

Hit and Run case solved within 24 hours, accused driver arrested

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JAMMU: Gangyal Police solved hit and run case within 24 hours and arrested the accused driver and seized truck.

On 08.09.2025, at around 17:40 hours, Police Station Gangyal received information that a road accident had occurred at Kunjwani Main Chowk, wherein an unknown vehicle hit a motorcycle (Registration No. JK02DF-7221) being driven by Jitender Singh S/o Gurudev Singh R/o Bihar A/P Preet Nagar, Digiana, Jammu.

The injured was immediately shifted to Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar by the Flying Squad of PS Gangyal, however, despite all efforts, the victim unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.

Taking swift action, FIR No. 98/2025 U/S 281/125(a) BNS was registered at PS Gangyal and investigation was initiated. A special team led by SHO PS Gangyal comprising of PSI ATTA UR REHMAN, PSI ARUN SHARMA, and Ct. Vinod Kumar of PS Gangyal was constituted to trace the offender under the close supervision of SDPO South and SP South.

The team made strenuous efforts, analyzing multiple CCTV footages from the vicinity and conducting on-ground verification. Through persistent efforts, within 24 hours, the police succeeded in identifying and apprehending the accused vehicle and its driver.

The accused has been identified as Ravinder Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Brevi Kalakote, Shiv Temple, Rajouri, J&K - 185131.

Vehicle Involved was HP Gas Truck, Registration No. JK02CT-5856

After careful examination of CCTV footage and matching the vehicle's body features, the truck was successfully traced and intercepted from Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu. The vehicle along with its driver was seized, and the accused was taken into custody.

The investigation of the case is under progress, and further legal action is being taken in accordance with law.

Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT NDPS

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UDHAMPUR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the District, Police in Udhampur have booked a notorious drug peddler namely Sham S/o Shanker Dass R/o Kotli Pain, Tehsil & District Udhampur A/P Dhanori Bhirma under PIT NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

The said accused person was actively involved in various NDPS cases in District Udhampur and was promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to the local youth. His activities posed a serious threat to public health and safety.

The detention order was executed today and the accused has been lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu.

Suspected adulterated sweets and paneer seized, samples lifted

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JAMMU: In a continued action to ensure public health and safety, Police Station Bus Stand Jammu, during routine patrolling and checking, intercepted two vehicles-Maruti ECO (JK02BF-3640) and Seooty (JK02CB-1221)-found transporting suspected adulterated food items.

On inspection, police recovered approximately 30 boxes of Soan Papadi (150 kg), 12 boxes of Barfi (60 kg), 2 bags of Boondi (50 kg), and Paneer weighing around 88 kg. The consignment was found being transported in violation of the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSAI).

The seized items were kept in police custody, and the Food Safety Department was immediately informed. A team of officers from the department reached the spot, lifted legal samples of paneer and sweets, and subsequently seized the entire stock, which was handed over to the Food Business Operator (FBO) for safe custody.

The matter was also brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety, and senior police officers. As per preliminary observations of the Food Safety authorities, the recovered items are suspected to be adulterated. Analytical reports have been enclosed for further reference and confirmation.

Public intoxication offenders sentenced to community service

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JAMMU: In a landmark decision under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Jammu Police, Police Station Jhajar Kotli, secured the conviction of two individuals for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. The Hon'ble Court delivered its verdict on 08-09-2025, marking a progressive step toward reformative justice. The convicted individuals are Shoket Ali S/o Abdul Rashid and Ramzan Mohd S/o Kyshti Mohd. Both residents of Kun Daroorian, Tehsil Katra, District Reasi.

The Court sentenced both accused to two days of community service at PHC Dansal from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, during which they are required to mark their attendance and perform community cleaning work.

The incident occurred on 07-09-2025 within the jurisdiction of Police Station Jhajar Kotli, where the accused were found in an intoxicated state and causing public disturbance. They were arrested on the spot, medically examined, and subsequently produced before the Learned Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Jammu.

In a departure from conventional punitive measures, the Court, exercising its discretion under Section 355 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, opted for a reformative sentence.

SMVDU representative meets with LG

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KATRA: Opinder Sharma, representative from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), met Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir and Chancellor of SMVDU, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan Jammu. During the meeting, Sharma expressed his gratitude to the LG for removing the five-year contract for middle and lower rung employees of SMVDU. This decision is expected to bring relief to the university's staff members.

