### Police attaches bank account, motorcycle of drug peddler in Udhampur

JAMMU: Police on Friday sealed a bank account and attached a motorcycle belonging to an alleged drug peddler in Udhampur district, officials said.

The properties of drug peddler Vikrant Sharma of Chabutra Bazar have been attached under section 68-F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, they said. A Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycle identified as illegally acquired property, along with a bank account with a deposit of Rs 7.17 lakh, has been attached as it was found disproportionate to his known sources of income, they added

Police reiterated its firm commitment to eradicating the menace of drugs from the district and taking stringent action

## 2 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 8 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Post Sidhra led by IC PP Sidhra has foiled two bovine smuggling attempt in which total 08 bovines were rescued. Two Mahendra pickup bearing registration No. JK14E/6111 oaded with 04 bovine animals and Mahendra pickup bearing registration No. JK02BB/3061 loaded with 04 bovines were

Total 8 bovines were rescued and 02 vehicle seized. Two person arrested namely Mohd Riyaz s/o Roshan Din R/O Bali Nala Udhampur and Mohd Mansha S/0 Fareed Ahmed R/O

Partap Nagar Rathian Udhampur.
In this regard, a case FIR NO.176/2025 and FIR NO.177/2025,U/S 223/11 PCA Act have been registered in Police Station Nagrota. Further investigation is underway.

#### Man arrested with sharp-edged weapon STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a proactive step towards ensuring the safety and security of the public, Jammu Police has apprehended an individual in Bishnah with an illegal sharp-edged weapon, preventing its potential misuse. The action comes as part of the ongoing crackdown against unlawful possession of arms and

Acting swiftly on reliable information, a dedicated police team from Police Station Bishnah conducted a well-coordinated raid in the Chak Chua area of Bishnah. During the operation, the team intercepted the accused, identified as Harsh Gill, son of Vijay Gill, resident of Chak Chua, Bishnah, and recovered a sharp-edged weapon (Toka) from his possession. The possession of such weapons poses a serious threat to

public peace and safety. The timely intervention by Jammu Police has effectively neutralized a possible disturbance in the area, showcasing the force's commitment to maintaining law and order through vigilant policing and swift operational

#### Two snatchers arrested, four split AC's recovered

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Snatchers were arrested and four split AC's worth Rs 2 lakh were recovered by Janipur Police



On the basis of a complaint received from complainant namely karamjeet Singh S/O shanker Singh resident of Sanjay nagar Jammu, it was reported that he received a call on 05.08.2025 from a mobile number inquiring about the purchase of four split ACs. Trusting the call, the complainant sent the AC units through an auto-rickshaw. On reaching the location, the accused persons shifted the ACs into their own vehicle and fled from the spot

Acting swiftly on the complaint, FIR no 124/2025 under section 304 BNS registered and a dedicated team of Police Station Janipur initiated an investigation.

After sustained efforts and the use of technical and human intelligence, the police succeeded in arresting two accused persons namely Ajay Kumar S/O Sham lal R/O New plot Jammu and Ankush Kumar S/o Amit lal R/o Rehari colony Jammu involved in the snatching. All four stolen split ACs, worth approximately ?2 lakhs, were recovered, and the auto and scooty used in the commission of the crime was also seized. Further investigation is underway.

# Timely action of Doda Police saves precious life

PCR Doda regarding a person roaming suspiciously on the banks of River Chenab near Malwas, allegedly with the intention of committing suicide.

Acting swiftly, officials of DPL Doda deployed at Ganpat Bridge were immediately alerted. The deployed personnel promptly reached the location and managed to save the life of

The person was later identified as Farooq Ahmed, a resident of Hamdanpur, Doda. After receiving proper counselling, he was safely handed over to his family.

The timely and effective response of Doda Police once again underscores their dedication to public safety and their commitment to acting promptly in crisis situations.

#### Missing person traced, reunites with family ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police has traced missing person and reunited with his family whose missing reports was lodged

On August 4, 2025, a missing report of a person namely Gogar Bakarwal S/o Khaan Bakarwal R/o Rehan Besoli Tehsil Bedoki District Kathua A/P Guli Danda Bhaderwah was entered at PS Bhaderwah on 04-08-

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of the person, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda team was constituted from PS Bhaderwah led by SHO PS Bhaderwah under the supervision of SDPO Bhaderwah in search of the missing person. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing him on 06/08/2025. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the person have been handed over to his family and missing report have been closed.

## Theft case cracked, stolen items recovered, accused arrested

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: In a significant breakthrough, Doda Police has successfully solved a theft case under FIR No. 16/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS registered at Police Station Assar, pertaining to the theft of crash barriers.

