

# Bid to smuggle liquor into J&K from Punjab foiled; 132 bottles seized, 1 arrested

**Woman among 3 arrested with illicit & Desi liquor, Lahan**

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KATHUA: Kathua police on Wednesday foiled a bid to smuggle liquor from Punjab by arresting a person and seized 132 bottles of Black Horn Punjab Excise Rum from his possession.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident at Kathua district, woman among two persons were arrested with 40 lts illicit liquor. The police team also destroyed around 120 lts Lahan.

As per details, in first instance, a team of Police Station Lakhampur led by SHO Insp Vijay Kotwal under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua R C Kotwal and guidance of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh, during special checking duty in its jurisdictional area, noticed a suspect who was indulged in trade of selling illicit liquor to people in order to gain illegitimate profit. On search, 132 bottles of Black Horn Punjab Excise Rum (750 ml each) were recovered from possession of accused, identified as Sham Singh alias Sahaba, son of Mohan Singh, resident of Basroop Tehsil & District Kathua. He was arrested and FIR No. 63/2022 under sections 48(A)(F), 50 of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Lakhampur. While in second instance, information was received at Police Station Kathua through reliable sources regarding sale of illicit liquor in Chak Drab Khan area. On this, a team of Police Station Kathua led by Insp O P Chib SHO Kathua under guidance of DySP Headquarters Kathua Shammi Kumar during special checking duty noticed a suspect indulged in selling illicit



it liquor to people. Police also apprehended a woman name-

ly Ritu Devi, wife of Balvinder Kumar, resident of Chak Drab Khan and recovered 10 lts of illicit liquor from her possession. She was arrested and FIR No. 281/2022 under sections 48(a) of Excise Act was registered against her at Police Station Kathua.

Meanwhile, information was received from reliable sources that illicit liquor is being manufactured in adjoining areas of Malhar. Acting swiftly, a police team headed by Insp Tariq Ahmed SHO Police Station Malhar under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Arvind Kumar conducted a special raid. During search, approximately 30 lts illicit liquor (Desi) along with around 120 lts Lahan was recovered from possession of one Lal Chand, son of Kantu Ram, resident of Upper Bagwan Mora Kendew, Tehsil Billawar along with makeshift production unit/utensils, which were destroyed by the police party on spot. He was arrested and FIR No. 13/2022 under sections 48(a)(e)(f) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Malhar.

At Poonch, on specific information Poonch Police recovered 59 bottles of illicit liquor from one Ashiq Farooq, son of Abdul Hamid, resident of Sagra, Mankote kept in a private vehicle (JK02L6893). He was arrested and FIR No. 153/2022 under sections 48(A) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Poonch. The arrest and recovery was made by SHO Police Station Poonch Insp Ranjeet Singh Rao assisted by PSI Anil Sharma under supervision of DySP Hqrs Nawaz Ahmed and Additional SP Mushim Ahmed.

## CRIME REPORT

**3 theft cases solved; 3 arrested, 1.6 lakh cash & gold items recovered**

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MENDHAR: Police on Wednesday worked out three different theft cases and recovered cash amounting to Rs 1.6 lakh and gold ornaments worth lakhs besides arresting three accused persons.

As per details, team of Police Station Mendhar under the supervision of SDPO Mendhar, Sheezan Bhat led by SHO Insp Nayaz Ahmed assisted by PSIs Gulshan Partap and Venkatesh, after scrutinizing CCTV camera footages, arrested accused namely Abbas Khan, son of Ayub Khan; Zariyat Hussain, son of Munavar Hussain, both residents of Potha Surankote and Mohd Nazarat, son of Mohd Yousf, resident of Banpat Poonch. The accused were involved in FIR no 130/2022 registered under sections 454, 380 of IPC, FIR no 132/2022 registered under sections 457, 380 of IPC and FIR No 161/2022 of Police Station Mendhar. During questioning, these accused confessed their involvement in crime and on their disclosure, stolen cash and gold items were recovered. The overall arrest and recoveries were made under supervision of Addl SP Poonch Mushim Ahmed and SSP Rohit Baskotra.

