

8 vehicles including 6 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized eight vehicles including six dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Ghagwal and Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharge of Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli, Supwal, Goran & Mansar of PS Samba, Incharge of Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK02CU-8647, JK21D-9880, JK08P-8535, JK21G-7817, JK19A-5778, JK21K-9917 and a tractor trolley one bearing registration No. JK21H-7679 & a tractor trolley without registration No. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

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

Bike theft case solved; two held, 12 motorcycles recovered

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JAMMU: In a swift and well-coordinated operation, Police Station Bishnah has apprehended two culprits involved in a



recent bike theft under FIR No. 80/2025 U/S 303(2), 317(2) BNS, recovering three stolen motorcycles within 24 hours. Additionally, nine other unclaimed two-wheelers were seized from various locations under Bishnah Police jurisdiction.

Acting on credible intelligence, a special team was constituted by the SHO Police Station Bishnah, Inspector Rakesh Singh under the supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu.

Using a combination of human intelligence, technical assistance, and meticulous field efforts, the team swiftly traced and arrested the accused Manish Kumar S/o Sat Pal R/o Batyari Tehsil Bishnah and Bhag Hussain S/o Bulla R/o Chak Waziru Tehsil Bishnah who were found responsible for the thefts.

The crackdown led to the recovery of one motorcycle linked to the FIR and two other stolen bikes from the accused. The unclaimed vehicles are being verified for ownership, and efforts are underway to reunite them with rightful owners.

Further investigation is underway to trace the complete network involved in these thefts and to identify any additional accomplices linked to the crimes.

Fake RTO arrested

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JAMMU: A major fraud was busted after a complaint was lodged at Police Station Miran Sahib on 10 August 2025, leading to the registration of an FIR. Acting with promptness, Jammu Police investigating team led by SHO Miran Sahib, Inspector Azad Manhas under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura and SP headquarters Jammu apprehended a man impersonating a Regional Transport Officer (RTO) from Miran Sahib area. The accused was caught red-handed while accepting money from residents of Miran Sahib, RS Pura, and

other areas of Jammu in exchange for fake driving licences and forged vehicle documents. His fraudulent activities had been causing distress and financial loss to unsuspecting citizens.

He has been identified as Ashiq Lone, son of Maqbool Lone, resident of Khwaja Bagh, Baramulla, Srinagar. Investigations reveal that he had been posing as an RTO, deceiving the public by offering counterfeit services related to the Transport Department.

Based on victim statements recorded so far, the accused is alleged to have committed fraud amounting to Rs 2,57,000. The forged documents and other evidence recovered from his possession are being examined to trace the full scope of his illegal operations.

A formal case has been registered against the accused, and Police Station Miran Sahib is carrying out further investigations to determine the complete extent of the fraud and identify any possible accomplices involved in the racket.



Pargwal resonates with patriotism as MLA leads massive Tiranga Yatra

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PARGWAL: Ahead of Independence Day celebrations, MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat led a massive Tiranga Yatra at Pargwal, which saw enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students, locals, and government officials of Tehsil Pargwal.

The yatra, which started with patriotic slogans and the waving of the tricolour, turned the streets of Pargwal into a sea of saffron, white, and green. The event witnessed active participation of BDO Pargwal Naveel Hamdani, Chowki Prabhari PP Pargwal Amit Singh, Naib Tehsildar Surinder Kumar, BJP District President Kuldeep Sharma, Mandal President Gourav Manhas, Ex-BDC Nisha Devi, Kulveer Singh, Uttam Singh, Parshotam Singh, Dr Balwinder, Surjeet Singh, Ravi Singh, along with other prominent citizens and students.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat and others during Tiranga rally.

said, "The tricolour is not just a flag, it is the pride of our nation and a symbol of the sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters. As we celebrate 78 years of independence, it is our duty to uphold the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India. The youth of Pargwal must come forward to protect the country's democratic values and work for the progress of society." He also lauded the overwhelming participation of locals and urged everyone to hoist the national flag at their homes as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga cam-

paign.

The Tiranga Yatra concluded with the singing of the national anthem, leaving the atmosphere charged with patriotic fervour.

Pargwal was painted in the colours of the tricolour, a huge tricolour yatra was taken out under the leadership of MLA Mohan Lal

Pargwal. The streets of Pargwal reverberated with patriotic slogans and the pride of the tricolour on the eve of Independence Day. A massive Tiranga Yatra was organized today under the leadership of MLA Akhnoor

Mohan Lal Bhagat in which hundreds of students, local people and government officials of Tehsil Pargwal participated enthusiastically.

