

Medical shop sealed for illegal drug possession

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REASI: In a swift and coordinated action, District Police Reasi sealed a medical shop at Dharmari for violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, following the recovery of a large quantity of habit-forming drugs.

A telephonic message received by SHO Police Station Arnas alerted police about a suspected consignment carrying habit-forming drugs and cosmetics. Acting promptly on the information, a police party led by SHO Arnas, along with the Naib Tehsildar Thuroo and Drug Inspector, intercepted the consignment.

Upon inspection, the team recovered Pregesco- 300 (10x150 strips) from the possession of M/S Mushtaq Medical Hall, Dharmari. The recovered medicine was found to be without any supporting bills or vouchers, indicating a clear violation of the law. In light of the findings, the said medical shop was sealed under Section 22 (d)of the drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 for the unauthorized sale and possession of habit-forming drugs.



3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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HANDWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested 03 drug peddlers in Handwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A Police team of Police Post Zachaldara at a checkpoint established at Sultanpora Bridge intercepted a suspicious individual. During search, officers were able to recover 06 grams of a brown sugar-like substance from his possession. He has been identified as Raja Hashim Khan, son of Raja Altaf Khan, resident of Rengpath Kralgund.

Moreover, a Police team of Police Post Langate at a checkpoint established at Gund Kulhroo intercepted a suspicious individual identified as Naved Rehman Dhoobi, son of Ab Rehman Dhoobi, hailing from Dangiwaicha Rafiabad. During search, officers were able to recover 8.45 grams of heroin-like substance from his possession.

Meanwhile, a Police team of Police Post Magam at a checkpoint established at Batpora intercepted a suspicious individual identified as Basharat Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Rahim Bhat, resident of Magam Handwara. During search, officers were able to recover 07 grams of heroin-like substance from his possession.

All the accused persons have been arrested and accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Handwara and investigations are underway.

Theft case worked out; 4 arrested, stolen items recovered

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SAMBA: Samba Police has worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Samba, arrested four accused and recovered stolen items worth rupees two lakhs approximately from their possession.

On 02.05.2025, a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba by one Ankur Goyal S/o Rajinder Goyal R/o A/P Border Road Samba stating therein that some unknown persons have stolen aluminum Coils and other items from factory premises of M/S Alstrong Enterprise India Pvt. Ltd Phase II SIDCO Samba.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 128/2025 U/S 331(4)/305 BNS was registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a police team headed by Incharge PP Rakh Amb Talli has rounded up three suspects who upon sustained questioning confessed their involvement in the instant case. The arrested accused have been identified as Nikhil Katal S/o Balwan Singh R/o ChanniJassu Tehsil and District Samba, Tarsem Lal S/o Kartar Chand R/o Garhban Tehsil Akhmoor District Jammu and



Sandeep Kumar S/o Som Raj R/o Sadoh Camp Tehsil and District Samba.

During further interrogation, the accused persons disclosed the name of another person, a Scrap dealer, namely Abhay Mahajan S/o Neelam Kumar Gupta R/o Samba who was the receiver of the stolen property. Accordingly, Police arrested the said Scrap dealer and recovered the stolen items.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

The recovery has been made under the supervision of SHO PS Samba, DySPHQrs Samba and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba.

6 gamblers apprehended, stake money of Rs 6,300 recovered

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SAMBA: Samba Police has apprehended six gamblers red-handed in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered stake money to the tune of rupees 6300.00 alongwith two sets of playing cards, 06 Mobile phones and cash from their possession.

Acting on specific information regarding gambling, a Police team of Police Station Bari Brahmana raided the gambling spot near Teli Basti Bari Brahmana and apprehended six gamblers while gambling alongwith stake money of Rs 6300.00, two sets of playing cards, 06 Mobile Phones and cash of Rs.780.00from their possession.

The apprehended gamblers have been identified as Mohd Khaleel S/o Lukman R/o Baga Charakl, District Doda, A/p Teli Basti Bari Brahmana 2. Surfraaz Ahmed S/o Mohd Din R/o Teli Basti Bari Brahmana Samba 3. Ibrar Hussain S/o Rashid Mohd R/o Sandi, Tehsil and District Jammu A/P Teli Basti Bari Brahmana Samba 4. Neeraj Sharma S/o Sukhdev Sharma R/o Kharamadana Tehsil Purmandal Samba 5. Bir Hussain S/o Rashid Hussain R/o Teli Basti Bari Brahmana Samba and 6. Dilshan Malik S/o Shamas Din R/o Teli Basti Bari Brahmana.

Legal action under section 13 of Gambling Act has been taken by police against the said gamblers.

Two drug peddlers nabbed with 7.50 grams heroin

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered 7.50 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from their possession.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba during vehicle checking at naka NHW AHMS, intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration No. JK02CT-3626 for its checking. During checking, 7.50 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of the two persons riding on the said motorcycle.