### 2 arrested with 9,750 intoxicating tablets

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POONCH: Police on Wednesday nabbed two persons and recovered 9,750 intoxicating tablets from their possession.

As per details, acting sternly against drug menace and its propagators, on overall directions of SSP Rohit Baskotra, District Police Poonch arrested two drug-peddlers namely Mohd Ayub Khan, son of Mohd Bashir and Sohail Mehmood, son of Abdul Hameed, both residents of Pamro Surankote and recovered 9,750 Tramadol tablets from their possession, while they were travelling from Jammu to Surankote in vehicle (JK12 C 3269), FIR No.87/2022 under sections 8/21/22/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them in Police Station Gursai. The overall arrests and recoveries were made by SHO Gursai Inspector Farooq Khateeb assisted by PSI Sunil Virdi on directions of SDPO Mendhar Sheezan Bhat and under supervision of Addl SP Poonch Mushim Ahmed and SSP Rohit Baskotra.

### Man dodges employer for money, arrested

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BARI-BRAHMANA: Police on Wednesday arrested a person accused of dodging his employer for an amount of Rs. 1.80 lakh.

As per details, a shopkeeper namely Pankaj Gupta, son of Romesh Gupta, resident of Ward-4, Bari-Brahmana, who runs a shop of electrical goods, lodged a complaint at Police Station Bari-Brahmana stating therein that on July 13, 2022 he sent his employee to draw a cheque of Rs 1.80 lakh from HDFC Bank, Bari-Brahmana, who after withdrawing money from bank, told employer that he had kept withdrawn amount in scooter's dicky but some unknown person has stolen scooter along with cash. During preliminary enquiry and from CCTV footage, it came to fore that employee (servant) namely Aman Singh, son of Mangal Singh, resident of Bassi Khurd, Tehsil Bishnah has mislead his owner and has himself stolen the scooter and cash. After hectic efforts, team of Police Station Bari-Brahmana headed by SHO Bari-Brahman, Insp Rakesh Sharma assisted by SI Sham Lal under the supervision of SDPO Bari-Brahmana Shivali Kotwal arrested the accused and FIR No. 135/2022 under sections 406 of IPC was registered against him at Police Station Bari-Brahmana.

During sustained interrogation, the accused confessed that he had stolen the scooter (JK02BM-9950) along with cash amounting to Rs. 1.80 lakh. On his disclosure, police has recovered the two-wheeler and cash. Further investigation is going on. The whole operation was carried out under the overall supervision of SSP Samba Dr Abhishek Mahajan.

### Stolen mobiles recovered, burglar arrested

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SAMBA: Police on Wednesday arrested a burglar for allegedly stealing mobile and other things from a shop at Main Chowk Samba and recovered 9 mobile phones worth Rs 2.20 lakh approximately from his possession.

As per details, on July 20, 2022, a complaint was lodged by one Sandeep Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of Rakh Amb Tali, Samba at Police Station Samba regarding theft of mobile phones from shop 'Meeran Communication' located at Main Chowk Samba. FIR No 113/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC was registered and investigation started. After strenuous



efforts, a team of Police Station Samba apprehended a suspect namely Mohd Rahmat Ali, son of Mohd Mathura, resident of Lane-3 Bathinda, Jammu. During sustained interrogation, he confessed his crime and on his disclosure, stolen 9 mobile phones were recovered.

### Narco smuggler arrested with heroin

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MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Wednesday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered 5 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a party from Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Insp Zaheer Mushtaq assisted by Incharge Border Police Post Kullian ASI Ranjeet Singh under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh and overall supervision of SP Hqrs Rammish Gupta established a Naka for checking of vehicles. During checking, a bike (JK14F3627), coming from R.S Pura side with a person, on seeing Naka, tried to escape. But he was overpowered by alert cops. During questioning, he disclosed his name as Amjid Khan, son of Alm Din, resident of Sakanderpur Kothay, Tehsil Bishnah. On search, 5 gm heroin (Chitta) like substance was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 77/2022 under sections 8/21/22/60 of NDPS Act was registered against him.

