

## Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested a drug peddler in Shopian and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A Police team of Police Post Wachi at a checkpoint established at Melhura near Laktipora, intercepted a suspicious person identified as Zubair Manzoor Bhat son of Manzoor Ahmad Bhat resident of Arwani Bijbehara. During search, approximately 290 grams of charas like substance was recovered from his possession and was subsequently arrested. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 57/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Zainapora and investigation has been initiated.

## J&K Police secures conviction in rash driving case

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AWANTIPORA: J&K Police in Awantipora have secured conviction from the Hon'ble Court of Addl. Special Mobile Magistrate Awantipora against an accused Mohd Waseem Dar, involved in Case FIR No. 65/2014 under Sections 279, 337 and 304-A RPC of Police Station Awantipora for rash and negligent driving which caused the death of a two-year-old minor child and injuries to two others.

The accused has been sentenced to 01-year imprisonment with a fine of Rs 5,000 under Section 304-A RPC, three months' imprisonment with a fine of Rs 500 under Section 337 RPC, and three months' imprisonment with a fine of Rs 1,000 under Section 279 RPC. The Court directed that all the sentences shall run concurrently. The Court, after thorough trial proceedings and examination of evidence, delivered the judgment, ensuring justice.

SSP Awantipora commends the efforts of Investigating officer in collection of evidence and subsequently prosecution was diligently conducted by Ld. Assistant Public Prosecutor Mr. Mashooq Wani.

## House gutted in midnight blaze at Nonial

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SUNDERBANI: A devastating fire engulfed a residential house in Upper Nonial village, Tehsil Nowshera, Rajouri district, in the early hours of August 17, resulting in property

damage estimated at over Rs 50 lakh. The house belonged to Amarjeet Singh, currently serving in the Indian Army.

According to reports, unidentified individuals allegedly broke into the house around midnight, forcibly unlocking the door before setting it on fire. At the time of the incident, no one was home. Amarjeet Singh's wife, Baldeep Kour, was away visiting her parental home in Rajpur Bhatta.

Amarjeet's father, Gurdev Singh, recounted the shocking event: "Late in the night, unknown miscreants broke the door locks and entered the house. They opened the gas pipe from the hookah and turned on the regulator to release gas, then set it alight. By the time we noticed smoke in the morning, everything was already reduced to ashes."

Items destroyed in the blaze include a refrigerator, LED television, air conditioner, washing machine, almirahs, fans, coolers, clothing, and furniture, among other household goods.

Local police were immediately informed and arrived at the scene promptly. A case has been registered, and an investigation is currently underway to identify and apprehend those responsible.

The incident has left the family in deep distress, with a call for swift action and justice for the loss incurred.

## 5 vehicles including 3 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, SHO PS Samba, Incharge of Police Post Mansar of PS Samba, Incharge of Police Post Utterbehani of PS Purmandal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized three dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08P-0063, JK19-4601, JK08H-4660 and two tractor trolleys without registration Nos. 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.

## Two minors among four missing traced; reunited with families

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JAMMU: Two minors among four missing persons were traced and reunited with their families.

That on August 17, 2025, a missing report of one Sachin Matto S/o Jhon Matto R/o. H.No.F-37, New Plot, District Jammu was lodged vide DDR No. 11 on the written complaint and special team was constituted for tracing out the missing person.

Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by Incharge Police Post Rehari PSI Siraj Ahmad did strenuous efforts and with the help of locals & technical assistance, the said missing person was traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities the said missing person now been reunited with his family and handed over to legal heirs.

Police Station Pacea Danga under the leadership of Inspector Rakesh Mani successfully traced and reunited two minor girls with their families.

During routine patrolling and checking in the jurisdiction of Pacea Danga, police officials found two minor girls R/o Jammu-wandering in the area without any guardian. On inquiry, both disclosed their identities and residential details.

Their parents were immediately contacted and called to the police station. After due verification of their identity and relationship through proper documentation, the minors were safely handed over to their respective families in the presence of police officials and witnesses.

In another case, That on June 23, 2025, a missing report of one lady (name withheld) R/o. District Jammu was lodged vide DDR No. 18 on the written complaint of her husband and special team was constituted for tracing out the missing girl.

Acting swiftly upon this, a Police team led by SHO P/S R.S Pura, Inspector R.S.Parihar did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the said missing lady traced out by police team and after completing all the legal formalities the said missing lady now been reunited with her family and handed over to legal heirs.

## Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, Vehicles Seized

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JAMMU: In a swift and effective action, Police Station Jhajar Kotli successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt and rescued 02 bovines from a vehicle.

A team led by SHO Police Station Jhajar Kotli under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota, and SP Rural Jammu intercepted one Mahindra load carrier bearing registration number JK02DJ-4017 which was found transporting the animals under inhumane conditions and without DM permission. The driver of the vehicles has been identified as Mohd Munshi S/O Haji Bulle Shahi R/O Jhiri Tehsil Marh Distt Jammu.

