

8 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

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TRAL: Acting tough against the social crimes, police in Antwipora have arrested eight gamblers in Tral and seized stake money from their possession.
Acting on a specific information regarding gambling activities at Bajwani Tral, a police party led by SHO PS under the supervision of SDPO Tral Shri Rajesh Kumar raided the specific spot and arrested eight gamblers. They have been identified as Mohd Abdullah Malla son of Ab Khaliq Malla resident of Shilvat Sonawari, Bandipora, Mohd Ashraf Mir son of Gh Mohd Mir resident of Dadsara, Tral, Tanveer Ahmad Wani son of Mohd Yaqoob Wani resident of Haal Mughalpora, Shopian, Aashiq Hussain Sofi son of Gh Mohd Sofi resident of Saidakadal, Srinagar, Aasif Bashir Mir son of Bashir Ahmad Mir resident of Hawal Jogiwan, Srinagar, Arshid Ahmad Shah son of Gh Mohi-ud-Din Shah resident of Nowhatta, Srinagar, Mohd Rafiq Rather son of Gh Ahmad Rather resident of Achambal Panthachowk and Ajaz Ahmad Shah son of Ab Hamid Shah resident of Tashwan, Zainakadal Srinagar.
Officers have seized stake money of Rs. 1,67,000/- and playing cards from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.
Accordingly, a case FIR No. 108/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in police station Tral and further investigation has been initiated.

Police cracks hit & run case within hours

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PULWAMA: Demonstrating prompt action and swift investigation, police in Pulwama solved a hit-and-run case within hours of its occurrence.
Police Post Newa received information that an unknown vehicle had hit a motorcycle near Gudoor Bridge, resulting in critical injuries to the pillion rider, Raja Begum of Looswani. She was immediately shifted to District Hospital Pulwama, where doctors regrettably declared her brought dead.
Upon receiving the report, a case was registered at Police Station Pulwama and a special team was constituted. CCTV footage and multiple sources were promptly examined, leading to the identification of the offending vehicle a blue three-wheeler auto load carrier. The vehicle was seized promptly. During investigation, it surfaced that the accused driver is a minor. As per legal provisions, he has not been taken into custody, and further proceedings under the Juvenile Justice Act are being initiated.
This swift investigation was carried out by the team of Police Post Newa and PS Pulwama under guidance of SSP Pulwama Ms. PD Nitya (IPS). Police reaffirms its commitment to ensure justice, road safety, and zero tolerance towards rash and negligent driving.

Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

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BUDGAM: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Police in Budgam arrested a drug peddler in Chadoora area and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

During naka checking at Nowbugh village, a police party from PS Chadoora intercepted a suspicious individual carrying a polythene bag. The accused identified as Hilal Ahmed Dar son of Ab Rashid Dar resident of Nowbugh, Chadoora, attempted to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 2.92 kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.
Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 155/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Chadoora and further investigation is in progress.
Notorious criminal booked under PSA
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POONCH: In a significant move aimed at maintaining public order and ensuring the safety of citizens, Poonch Police has detained Mohd Nasar @ Jiggar, son of Mohd Rafiq, resident of Sagra Balnoi, Tehsil Mendhar, District Poonch, under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA), 1978.
The accused has been lodged at District Jail Dhangri, Rajouri following the execution of the detention order issued by the District Magistrate Poonch, which was carried out by Police Station Mendhar.
Mohd Nasar is a notorious criminal with a long history of violent and heinous offences. Despite multiple arrests and legal actions, he continued to show a blatant disregard for the law and remained actively involved in criminal activities, thereby posing a serious threat to public peace and security.
As routine legal measures failed to deter his unlawful conduct, his preventive detention under PSA was deemed necessary to safeguard public order and prevent further criminal acts.

