

Janipur Police cracks theft case, accused held, stolen property recovered

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JAMMU: In a breakthrough, Janipur Police Station has successfully solved a theft case registered in the year 2024 and recovered stolen property worth Rs 1,00,000.

On 03.11.2024, theft of electric wire valuing ₹1,00,000 was reported from the residence of Atul Gupta S/o Late Kundan Lal Gupta, resident of Suraksha Vihar, Paloura, Janipur. In this connection, a case FIR No. 124/2024 under Section 305 BNS was registered at Police Station Janipur.

After sustained efforts, meticulous investigation, and the use of scientific techniques, the police team of PS Janipur succeeded in apprehending accused Danish Massih S/o Anil Kunat, resident of Sunder Nagar, Talab Tillo. The stolen electric wire worth ₹1,00,000 has been recovered from his possession.

The achievement was made possible under the supervision of SDPO City West, Dr. Satish Bhardwaj, and overall guidance of SP City North. The relentless efforts of the police team, led by Insp. Vikram Sharma, SHO Janipur, are highly appreciated.



Absconders nabbed after six months long manhunt

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JAMMU: In a resolute effort to enforce justice, Jammu District Police have successfully apprehended a fugitive, Labha Ram SO Mansa Ram RO Kotli Charkan Bishnah, who had been evading capture for over six months.

The suspect was wanted in connection with a case registered under FIR No. 02/2011, facing charges under Sections 8/21/22/NDPS Act at Police Station Peermitha.

A specialized team from Police Station Bishnah, led by PSI Mohd Zahid under the close supervision of SHO Bishnah, Inspector Rakesh Singh, acting on a non-bailable warrant issued under Section 512 of the CrPC by the Special Judge NDPS Court Jammu, meticulously tracked and arrested the accused, who was evening arrest since long.

Hardcore criminal arrested with multiple weapons

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SAMBA: Samba Police has achieved a significant breakthrough in a case FIR No. 71/2025 registered under Arms Act at Police Station Vijaypur and arrested another accused with weapons.

During the investigation of a case FIR No. 71/2025 u/s 3/7/25 Arms Act registered at PS Vijaypur in which on 11-07-

2025 Police had arrested one student of the Central

University Jammu (Rahya) namely Kaif Ahmed S/o Shami Ahmed R/o Barharia near Masjid Barharia district Siwan (Bihar) for illegal trafficking of firearms and transporting weapons-specifically pistols and katta-from Bihar and selling them to local criminals and also recovered a country made pistol from him.

Police has arrested another accused namely Balwinder Singh @ Goru Jatt S/o Swarn Singh R/o Ranjari tehsil Vijaypur district Samba on 08-08-2025. During interrogation and based on his disclosure, one desi Katta (country-made pistol) was recovered by Police from Rahya on 17-08-2025.

Continuing the investigation, Police has successfully recovered another country-made revolver on 18-08-2025 from village Ranjari of PS Vijaypur on his disclosure.

Movable property worth Rs 10 Lakh of bovine smuggler attached

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UDHAMPUR: Continuing its sustained drive against bovine smuggling, Udhampur Police has attached another movable property of a habitual bovine smuggler.

Vehicle Mahindra Bolero Pick-Up bearing registration number JK21C-4107 valued ₹10 lakhs belonging to Arun Kumar S/o Rash Paul R/o Ramgarh, Samba (J&K) was attached under Section 107(5) BNSS by the order of Court of District Mobile Magistrate Traffic, Udhampur.

The said vehicle was involved in case FIR No. 234/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act of PS Udhampur. During the investigation, detailed inquiry was conducted from multiple aspects. As per the obtained criminal record and financial investigation, it was revealed that the vehicle was acquired through illegally earned money. Accordingly, it has been attached under the relevant provisions of law.



Bootlegger nabbed with 96 bottles of illicit liquor

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against the sale of illicit liquor in the district, Samba Police has arrested a bootlegger and seized 96 bottles of illicit liquor of 180 ml each in the jurisdiction of Police Station Rangarh.

Acting on reliable information regarding sale of illicit liquor in Ward No. 07 Ramgarh, a police party of Police Station Rangarh raided the shop of the accused person and seized 96 bottles of JK Special Whisky of 180 ml each from his possession. The arrested shopkeeper has been identified as Rohit

Kumar S/o Dev Raj R/o Ward No. 07 Ramgarh district Samba who was indulged in selling of illicit liquor to general public from his shop.

A case FIR No. 61/2025 under Section 48(f) Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation started.

Notorious drug peddler arrested; heroin recovered

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UDHAMPUR: Police Team of Police Post Tikri led by its ICPP while performing Patrolling/checking duty at Naka Point Tikri intercepted one suspicious person who was coming from Manthal side and moving towards Tikri on foot and turned to be suspicious as he turned back and start moving backwards on seeing police team but was apprehended. Upon frisking of said person namely Ajay Kumar @Ajiu S/O Goga Ram R/O Mand, Tikri, Udhampur. Police team recovered 5.17 grams of heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who has been arrested on spot. In this regard, A Case FIR No. 130/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Rehambal.