Sharma also requested the LG and Chancellor to consider providing pensionary benefits to SMVDU employees, similar to those offered by other universities like BGSBU & IUST in Jammu and Kashmir. The LG listened attentively to Sharma's concerns and assured him that the matter would be looked into positively.



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Drug peddler arrested with heroin

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UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against the drug menace, Udhampur Police apprehended a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

During a special naka at Gadna Majalta, a police party of PS Majalta led by its SHO intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK14J 7490 coming from Ramkote towards Majalta. On checking, the driver was found carrying 10 grams of heroin (chitta).

The accused has been identified as Rahul Sharma S/O Jograj Sharma R/O Rannagar who has been arrested on the spot.

In this connection, FIR No. 70/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Majalta and investigation has been set into motion.

Drug peddler arrested, 1,200 psychotropic tablets recovered

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UDHAMPUR: Police continues its relentless drive against drug abuse and its menace in society.

During a routine traffic checking at Gol Mela, Udhampur, a police team of Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO intercepted an E-Rickshaw (JK14L 3690) coming from Udhampur City towards Roun-Domai. On checking, one person identified as Rahul Sharma S/o Mohan Lal R/o Jagwal Majalta A/P Satani Round Domai, Udhampur was found carrying 20 strips (10 tablets each) of Tramadol & 100 strips (10 tablets each) of Pregabalin who has been arrested on spot and the contraband was also seized.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 322/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Udhampur and investigation has been set into motion.

BSF apprehends Pakistani intruder along IB

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JAMMU: Continuing with its high alertness on International Border (IB), the Border Security Force (BSF) foiled an infiltration attempt along the Indo-Pak International Border in R S Pura sector in the intervening night of 07/08-09-2025.

Alert BSF troops apprehended a Pakistani intruder at International Border (IB), who had tried to cross over under suspicious circumstances.

The incident occurred on the intervening night of 07/08.09.2025 under the jurisdiction of the 165th Battalion BSF at BOP Oetroi, Suchetgarh in R S Pura Sector, opposite Pakistan's BOP Inayat, when BSF personnel noticed suspicious movement near the border fence. Acting swiftly, the troops apprehended the intruder, identified as Siraj Khan S/o Zahid Khan R/o Satai, Tehsil Bhalwal, District Sargodha, Pakistan.

During the operation, both sides exchanged approximately 35 rounds of firing. Despite the exchange of fire, no casualties or damage were reported on the Indian side, owing to the vigilance and preparedness of the BSF troops.

Subsequently, Police Station R S Pura registered a case FIR No. 189/2025 under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act. The accused is presently in custody, and investigation has been initiated to ascertain the motive behind the infiltration attempt.

The timely action by BSF and coordination with local police has once again reaffirmed the commitment of security forces to safeguard the nation's borders and foil any nefarious designs from across the border.

Jammu Police urges citizens living in border areas to remain vigilant and cooperate with security agencies to strengthen the collective security grid.

4 drug peddlers arrested; huge quantity of narcotic recovered

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SRINAGAR: Acting tough against the menace of drugs, Police have arrested four drug peddlers in Anantnag, Shopian and Kupwara. Huge quantity of contraband substances have been recovered from their possession.

Acting on specific information, a Police team from Police Station Aishmuqam along with Executive Magistrate, raided a rented accommodation in Grendash area, currently occupied by Mukhtar Ahmed Boked son of Rafiq Ahmed resident of Jammu. During search, 06 bags containing narcotic substance (Fukki), approximately 95 kilograms have been recovered.

During the operation, one individual Parvez Ahmed Boked son of Bashir Ahmed Boked resident of Ainobra was arrested. The primary suspect, Mukhtar Ahmed Boked, is currently absconding, and efforts are underway to track and apprehend him.

Meanwhile in Shopian, a Police team from Police Post Hermain at a checkpoint established at Higher Secondary School Hermain, arrested a drug peddler identified as Showkat Ahmad Thoker son of Manzoor Ahmad Thoker resident of Rannagri Shopian. During search, 164 grams of charas was recovered from his possession. Moreover, a police team of PS Lolab, detained 02 drug peddlers during patrolling in the Kariwan Park area of Dever. They have been identified as Syed Aijaz Ahmad Shah and Syed Ahmad Shah son of Syed Akhtar Shah, both residents of Kakadpati Dever Lolab. During search, charas was recovered from their possession. Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

8 vehicles involved for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals seized

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GANDERBAL/SHOPIAN: As part of its relentless drive against illegal mining, Police along with the Geology & Mining Department, seized 08 vehicles (02 Tippers, 01 JCB, 03 Dumpers & 02 Tractors) engaged in the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Ganderbal and Shopian.

