

15 structures damaged in fire near LoC in Bandipora

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SRINAGAR: At least 15 structures were damaged after a fire broke out in the frontier Gurez sector in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday, officials said.
Officials in the Fire and Emergency Services (FES) said the blaze was reported from Kashpath village near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Tulail area of Gurez. The fire spread rapidly in the neighbourhood, as most of the structures were made of wood, the officials said. At least 15 structures, including residential houses, were damaged in the fire, which has been brought under control, they said.

Bovine smuggling attempts foiled; two vehicles seized, 8 bovines rescued

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RAJOURI: Police continues its crackdown on illegal transportation of bovine animals. In two separate incidents reported Chingus police teams rescued 08 bovine animals and registered two FIRs under relevant sections of law. During naka checking in the Kalidav area by Police Post Chingus led by IC PP Chingus two vehicles were intercepted: Vehicle No. JK-11G-0494 (Tata Mobile) was found transporting 03 bovine animals via Kalidav Road without valid permission,the driver managed to flee from the spot. In another case Vehicle No. JK 11D -2408(Tata Mobile) was also intercepted on Kalidav road and was found carrying 05 bovine animals also without valid permission,the driver managed to flee from the spot. In both cases the animals were rescued and the both Vehicles have been seized. Separate cases have been registered: FIR No. 432/2025 under Section 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act and FIR No. 433/2025 under Section 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act at Police Station Rajouri.

Absconder evading arrest from last six years apprehended

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JAMMU: Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu has apprehended Gul Mohd. @ Gulla S/O Nizamdin R/O Rangoor, who was

involved in Case FIR No. 68/2011 U/S 382/201/34 RPC of PS Bagh-e-Bahu. The accused had been absconding since long and was not appearing before the Hon'ble Court.
The Special Forest Court, Jammu had issued a warrant U/S 512 against the accused in the year 2019, but he had been continuously evading arrest.
Acting on specific information, a team headed by SHO Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu,Inspector Ashwani Kumar under the direct supervision of SDPO East & SP South, successfully apprehended the said accused yesterday near Rangoor area and produced him before the Hon'ble Special Forest Court, Jammu.

Cattle theft gang busted, stolen animals recovered, 3 arrested

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AKHNOOR: Jammu Police have achieved a major breakthrough by arresting three accused persons involved in cattle theft and recovering the stolen bovine animals in Akhnoor. On 25/08/2025, a written complaint was lodged by Sheetal Verma S/o Gandheru R/o Tanda, Akhnoor, stating that during the intervening night of 24/25-08-2025, some unknown thieves stole bovine animals from near his residence at Tanda, Akhnoor. Acting on the complaint, FIR No. 153/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS was registered at Police Station Akhnoor, and the investigation was entrusted to PSI Arif Dar. During the course of investigation, three suspects were detained, namely Nayar Ali S/o Abdul Latif R/o Raguda, District Jammu; Manzoor Mohd. S/o Kazi Mohd. R/o Belicharana and Mohd. Salim S/o Abdul Gani R/o A/P Belicharana. On sustained questioning, the accused confessed their involvement in the theft. Based on their disclosure, the stolen bovine animals were successfully recovered. Police teams are conducting further raids, and more recoveries are expected. The investigation of the case was carried out under the close supervision of SP Rural Jammu, SDPO Akhmoor, and SHO Police Station Akhnoor.

Man impersonating as Khilafarzi inspector arrested

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JAMMU: In a breakthrough, the Police post Sainik Colony have solved a case registered at Police Station channi him-

mat. The case was lodged by Advocate , Deepak singh Balaria S/O Rasal Singh Balaria resident of Sainik colony Jammu, who reported that one person impersonating as official of municipality and took ₹15000/- for spot verification.
Acting swiftly, the Janipur Police team, led by ICPP Sainik colony PSI Wasim Bhatti, SHO PS Channi Himmat Inspector Deepak Pathania, under the supervision of SDPO City East and SP City South, arrested the accused namely Zafar S/O Hakam Din R/O Channi Rama near Armed Police Complex Jammu.
During interrogation, the accused disclosed that he along with one more person used to act as khilafarzi inspector and take money from locals of Sainik colony area where construction is going on.
The Channi Himmat Police's prompt action and professional approach have ensured the apprehension of the accused, reflecting their commitment to maintaining law and order in the region. In this incident FIR No. 143/2025 under section 319(2)/3(5) BNS lodged at PS Channi Himmat and arrested the accused person in the instant case and further investigation is underway as their is involvement of more persons. General Public is requested to come forward if any such kind of incident happened with and approach the Police.

Gambling den busted; cash and playing cards seized

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly against social crimes, a police party of Police Station Bishnah, under the leadership of SHO Police Station Bishnah,Inspector Rakesh Singh conducted a raid in an open area and apprehended several gamblers who were found indulging in gambling activities.
During the operation, the police recovered cash amounting to ₹17,550 along with two sets of playing cards from the spot. The accused have been booked under 13 Gambling Act.
The Bishnah Police has reiterated its commitment to curb such unlawful activities and urged the public to cooperate by sharing information about gambling and other anti-social practices in the area.