Missing person traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: A missing was traced by Rehari police and was reunited with his family.

That on 17.08.2025, 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.

Hit-and-Run case cracks within 2 hours, accused arrested

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JAMMU: In a swift and professional response, team of Police Station Satwari successfully cracked a hit-and-run case within two hours of the incident, showcasing prompt action.

Earlier today, information was received through reliable sources that an unknown truck had hit a motorcycle (Registration No. JK02BS 3198) near the Fourth Bridge. The motorcycle rider, identified as Pawan Kumar (age 45 years), S/o Hans Raj, R/o Shakti Nagar, Jammu, sustained critical injuries and was immediately shifted to GMC Jammu, where doctors regrettably declared him dead. In this regard, FIR No. 169/2025 U/S 281/106 BNS was registered at Police Station Satwari.

Acting swiftly, a special team of Police Station Satwari led

by SHO PS Satwari, assisted by I/C PP Belicharana, under the direct supervision of SDPO City South, and SP City South, with the overall supervision of SSP Jammu launched an intensive investigation.

Through meticulous CCTV analysis and tireless efforts, the police team identified the vehicle involved in the crime, a truck bearing Registration No. JK02CR 2854. The vehicle was seized, and the accused driver has been arrested.

The swift action of Jammu Police not only brought the accused to justice within hours but also reaffirmed its commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring public safety.

Police solves theft case; two accused arrested

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BARAMULLA: Police in Baramulla have successfully solved a Masjid theft case by arresting two accused persons involved in the commission of crime.

On 15/08/2025, Police Station Kunzer received a complaint from Abdul Waseem Sheikh (Lambardar) of Pandithpora Payeen Kunzer, stating that during the intervening night of 13-14/08/2025, unknown persons had stolen the copper steamer from Masjid Shareef Pandithpora.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 85/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, officers acting promptly resulting the successful detention of the accused persons, identified as Mohd Eya Kalimim @Ramzan son of Mohd Neshu Sheikh resident of Niyabasti, Kalia Chak, District Malda, Uttar Dariapur, West Bengal and Mohd Haneef Sheikh son of Mohd Rayeesu Sheikh resident of Salipyr, District Malda, Uttar Dariapur, West Bengal. The stolen steamer, valued at approximately ₹1.5 lakh, was recovered on their revelation.

Further investigation is ongoing and efforts are underway to apprehend other individuals involved in the commission of this crime.

3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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BUDGAM/KUPWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party from Police Post Soibugh at a checkpoint established at Galwanpora Crossing intercepted a suspicious individual identified as Muzamil Ahmad Khan son of Mohammad Ayoub Khan resident of Bathaar. During search, contraband was recovered from his possession.

In Kupwara, during patrolling at Bategram near the Radio Station, a Police team from Police Station Kupwara intercepted a suspicious vehicle (Hyundai i10 Sports) bearing registration number JK15A-6188 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Afaq Mohiuddin Bhat son of Gh Mohiuddin Bhat resident of Aloosa Bandipore and Muneeba Begum wife of Mehrjudin Bhat resident of Aloosa Bandipore. During search, officers recovered heroin-like substance from them.

Accordingly, cases under relevant provisions of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Mohan Lal pledges zero tolerance towards corruption

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AKHNOOR: A Public Darbar was today convened at the Floriculture Training and Awareness Center, Akhnoor, under the chairmanship of MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal. The event witnessed the participation of officers from all key departments of the constituency along with a large number of locals, who raised issues ranging from fraudulent land records to utility deficiencies.

During the proceedings, people drew attention to the fraudulent issuance of revenue records (Farad), poor electricity supply, misappropriation of property belonging to the Cooperative Marketing Society, and illegal settlements along the banks of river Chenab by bovine smugglers and encroachers. Grievances related to the Jal Shakti Department, Public



MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal holding Public Darbar at Akhnoor.

Works, Flood Control, Irrigation, and Health sectors were also prominently discussed. Responding to these concerns, the MLA issued on-the-spot directions to officials for immediate relief and redressal. Reaffirming his commitment to clean and accountable governance, Mohan Lal declared that there will be no space for crime or corruption in the

Akhnoor constituency. He warned that any government employee shielding criminals or attempting to protect corrupt practices would face strict legal consequences. The MLA directed authorities to initiate action against revenue officers accused of fraudulent practices, as well as officials of the Cooperative Marketing Society charged with misappropriation. He

also came down heavily on the Power Development officials, expressing disappointment at their careless approach in resolving electricity-related grievances. Further, he instructed the SDPO Akhnoor to identify and take prompt action against all illegal occupants and unauthorized constructions along the Chenab riverbank.

