

## Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled; smuggler held, 37 bovines rescued

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled two bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested one bovine smuggler and rescued thirty seven (37) bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The vehicles used in the illegal transportation of bovines were also seized.

Acting on reliable information, a Police team of PS Samba intercepted a truck bearing registration No. PB03BE-4932 at Maheshwar, Samba for its checking. During checking, twenty bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smuggler identified as Kala S/o Faizal Din R/o Sujampur (Pathankot) has been arrested and the vehicle has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 211/2025 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 of PS Samba intercepted a truck bearing registration No. PB35Z-1286 at Diani, Samba for its checking. During checking, seventeen bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and the vehicle has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 212/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

## Missing person traced, reunited with family

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UDHAMPUR: In a missing case that had drawn the attention of local residents, media, and authorities, Deepak Kumar S/O Late Tula Ram R/O Sail Kouri Bair, Majalta, who was reported missing at PS Majalta on 22nd July 2025 has been safely located & reunited with his family.

The incident had sparked widespread concern across the community, with family members and locals deeply worried about his whereabouts.

Acting swiftly, Police team of PS Majalta launched an extensive search operation. Through a combination of advanced technical analysis and tireless physical efforts police team of PS Majalta successfully traced Deepak Kumar.

The family has expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Udhampur Police for their prompt and effective response, which proved instrumental in resolving the said case.

Preliminary enquiry revealed that Deepak had left his home due to some personal reasons. After proper legal formalities, he has now been reunited with his family.

## Interstate drug peddler nabbed with 7.90 kg of poppy straw

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JAMMU: In a breakthrough against the menace of drug trafficking, Jammu Police achieved a major success by apprehending a notorious interstate drug peddler and seizing a large quantity of contraband.

The operation was carried out by a team of Police Post Panjirthi, led by I/C PP

Panjirthi PSI Anil Manhas, along with SgCt Mohd Kabir and SPO Balram Singh, under the supervision of SHO Pacea Danga, Inspector Rakesh Mani.

During a routine surveillance operation near Atal Chowk, Panjirthi, the alert police team intercepted a pedestrian carrying a nylon sack, approaching from the Sidhra side. On noticing the police presence, the suspect tried to flee the spot, but was swiftly overpowered and taken into custody.

A thorough search of the sack led to the recovery of 7.90 kilograms of poppy straw. The accused has been identified as Dazzy Singh, son of Shinda Singh, resident of Batala, Punjab. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused was involved in inter-state smuggling of narcotics.

In this regard, a case under FIR No. 94/2025 has been registered at Police Station Pacea Danga under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act.

Further investigation is underway to unearth the supply network and identify other individuals connected to the smuggling racket.

## Unidentified body found; police seek public assistance for identification

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JAMMU: An unidentified male, aged approximately 30-35 years, was found under suspicious circumstances on August 8th at Javid Nagar, Nikki Tawi, Jammu. The individual, who stood around 5 feet 6 inches tall, was discovered lying unconscious and was immediately shifted to Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu for treatment. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his condition around midnight.

At the time of discovery, the deceased was wearing a grey half-sleeve T-shirt, blue denim jeans, and a blue belt. His body has been preserved at the GMC Jammu mortuary for medico-legal procedures.

Police have initiated inquest proceedings under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) at Police Post Canal Road, Jammu.

Authorities are seeking assistance from the public in establishing the identity of the deceased. Anyone with information is urged to contact In-Charge Police Post Canal Road: 7780948609 and Police Post Official Contact: 9541927299. The Jammu Police appeal to the public to come forward with any information that may help in identifying the deceased and notifying his family.



## Police detains habitual offender involved in selling counterfeit gold under PSA

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ANANTNAG: In a significant step towards curbing fraudulent activities and protecting the interests of the public, police in Anantnag have detained a habitual offender involved in the sale of counterfeit gold under the PSA.

The accused identified as Showkat Ahmad Zargar son of Noor Mohammad Zargar resident of New Colony, Bijbehara A/P Shamsipora, has been booked under the provisions of the PSA for his repeated involvement in selling counterfeit gold and has been shifted to Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu, for lodgement.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Police Station Bijbehara had been receiving multiple complaints against the accused over the past years regarding fraudulent sale of fake gold items, and accordingly several FIRs (FIR No. 06/2023, FIR No. 223/2024 and FIR Nos. 149 & 150 of 2025) were registered against him.

During the investigation, the counterfeit gold items produced by complainants were seized and sent to the Hallmarking Centre, Srinagar, for purity verification. Reports confirmed that all seized items were fake. Furthermore, the investigation also revealed that the accused is a habitual cheater who has been deceiving innocent people through fraudulent means, thereby posing a serious threat to public trust and safety in the UT of J&K.

Police reiterate its commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of citizens and urge the public to remain vigilant against such frauds.