The vehicle involved in the smuggling attempt has been seized, and a case FIR No 107/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA

Act has been registered at police station Jhajar Kotli and investigation into the matter is underway.

## Fraudster nabbed; cash & ATM cards recovered

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JAMMU: In a swift action, Jammu Police cracked a major ATM fraud case by arresting a habitual offender involved in card swapping and fraudulent withdrawals.



Acting promptly on a complaint lodged by Santosh Kumar of Greater Kailash, City Police Station Jammu registered FIR No. 51/2025 U/S 318(4)/303(2) BNS. The complainant reported that his ATM card was swapped at Shalamar Chowk ATM booth and ₹10,800 was fraudulently withdrawn.

Jammu Police team headed by SHO City Inspector Shakti Devi assisted by PSI Imran Hameed under the supervision of SP City North and SDPO City North, the accused Shubam Sharma S/O Pawan Kumar R/O Indra Colony, Jammu was arrested.

During the operation, police recovered ₹38,500 in cash, three ATM cards, and a Bajaj Pulsar 150 motorcycle (with tampered registration plate) used in the commission of crime. On sustained questioning, the accused confessed to withdrawing an additional ₹40,000 from an ATM at Janipur near High Court and another card swapping incident at New Plot.

Investigations further revealed that the accused was earlier arrested by Bus Stand Police in 2024 (FIR No. 19/2024 U/S 420/411/201 IPC) along with his associate Vipin Kumar of Uttar Pradesh, in a similar case of ATM fraud, and was later bailed out by court.

The present arrest has not only led to the recovery of cash and ATM cards but has also exposed the repeat offender's modus operandi. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the ownership of the seized ATM cards and the motorcycle.

## 95th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma commemorated

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AKHNOOR: On the occasion of the 95th birth anniversary of Late Pandit Govind Ram Sharma, former Health Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, a commemorative program was organized at Manda, Akhnoor under the chairmanship of Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Pandit Suresh Sharma.

During the event, Akhnoor MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat paid floral tributes and highlighted the revolutionary life and contributions of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma, stating that his visionary work transformed the socio-economic landscape of the region. He



MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat paying floral tributes to Pandit Govind Ram Sharma.

was a true leader who walked with every section of society and left behind a legacy of service and inclusiveness. People from both Akhnoor

and Chhamb constituencies attended the event in large numbers to pay homage and recall his revolutionary leadership journey. Several close

associates of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma shared their memories, remembering how he tirelessly fought for the rights of the poor and the underprivileged. They recalled that during his tenure, remote areas of Akhnoor witnessed unprecedented development-roads were constructed, new schools and hospitals were established, and essential infrastructure was laid, changing the destiny of the region.

Addressing the gathering, Pandit Suresh Sharma said that the truest tribute to Pandit Ji would be to follow the path he laid down. He reminded everyone of his guiding principle: "Every

poor person must get their rightful due, and every village must have access to basic facilities without any discrimination." He assured that he remains committed to carrying forward this mission.

The program was graced by several dignitaries, including Suraj Singh (Vice Chairman, DDC Jammu), Daljeet Singh (Former Vice Chairman, Kisan Advisory Board), Neha Rajput (Former BDC Chairperson), Mamohan Singh (District Co-Incharge), senior leaders Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Jugal Dogra, Vikram Singh, along with many Panchs, Sarpanchs, and dedicated party workers.

## BMO inspects healthcare facilities at AAM Sub-Centre Ramgarh

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ASSAR: Block Medical Officer Assar Dr. Syed Mohammad Ismail paid a surprise visit to the AAM Sub-Centre Ramgarh (Bagger) on Monday to review its functioning and assess the quality of healthcare services being provided to the local population.

During the inspection, the BMO interacted with the staff, verified records and took note of the facilities available at the centre. He stressed the importance of maintaining punctuality, cleanliness and proper record-keeping, while ensuring that patients



BMO Assar Dr. Syed Mohammad Ismail during surprise visit to AAM Sub-Centre Ramgarh.

receive quality healthcare services without any inconvenience. The visit highlighted the department's commitment

towards strengthening primary healthcare delivery and improving accessibility of medical facilities in rural areas of Block Assar.

## Principal PTTI Vijaypur inaugurates 4 training courses

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VIJAYPUR: Four courses viz., "02-months Basic Induction course, 6-weeks Disaster Management course, 02-weeks Anti Sabotage check & X-ray Baggage scanner course and 01-week Role Based Training under CCTNS" commenced at PTTI Vijaypur in which about (75) Police personnel of various units of Police Department are participating. All the courses were formally inaugurated by Ranjit Singh Sambhal-IPS, Principal PTTI Vijaypur who in his inaugural address briefed the participating officers/officials about the basic concepts of these courses and emphasized upon them to take keen interest in their training and maintain proper discipline in the Institute during their training period. Principal said that in Basic



Principal PTTI Vijaypur Ranjit Singh Sambhal along with participating officers.