### Trucker nabbed with 33 Kg poppy straw

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UDHAMPUR: Police on Wednesday nabbed a trucker and recovered 33 Kg poppy straw from his vehicle at Motor Shed naka, NHW Chenani.

As per details, a party of Police Station Chenani established a special Naka for checking and intercepted a truck (PB 10FF 4835). During checking, 33 Kg poppy straw was recovered from tool box of vehicle. On questioning, driver disclosed his identity as Najam Singh, son of Gurjant Singh, resident of Bathinda, Punjab. He was arrested on spot and FIR No. 119/2022 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered against him in Police Station Chenani. The Naka party was headed by SHO Chenani Insp Om Parkash under supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwaar ul Haq and SDPO Chenani Ahmed Shafi.

### Stolen auto load carrier recovered

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JHAJJAR KOTLI: Police recovered a stolen auto load carrier from JhaJJar Kotli on Wednesday.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station JhaJJar Kotli by one Sham Singh, son of Tara Chand, resident of JhaJJar Kotli, Tehsil Dansal stating that he parked his Auto Load carrier (JK02CH/0321) in front of house at JhaJJar Kotli but when he returned after two months, the vehicle was missing. On this, FIR No.182/2022 under sections 379 of IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station JhaJJar Kotli under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO Police Station JhaJJar Kotli Inspector Vikram Sharma, after putting in strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of area, recovered the vehicle from Lahori Chak Tehsil Marh District Jammu. Further investigation of case is going on.

### Shopkeeper arrested with 52 rolls of banned synthetic thread

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JAMMU: In a drive against sale of banned synthetic thread (Manja) various raids were conducted in different locations by Jammu Police. A team of Police Station Channi Himmat rounded up a shopkeeper who was selling banned synthetic thread in the area. During search, 52 rolls of banned synthetic thread (Manja) were recovered from his possession.

On this, FIR under relevant sections got registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and accused was arrested. The arrest was made in violation of DM's order regarding ban on sale of plastic/synthetic threads (Manja). The accused was identified as Subash Chander, son of Girdhari Lal, resident of Channi Beeja. The arrest was made by SHO Channi Himmat Insp Deepak Katoch under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari.

### 5 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Posts Pouni Chak and Panjthirthi acted stringently on specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining, including 3 Tractor-Trolleys without Registration numbers seized by Pouni Chak police and a Dumper (JK02CN-3649) seized by Panjthirthi police. The recoveries were made by Incharge Police Posts Pouni Chak PSI Nitish Kharuria and Panjthirthi PSI Rahul Sharma in their respective jurisdictions.

Meanwhile, a police team headed by SI Sanjeet Singh In-Charge Police Post Basantpur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh seized a Dumper in the jurisdictional area of Police Station Lakhampur near Basantpur which was found indulged in illegal extraction/transporting of construction material. The vehicle was immediately handed over to the officials of Geological and Mining department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

## GDC Neeli Nallah organises Chess Competition



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah Udhampur, Department of Physical Education in association with Youth Club on Wednesday organised maiden Chess Competition on the occasion of International Chess Day under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Atam Nirbhar Bharat. The competition was organised under the guidance of Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary HED, Chief Patron of the programme and Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Patron and coordinated by Principal Dr. Satinder Kour. Dr. Satinder made the students aware about the importance of games-indoor as well as outdoor and also motivated them to actively participate in such sports as it will help them to improve memory and focus. In the competition, 10 students participated in which Deep Kumar Sem 2nd secured the first position, Esha Sharma, Sem IV secured second position and Akhil Singh, Sem II secured third position. Dr. Ranjeeta Langeh was the convener of the event. Prof. Swati Dutt and Prof. Shaista Yasmeen were the organisers of the programme. Other faculty members were also present.

### Missing woman traced from Chandigarh, reunited with family

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JAMMU: Police on Wednesday traced a missing woman and reunited her with family.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Gangyal by husband of a woman regarding her missing from house. In this regard, missing report was registered and investigation started. A team under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma led by SHO Gangyal Insp Joginder Singh Chib and assisted by SI Satpal, after putting in hectic efforts, generated input regarding presence of missing woman in Punjab. On this, a team was deputed to Punjab and with the help of local police, missing woman was finally traced from Chandigarh. Subsequently, family of missing woman was informed and she was handed over to her family members after completing all legal formalities.

