

Doda police traces out 2 missing women, reunites with their families

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DODA: Doda Police traced 2 missing women from different areas and reunited them with their families whose missing reports were lodged at Police Station Gandoh.

On May 1, 2025 a missing report of girl resident of Trithloo Tehsil Gandoh Doda was entered and PS Gandoh and another missing report of woman resident of Changa Tehsil Gandoh was entered at PS Gandoh on 14-05-2025.

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of these ladies, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta JKPS, teams were constituted from PS Gandoh under the supervision of concerned supervisory officers in search of both the missing girls. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing them out. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, these ladies have been handed over to their families and missing reports have been closed.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 2 bovines arrested, 4 bovines rescued

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

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines in an Auto load carrier bearing registration No. JK02CW-1995, a Police team headed by SHO PS Ramgarh successfully intercepted the said vehicle at Jhang for its checking. During checking of the vehicle, four bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Atar Ali S/o Jamat Ali R/o Kiriyani Talab Narwal district Jammu and Gulzar Ahmed S/o Bhag Ali R/o Nawabad Sunjwan district Jammu have been arrested.

A case FIR No. 33/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation started.

Three hardcore criminals booked under PSA

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SAMBA/KATHUA/BISHNAH: Acting tough against crimi-

nals, Samba Police booked a hardcore criminal under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Kupwara.

The hardcore criminal namely Mehboob Akhter S/o Shamas Din R/o Doodla tehsil Basohli district Kathua A/P Bari Brahmana district Samba has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the District Magistrate Samba. The booked criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Kupwara.

The said criminal is involved in nineteen (19) cases registered against him at different Police Stations of district Kathua, district Samba, district Reasi and district Jammu viz PS Basohli, PS Lakhapur, PS Kathua, PS Rajbagh, PS Hiranagar, PS Bari Brahmana, PS Ramgarh, PS Samba, PS Katra and PS Gangyal. The repeated criminal activities of the said hardcore criminal have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquillity in the district and adjoining areas.

J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena also apprehended a hardcore criminal/History Sheeter who was involved in various criminal activities at PS Billawar booked under Public Safety Act 1978 (PSA) and lodged at District Jail Udhampur.

Police team of P/S Billawar under the close supervision SDPO Billawar Sh. Neeraj Padyar & SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq apprehended one hardcore criminal namely 1. Mohd Gulzar S/o Abdullah R/o Dhanu Parole Tehsil Billawar District Kathua who is hardcore Criminal /history sheeter involved in various criminal activities.

In order to prevent the illegal activities within the district, "Dossier" was prepared against the accused person and sent to the District Magistrate Kathua for his detention under Public Safety Act- 1978 (PSA). Accordingly District Magistrate Kathua issued a detention warrant against the accused person under the Public Safety Act 1978. Accordingly, the warrant has been executed today and he has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur to curtail his illegal activities. Acting tough against criminals Jammu Police booked the notorious criminal from Bishnah area under PSA and lodged him in District Jail Udhampur.

The notorious criminal namely Vishal Sharma @ Shooter S/o Bishan Dass R/o Khojipur Bishnah has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu. The booked hard-core criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

It is pertinent to mention here that multiple FIR's are already registered against the above mentioned criminal in Jammu, Kathua and Samba District.

The above said notorious criminal has remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Courts and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier under stringent PSA was recommended against the subject, upon which, the District Magistrate Jammu, after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrant against him.

The arrest was made by a team of PS Bishnah headed by SHO PS Bishnah under the close supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura, SP Headquarters Jammu & overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

Blind murder case solved, accused arrested

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REASI: In a swift and exemplary action, Reasi Police have successfully solved a blind murder case within 48 hours, transforming an inquest proceeding into a murder investigation and arresting the accused involved.

The case pertains to the tragic death of S u b a s h Singh (35), S/O Kirpa Ram R/O Khada Butt S a n g a r, Tehsil Pouni, who was found to have suffered grievous head injuries on May 11, 2025. He was initially referred from District Hospital Reasi to Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, where he was declared dead.

Following credible inputs, Police Station Ransoo promptly initiated inquest proceedings under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). A thorough investigation was launched with the assistance of the District Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Reasi. During the enquiry, it became evident that the injuries sustained by the deceased were not accidental but the result of a deliberate assault.

Further investigation revealed that Jyotam Singh S/O Karnail Singh and a resident of the same village as the deceased, had attacked Subash Singh with a baseball bat after a verbal dispute within the family escalated. The fatal blow to the head proved lethal despite medical efforts to save the victim.

Recognizing the premeditated nature of the act, a case FIR No. 15/2025 U/S 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at Police Station Ransoo. The accused, Jyotam Singh, has since been apprehended and further legal proceedings are underway.

SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh expressed that such barbaric act done by Criminals is rarest of the rare, Such Criminals a black spot on our social fabric. He further stressed that investigation shall incorporate each and every evidence to ensure justice is done in this heinous act at an earliest.



Stolen bike recovered, 2 arrested

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KATHUA: In continuation to a drive launched by J&K Police Kathua against the thieves/vehicle lifters operating in this district Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS has solved a theft case by recovering 01 motorcycle & 02 thieves arrested who were involved in the offence in limits of PS Lakhapur. On the written complaint of complainant namely Balbir Singh S/o Chain Singh R/o Karroh Tehsil & District Kathua regarding to Theft of his Motorcycle from Basohli Morh Lakhapur for which a case was registered at PS Lakhapur vide FIR No. 64/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS. Following a thorough investigation, the police team of PS Lakhapur led by SHO PS Lakhapur Insp Tribhawan Khajuria under the close supervision of Addl SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS and DySP DAR Kathua Sh. Ritesh Samyal successfully arrested two suspects namely 1. Bagh Hussain S/o Zahoor Ahmed R/o Chak Bagha Near Govt School Tehsil Nagri Kathua A/P Kalyanpur 2. Sharief S/o Liaquat Ali R/o Kharkhara Near Narot Jaimal Singh Tehsil Pathankot A/P Malpur Tehsil and District Pathankot. Upon interrogation, both the accused confessed their involvement in the said theft case and disclosed the location of the stolen motorbike. Thereafter the recovered vehicle was seized and two accused persons were arrested on the spot.



Two held with Poppy straw

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RAJOURI : Continuing its crackdown against drug trafficking, District Police Rajouri achieved a major success today. Acting on specific information, a police party from Police Station Kandi apprehended two drug peddlers-Mohd Younis S/O Shamas Din and Javid Shah S/O Mubarak Shah both residents of Dhar Sakari, Kotranka, District Rajouri. The accused were intercepted while transporting 4.276 kilograms of Poppy Straw in a Santro car bearing registration number JK03B-2670 from the main road Rangbagla Kandi. In this regard a case FIR No. 52/2025 under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Kandi, and investigation is ongoing to trace the forward and backward linkages.

SBI RSETI hosts 31-day tailoring training for women

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RAMBAN: The SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban has organised a 31-day skill development programme on "Tailor - Women's Garments" here at Haldanu village, Block Batote.

The course will cover all key aspects of tailoring women's garments, including stitching, measurements, machine handling, and finishing. The initiative aims to promote sustainable livelihood options and economic empowerment for rural women in Ramban.

The programme was formally launched by Director, SBI RSETI Ramban S. Harvinder Singh, in the presence of local dignitaries, community members, and enthusiastic women participants. The event witnessed strong com-



Director, SBI RSETI Ramban Harvinder Singh and participants during the programme.

munity support and participation.

In his address, the Director emphasized the role of skill-based training in fostering self-reliance among women. He encouraged the trainees to utilize the opportunity to gain practical skills and become financially independent.

He also briefed the participants about the government schemes like the MUDRA

Loan Scheme, PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY. He elaborated on their benefits, eligibility, and how these schemes could support their entrepreneurial journeys.

The Director shared inspiring success stories of past trainees who now run their own tailoring units. He urged the women to stay committed and assured them of guidance throughout the training.

DDC VC Udhampur meets public delegations

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UDHAMPUR: Vice Chairperson District Development Council (DDC)Udhampur Juhi Manhas Pathania on Monday visited Government Higher Secondary School, Tikri where she met with students, staff, and local residents to assess public grievances firsthand.

The visit was followed by a review meeting at her office, attended by public delegations, PRIs, and senior officers from key departments. The meeting served as a platform for civic representatives to voice pressing concerns, particularly those exacerbated by the ongoing heat-wave, and for the administration to reaffirm its commitment to proactive and responsive governance.

Delegations from across the district presented detailed memoranda seeking augmentation of water supply, adequate electricity supply, meeting of infrastruc-



Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur Juhi Manhas Pathania listening to public issues.

ture gaps and better health care facilities to cope with health vulnerabilities due to extreme weather conditions.

Notably, DDC Member from Latti-Marothi Pinki Devi, also took the opportunity to highlight the long-standing demand for a public bus service between Udhampur and Panchoud (Chappar). She stressed that lack of reliable transport is severely affecting students, patients, and daily commuters in the area. The Vice Chairperson attentively engaged with each delega-

tion, acknowledging the urgency of their concerns and issuing firm directives for immediate redressal.

She emphasized that essential services must not falter under seasonal pressure, and directed officers to adopt a zero-delay approach in providing relief to the affected population. "We cannot allow the public to suffer due to administrative inertia. Departments must respond with speed, seriousness, and sensitivity," she stated.