Drug peddler nabbed with heroin

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UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against drug menace, Udhampur Police apprehended a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.
During a special naka checking duty near Baley Bridge, Roun Domail, a police party of PP Roun Domail led by its ICPP intercepted one person coming from Udhampur towards Roun Domail. On his personal search, 03.30 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered.
The accused has been identified as Shubham Prashar @Cobra, S/o Ravinder Sharma, R/o Roun Domail, Udhampur.
In this connection, FIR No. 318/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur and investigation has been set into motion.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

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BILLAWAR: Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh Shobhit Saksena IPS traced out one missing lady and reunited her with family members in the J/D of PS Billawar.
On 28-02-2025 one person namely Quyoom Mohd. S/o Sh.Ghulam Rasool R/o Lahari Tehsil Billawar Distt. Kathua came in this P/S and lodged a written complaint regarding missing of his wife Arsho Begum W/O Quyoom Mohd. age- 25 years.
On receiving a complaint a missing report is entered at this P/S Billawar vide GD No. 03 dated 28-02-2025 and a team of P/S Billawar led by SHO Billawar Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Neeraj Kumar searched various places and checked Road side CCTV camera installed and with the help of technical assistance along with timely human intervention, the location of Missing lady found at Machhedi. On this the Police team of this P/S proceeded towards Machhedi and recovered the missing Lady.
After completing all legal formalities the said missing lady handed over to her legal heirs.

Mohan Lal visits flood-hit areas; assures relief & permanent solution



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal during visit to flood affected areas.

large-scale damage caused by the swelling waters of river Chenab.
At Fattu Kotli, the MLA noted that dozens of houses were completely washed away while hundreds of people had to be rescued and shifted to Akhnoor. He later inspected the restoration work of the Garkhal road - the only life-line connecting Pargwal to the rest of Jammu - which had remained disconnected for four days due to severe damage.
The MLA directed officials of PWD, PDD and PHE to restore road connectivity, power supply and drinking water at the earliest. Tehsildar and BDO were instructed to prepare a detailed damage report. He assured the people that their concerns, including demands for compensation to farmers cultivating custodian land without ownership rights, will be raised before the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday.
Emphasizing the need for long-term solutions, the MLA said he would push the Union Government for the channelisation of Chenab to prevent recurring floods and also stressed the early completion of the much-awaited Pargwal-Indripattan bridge to avoid future disconnections of this densely populated border area. He praised the role of local youth in rescuing not only civilians but also BSF jawans during the calamity.
Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nirmal Singh reiterated that BJP stands firmly with

the people of Jammu and Kashmir during this natural disaster. He said the party is assessing flood damage across the Union Territory and will present a comprehensive report to the Centre seeking a special relief package. He urged the UT administration to immediately release restoration funds to bring public life back to normalcy.
Prominent among those present were Pawan Singh, Mohan Lal, Ex-Sarpanches Kashmir Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Om Parkash, Captain Yash Pal, Imran Khan, Ajay Kumar, Dr. Balwinder, Kulbir Singh, Ravi Singh, Magdesh Singh, Uttam Singh, Ashok Khajuria, Ajay Manhas, Manmohan Singh, Sonia Verma, Jagdish Bhagat, Ganesh Dass, Anil Sharma, Ayush Singh etc.

Health Deptt, BJP organise free medical camp



Team of doctors along with BJP leaders during the camp.

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RAJOURI: Amid ongoing inclement weather conditions Ms Shikha Bali (Muradpur Mandal president, BJP) in collaboration with Health Department and BMO Manjakot Dr Saleem Ahmed took a humanitarian initiative by organising a free medical camp at Sadihyal Ashram (Tundi Trar), located near the border.
The camp's objective was to provide quality healthcare services to the residents of border and also Screening camp organised under TB (Tuberculosis) eradication program, general health issues mhw we okdental screening under School Health program were organised. A team of doctors including Dr Sumit Bakshi, Dr Sangeeta Gupta, Dr Vibhuti Gupta, Dr Javed Iqbal and Jnb Fazhan (phramacist) were present. Many locals including children, women and elderly citizens, reside at the camp. The medical team conducted free medical check ups, oral health screening and distributed free medicine to the needy people. They also educate people regarding various health schemes.
The whole Muradpur team including Mohit Raina (General Secretary Mandal), Rajesh Sharma (General Secretary mandal), Shakoor Ahmed (vice president mandal), Basant Sharma (BLA2), Dr Makhan (office secretary mandal), Sunil Sharma (vice president mandal), Jnb Mohd Zaman (BLA2), Pawan Sharma (BLA2) were present.

MLA Bani provides relief to 38 rain-affected families in Duggani



MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh distributing relief.