### Elderly man crushed to death

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PULWAMA: An elderly man was crushed to death after being hit by a train near Panzgam-Bijbehara section in South Kashmir on Wednesday.

As per details, Mohammad Afzal of Banduna village of Pulwama was hit by a moving train near his village, resulting in his on-spot death. The body was later shifted by railway police to a nearby hospital for medico-legal formalities.

### 5 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

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ANANTNAG: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, police on Wednesday arrested five drug peddlers in Anantnag and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a party from Police Post Janglat Mandi, at a checkpoint established at Bilal Colony Janglat Mandi, intercepted three drug peddlers identified as Waseem Ahmad Ali, son of Gh Rasool Ali, resident of Chaindian Panjan Kulgam; Abid Hussain Peer, son of Sheeraj-u-Din Peer, resident of Soaf Shali Kokernag and Hussain Ahmad Ganie, son of Manzoor Ahmad Ganie, resident of Khalhaar, Kokernag. During search, 10 gm Heroin was recovered from their possession. Moreover, a party from Police Station Srigufwara during Naka checking at Achdar Khiram intercepted one Dilawar Ahmad Khan, son of Khan Zaman, resident of Achdar, Khiram. During search, 5 Kg of poppy husk and 400 gm Charas powder, concealed in a Nylon bag, was recovered from his possession. All accused persons were arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective police stations and investigation started. Meanwhile, a party of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Konibal crossing intercepted a person and recovered 500 gm Charas like substance from his possession. The accused, identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday, son of Gh Mohd Khanday, resident of Mandakpal, was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 92/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Pampore and investigation started.

### 88 bovines rescued, 7 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/SAMBA: Police on Wednesday foiled various bovine smuggling bids by rescuing 88 bovines and seized 7 vehicles.

As per details, acting on specific inputs regarding transportation of bovine animals, different police parties of Police Stations Chanderkote, Ramban and Batote, intercepted five vehicles (JK14G-3247, JK02AS 7981, JK21F-3935, JK21 6836 and JK21F 7661). During checking, all the above mentioned vehicles were found laden with 78 bovines which were rescued. FIR No 115/2022 was registered at Police Station Chanderkote while FIR Nos 260, 261 & 262/2022 were registered at Police Station Ramban and FIR No 147/2022 was registered at Police Station Batote under relevant sections of law. The overall rescue operation was carried out by police parties under the command of Insp Padam Dev Singh SHO Chanderkote, Insp Sandeep Charak SHO Ramban and Insp Rakesh Jamwal SHO Batote under supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen Dy. SP Hqrs Ramban and overall supervision of SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

In another action, acting on information received from reliable sources regarding transportation of bovines, a party of Police Station Ghagwal, at Naka Talyal intercepted a Mahindra load carrier (JK08B/9624), which was found laden with 5 bovines. FIR No. 111/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Ghagwal.

Similarly, same police party rescued 5 more bovines at Naka Talyal, Ghagwal which were being transported in a Tata Yodha pickup bearing chassis No MAT464662NSC06119 and engine no 28987831ABFR. Accordingly, FIR No. 112/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started. All the rescued bovines were shifted to safer place and vehicles used for transporting bovines were also seized.

### 12-year-old boy comes under landslide, dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A 12-year-old boy got killed after he came under a landslide in Thannamandi Bhangai area of Rajouri district on Wednesday.

The boy, namely Mohammad Yaser, son of Mohammad Farooq, resident of Bhangai, died on the spot. Soon after the incident, a police team rushed to the spot and with help of locals, recovered the body. SDPO Thannamandi Dr Imtiaz Ahmed has confirmed death of boy in the incident.

### Youth dies under mysterious circumstances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances at Kanachak on Wednesday.

As per details, some locals on seeing a youth, lying unconscious in a drain, at Gurha Singu area informed police. On receiving information, police rushed to the spot and shifted him to hospital, where doctors declared him as brought dead.

Further investigation is going on.