The drug peddlers identified as Mohd Mustafa S/o Soni Mohd. and Usman Choudhary S/o Yousaf Hussain both residents of Badhori tehsil Bari Brahmana district Samba have been arrested and contraband item alongwith motorcycle have also been seized.



A case FIR No. 45/2025 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

Two accused wanted in assault case arrested

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POONCH: In a swift and decisive action, the Poonch Police have arrested two individuals involved in a violent assault incident that took place on May 2, 2025. The accused, identified as Touheed Parry and Toyab Sheikh, were apprehended following an extensive manhunt and rigorous search operations launched immediately after the crime. The duo were involved in a brutal attack on a local youth, Yassir Ahmad Chisti, near Madrasa Zia Ul Uloom in Poonch. Armed with a sharp-edged weapon (Toka), the accused severely assaulted the victim and fled the scene. The injured youth was promptly given medical attention, and the matter was taken up with utmost seriousness by the district police.



Accordingly, a case was registered under FIR No. 73/2025 at Police Station Poonch under sections 109 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Intensive investigation and coordinated field efforts led to the arrest of both accused, underscoring the Poonch Police's unwavering commitment to justice and public safety.

While the investigation is ongoing, Poonch Police sternly warns certain social media handlers who are attempting to propagate false narratives and mislead the public. Such acts not only hamper the integrity of police work but also constitute a legal offence. Individuals indulging in the dissemination of misinformation are hereby advised to desist from such unlawful behavior. Strict legal action, as warranted under the law, shall be initiated against those found spreading baseless and malicious content.

21 bovine animals rescued, 2 accused arrested

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UDHAMPUR: Police foiled two bovine smuggling attempts and rescued 21 animals from the clutches of 02 bovine smugglers at naka point Tikri

A truck bearing registration number JK22-9282 coming from Jammu towards Srinagar was intercepted by the police team. The driver identified as Fayaz Ahmed Khan Gojar S/O Abdul Rashid failed to produce valid permission for transporting the 10 bovine animals found tied cruelly in the vehicle.

A case FIR No. 60/2025 under Section 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Rehanbal and investigation has been initiated.

Another truck bearing registration number JK20A-7240 also coming from Jammu was stopped at the same naka point. Driver namely Mohd Rafiq S/O Zakir Hussain R/O Thalwal, Mandal, Jammu was found transporting 11 bovine animals in similar inhumane conditions without any valid documentation.

In this regard, FIR No. 61/2025 under Section 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act was registered at PS Rehanbal and further investigation is underway.

Absconder arrested

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JAMMU: An absconder wanted in connection with a criminal case was apprehended yesterday by a team from Police Post Pallanwala. The accused, Liyaqat Ali, son of Mohammad Fareed, a resident of Raipur Mandi Bathera, Jammu, had been evading arrest for a significant period. A warrant under Section 512 Cr.PC had been issued against him by the Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class (JMIC), Akhmoor, in relation to FIR No. 107/2023 registered at Police Station Khour. Acting on credible input, the police successfully arrested Liyaqat Ali and produced him before the concerned court. Following the court's directions, the absconder was subsequently lodged in District Jail Ambphalla, Jammu.



SSP Doda conducts extensive tour of far off areas, holds PCPG meetings, reviews VDGs

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DODA: In a significant outreach effort aimed at strengthening community engagement and boosting local security mechanisms, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Mehta, on Sunday visited the remote and strategically important areas of Bulandpur and Charota in the Assar Sub Division. The visit was part of the district police's ongoing initiative to enhance coordination between security forces and the public, especially in far-flung and vulnerable regions.

SSP, accompanied by SP (Operations), DySP DAR Doda, and SHO Assar, began his visit by touring



SSP Sandeep Mehta along with locals during visit to far-off area of Doda on Sunday.

the Special Police Post (SPP) at Bulandpur. He interacted with the deployed nafri (police personnel) and appreciated their commitment and dedication to duty in tough terrains. SSP Mehta reviewed the operational readiness of the

post and took stock of the prevailing security scenario. He also held an informal interaction with local residents, aiming to build trust and gather firsthand feedback on law and order issues.

Later, at Charota, SSP Mehta met with members

of the Village Defence Committees (VDCs) and the general public. The VDC members, who play a crucial role in supporting the police in maintaining internal security, shared their experiences and raised various local issues. SSP Mehta listened attentively to the concerns and grievances of the residents and assured them that their genuine problems would be addressed promptly through proper channels.

During his interactions, SSP Mehta emphasized the need for constant vigilance and urged citizens to play a proactive role in maintaining peace and harmony in the region. He

appealed to the public to stay alert and report any suspicious movements or presence of anti-national elements to the nearest police authorities. He underlined the significance of community participation in countering potential threats and maintaining a peaceful environment.

Highlighting the importance of local intelligence and cooperation, SSP Mehta said, "Security is a shared responsibility. Every citizen, in their own capacity, can contribute to maintaining peace and safety in the region. Timely information can go a long way in preventing untoward incidents."