A key agenda of the meeting was an in-depth review of

the Jal Jeevan Mission, the national flagship programme aimed at providing assured tap water supply to every rural household. The Vice Chairperson instructed concerned departments to mobilize resources, eliminate delays, and ensure last-mile delivery with urgency. She also called for immediate operationalization of incomplete water supply schemes and the deployment of tankers or temporary water points wherever necessary.

"The Jal Jeevan Mission is not a formality-it is a foundational right of every household, especially at a time when access to clean drinking water can mean the difference between well-being and hardship," she asserted.

The Vice Chairperson further instructed all departments-including Public Health Engineering, Rural Development, Power Development, and Health-to remain in active field mode,

conduct doorstep inspections, and report weekly progress directly to her office. She also directed that helplines be made functional 24/7 and that grievances be resolved within strict time-limits.

Reiterating her vision of citizen-first governance, she added: "Our administration will be judged not by files moved but by relief delivered. The people must feel the presence of the government in every village and ward."

The meeting concluded with a unanimous resolve to convert the challenges of the season into an opportunity for improved service delivery, deeper public engagement, and accelerated development outcomes.

The Vice Chairperson also expressed gratitude to the delegations for articulating public concerns constructively and assured them that each issue raised would be monitored to closure.

DC assesses ground impact of governance interventions across different sectors

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Monday reviewed the progress made in meeting the District Good Governance Index (DGGI) indicators till March 2025.

The meeting assessed the impact of the governance interventions across all sectors based on the predefined parameters of the DGGI.

The DC conducted a comprehensive review covering sector-specific performance in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Employment, Education, Health, Rural Development, Public Infrastructure, Jal Shakti, Banks and other departments.

The DC asked the departments to focus on improving their performance and issued a string of directions. He asked for increasing poultry production through counseling and support, expanding KCC coverage, enhancing food grain



DC Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting at Kishtwar.

production, boosting the growth of major horticulture produce, promoting crop insurance, and supporting MSME units, among others. The DC further directed efforts to improve gender parity and retention rates of students at the secondary school level, with the support of Village Level Committee members and the Education Department, through the organization of

awareness camps across all villages in the district. Additionally, he instructed the RDD, Revenue, and other concerned departments to identify land for the construction of Anganwadi Centers, aiming to shift them from private accommodations to government-owned buildings on a large scale. He further urged officers to analyze past indices to identify gaps and formulate strate-

gies to bridge them, in order to achieve the desired outcomes. The meeting was attended by CEO KDA/ACD Kaiser Bhawani, DSEO Akhil Thakur, EO MC Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, AD Handicrafts Pardeep Shan, CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, CHO Sajid Mustafa, DSHO, Dy. CEO, Executive Engineer PMGSY and other sectoral officers.

DC address public grievances at Omarah Morh, Kotli Pain-Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai on Monday conducted an extensive visit to Omarah Morh, T-Morh, Kotli Pain and adjoining areas to review the status of civic amenities and address public grievances.

During the visit to Omarah Morh, local residents demanded improvement of lanes and cleaning of drainage system to prevent water logging.

Responding to demands, the EO Municipality was directed to conduct a special sanitation drive in the area. These include thorough drain cleaning, intensified sanitation efforts, and fogging operations to improve hygiene and prevent vector-borne diseases.

Emphasizing the importance of proactive civic management, the DC instructed the concerned officers to take immediate measures to decongest and clear all choked drains in the vicinity to ensure smooth water flow and avoid waterlogging during rains.

Later, the DC visited Kotli Pain, where she interacted with the local residents. The public highlighted their long-pending demand for the construction of a road and a bridge over the local nallah, which would provide critical connectivity and ease daily commuting challenges.

While responding to the demands, the DC assured the residents that their grievances would be taken up with the concerned departments and resolved at the earliest possible time.

SWD, YSS lead NMBA campaign across Kishtwar Panchayats

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KISHTWAR: In a significant move to combat drug abuse, the District Social Welfare and District Youth Services & Sports Departments, on Monday organized an extensive awareness campaign under the "Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan" (NMBA) across several of this mountainous district.

With the slogan "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life," the

campaign reached out to panchayats of Lohidar A, Lohidar B, Gar Thalarn, Patnazi B, Lower Palmar C, as well as GHSS Thumb Ishtyari Paddar, GHSS Sounder, and MS Sounder Daachhan.

A range of impactful activities marked the campaign, including awareness rallies, motivational talks, poster and banner exhibitions, student-led skits, and interactive community ses-

sions. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, local youth clubs, PRI members, and civil society representatives.

Officials underscored the pivotal role of education and sports in steering youth away from harmful habits. Representatives from the Social Welfare Department discussed various government schemes, helplines,

and rehabilitation services available under NMBA, while Youth Services & Sports officials highlighted the availability of district-wide sports and talent development initiatives designed to engage and inspire local youth.

The campaign culminated in a collective pledge by all attendees to foster a drug-free society and champion the NMBA message within their communities.

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