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BANI: Amid the devastation caused by incessant rains in the region, MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, personally reached out to the flood and rain-affected families of Duggani village in his constituency to provide immediate relief.
A total of 38 families were given ration kits, blankets, tents, and other necessary items to help them cope with the difficult situation.
Dr. Rameshwar Singh, accompanied by social activists Marhoof Mali, Parveen Singh, Puspinder Singh, and Ganesh Singh, visited the affected areas and supervised the relief drive.
The MLA ensured that the displaced families were also shifted to nearby government buildings for temporary shelter, as many houses had become unsafe due to flooding and landslides.
Speaking to the people on the spot, Dr. Singh said, "I stand shoulder to shoulder with every family in this time of crisis. Nature's fury has caused immense hardship, but it is our duty to ensure that no one sleeps hungry or suffers in the cold. My priority is to provide food, shelter, and safety to those who have lost their homes and belongings."
He further appealed to the administration for continued support in relief and rehabilitation measures, stressing that immediate steps must be taken to restore normalcy.
"I urge the government to expedite restoration works and extend adequate compensation to the affected families so that they can rebuild their lives with dignity," Dr. Singh added.
Local residents expressed gratitude to the MLA for personally reaching out and providing urgent supplies during such testing times. They said the timely assistance had given them relief and hope.
The relief distribution in Duggani was marked by community participation and the spirit of solidarity.
The MLA assured that he would continue to monitor the situation closely and extend all possible help until normal life is restored in the affected villages.

Col Mahan urges urgent relief, restoration, compensation in flood-hit Kathua areas



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KATHUA: Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua visited several flood-affected areas, including Lakhnampur, Kaliwadi (Sahar Khad), Basantpur, and Padunallha, to assess the damage and coordinate relief and restoration measures. Accompanied by Raghunandan Singh Bablu, DDC Vice Chairman, DDC member Karan Atri, Executive Engineer Flood Control Kathua, and other officials, the DDC Chairman also met DGP J&K Nilin Kohli and DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma to discuss restoration, reconstruction, and compensation for damaged roads, infrastructure, and private property, including individual houses.
Col. Singh emphasized several urgent priorities, including engaging with the Government of Punjab to repair the breach at Madhopur Barrage, which caused substantial damage to the Kathua Main Canal, CRPF Complex, NH-44, Animal Husbandry Complex, and the DDC Office Complex at Lakhnampur. He also stressed the need for early restoration of the Madhopur-Lakhnampur NH-44 Bridge and Kalibari-Logate Bridge over Shar Khad by NHAI,

as well as prompt repairs of damaged road stretches at Padunall, Dengi Simbli, Danni (Karanwada), Tikri (Basohli-Bani Road), and all local roads leading to block headquarters, commercial hubs, and panchayats.
The DDC Chairman called for a comprehensive compensation plan covering roads, buildings, individual houses, property, and agricultural land, along with the restoration of mobile phone networks, electricity, PHE lines, and education and health infrastructure. He also highlighted the need to repair damaged infrastructure near NHPC Sewa II project and barrage at Hutt Mashka, Bani, with NHPC authorities taking immediate action, while BRO authorities were requested to restore roads in Hiloy, Kandi, and border areas. Col. Singh further emphasized the urgent need for relief and rehabilitation of displaced persons and drew attention to the security vulnerabilities in border areas due to damage to fencing and forward defense lines. He stressed that these measures are crucial to safeguard lives, restore normalcy, and protect the district's infrastructure following the recent floods.

Dy CM reviews post-flood scenario in Sunderbani, Nowshera; takes stock of ongoing works on Sungal Tunnel

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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary on Saturday chaired a high-level meeting at Dak Bunglow here to review the post-flood scenario in the Sunderbani and Nowshera areas of Rajouri and assessed damages caused by the recent heavy rainfall.
The meeting was attended by ADC Sunderbani, Pritam Lal Thapa, SE PWD, and other concerned officers.
During the meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the authorities to ensure immediate opening of all blocked roads to mitigate public inconvenience.



DyCM Surinder Choudhary interacting with engineers.

Later, Deputy CM also visited Sunderbani market, where several shops were inundated due to waterlogging. He issued on-spot instructions to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) officials to strengthen and maintain the drainage system to prevent such incidents in the future.

In a separate visit, Surinder Choudhary also inspected the ongoing works at Sungal Tunnel at Kalidhar, a vital road link between Rajouri and Jammu. He emphasized strict adherence to quality standards and timely completion of the project, terming it crucial for improving regional connectivity and boosting economic activities.
The Deputy CM reiterated the government's commitment to swiftly restore normalcy in flood-affected areas and accelerate the pace of infrastructure development projects in the district.



the information of loss of border areas people.
He assured them of comprehensive government support. "The government stands shoulder to shoulder with the affected families in this hour of crisis. Every possible measure will be taken to ensure immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation.

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