The seized vehicles found loaded with illegally extracted minerals from Nallah Sindh and Nallah Rambhara and were intercepted within the jurisdiction of PS Gund & PS Lar of district Ganderbal and within jurisdiction of Police Post Turkwangam of district Shopian.

SMVDU representative meets with LG Col Mahan visits rain-hit Basohli, Mahanpur, assesses losses

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KATHUA: Col Mahan Singh (Retd), District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Kathua, visited several rain-affected areas of Basohli and Mahanpur tehsils to take stock of damages caused by recent incessant rains, landslides, and floods.

The visit covered villages and rural stretches badly hit by the calamity, where houses, agricultural land, roads, and infrastructure have suffered extensive losses.

At Danni near Karamwada, Col Mahan Singh inspected the Mahanpur-Basohli road, where a 300-metre stretch has been washed away due to a major landslide and sinking.

The road, a vital link for Basohli and Bani, has been closed for the past 20 days, severely impacting hundreds of commuters, patients, school children, and the general public.

"The disruption of traffic has created immense difficulties for the people.



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This decisive action underscores the strong commitment of J&K Police and the Geology & Mining Department in curbing the menace of illegal mining. By ensuring that violators are brought under the ambit of law, the police aim to protect the natural resources and maintain environmental balance.

Community members are earnestly appealed to extend their cooperation by sharing any information regarding such unlawful activities in their areas.

DB issues notice on PIL over Badminton Association irregularities

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JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh issued notice on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by former state and national-level badminton players, alleging large-scale irregularities in the functioning of the Badminton Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal took cognisance of the PIL, which seeks strict implementation of the Sports Code of India, 2011, along with guidelines issued by the J&K Sports Council for regulating sports associations in the Union Territory.

The petitioners, led by Bakhtawar Singh and others, have urged the court to intervene in ensuring transparency, accountability, and adherence to rules within the badminton body.

Senior Additional Advocate General S. S. Nanda, along with Government Advocate Eishaan Dadhichi and Advocate Anshuja Tak, appeared on behalf of the respondents, while notice was issued to other parties for filing their response.

The bench granted time to the respondents to seek instructions and submit their replies before the next date of hearing. The matter has been listed for further consideration on November 10, 2025.

Court convicts man for brother's murder, awards life imprisonment

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JAMMU: In a significant judgment, the Principal Sessions Court Udhampur on Tuesday convicted Romal Singh alias Romalu, son of Shankar Singh of Ladhana Morha Phingval, for murdering his elder brother Rattan Singh in 2018 and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for life along with a fine of Rs 10,000.

The case, registered under FIR No. 143/2018 at Rannagar Police Station, pertained to a fratricidal killing over a land dispute. The prosecution alleged that on the intervening night of August 25-26, 2018, the accused attacked his brother with an iron sickle, causing fatal throat injuries. Principal Sessions Judge Virender Singh Bhou, while pronouncing the verdict, held that the prosecution had successfully established the guilt of the accused under Section 302 RPC. However, the court declined to impose capital punishment, observing that the case did not fall within the ambit of "rarest of rare." "The convict, though guilty of murdering his real brother, does not fall in the category of hardened criminals. The ends of justice would be met by sentencing him to life imprisonment, which also allows scope for repentance and reformation," the court observed in its order. The prosecution was represented by Himanshu Parkash and Vinay Sharma, Public Prosecutors for the UT of J&K, while the accused was defended by Ranjeev Dubey and Vijay Lakshmi, Advocates, who were appointed as Amicus Curiae. The period already undergone during investigation and trial will be set off against the life sentence. The court further directed that the fine, once realized, be paid to the legal heirs of the deceased, and recommended statutory compensation through the J&K Legal Services Authority. The judgment and sentence are subject to confirmation by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Commissioner Secretary may face Court over salary non-compliance: CAT