The visit concluded with the SSP reaffirming the district police's commitment to standing with the people and working collaboratively for the security and development of all remote areas. The presence of senior officers during the visit also reflected the seriousness with which the police administration is approaching rural and district border area engagement.

Agri Minister unveils first genome-edited rice varieties



Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh & others during an event.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the world's first two genome-edited rice varieties today at the Bharat Ratna C. Subrahmanyam Auditorium of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. A large number of scientists and farmers participated in the event. On this occasion, the scientists who contributed to the research of both varieties, DRR Rice 100 (Kamla) and Pusa DST Rice, were also honoured.

While addressing the participants, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the scientists of ICAR, inspired by the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India, have made extraordinary achievements

in the agricultural sector by innovating new varieties of rice. He added that the new varieties will enhance rice yields by 20-30 per cent, conserve water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from rice cultivation. Both of these varieties exhibit superior drought tolerance and high nitrogen-use efficiency. The minister said DRR Dhan 100 (Kamala) matures about 20 days earlier (130 days) than its parent, enabling earlier harvests and potential for crop rotation or multiple cropping cycles.

Chouhan also stated that we need to work on adopting the minus 5 and plus 10 formula. The meaning of this formula is to reduce the area of rice cultivation by 5 million (50 lakh) hectares while increasing the production of 10 million (one crore) tons of rice in the

same area. With this objective, the remaining area will focus on the cultivation of pulses and oilseeds.

Chauhan appealed to the farmers, especially the young farmers, to come forward for advance farming. In this programme, the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Mr. Bhagirath Chaudhary, virtually expressed his views and congratulated the scientists. The programme was also attended by Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Mr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Director General of ICAR, Dr. Mangi Lal Jat, Deputy Director General of ICAR, Dr. Devendra Kumar Yadav, Director of the Indian Rice Research Institute, Hyderabad, Dr. R.M. Sundaram, former Director of ICAR, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Director of ICAR, Dr. C.H. Srinivasan Rao, and Deputy Director Dr. Vishwanathan. The DRR rice variety 100 (Kamla) has been developed by ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad. The second variety, Pusa DST Rice 1, has been developed by ICAR, IARI, New Delhi.

DC Poonch inspects developmental works in Surankote



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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal conducted a site inspection of various

developmental projects in Surankote today. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the progress of the NABARD road construction and ongoing water supply initiatives.

Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Surankote Farooq Khan, Tehsildar Surankote Akbar Hussain, executive engineers and other officers.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the 4KM NABARD road from Jogi Morh to TCP via Dak Bunglow Surankote. He emphasized the importance of completing the widening and blacktopping of the road promptly and ordered

the demolition of any encroachments, warning of strict action against defaulters.

Additionally, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal reviewed the water tank construction on the National Highway to Manahasa Mohalla Surankote. He directed the Jal Shakti engineer to ensure the water tank becomes operational and supply water to the local community without delay.

The civil society hailed the Deputy Commissioner's proactive approach to enhance infrastructure and improve public services in the region.

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AKHNOOR: Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member, Pandit Suresh Sharma, today inaugurated a new 63 KVA transformer worth Rs 5 lakh and a passenger shed costing Rs 3 lakh in Devnagar village, Panchayat Nardi, Block Maira Mandrian. These developments fulfill a long-pending and heartfelt demand of the local residents.

For years, the people of Devnagar have struggled with low voltage issues, significantly impacting their daily lives. During a recent Janta Darbar, villagers



DDC Member, Suresh Kumar inagurating 63 KVA transformer at Akhnoor on Sunday.

raised the need for a transformer and a passenger shed. Taking immediate cognizance, Suresh Sharma allocated funds from his DDC budget and assured the public that their

demands would be addressed. Today's inauguration marks the fulfillment of that promise.

While addressing the gathering, Sharma emphasized that development ini-

tiatives are being executed with a people-first approach. "Over the past four years, we have installed new transformers in multiple villages of Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura to tackle low voltage problems. We are aware that some villages are still facing similar issues, and we are committed to resolving them soon," he said. In addition to the infrastructure projects, Sharma also distributed cricket kits to the youth of the village, encouraging them to actively participate in sports alongside academics. "Physical activities are crucial for holistic development," he noted.

The local residents expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Suresh Sharma for his proactive efforts and urged him to continue working diligently for the welfare of the community. Prominent attendees present on the occasion included former Sarpanch Milkhi Ram, Ashok Purohit, Akshay Magotra, Subedar Satyapal, Retired EO Subhash Chandra, Om Prakash, Praveen Kumar, Subedar Sukhdev Raj, Subedar Rashpal Sharma, Mohit Sharma, Shamlal, Mahesh Kumar, Ranjit Malhotra, Kunnilal, Bablu Sharma, and other respected village dignitaries.

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