Police Pacca Danga action ensures absconders surrender before Court
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JAMMU: Through sustained and hectic efforts, Police Station Pacca Danga successfully compelled an absconding accused, Afroza Bano @ Shazana D/o Mohd. Younis, to surrender before the Hon'ble Court. She was wanted in connection with FIR No. 67/2020 U/S 380/454/201 IPC of P/S Pacca Danga. Proceedings under Section 512 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) had been initiated against her after she deliberately avoided arrest despite repeated efforts by the police at her residence, native village, and other likely hide-outs. Reliable sources confirmed that she had absconded to evade due process of law.
Following a detailed compliance report submitted to the Hon'ble Court, the police action ultimately led to her appearance, and the Non-Bailable Warrant issued against her was recalled.
The Jammu Police assures the public that all absconders and proclaimed offenders will be relentlessly pursued and brought to justice. Strict legal measures, including proceedings under Section 512 CrPC, will be taken to uphold the rule of law."



Gangster arrested with sharp-edged weapon

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JAMMU: In a swift and effective action, Jammu Police arrested one person for possessing a sharp-edged weapon in R.S. Pura. The operation was carried out following specific inputs regarding suspicious movement in the area.
Acting promptly, a team from R.S. Pura Police Station led by SHO R S Pura, Inspector Ravin Singh Parihar intercepted an individual near Suchetgarh Road, close to Wine Shop Mottey, and apprehended him. The accused was identified as Jatinder Singh @ Sonu, son of Rattan Singh, resident of Satrayian, Tehsil Suchetgarh, District Jammu.
During the search, police recovered one sharp-edged weapon (Tokka) from his possession. The recovery has prevented the potential misuse of the weapon and underscores the proactive efforts of Jammu Police in maintaining public safety.
Accordingly, a case FIR No.173/2025 under Section 4/25 of the Arms Act has been registered at Police Station R.S. Pura. The accused has been taken into custody and further investigation is underway.



Jammu police crackdown on modified silencers, reckless biking

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JOURIAN: In a firm step to tackle noise pollution and unsafe driving practices, Jourian Police have intensified their action against motorcycles fitted with illegally modified silencers. These modifications often produce excessively loud noises, including sharp bangs resembling gunfire, causing public nuisance and raising serious safety concerns.
During the enforcement drive today, police seized three Bullet motorcycles with modified silencers and ten other bikes for various violations under the Motor Vehicles Act.
Alongside strict enforcement, the police have also launched a special awareness campaign to educate riders about traffic rules and the dangers of negligent riding.
The Jourian Police have urged all motorists to abide by traffic regulations and refrain from using modifications that endanger public safety. Officials have reiterated that strict action will continue against violators to ensure safer roads and a peaceful environment for all.



Absconder arrested after 32 years
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JAMMU: In a remarkable achievement for the police, an

absconder namely Bharat Malhotra s/o Tilak raj r/o Nai Basti Jammu, who was evading arrest for more than three decades, has finally been apprehended by the Nowabad Police District Police Jammu by police team led by SHO Nowabad, Inspector Nishant Gupta.
The accused, wanted in connection with FIR No. 382/92, u/s 4/25 Arms act of ps Nowabad ,had been on the run for the last 32 years, successfully avoiding the clutches of law.
The accused was produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law, where legal proceedings have been initiated in accordance with due process.

Commercial Quantity NDPS Case: Udhampur Police arrests another accused

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UDHAMPUR: In a major success against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police has arrested another accused in a commercial quantity NDPS case FIR No. 163/2024 under sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act of Police Station Chenani.
During the course of investigation, backward link was established on the basis of technical, financial and oral evidence against the accused Tanzeer S/o Mohd. Sayeed Majar R/o Sudhpura, Karnah, District Kupwara, who has now been arrested. He is the third accused arrested in this case.
The accused also has a criminal history and is involved in previous NDPS cases FIR No. 94/2021 U/S 8/21 NDPS Act of PS Karnah, Kupwara; FIR No. 03/2025 U/S 8/21/29 NDPS Act of PS Pimpotra.



