

NOTICE

I, Swarn Singh applied for change of name bearing Consumer ID No. 0101030010872 R/o H. No. 88, Old Rehari Chungi, Jammu from Smt. Renu Devi to Sh. Swarn Singh that in case of any dispute arises, I will not claim any legal right of land ownership on the basis of Electric Connection and department will disconnect the power. Objections if any may be conveyed to Sub Division-III, ED-1, Parade within one week.

NOTICE

I, Sonika Thakur D/o Roshan Lal R/o Bhatoli Tehsil Gundoh District Doda have applied For the date of birth certificate, as my date of birth is 05-01-1990, I have applied In the court of Executive Magistrate Ist Class Gundoh, Objection if any may be conveyed to The Concerned authorities with in seven days from the date of publication of the notice.

Satish conducts extensive tour of Kaleeth, Battal, Kharah, Thakar, Jogwan areas of Jammu

Assesses ongoing return, rehabilitation process of displaced border residents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today conducted an extensive tour of Kaleeth, Battal, Kharah, Thakar, and Jogwan areas to assess the ongoing return and rehabilitation process of displaced border residents.

During the visit, Minister Sharma personally interacted with several families who have recently started returning to their homes after being displaced due to recent disturbances. He assured the residents of the government's full support in ensuring a smooth and dignified return.

As part of the government's immediate relief measures, around 500

essential ration and relief kits, facilitated in collaboration with a supporting NGO (Akshaya Patra) were distributed among the affected households. These kits include food supplies and other daily-use necessities aimed at supporting families during the transition period.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the visit, Minister Sharma said

, "Omar Abdullah government is fully committed to the rehabilitation and welfare of every affected citizen. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that no family is left behind and that their return to normal life is facilitated with dignity and compassion."

He further emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts between government departments, local admin-

istration and civil society organizations to ensure sustainable rehabilitation and long-term development of the affected regions.

The Minister also directed local officials to maintain regular communication with the returning families and monitor the progress of infrastructure restoration, health care availability and other essential services.

MLA Pahalgam distributes ex-gratia relief among Human-Wildlife Conflict victims

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: In a compassionate gesture towards the victims of human-wildlife conflict, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Pahalgam, M Altaf Kaloo, on Sunday distributed ex-gratia relief cheques at Townhall Aishmuqam.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Kaloo emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive and strategic plan to mitigate rising incidents of human-wildlife conflict in the region. "While the ex-gratia relief provides temporary support to the

victims, our main focus should be on preventing such incidents from occurring in the first place," he said.

On the occasion, DFO gave a detailed presentation highlighting the department's ongoing efforts, achievements, and future strategies aimed at minimizing human-wildlife conflicts and ensuring safety for both communities and wildlife.

Later, MLA also chaired the consultative meeting on the management of Overa -Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, besides, inferred that he saw first time a

detailed and scientific plan for Overa-Aru WLS for 10 years from 2025- 2035, also detailed DPR for Mini Zoo Pahalgam was appreciated.

The initiative was appreciated by the victims, who expressed hope for more proactive measures and increased community engagement in wildlife management.

DFO Wildlife Protection South along with concerned Wildlife Rangers, field staff, human-wildlife victims and civil society members were present on the occasion.

Power Shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCIL, in order to carry out the works of stabilization/ branch cutting and necessary maintenance of the 33 KV Watrhail line, shutdown of 33KV Waterhail line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Waterhail, Waterwani, Charangam and PHE filtration Plant shall remain off while power supply to Waterhail, Sholipora, Lobertal, Dadina, Prisabad, Samsaan, Parthan, Waterhail, PHE Substation, Charangam, Bane gund, Punchgund, Uttligam and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 19, 21 & 24 May, 2025.

Similarly to carry out Branch cutting and necessary maintenance works, the shutdown of 33KV Nowbugh Chadoora line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Chadoora, Panzan, Ranger shall remain off while power supply to Sogam, Rapora, Dawlatpora, Panzan, Lalgam, Chadoora, Chadoora Hospital, Wathoora, Budgam and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 19 May, 2025.