## 2 drug peddlers arrested, contraband substances recovered

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BARAMULLA: Continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested two drug peddlers including a lady drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

Police Post Old Town Baramulla received specific information from reliable sources that a woman wife of Reyaz Ahmad Khan resident of Punchetra Janbazpora Baramulla, had concealed charas-like substance in her house. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 144/2025 under relevant sections of law was registered at PS Baramulla. Acting swiftly, a raid was conducted at the suspected house in the presence of Executive Magistrate and three independent witnesses. During search, 215 grams of charas-like substance, wrapped in maize husks and concealed in a black polythene inside a black purse, was recovered and the accused was immediately arrested.

Similarly, a police party led by SHO PS Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Chichilora Kunzer intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK01BA-9539. During checking, 07 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. The accused (driver) has been identified as Habil Yaseen Dar son of Mohammad Yaseen Dar resident of Tarhama. The accused was arrested on the spot, and the vehicle used in the commission of the crime was also seized. In this regard, a case FIR No. 80/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Kunzer. Police remains committed to making the district drug-free and appeals to the public to cooperate by sharing any information related to drug peddling or other anti-social activities. We reassure the community that strict action will be taken against such offenders in accordance with the law.

## SSP Ramban inaugurates battle-obstacle-courses to boost police fitness & readiness

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RAMBAN: The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban inaugurated the Battle-Obstacle-Courses at the District Police Line, marking the establishment of a dedicated District Training Centre for the police personnel of Ramban.

These training modules are aimed at enhancing the physical fitness, agility, and endurance of trainees, thereby equipping them to meet the rigorous demands of police duties. Addressing the police personals, the SSP encouraged them to make physical training an integral part of their lifestyle, emphasizing its role in build-



ing resilience and operational readiness.

The SSP further announced that several new courses will soon be intro-

duced, with a focus on strengthening core capabilities such as stamina, strength, and agility. These initiatives reflect the district

police's commitment to continuous skill enhancement and professional excellence.

Earlier SSP also held a Security Review meeting at Security Conference Hall Ramban in view of the forthcoming Independence Day 2025.

The meeting was attended by Addl. SP Ramban, DySP DAR Ramban, DySP Hqrs Ramban, DySP Telecom, SDPO's, SHO's, ICPP's, IC Minority Police pickets and IC Special Police Pickets of District Ramban.

During the meeting a quick review of the over all security scenario of the District including the emerging challenges were analysed and

responses were discussed.

Engaging in discussions on key topics such as the current security scenario, law and order, terrorist activities. Other areas that were discussed included Various activities under the banner of Har Ghar Tiranga like Bike rallies, Tiranga rallies etc to be organised at Sub division level. Traffic management, emergency response, and public safety measures were also discussed.

The officers effectively reviewed the traffic plan and the corresponding security measures to ensure a hassle free Independence Day celebrations.

## Shri Madbhagvat Katha begins in Poonch to celebrate Shri Krishna Janmashtami

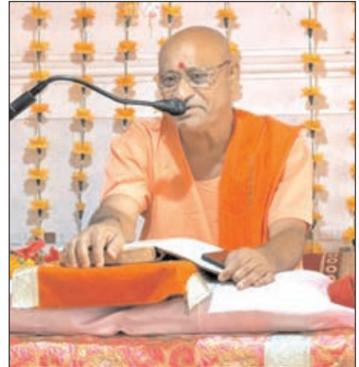
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POONCH: The sacred Shri Madbhagvat Katha commenced in Poonch as part of the week-long celebrations for Shri Krishna Janmashtami. The spiritual event is being conducted under the guidance of renowned Kathavaachak Shri Ram Bahari Das Ji from Gurdaspur, Punjab.

The Katha, organized by the Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha, will be held daily from August 9th to 15th, between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. A large number of devotees gathered on the first day to listen to the enlightening discourse. During the opening session, Ram Bahari Das highlighted the spiritual and cultural significance of the Shri Madbhagvat Katha in one's life.

The celebrations will culminate with a grand Shoba Yatra on August 16th, a day after Janmashtami, which will be the main attraction of the festivities.

President of Shri Sanatan Dharam



Sabha, Khaterpal Sharma, along with all Sabha members, have extended a heartfelt invitation to the public to actively participate in all the events and seek the blessings of Lord Krishna.

## Drug Control Officer, Police inspect courier services in Ramban to curb trafficking

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RAMBAN: In line with directives from the District Administration Ramban, the Drug Control Officer, in coordination with Police authorities, inspected courier centres in Chanderkote to check for the misuse of services for the sale of narcotics and psychotropic drugs.

During the inspection, the team focused on deliveries of medicines, particularly psychotropic drugs ordered online. The Drug Control Officer sensitised courier service providers about the potential abuse of their services by drug peddlers and highlighted how unverified consignments can be easily transported without detection.

The inspection team



instructed all courier service centres in Ramban district to immediately report any suspicious medicinal parcels to the Drug Control Department.

They were also directed to monitor addresses that frequently receive such consign-

ments and to remain vigilant to prevent courier services from being misused for drug trafficking.

The team will conduct regular inspections of all courier service centres to ensure the authenticity of consignments

containing medicines. This measure aims to curb the misuse of habit-forming drugs and reinforce efforts to eradicate drug abuse from society.