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JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Srinagar Bench, has issued strict directions in a contempt case linked to non-payment of salary, warning that the incumbent Commissioner Secretary may have to appear personally before the court if compliance is not ensured. The order came after the tribunal recalled its earlier decision of February 15, 2024, when the contempt petition was dismissed for non-prosecution. The move followed a judgment by the J&K and Ladakh High Court on July 16, 2025, which dismissed a writ petition filed by the respondents and upheld the tribunal's orders directing salary release. The tribunal stressed that it is under "command from the High Court" to ensure its orders regarding salary release are implemented "in letter and spirit." "In the meantime, the learned DAG for the respondents is directed to comply with the directions of this court as well as the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court, failing which the present incumbent Commissioner Secretary shall cause his presence before the court in person," the order reads. The case, Sameena Safder vs. Dr. Piyush Singla, will be heard next on October 14, 2025, along with the main transfer application.

Dependents of deceased family being minor, could be permitted to apply on attaining age of majority: CAT Bench

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JAMMU: Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, Jammu, comprising Rajinder Singh Dogra, Member (Judicial), while allowing the Original Application of Shapan Singh, for grant of compassionate appointment, while quashing and setting aside the communication, thereby, rejecting the applicant's case on the ground of delay, directed the author concerned in Home Department to appoint him on compassionate grounds under SRO 43 of 1994 against any Class IV post in lieu of his father's death. "Compassion" and "reasons" represent two diametrically opposite concepts. Where "compassion" is the prime consideration "reasons" have to occupy back seat. Compassionate and compassion as the words are ordinarily understood, would signify a mental state of affair which gives rise to a felling and sympathy for sufferings of others. It represents an inclination to give aid or support or even show mercy. "Compassionate appointment is made by passing the normal rules for entry into public service. This compassion can be shown at any time. The claimant, who was minor at the time of death of his father and later on, upon attaining the age of majority is entitled to be appointed on compassionate grounds", held the CAT Bench. Applicant's father, serving as Selection Grade Constable in IRP 1st Battalion (J&K Police), died in harness on March 26, 2018 leaving behind a bereaved and financially distressed family in penury with no source of income. Within the statutory time frame i. e. April 26, 2018 an application seeking compassionate appointment was moved to the concerned authority, which orally advised the applicant to wait till he attains the age of majority. However, after attaining majority, on submission of applicant's representation, official process was initiated. Later on, the AIG (Personnel), Police Headquarters, rejected the claim of compassionate appointment having not been submitted within one year of the employee's death. Dinesh Singh Chauhan, Advocate appearing for the Applicant vehemently opposed the entertainment of original application arguing that the action of rejection of claim for compassionate appointment was taken within four corners of law. "Where all the dependents of a deceased family were minors, they could be permitted to apply once they attained the age of majority as their case could not be equated with the claimants of whom was a major at the time of death of the father", held the CAT Bench, while placing reliance upon judgment rendered by Supreme Court of India in case titled State of Himachal Pradesh Vs Shashi Kumar (2019).



Efforts are underway to restore connectivity at the earliest," Col Mahan said.

He also visited village Kund in Jankher Panchayat, where landslides have destroyed the homes and more than 30 acres of agricultural land of 19 families.

The affected families have been forced to take shelter in a nearby school, while their livestock and cattle remain exposed under the open sky. Col Mahan personally interacted with the victims, assuring them of all possible

help. On the occasion, rations and blankets were distributed among the displaced families.

Speaking to media persons, the DDC Chairman expressed deep concern over the widespread losses across Kathua.

"The recent calamity has caused colossal damage in the district, including loss of lives and property worth several crores. This is a testing time, and I appeal to the public at large to come forward and support these distressed families," he said.

Col Mahan added that the administration, along with DDC members, is actively engaged in relief and rehabilitation efforts. He assured that all necessary assistance will be extended to the victims.

The DDC Chairman also discussed the possibility of an alternative road alignment with the AEE PWD Sub-Division Billawar and prominent residents of the area in view of the submergence of about 300 meters of road at village Danni near Karamwada, which is extremely difficult to restore. He directed the authorities to prepare a project accordingly to ensure long-term and reliable connectivity for the affected region.

He was accompanied by local activist Yubkaran Singh, Sarpanch Kewal Singh, Nirmal Singh, Sarpanch Pawan Verma, Er Madan Sharma, AEE PWD Billawar with staff, and officials from the RDD and Revenue Departments.