An investigation team headed by SHO PS Assar DySP (P) Wasim Shah under the supervision of Dy SP DAR Doda Sh Adil Rishu and overall supervision of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta was constituted. Acting swiftly on leads, the police team of PS Assar rounded up several suspects for questioning. During sustained interrogation, two individuals-Amir Hussain, son of Nazir Hussain, resident of Nagrota Subhash Nagar, District Udhampur, and Bablu Ram, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Dharmond, Tehsil Batote, District Ramban-confessed

Based on their disclosure, the police team successfully recovered the stolen crash barriers, including space bar-

Further investigation into the case is underway, and more recoveries or arrests cannot be ruled out.

## Two Inter-district Narco smugglers arrested with heroin

UDHAMPUR: Police, continuing its drive against the drug menace, arrested two interdistrict narco smug glers and recovered a total of 125.84 grams of Heroir (Chitta) during routine traffic checking at Naka Poin Jakhani, NHW.

A police team from PS Udhampur led by the SHO stopped a vehicle (JK02DA-5332) coming from Jammu. During checking, 59.22 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from the driver and 66.62 grams from the co-driver. Both were arrested on the

The accused have been identified as Mukhtiar Ahmed S/O Mohd. Rashid R/O Karmara, District Poonch (Driver) and Nazakat Hussain S/O Allah Din R/O Jhulas, District Poonch.

It is pertinent to mention that Mukhtiar Ahmed (Driver) earlier arrested in FIR No. 212/2024 under the NDPS Act of PS Rehambal. In that case, there were three accused two of whom, including him, were granted bail. Udhampur Police had also attached his property in Poonch. Despite this, he continued his ille gal activities and has again been arrested today in another NDPS case

In this regard, a case FIR No. 292/2025 under sec tions 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered a PS Udhampur and investigation is in progress.

## Rajouri police solves theft case; stolen sheep, cash recovered

RAJOURI: On Written Complaint to the effect that In the intervening night of 05/06 August 2025, unknown thief/thieves broke open the lock of the house of Mohd Shabin S/O Mohd Shafi R/O Kotranka and decamped with one sheep and some cash. On this a case FIR No 100/2025 under sec tions 331(4)/305 BNS was registered at Police Station Kand and investigation was taken up.

Acting swiftly Police Team of Police Station Kandi rounded up a suspect Barket Hussain S/O Manir Hussain R/O Hubb Rajouri who during sustained questioning admitted his involvement in the crime. On his disclosure the stolen sheep and cash were recovered.

Further investigation is in progress

# Shrine Board reviews operational preparedness ahead of Independence Day celebrations at Katra

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: In anticipation of forthcoming Independence Day celebrations and to ensure a smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage for devotees to the holy Shrine, a joint review meeting was held today at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra. It was decided that the

main Independence Day function will be organized at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, Katra. On the occasion, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB shall unfurl the National Flag and inspect the contingents comprising Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Shrine Security National Cadet Corps (NCC) and school children. A colourful cultural programme by school



Addl. CEO SMVDSB chairing a meeting at Katra.

children will also mark the

Reiterating the directions of the Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT), the Additional CEO stressed the importance of fortifying security arrangements in the Shrine area ahead of the celebrations. He called for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to establish a robust and responsive security framerequirements of the event. Addl. CEO directed secu-

rity agencies to strictly enforce the RFID card system, permitting only pilgrims with valid cards to proceed for the yatra. To ensure compliance, he suggested deploying additional personnel, making regular public announcements for pilorim guidance and conducting joint patrolling by all security agencies.

sized stringent verification of Pithoo and Ponywallas including regular documentation checks to prevent impersonation and ensure only authorized personnel provide pilgrimage-related services.

Further, the deployment of additional security personnel for area domination advanced technologies including the Integrated

Centre, were discussed to strengthen monitoring of the Shrine and surrounding

The Superintendent of Police, Katra and the Commandant, assured foolproof security arrangements, presenting a detailed grid for implementation. This will include the deployment of Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and a multi-tier security setup comprising Police, CRPF and other paramilitary forces.

The meeting was attended by the Joint CEO; Deputy CEO, SMVDSB; Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra; Assistant CEOs; Tehsildar, SMVDSB; SDPO Katra & Bhawan and officers from the Army and other intelligence agencies.

# Police imparts awareness on drugs abuse, cyber frauds, new criminal laws



SDPO RS Pura, Gurmeet Singh & others during the programme.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: An awareness programme on Drugs Abuse, New Criminal Laws and Cyber Fraud was conducted at Martyr Major Arvind Bazala Government Boys Higher Model Secondary School R.S Pura Chaired by Gurmeet Singh, JLPS, SDPO R.S Pura;Inspector Ravi Singh Parihar SHO P/S R.S

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m the}$ Principal HSS School and other Staff members were present.

Students were sensitized about the harmful effects of drug abuse, its consequences on health and society, and the importance of staying away from such substances. Emphasis was laid on the role of youth in

creating a drug-free envi-

District-Level 79th Independence Day

The students were briefed about the newly implemented criminal laws, their relevance in ensuring justice. and how the changes affect citizens. Key provisions were discussed in a simple and interactive manner.