The Drug Control Officer urged courier agencies to cooperate, stating, "It is our collective responsibility to combat drug addiction. Every consignment of medicine or suspicious parcel must be verified before delivery."

Courier operators have been strictly directed not to dispatch or deliver any medicine consignment without prior intimation to the Drug Control Department, Ramban, through WhatsApp at 9596231600 or via email at drug\_office\_ramban@gmail.com.

## Raksha Bandhan celebrated in Muradpur Mandal

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RAJOURI: BJP Rajouri unit celebrated Raksha Bandhan festival at Daksh Chhatrawaas with the children living in Dassal Jattan (Muradpur Mandal). The children living in the hostel belong to the far flung areas of Rajouri district are studying in the different schools of Rajouri town.

BJP unit Rajouri under the leadership of District President Dev Raj Sharma took an initiative to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the children who couldn't go home because of distance & other reasons. BJP Muradpur Mandal President Ms Shikha Bali said that celebrating Rakshabandhan with the children gave her inner delightment. She further said that their purpose



BJP leaders and others during the programme.

to celebrate the festival with the children was to make them feel happy & ensure that they were not alone or away from their families. She told children to work hard & become prominent & successful personalities & fulfil their parents dream. Dev

Raj Sharma said that he & his team always think of such social obligations & making everyone feel happy & comfortable. He wished the children good luck for their future. The prominent who were present are Smt Arti Sharma

former District President Mahila Morecha, Sh Vinod Gupta (retired educationist & social worker), Basant Sharma (BLA 2), Des Raj Sharma (Mandal President), Kha Jamola/Rajat, Preeti Sharma & Anu Sharma.

## Tiranga rally enthralls Banihal under Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

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RAMBAN: As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, a vibrant Mega Tiranga Rally was organised today in Banihal to mark the 79th Independence Day celebration.

Sub-Divisional

Magistrate (SDM) Banihal, Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan, led the event, which aimed to instil patriotic fervour and promote a spirit of unity. It saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students, teachers and locals. Carrying the tricolour and chanting national slogans, participants filled the main market and streets of Banihal with the colours of the nation.

The rally commenced from GMHSS Banihal and passed through the main market, attracting widespread public attention. Educational institutions, civil society members and officials from various departments were actively involved.

The SDM highlighted the significance of the campaign, urging citizens to hoist the national flag on their homes from AUGUST 13 to 15 as a tribute to the nation's journey of independence. He praised the overwhelming participation of the youth, calling them the torchbearers of the country's bright future.

The rally concluded with the singing of the national anthem, symbolising a collective commitment to the ideals of freedom, unity and integrity. The local administration, police, educational institutions and community members cooperated to organise the programme, which reflected a deep patriotic spirit.

## Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and Raksha Bandhan celebrations strengthen civil-military bond

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RAJOURI: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, a series of patriotic activities were organised across the district, especially along the Line of Control (LoC), as part of the ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

As part of the celebrations, various government schools along the LoC-including GMS Chowk, GMS Jhangar, BMS Charyalla, BMS Pacea Makaan, GMS Pind Narian and HS Bamliya-marked the occasion of Raksha Bandhan with great fervour. Students collaborated with the Indian Army, BSF and other security agencies, enthusiastically tying rakhis to the soldiers to express deep respect and gratitude for their unwavering service to the nation.

Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma directed all Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs) and Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) to ensure that Raksha Bandhan celebrations with security forces, especially the Indian Army, were organised in their respective subdivisions. The initiative aimed to reinforce the spirit of unity, patriotism and mutual respect between civilians and armed forces personnel.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from the district administration, students, teachers and community members showcasing the district's enduring bond with the guardians of the nation's borders.

## SMVDU organises workshop for newly joined faculty members



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KATRA: SMVDU organized one-day workshop for newly joined Faculty members. The program aimed to familiarize/sensitize newly appointed faculty members with rules and regulations of the University. The workshop was formally inaugurated by Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU as a Chief Guest of the function, who delivered an inspiring keynote address drawing upon his over four decades of academic and administrative experiences.

Keeping in mind the requirements of the newly faculty members, the broader topics including in the workshop were Academic Practices, Rules and Regulation, Administrative Procedures, Procedures regarding Store & Procurement, Research and

Development Practices, Examination Procedures, Financial Regulations & Accreditation, Data Management & Program Organization Procedures. The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Supran K Sharma, Director DQA, while Ar. Anoop Kumar Sharma, Asstt. Director was the Organizing Secretary of the said workshop. Twenty Seven newly joined faculty members have joined the workshop. The prominent speakers of the workshop were Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean(AA); Prof. A K Das, Dean(R&D); Prof. Sumeet Gupta, Faculty I/c Examination; Prof. Supran K Sharma, Director, DQA; Tripti Saitu Gupta, Deputy Reg.(R&D) & Bhawana Mishra, Asstt. Reg.(Estab.). The workshop ended with a vote of thanks from the Organizing Secretary.

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