Induction course, the trainees will teach about the security duty, security gadgets, weapon handling etc whereas DM course aims to provide knowledge to the trainees in the area of disaster preparedness & mitigation, response mechanism, search, rescue & first Aid. Similarly, the ASC course will be focused on security

concepts, equipment & technology, search techniques, anti sabotage check procedures, response to threats, coordination & role clarity etc and the trainees of CCTNS course will be imparted training on CCTNS architecture & modules, practical demonstration, citizens services, data quality & responsibility,

cyber security & confidentiality etc. for enhancing the operational efficiency and effectiveness of policing especially at Police stations and at all levels. The officers included Vice Principal, DySP (Outdoor/Indoor) DySP Admn and senior prosecuting officers of the Institute were present on the occasion.

## Week-long training programme for JKAS officers commences at SKPA Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: A one-week training programme for Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers commenced on Monday at the Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur. The programme has been designed to strengthen professional competence by providing exposure to key areas of policing, public administration, and contemporary governance challenges.

Inaugurating the course, Garib Dass, IPS, ADGP, Director SKPA, stressed on the importance of synergy between civil administration and police for peace, good governance, and effective service delivery. He noted that such training initiatives foster cross-learning, mutual



ADGP, Director SKPA, Garib Dass along with officials during the training programme.

understanding, and institutional coordination. Dass also delivered the inaugural lecture, focusing on the role of collaborative leadership in present-day governance.

The training will cover law and order management, human rights, disaster management, community policing, emerging security challenges, and coordination

between police and civil administration. To promote physical fitness and discipline, the schedule also includes morning PT, yoga, police drills, ceremonial drills, awareness about weapons,

and Passing Out Parade-style practices. On the inaugural day, Sarah Rizvi, IPS, DIG, Udhampur Range, and Rajinder Kumar Gupta, IPS,

Deputy Director (Indoor), SKPA, delivered lectures on Structure and Organization of Police and the New Criminal Laws.

Eighteen JKAS officers are participating in the programme, which is being coordinated by Rakesh Sambhal, CPO, assisted by Inspector Vikas Manhas, Faculty Member, SKPA.

## DC Kathua inspects flood-affected areas; directs immediate restoration measures

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today visited Katli road on Dayala Chack-Billarwar stretch to take stock of damages caused by recent flashfloods. He directed the PWD authorities to ensure temporary restoration of the damaged road at



DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma inspecting flood affected areas.

the earliest and prepare a comprehensive plan for permanent solution of the affected assets.

The DC also visited Sanyal Bridge, where a portion of the approach road has sunk due to flashfloods. He directed the contractor to immedi-

ately install safety crates to safeguard the bridge and ensure protection of the approach road.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Tehsil Office Dinga Amb where he chaired a meeting of officers to review the situation. He

instructed the CPO to prepare a detailed proposal under SDRF for temporary restoration works, while directing PHE and PDD departments to submit reports of damages caused to public assets in the recent rains.

On the occasion, a deputation from Pacea Kotha also met the Deputy Commissioner.

The Deputation members apprised him of the damages in their area. The DC directed the ADC concerned to visit the spot and assess the losses to initiate necessary action.

The visits were conducted in the aftermath of torrential rains that triggered flash floods, cloudbursts and overflow of major tributaries and Nallahs, resulting in damage to roads, bridges and other public infrastructure in the district.

ADC Vishavjeet Singh, SDM Hirangar Phulail Singh, ACD Akhil Sadotra, CPO Ranjit Thakur and other concerned district officers were also present on the occasion.

## Delegation of SCARD Bank depositors submits memorandum to Congress



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SUNDERBANI: A delegation of farmers & other depositors of State Cooperative Agriculture & Rural Development Bank (SCARD) met the JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, former Ex-MLC, here today & submitted a memorandum of their grievances in the name of PCC President Tariq Hameed Karra.

The delegation thanked Ravinder Sharma for the support extended to them for their genuine cause & apprised him of the assurance given by the Government to settle their issue of releasing their money in two months. They told him that

the farmers all over UT are suffering a lot due to nonpayment of their hard earned deposits in the bank after several months of their maturity of the amounts, which forced them to lodge protest outside bank branches & head office in Jammu.

Since the Government has given them a written assurance, to repay their deposits within two months, they hope positive outcome. Sharma urged the Government & the Bank management to clear the mess in the bank at the earliest and ensure justice to the farmers & other poor depositors within time frame, failing which they will come on roads to seek the release of their hard-earned money.

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