Also in this connection, the shutdown of 33KV Nowbugh Charisharief line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Char-I, Char-II, Hafroo and Nagam shall remain off while power supply to Kakawring, Yousmarg, Charisharief, Rakhayee, ITI Charisharief, Shrine, Tilsara, Badipora, Nagam, Hayatpora, Buzzgo, Loolipora, Hafroo and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on 19 May, 2025.

Further to facilitate Upgradation/ stabilization

of 33 KV Alasteng Nagbal, the shutdown of 33KV Alasteng Nagbal line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Alasteng, Nagbal, Gadoora, Tulbagh shall remain off while power supply to Shuhama, Bakura, Darend, Nagbal, Fatehpura, Gadoora, Tulbagh, Chumduna, Shairpathri, pandach and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM on 19 & 21 May, 2025.

Also in this connection, the shutdown of 33KV Alasteng Zakura line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Gulabagh, Ahmad Nagar, Umarhair shall remain off while power supply to Pathan Colony, Gulabagh, Mir Mohalla, Umarhair, Nowbugh, Ahmad Nagar, 90 ft road, Khalmullah and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM on 19 May, 2025.

Moreover to carry out Shifting of 33 KV Handwara HOT line at Vadipora to facilitate road widening, the shutdown of 33KV Handwara Hot line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Handwara, Chougul, Pohrupeth shall remain off while power supply to Handwara, Chogul, Pohrupeth and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on 19 May, 2025.

Likewise to cut down trees which are in close proximity of said 33 KV line, the shutdown of 33KV Yaripora Behibagh Tap line shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Behibagh shall remain off while power supply to Sempora, Alamgung, Daderkoot, Behibagh, Kadder, Harnain Shopian and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM on 19 May, 2025.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Complying with a high court order, the Delhi government has rolled out a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for managing bomb threats in schools that includes a raft of measures like installing CCTV cameras, making evacuation plans and holding regular safety audits and mock drills.

Designed by the Directorate of Education (DoE), the protocol has a four-tier strategy focusing on prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

It aims to instill a culture of preparedness and vigilance while ensuring a swift and coordinated response during emergencies, the DoE said.

To maintain transparency and accountability, schools are now required to submit a monthly safety checklist to their respec-

tive district authorities, it said. The SOP also includes strict warnings against hoax threats and mentions that legal action will be taken against those responsible for false alarms. This applies to students, parents and the staff.

The step is significant as more than 200 schools in Delhi received bomb threats in 2024-25 that turned out to be hoax.

According to a statement from DoE, the SOP was drafted following directions from the Delhi High Court and is aligned with national safety guidelines. It takes immediate effect and applies to all schools in the capital including government, government-aided, minority-run, and recognised unaided private institutions.

"Each school must create its own threat management plan tailored to its layout and resources," it

stated.

The SOP also emphasised the need for regular safety audits, structured staff training, and awareness campaigns to prepare students and parents for possible emergency situations.

The department in its SOP has instructed the principals and schools to form School Safety Committees, overseeing routine mock drills, ensuring emergency kits are maintained, and coordinating evacuation routes.

The SOP has mentioned the seamless coordination with emergency services like Delhi Police, fire service and the traffic police.

"Schools are required to maintain updated building layouts, install CCTV cameras, and secure their perimeters to assist police and fire personnel during threat assessments and evacuation," the statement stated.

Experts call for urgent action on men's mental health issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Men accounted for 72 per cent of suicides committed in India in 2022. This data from the National Crime Records Bureau has experts raising concerns about the rising mental health issues in men, which they say are largely overlooked.

Men are often conditioned to suppress vulnerability, leading to silent suffering and in many cases devastating consequences, said Jyoti Kapoor, founder-director and senior psychiatrist at Manasthali.

"Understanding and supporting men's mental health has never been more critical. We must normalise

mental health conversations, provide accessible therapy resources and foster environments that encourage emotional expression without judgment, "both at home and workplace," Dr Kapoor said.