Mohan Lal emphasized the need to expedite ongoing works in irrigation, PWD, health, Jal Shakti, and flood control sectors. He informed the public that several longstanding issues had already

been resolved, including the disbursement of land compensation cases, the shifting of Jourian Hospital to its new building, and the completion of critical flood protection projects along the Chenab. Announcing a major push for development, the MLA said works worth over ₹50 crores have been approved for the constituency, with execution expected to start in the coming days.

The Public Darbar was presided over by SDM Akhnoor, Mukhtar Lone, and attended by DDC Bhushan Bral, Executive Engineers and officers from all major departments, including PWD, PHE, Jal Shakti, Irrigation, Flood Control, and the PDD. The initiative drew widespread appreciation from the public, who welcomed the opportunity to directly voice their grievances before the administration. Citizens urged that such interactive Darbars should be organized on a monthly basis to ensure greater accountability and transparency in governance.

GDC Ramgarh hosts awareness Programme on SIGMA Portal, Proper Use of State Emblem of India

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SAMBA: Government Degree College Ramgarh organized an awareness programme on the Students Integrated Grievance and Messaging Application (SIGMA) under the guidance of the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol.

Dr. Shivali Panigotra sensitized the students about the objectives and benefits of the SIGMA portal. She explained how the platform provides a confidential grievance redressal mechanism for unresolved academic or institutional concerns and also serves as a centralized communication channel for timely dissemination of important academic information, student-centric initiatives, and national-level programmes. She motivated students to actively utilize this portal for their academic growth, transparency, and effective resolution of griev-

ances. To further strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism, a physical grievance box as well as SHE (Sexual Harassment Elimination) complaint box was installed in the premises, ensuring multiple safe and accessible avenues for students to voice their concerns.

In addition to this, the screening of a documentary on the "Display of State Emblem of India" was organized to sensitize students about the proper and legal usage of the State Emblem, in compliance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Higher Education Department, UT of J&K. The documentary film highlighted the legal provisions, correct usage and consequences of misuse of the National Symbols particularly the State Emblem of India.

Annual Machail Yatra 2025: Pavitra Charri of Shree Chandi Maa leaves for Machail

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KISHTWAR: The sacred Pavitra Charri (Holy Mace) of Shree Chandi Mata today commenced its spiritual journey from Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir-Sarkoot after a night halt. The Holy Mace proceeded towards the revered shrine of Shree Chandi Mata at Machail Village in Block Paddar. In view of the cloud-burst incident on 14 August, the Holy Mace proceeded in a simple and solemn manner, with a few vehicles accompanying it amid tight security.

The pilgrimage with the Holy Mace continues with unwavering devotion, following its traditional route and



making scheduled halts at Atholi, Massu and Chasoti.

The Pavitra Charri is expected to reach the sacred

Machail Shrine on August 22, 2025 and will begin its return journey on August 24, 2025.

Pawan inaugurates historic 3-day annual Sankri Devta Mela

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UDHAMPUR: Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West Pawan Kumar Gupta on Tuesday inaugurated the three-day annual historic Sankri Devta mela here at village Meer-Panchari.

The inauguration was held amid drum beats and festivity in the presence of DDC Member Jasvir Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Mela Officer (Tehsildar Panchari) Vipan Kumar and other officers.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest congratulated the people and emphasized that such melas showcase the region's rich cultural and religious heritage as well as play a vital role in strengthening brotherhood and communal harmony. He highlighted the importance of preserving traditional values and advocated for promoting the mela as an integral part of local culture.

He reiterated that such festivals bring together people of different faiths, communities and regions, fostering peace and unity in the society. The MLA also lauded the District Administration Udhampur for making elaborate and fool-proof arrangements for the successful conduct of the event.



MLA Udhampur West Pawan Kumar Gupta inaugurating Mela.

He appreciated the enthusiastic participation of local students in cultural programs and rural sports, wishing

them success in their future endeavors. He also highlighted the welfare schemes launched by the Government, encouraging people to avail themselves of these benefits for their socio-economic upliftment.

The MLA also inspected stalls set up by different departments to spread awareness about government-sponsored schemes. He urged officers to make sincere and dedicated efforts to inform the public about these initiatives aimed at rural development.

The DDC Member Panchari-Moungrri expressed gratitude to the district administration for their support in organizing the mela.

Later, the MLA paid obeisance at the revered Sankri

Devta Temple, praying for peace, prosperity and well-being of the district.

The District Administration had made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the mela including the provision of uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, medical assistance, security measures and a Police Control Room. Numerous temporary sweet shops, toy stalls and food corners set up by local as well as outside vendors emerged as the main attractions for the general public.

The J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages and Department of Youth Services and Sports also organized rural sports and cultural activities with the active participation of school students from the area, adding vibrancy to the celebrations.

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