Property of drug peddler attached

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UDHAMPUR: Continuing its sustained drive against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police today attached movable property worth approximately ₹6 lakhs belonging to a drug peddler.
A car bearing registration number JK15C-2964, owned by Mohd. Younis Malla S/o Mohd. Yaqoob Malla R/o Shilvat, Sumbal, Bandipora has been attached under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act in case FIR No.117/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of Police Station Rehambal.
The accused is presently lodged in District Jail Udhampur in connection with the above-mentioned case.
During investigation, a detailed inquiry was conducted. Based on the criminal record & financial investigation, it was established that the said vehicle had been acquired through illegally earned money. Accordingly, the property has been attached under the relevant provisions of law.



DGPC Poonch welcomes DC Poonch Ashok Kumar



Delegation of DGPC Poonch honouring Ashok Kumar Sharma DC Poonch Ashok Kumar.

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POONCH: Ashok Kumar Sharma, who took over as the new Deputy Commissioner Poonch was welcomed by District Gurudwara Prabhahak Committee. A delegation led by Pradhan DGPC Poonch, S Narinder singh reached out and extended warm welcome to the new DC Poonch as a goodwill gesture. Pradhan

DGPC felicitated Sh.Sharma and pledged full cooperation from DGPC Poonch to the Civil Administration as it has been doing from the past so many years. DC Sh. Sharma thanked DGPC for their kind gesture and vowed to work in tandem with the Civil society as a whole for the smooth functioning of Administration. Sh Sharma also said that he will visit Flood affected Gurdawara Baba Deep Singh ji at Kamsar to assess for damages and rehabilitation. Also Present on the occasion included, S Surinder Singh; Vice President, S Harcharan Singh; Secretary DGPC, S Gurcharan Singh; Joint secretary, S Surjan Singh and others.

Udh Civil Society pays tributes to Chasoti & Kathua victims

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur civil society held a Shradhanjali Sabha to pay rich tributes to the victims of the cloudbursts in Chasoti and Kathua today.
According to reports, the condolence meeting was held under the presidency of Ranjit Singh Parihar. Candles were lit in memory of those who lost their lives in the cloudbursts at both locations. All society members also observed a two-minute silence for the souls of the victims.
Parihar expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives in the recent cloudbursts at Kishtwar and Kathua and stated that their sympathies are with the families who have lost their loved ones. "In this hour of grief, we stand shoulder to shoulder with them," he said.
Speakers at the meeting urged the government to ensure immediate medical care for the injured and fair compensation for the affected families. They noted that many victims have not only lost their homes but also their means of livelihood, and they require timely support to rebuild their lives. The speakers further stressed the importance of strengthening disaster management systems in Jammu and Kashmir.
Among others present were: Chairman of Tushar Trust Dev Raj Gupta, Pardeep Bakshi, Satish Chopra, Dipankar Gupta, Raj Kumar, Dr. Banti, Ramesh Gupta, Deepak, Raghav Sharma, Shewatketu Singh, Satish Swami Raj, Bansil Lal, Harjit Singh, Sanjit Singh, Sat Paul, Ravi Sharma, and Sham Singh.

Thousands of devotees throng Sankri Mela on second day



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UDHAMPUR: Thousands of devotees thronged the historic Sankri Devta mela on the second day to seek the blessings of Shri Sankri Devta amidst vibrant festivities at the Mela site.
Member Legislative Assembly Chenani Balwant Singh Mankotia; DDC Member Jasvir Singh; Mela Officer Tehsildar Panchari Vipan Kumar; former minister Ajay Sadhotra, along with several officers and prominent citizens were present and witnessed the colourful cultural programmes.
On the occasion, the

Department of Youth Services and Sports Udhampur organized various sports activities, while local artists and students from different educational institutions presented scintillating cultural performances.
The District Administration Udhampur has made elaborate arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the Mela. Facilities such as uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water, sanitation, medicare, Police Control Room, assistance booths and adequate security have been put in place.
Various government departments have set up informative stalls at the venue. A number of temporary sweet shops, toy stalls and food corners, set up by both local and outside vendors, attracted large crowds.