The yatra started with patriotic songs and slogans like Vande Mataram, Bharat Mata ki Jai. Soon, the streets of Pargwal were filled with the tricolour. On this occasion, BDO Pargwal Naveen Hamdani, Chowki Incharge PP Pargwal Amit Singh, Naib Tehsildar Surinder Kumar, BJP District President Kuldeep Sharma, Mandal President Gaurav Manhas, former

BDC Nisha Devi, Kulveer Singh, Uttam Singh, Parshotam Singh, Dr. Balwinder, Surjit Singh, Ravi Singh and many other dignitaries and students were present.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat said, "The tricolour is not just a flag but it is the pride of our country and a symbol of the sacrifices of those countless freedom fighters. Today, when we are celebrating the 79th Independence Day, we should pledge to protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country. The youth of Pargwal must come forward and protect the democratic values and contribute to the progress of the society."

He also appealed to everyone to hoist the tricolour at their homes under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. The Tiranga Yatra concluded with the national anthem, which filled the entire atmosphere with patriotic energy.

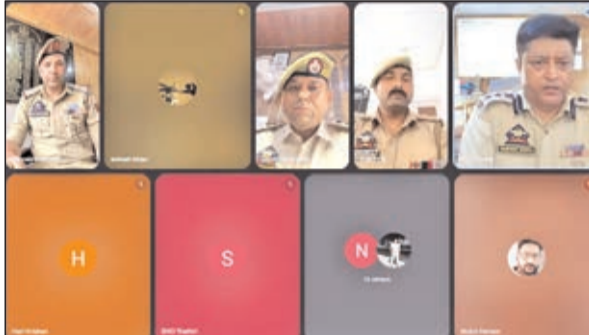
SSP Doda holds security review meeting ahead of Independence Day 2025

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DODA: SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS) chaired a virtual security review meeting from the District Police Office (DPO), Doda, in anticipation of the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations. The meeting witnessed the participation of all supervisory officers, SHOs, and IC-PPs of the district. Officers posted at Doda attended the meeting in person.

The primary objective of the meeting was to assess and strengthen security preparedness for the upcoming national event.

During the session, SSP Mehta provided a comprehensive briefing on the current security scenario, emphasizing the need for heightened vigilance and alertness across all Areas of Responsibility (AOR). He instructed officers to intensify surveillance, with particular focus on, Religious places, Critical installations,



Identified hotspot areas, Designated Independence Day celebration venues, Enhanced foot patrolling and deployment of Long Range and Short Range Patrols (L R P s / S R P s) , Establishment of random nakas at strategic locations, Effective area domination to prevent any disruption by anti-social or mischievous elements

Officers were also directed to ensure the effective implementation of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, fostering patriotic spirit and encouraging public participation in the

lead-up to Independence Day.

The meeting featured an active exchange of views and suggestions among officers. Detailed discussions were held on various security measures, with a strong emphasis on coordination, collaboration, and synergy among all security agencies to ensure a robust and fool-proof security apparatus on the ground.

As Independence Day approaches, the District Police remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all citizens across the Doda.

Police Poonch, Admin organise human chain under ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ Campaign



Police personnel along with others during Tiranga rally at Poonch.

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POONCH: In a remarkable display of patriotism and unity, the District Administration Poonch, in collaboration with District Police Poonch, today organized a spectacular five-kilometer-long human chain as part of the ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The event witnessed overwhelming public participation, turning the town into a

vibrant sea of saffron, white, and green.

Defying intermittent rain, thousands of schoolchildren, police personnel, and local residents turned out in large numbers to take part in this historic celebration. A major highlight of the occasion was the unfurling and ceremonial carrying of a 79-meter-long National Flag, proudly held aloft by senior administrative officers, police offi-

cials, and enthusiastic participants.

The programme was jointly led by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Sharma, and Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch, Shafqat Hussain, who expressed pride in the massive turnout and commended the participants for their unwavering spirit despite the weather challenges.

Around 6,000 participants lined up along the iconic Sher-e-Kashmir Bridge and adjoining areas, hand in hand, forming a symbolic chain of unity and national pride. The atmosphere reverberated with patriotic songs, chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," and the fluttering of countless Tricolours.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Poonch emphasized the importance of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in fostering a deeper connection between citizens and the National Flag, while SSP Poonch lauded the discipline and enthusiasm displayed by students, police personnel, and residents alike.

The event concluded with a collective pledge to uphold the values of freedom, integrity, and harmony - the very ideals the Tricolor represents.

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RAMBAN: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Ramban, under the leadership of District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh, today organized a Tiranga bike and car rally to celebrate the spirit of patriotism and unity.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from party leaders, office bearers, and youth activists from across the district.

The rally was graced by the presence of BJP State General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, who expressed his appreciation for the large turnout and the commitment of the party workers towards the national cause.

Also present were District General Secretary Gurdeep Singh, former District President and current DDC Ramban A Rakesh Thakur, former District President Rajeshwar Kumar, BJP



District General Secretary Advocate Khajur Singh, DDC members Renuka Katoch (Ramban A), Balbeer Bali (Ukhral B), Jagvir Dass (Batote), and several BJP leaders and BJYM functionaries.

The event was marked by an electrifying atmosphere as the participants rode and

paign initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government.

District President Neelam Langeh addressed the gathering and praised the dedication of BJP workers and youth for their enthusiastic participation.