The program aimed to educate young minds and strengthen community-

# MLA Bani visits Najot Panchayat to assess rain damage

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANI: In the wake of heavy rainfall that caused widespread damage in the hilly areas of Bani constituency, MLA Bani Dr. Rameshwar Singh today visited the Najot Panchayat to assess the extent of loss and interact with affected residents.

The region witnessed continuous downpours leading to severe damage to roads, houses, agricultural land, and standing crops. Responding swiftly, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, accompanied by a team of senior officials from various departments, reached the affected areas to take stock of the situation.

Officials present during the visit included Tehsildar Lohi Malhar, BDO Dhuggani, XEn PMGSY, AEE PMGSY, officers from PDD, PHE, Agriculture Department, and other line departments.

The MLA and the adminis-DISCLAIMER

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MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh during visit to Panchayat Najot.

trative officers inspected the damaged infrastructure and listened to the grievances of the local population.

On-the-spot directions were issued by the MLA to all concerned departments to initiate immediate restoration

emphasized quick restoration of road connectivity, power supply, drinking water services, and other

essential amenities. Dr. Singh also directed the officials to prepare comprehensive assessment reports for compensation to those whose houses and agricultural lands have been damaged due to the rain.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Singh assured the people that every possible assistance would be provided and that the administration stands firmly with them during this crisis.

He further stated that

relief and rehabilitation

measures would be prioritized, and all necessary help would be extended at the earliest.

Local residents expressed gratitude Rameshwar Singh for his proactive approach, timely visit, and empathetic response. The public appreciated his commitment towards addressing their concerns and ensuring that relief efforts are expedited

# celebrations held at SPPND GDC Samba STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College, Samba, hosted District-Level Independence Day Celebrations under the guidance of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, bringing together students from all govt colleges of Samba district in a vibrant display of patriotism, talent, and cultural unity.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a welcome address by Prof. Rashi Gupta, Coordinator of the event. Competitions across multiple categories showcased the creativity and spirit of the youth. In the National Anthem Singing Competition, Mridula Jasrotia (GDC Samba) secured first position in the solo category, while Diksha, Mridula, Tapasvi, and Ritika (GDC Samba) won in the group category. The event was adjudged by Dr Kuldeep Raina and Dr Jasmeet Kour, Heads of Department Music from GDC Bishnah and GDC RS



Essay Writing Competition on Role of Education in Promoting Peace and National Unity saw Ritika Sharma (GDC Samba) take first place, followed by Bhumika Sharma (GDC Ramgarh) and Taniya Devi (GDC Ghagwal). Seminar on Role of J&K Youth Achieving Bharat@2047 was topped by Suvidha Sambval (GDC Samba), with Ria Devi (GDC Ghagwal) and Poonam Sharma (GDC Purmandal) in second and third places. In the Painting Competition on Portraits of Unsung Heroes of

Independence ,Sheetal Devi (GDC Samba) clinched first, followed by Shabnam Devi (GDC Ghagwal) and Sonika Devi (GDC Ramgarh). The jury included Dr. Banpreet Kour and Dr. Vaani Awasthi ( GDC Ghagwal) in Seminar, Dr. Anamika Baru (GDC Kathua) and Dr. Shabila Wani in Painting and Dr. Anupama Sharma and Dr.Vaani Awasthi in Essay Writing.

A Wall of Unsung Heroes curated by the department of History was inaugurated to honour lesser-known freedom fighters, alongside a plantation Mother Earth through tree planting. Congratulating the winners, the Principal said the occasion was a reminder to salute the heroes of India's Independence and uphold the values they fought for. The winners shall be representing Samba district at the divisional level contests from 11th August, 2025 and shall be felicitated by the District Administration on 15th August, 2025. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Assoc. Prof. Seema Sharma, Convener Students

# Maintain high standards of turnout, discipline: DIG IRP Jammu to cops

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, IRP Range Jammu, visited the IRP-19th Battalion Headquarters, Kathua, to assess the functioning of the unit and review the progress of ongoing construction works within the complex.

Upon his arrival, Dr. Kumar



was accorded a warm welcome by Shri Atul Sharma, SSP Commandant of the Battalion. along with other officers. A ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented to him by a con-

tingent of the unit. The Commandant briefed the DIG on the battalion's role, achievements, current deployments, and the challenges faced by its personnel.

turnout and discipline, remain

Addressing a mega Darbar attended by around 150 officers and officials, Dr. Kumar patiently listened to the grievances put forth by unit personnel and issued on-the-spot instructions for their redressal. He urged the personnel to maintain high standards of

people-friendly, and actively contribute to enhance the work culture. He further assured that the welfare of all personnel

would remain a top priority. As part of the visit, DIG, IRP Jammu, participated in a plantation drive organized on the occasion, during which 150 fruit saplings were planted. He encouraged all participants to

take part in such initiatives to promote a green and healthy environment.

The DIG also inspected the ongoing construction works and reviewed various battalion facilities, including the barracks, mess, wet canteen, ladies' barracks, stores, and other allied unit establishments.