UGC-MMTTC-SMVDU hosts short-term training program on Next Generation Communication Networks

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) began today a UGC - MMTTC sponsored short-term training program (STTP) on "Next-Generation Communication Networks: Technologies, Trends, and Teaching Paradigms."
This national-level program has drawn more than 100 faculty participants from across India, including Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu,



Maharashtra, Haryana, Kerala, and Telangana. The training focuses on 5G and 6G, the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and green, sustainable communications, with a strong emphasis on integrating these advancements into teaching, research, and curriculum design.

Sessions are being delivered by distinguished experts from IIT (BHU) Varanasi, IIT Jammu, the University of Wollongong (Dubai), NITT-TR Chandigarh, industry, and SMVDU.
The schedule includes live demonstrations and case studies to provide hands-on exposure alongside theory. The program aims to upgrade teaching skills, build research capacity, and prepare students for the fast-changing telecom and digital landscape.
The STTP is being conducted under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar. Coordinators

Dr. Shashi Bhushan Kotwal and Swastik Gupta welcomed the participants and expressed gratitude to Prof. Supran K. Sharma (Director, MMTTC), Prof. Sharda M. Potlakuhi (Deputy Director, MMTTC), Prof. Kumud R. Jha (Dean, FoE), and the SMVDU team for their support.

DC Ramban sets timeline for execution of District Capex Budget 2025-26 works

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RAMBAN: To give a fillip to the developmental process, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today set a timeline for the estimation, tendering, allotment and execution of the works sanctioned under the District Capex Budget 2025-26.



DC Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan chairing a meeting.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather; ACD Mohammad Ashfaq; Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers, BDOs and other officers.
Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agencies to ensure timely completion of all 3554 works, including 1373 ongoing projects and newly sanctioned works, under the approved District Capex Budget 2025-26. The works are being executed at a cost of ₹47.64 crore aimed at meeting the developmental needs of both rural and urban areas.
It was informed that 3000 works have been sanctioned under the RDD sector, while nearly 500 works fall under PWD and other sectors.

The DC directed the REW Department to complete all SOS works by September 10, besides adhering to the fixed timeline for estimation, tendering and allotment of works. The Executive Engineer REW was instructed to provide real-time information to concerned BDOs for effective monitoring and timely execution of developmental projects.
The BDOs were directed to take up all works in mission mode and personally monitor their execution to achieve 100% physical and financial targets.
Similarly, the DC set timelines for the completion of estimation, tendering, allotment, and execution of 81

developmental works approved under CDE.
The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the present working season must be fully utilized, as the upcoming winter will make construction difficult in snow-bound areas of the district.
The officers of Health, Education, Youth Services & Sports and Urban Local Bodies and others also appraised the chair about the status of works under their respective departments. The DC directed the SDMs and Tehsildars to promptly resolve bottlenecks raised by the concerned departments to ensure smooth execution of developmental works in their respective areas.

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Rajouri, Koteranka, Manjakote, Thanamandi, BGSBU and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 from 7 am to 1 pm.
Similarly, the power supply to Shahzadpur, Marh,

Power shutdown
Gajansoo, Karloop, Marh Bagh, Dataryal and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 and 23 from 5.30 am to 12 noon.
Likewise, the power supply to Pooja Colony, Lower Thather, Raipur Thather, MES and its adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 from 7 am to 11 am.
Similarly, the power supply to Industries, Seoda Kanal, Birpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 from 7 am to 10 am.
Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Badhori and adjoining areas will remain

affected on August 22 and 24 from 6 am to 12 noon.
Similarly, the power supply to Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 and 23 from 6 am to 12 noon.
Likewise, the power supply to Jatwal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21 from 8 am to 12.30 pm.