He said, "Our Tiranga is a symbol of India's unity, diversity, and pride. Events like these strengthen the bond among citizens and remind us of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters."

The rally concluded with a call for all residents of Ramban to hoist the National Flag on their homes and offices this Independence Day, reinforcing the message of patriotism and national integration.

The active involvement of BJP, BJYM members added vigour to the rally, making it a memorable occasion for the people of Ramban district.

BJP organises Tiranga Rally along LoC



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POONCH: In a vibrant display of patriotism ahead of Independence Day, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a Tiranga Rally in Poonch today, aimed at spreading awareness about the national flag and invoking a sense of unity and pride among the people.

The rally, started from SK

Bridge, under the leadership of Choudary Abdul Ghani ST morecha UT president and Gurdeep Singh District president passed through various markets, villages, and key

areas of the district, drawing participation from enthusiastic party workers, local residents, and youth. The procession culminated at the Line of Control (LoC) in Chaka Da

Bagh, symbolizing the unity and integrity of the nation. Speaking to the media during the event, Gurdeep Singh, BJP District President, said Our motto behind organizing this Tiranga Rally is to make people aware of the importance of the Tiranga it is not just a flag, but a symbol of our national identity, unity, and sacrifices made by countless Indians."

He added that such initiatives also aim to strengthen the spirit of nationalism, especially among the younger generation, and serve as a reminder of the values enshrined in the Constitution.

DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range reviews security for Independence Day & Kailash Kund Yatra



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UDHAMPUR: Sarah Rizvi, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, chaired a security review meeting to finalize arrangements for Independence Day celebrations and the upcoming Kailash Kund Yatra in District Udhampur.

The DIG directed strict access control, area domination & coordinated deployment to ensure smooth & secure Independence Day functions.

Regarding the Kailash Kund Yatra commencing on August 20, 2025, from Baba Basuki Nag Temple, Dudu, the meeting covered a wide range of aspects including security arrangements, intelligence sharing, traffic management, medical and emergency services and infrastructure logistics. She emphasized maintaining high vigilance and preparedness throughout the Yatra and instructed officers to conduct advance area dominance, reviews, briefing sessions and drills for effective implementation of plans. Senior officers from Police, CRPF and CAPFs attended the meeting, reaffirming coordinated efforts for the peaceful and smooth conduct of both events.

GDC Khour organises Tiranga rally

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KHOUR: As a part of ongoing Independence Day Celebration from 1st to 15th August to commemorate 79th Independence Day and to celebrate the International Youth Day that is on 12th August, NSS and NCC Wing of Govt. Degree College Khour organized a "Tiranga Rally" under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) T.K. Sharma. "The Tiranga Rally" is a symbol of our commitment to the nation and hold immense significance as it embodies the spirit of national unity, patriotism and pride. The rally saw enthusiastic participation from the students and all faculty members. The aim of the event was to promote patriotism. Prof. (Dr.) T. K. Sharma flagged off the rally and emphasized the importance of national unity and integrity. While



addressing the rally, he stressed on the importance of national unity and integrity. He also said that such events instill a sense of patriotism, unity and create a sense of belongingness towards nation. The rally started from the main gate of the college campus with students and faculty members holding National flags in their hands. Further, they sang patriotic songs, showcasing their love and pride for the nation. The event concluded with a pledge taking ceremony, where participants vowed to uphold the values of the national flag. HoDs of all departments were participated in the rally. The event was conducted by Lt. Shivani Sharma, ANO Boys Senior Division, Mr. Sunil Kumar, PTI and Dr. Chetan Sharma, Convenor, Viksit Bharat@2047 played a crucial role in organizing the event and ensuring its success.

Drive against unhygienic meat carried out



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POONCH: A special drive was conducted by the Assistant Food Safety Department in Poonch against the sale of unhygienic meat and chicken. Assistant Food Safety Commissioner Tariq Mehmood addressed the media, providing details of the operation and warning against the sale of uncertified meat.

According to Mehmood, the drive, which is a routine part of the state-wide initiative, focused on inspecting meat storage facilities and shops in Poonch. During the raid, a significant amount of spoiled and foul-smelling meat was confiscated from two out of six inspected shops. The unhygienic meat, which was stored in refrigerators, was immediately seized and later buried to prevent any health hazards.

The Assistant Food Safety Commissioner stated that such operations will continue to crack down on the illegal and unhygienic meat business. He issued a stern warning to all hoteliers and meat sellers, emphasizing that they must not sell any meat that is not certified and lacks proper documentation. This includes details on the origin, preparation date, and whether it is "halal" or "jhatka". He appealed to the public to refrain from consuming uncertified meat for their own health and safety. Mehmood reiterated that the department's commitment to ensuring food safety and hygiene for the public is a top priority, and strict action will be taken against anyone found violating these regulations. The continuous crackdown aims to dismantle the nexus involved in selling substandard meat and ensure that only quality and certified products are available to consumers.

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