The incidents of atrocities against men -- ranging from false accusations and emotional abuse to domestic violence and legal harassment -- not only cause significant psychological trauma but also reflect a deeper, systemic neglect of male emotional well-being.

A study conducted in rural Haryana further revealed that 52.4 per cent of married men reported

experiencing gender-based violence, often without access to legal recourse or psychological support.

Societal narratives continue to overlook the pain of men and the need of the hour is urgent reforms, including gender-inclusive mental health policies, safe spaces for emotional expression, and the dismantling of harmful stereotypes that discourage vulnerability in men.

Dr Shweta Sharma, General Secretary of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists and Founder of Mansa Global Foundation for Mental Health, said, "Men who experience violence or are wrongfully accused often

suffer in silence, fearing ridicule or disbelief. These experiences not only impact their mental health but also distort their sense of identity, purpose and safety. In therapy, we frequently see how unacknowledged trauma in men can manifest as withdrawal, aggression, substance use or suicidal ideation."

The issue is further compounded by a lack of legal safeguards, said Dr Preeti Singh, Senior Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Seamless Minds Clinic and Paras Health.

A 2013-"14 study found that 53.2 per cent of rape charges filed during that period were false, sparking concern among psycholo-

gists and legal experts alike about the psychological toll on the falsely accused, she said.

The fallout often includes clinical depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and long-term emotional trauma.

"These are the silent stories that rarely make it out -- "men suffering alone, carrying a burden that is becoming unbearable. The system must become gender-neutral, fair and emotionally intelligent. Let's stop numbing men's pain with silence or stereotypes -- "check in, talk to them and remind them that strength can look like vulnerability," said Dr Preeti Singh.

Operation Ploughing in full swing: Jammu South Police seizes 7 vehicles involved in illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As part of its intensified action under Operation Ploughing, Jammu Police, South Zone has seized a total of 07 vehicles involved in illegal mining activities across its jurisdiction.

The operation launched by SP South Ajay Sharma and executed by SHO and ICPPS of South Zone under the supervision of SDPO East Sheezan Bhat, SDPO South Sh. Sunil Jasrotia, and overall guidance of SSP Jammu Sh. Joginder Singh-JKPS, carried out decisive enforcements and underscores South Zone's firm resolve to protect natural resources and enforce mining regulations.

Acting on specific inputs, police teams seized five dumpers found transporting mining material without valid permission which include JK02 DA 6672 - Loaded with Bajri; JK08 H 6690 - Loaded with Bajri; JK02 CW 1869 - Loaded with sand; JK02 BG 3782 - Loaded with stone and JK02 CR 0621 - Loaded with bajri.

The District Mineral Officer (DMO), Jammu, was informed for initiating appropriate legal proceedings.

Two additional dumpers were seized for illegal mining and violation of Form-A requirements which include JK14 C 5285 - Loaded with bajri and JK14 F 8193 - Loaded with bajri.

These vehicles were engaged in unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals, violating prescribed norms.

The Jammu Police, South Zone, continues its operations to dismantle illegal mining networks while promoting lawful environmental practices. The latest seizures are a part of ongoing efforts to prevent degradation of natural resources and maintain law and order.

In a bid to strengthen community relations and ensure public safety, all SHO and ICPPs under Jammu Police, South Zone, visited key places of public gathering including Satsang Ghars, Gurdwaras, Temples, and other religious sites within their respective jurisdictions. These visits were aimed at reviewing security arrangements, identifying any potential vulnerabilities, and reassuring the public of the police's commitment to their safety. Officers also interacted with religious heads and local residents, encouraging continued cooperation and vigilance. The initiative reflects Jammu Police's dedication to maintaining a secure and peaceful environment through visible policing and community partnership.

Jammu Police appealed to the public to report any illegal mining or suspicious activities around the religious places. Active citizen participation is key to preserving ecological integrity and upholding the law.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 9 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers. Police team of Police station Gursai during checking at Galhuta bridge has foiled bovine smuggling

attempt in which 09 bovines were rescued and vehicle bearing registration number JK12C/8993 has been seized.

