, creed, or religion, should be acknowledged. Unlike discriminatory practices, the scholarships are awarded based on the girls' talent and potential rather than their religious or caste affiliations,

the court noted.

The court acknowledged the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives undertaken by the Malabar Group, including the provision of scholarships to over 77,000 girls nationwide, along with substantial spending totalling Rs. 246 crore on various social welfare activities, notably women's empowerment.

The presiding judge of the Bombay High Court underscored that the actions of the defendants have tarnished the reputation of the global brand- Malabar Group, known for its philanthropic endeavours benefiting the impoverished and marginalised. The verdict highlighted the Group's ongoing charitable efforts for societal welfare. Adv. Lawyers, led by Karl Tamboli, represented the Malabar Group in the proceedings.

MP Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, stated that the Bombay High Court has issued a strong order against those who defame activities aimed at the larger benefit of society and misuse them for hate propaganda. He



emphasised that the Malabar Group will take stronger action against those involved in such activities.

About Malabar Gold & Diamonds

Malabar Gold & Diamonds is the flagship company of Malabar Group, a leading diversified Indian business conglomerate. Established in 1993 in Kerala, Malabar Gold & Diamonds today has a strong retail network of over 350 stores spread across 13 countries and 14 wholesale units, in addition to offices, design centres, and factories across India, Australia, Canada, U.K., USA, the Middle East, and the Far East. With an annual turnover of \$5.2 billion, the company currently ranks 6th among the largest jewellery retailers globally.

Air India ceased be State or its instrumentality under Article 12 post disinvestment: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Air India Limited (AIL) ceased to be State or its instrumentality under Article 12 of the Constitution after its disinvestment and take over by the Tata Group in January 2022, and no case of alleged violation of fundamental right would lie against it, the Supreme Court ruled on Thursday.

The apex court dismissed the appeals filed against a September 20, 2022 verdict of the Bombay High Court which had disposed of four writ petitions instituted by some employees of AIL over alleged stagnation in pay and non-promotion of employees and delay in payment of wage revision arrears, among others.

The top court noted that the petitions before the high court had claimed violation of Articles 14 (equality before law), 16 (equality of opportunity in matters of public employment), and 21 (protection of life and personal liberty) of the Constitution.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta noted that the high court had disposed of the pleas on the ground of non-maintainability of the writ petitions owing to the privatisation of AIL.

It said there was no dispute that the Government of India, having transferred its 100 per cent share to Talace India Pvt Ltd, ceased to have any administrative control or deep pervasive control over the private entity and hence, "the company after its disinvestment could not have been treated to be a State anymore after having been taken over by the private company".

"Thus, unquestionably, the respondent no.3 (AIL) after its disinvestment ceased to be a State or its instrumentality within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India," it said.

The bench said once AIL ceased to be covered by the definition of State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution, it could not have been subjected to the court's writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution.

"The respondent no.3 (AIL), the erstwhile government run airline having been taken over by the private company Talace India Pvt Ltd, unquestionably, is not performing any public duty inasmuch as it has taken over the government company Air India Limited for the purpose of commercial operations, plain and simple, and

thus no writ petition is maintainable against respondent no.3 (AIL)," it said.

The apex court noted that AIL was a government entity on the date of filing of the writ petitions before the high court and the pleas came to be decided after a significant delay, by which time, the company had been disinvested and taken over by a private player.

It said since AIL had been disinvested and assumed the character of a private entity not performing any public function, the high court could not have exercised the extraordinary writ jurisdiction to issue a writ to such private entity.

"The division bench (of the high court) has taken care to protect the rights of the appellants to seek remedy and thus, it cannot be said that the appellants have been non-suited in the case. It is only that the appellants would have to approach another forum for seeking their remedy," the bench said in its verdict.

"By no stretch of imagination, the delay in disposal of the writ petitions could have been a ground to continue with and maintain the writ petitions because the forum, that is, the high court where the writ petitions were insti-

tuted could not have issued a writ to the private respondent which had changed hands in the intervening period," it said.

The bench said the view taken by the high court in denying equitable relief to the appellants and relegating them to approach the appropriate forum for ventilating their grievances was the only just and permissible view.

"In wake of the discussion made hereinabove, we do not find any reason to take a different view from the one taken by the division bench of the Bombay High Court in sustaining the preliminary objection qua maintainability of the writ petitions preferred by the appellants and rejecting the same as being not maintainable," the top court said, while dismissing the appeals.

The bench noted that on October 8, 2021, the Centre announced that it had accepted the bid of Talace India Pvt Ltd to purchase its 100 per cent shares in AIL.

It further noted that on January 27, 2022, pursuant to the share purchase agreement signed with Talace India Pvt Ltd, 100 per cent equity shares of Government of India in AIL were bought by the private company and AIL was privatised.

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Sub:- Setting up of Control Room (24x7) in Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No. 1 Jammu
Office Order No. 02 of 2024-25

Keeping in view of the Essential Service, Control Room/Complaint Cell have been setup in all the Sub Divisions offices under the jurisdiction of Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No.1 Jammu to monitors the grievances/ Complaints of the general public effectively a complaints cell (24*7) with the land line number is established in Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No.1 BC road complex Jammu and the following Officers/Official are hereby nominated to attend the duties as per the roster given below to attend the Complaints ON OFFICE LAND LINE NUMBER 1912957587. Any Holiday falling in between shall be attended in rotation subsequently.

- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) city division no. 1-9419204484.
- Asst. Executive Engineer JS PHE Sub-Division Bakshi Nagar-9419238887.
- Asst. Executive Engineer JS PHE Sub-Division Dhounthly-9419186824.
- Asst. Executive Engineer JS PHE Sub-Division Muthi-9419282880.
- Asst. Executive Engineer JS PHE Sub-Division Sitlee-9419192406.

S.NO.	Name of the officers/officials Shri/Smt.	Day	Duty Time
1	Nishant Sharma	Monday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Nitika Sharma, Lakhwant Kaur		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Ankush		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Karan Singh	Tuesday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Anoop Sethi, Sarita Raina		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Pankaj Kumar		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Anit Raj	Wednesday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Pooja Sethi, Anju Bala		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Mohit Kalotra		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Ankush	Thursday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Shivani Charak, Renu Bala		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Jeewan Lal Thakur		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Sanjeev Gandotra	Friday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Sunita W/o Ashwani, Neeru Devi		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Mohan Lal		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Ramesh Kumar	Saturday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Veena, Neelam Gupta		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Nishant Sharma		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m
1	Apramjeet Sharma	Sunday	6.00 a.m to 10.00 a.m
2	Pankaj		10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m
3	Anit Raj		4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m

No.: PHECD/634-37
Date: 16/05/2024
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Dated: 16/05/24

Sd/-
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