The driver of the vehicle namely Mohd Rashid, son of Manzoor Hussain, resident of Kandi Galhuta Teh Mendhar District Poonch has been arrested.

In this regard, case FIR No. 30/2025 U/S 223/BNS 11 PC Act has been registered at Police Station Gursai.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Poonch emphasized the department's commitment to taking strict action against individuals involved in bovine smuggling and other criminal activities. He also urged the public to extend their cooperation in eradicating these social evils.

7 vehicles including 4 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police on Sunday seized seven vehicles including four dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Rangarh which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

As per report, police teams headed by SHO Ramgarh and Incharges of Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli and Mansar of PS Samba, while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized seven vehicles including four dumpers bearing registration numbers JK21E-9535, JK02DC-4809, HP73A-7023, HP73A-6023 and two tractor trolleys bearing registration numbers JK21D-3815, JK21H-7908 and one tractor trolley without number which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

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

Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled; bovine smugglers arrested, 11 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA, May 18: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled two bovines smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued eleven bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The vehicles used in the illegal transportation of bovines were also seized.

Aa per report, acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines in a Mahindra Bolero load carrier bearing registration number JK02CN-0704, a police team headed by SHO Samba intercepted the said vehicle at Mananu for its checking. During checking of the vehicle, six bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally



without any valid permission.

A case FIR No. 143/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

In another bovine smuggling incident, a Police team headed by Incharge PP Mansar has intercepted a Load carrier Mahindra bearing registration number JK21L-0245 at Naka Mansar and rescued five bovines which were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Shakeel Ahmed, son of Mohd Anwar, resident of Chani Mansar, Kakrai district Udhampur and Shabir Ahmed, son of Jaleel Ahmed, resident of Sumb district Samba have been arrested.

A case FIR No. 144/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Kidnapped minor girl recovered, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: R.S Pura Police recovered a kidnapped minor girl from Amritsar, Punjab in a kidnapping case registered at Police Station R.S Pura and arrested the accused within 24 hours.

A written complaint was lodged at Police Station R.S Pura by the mother of kidnapped girl(name withheld) R/o District Jammu, stating therein that his daughter, age about 15 years has been kidnapped by one person.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 95/2025 u/s 137(2) BNS got registered at Police Station R.S Pura and search was started to trace the said kidnapped girl.

Special teams of PS R.S Pura led by SHO P/S R.S Pura Inspector Sh.R.S Parihar conducted raids at different places and finally after hectic efforts coupled with technical analysis, Police has succeeded in tracing out the said kidnapped girl from Amritsar Punjab.

The accused namely Vishal Kumar @ Shalu S/o Raj Kumar R/o Kaloyen tehsil R.S Pura has also been arrested.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

Drug peddler nabbed with approx. 9.55 grams of heroin, motorbike seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing its efforts against drug menace, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saxena -IPS today recovered approx. 9.55 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics near Shamshan Ghat area of P/S Hiranagar, 01 drug peddler arrested and seized one motorbike involved.

On 17-05-2025, acting on the intelligent input received through a reliable source, a Police team of P/S Hiranagar under the guidance of SDPO Border Sh. Dheeraj Katoch & SHO PS Hiranagar Insp. Ashish Sharma laid down a special naka/ checking in its jurisdictional area near Shamshan Ghat Hiranagar and apprehended one person namely 1. Rana Mohd S/o Kaju R/o Manyari Rajbagh Tehsil Hiranagar enroute on Motorbike without any Reg. No. who was having 9.55 grams of heroin like substance in his possession. Thereafter the recovered narcotics alongwith said Motorbile was seized and the accused person was taken into police custody on spot. In this connection, a case under relevant sections of NDPS Act stands registered at PS Hiranagar and further investigation is underway.

Kathua Police again requests people of the area to come forward and share information about any such illicit activity with Police for the cause. Your identity will be kept confidential.