

Billawaria urges party cadre for grassroots connection

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DODA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary, Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressed a training camp organised under the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan 2026 at Dakbanglow Baderwah of Bhalaru Chinta Mandal.

Baldev Singh Billawaria was the chief speaker on the occasion. Among others present were former DDC Dhanatar Singh, District General Secretary Sanjay Kumar Saraf, Mandal President Satish Bhagat, former Mandal President Behari Lal Sharma, and other senior party leaders and workers.

While addressing the camp, Billawaria emphasized the crucial role of the Prashikshan Abhiyan in strengthening the party at the grassroots level. He stated that such training programs are essential to equip party activists with ideological clarity, organizational skills, and a deeper understanding



of the party's vision and policies. He added that well-trained workers are the backbone of any strong organization.

Highlighting the importance of public outreach, Billawaria urged party workers to maintain constant coordination with the masses and remain accessible to address their concerns. He said that BJP workers must act as a bridge between the government and the people, ensuring that the benefits of various welfare schemes reach every deserving individual.

Elaborating on the party's organizational framework, Billawaria said that BJP functions with discipline, dedication, and a clear structure, where every worker has a defined role and responsibility. He reiterated that the party has always followed the guiding principle of placing the nation first, organization second, and self last.

BJP activists live for the society and the nation, and work with a vision to serve people selflessly, he said, asking the cadre to remain committed to the ideals of service, nationalism, and good governance.

Market checking held ahead of Eid

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DODA: In view of the upcoming festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, a market checking drive was conducted across the entire Baderwah town under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner Baderwah Sunil Bhutyal. The drive was carried out in the presence of the Naib Tehsildar, Tehsil Supply Officer (TSO), a team of Veterinary Doctors and representatives from the Municipal Committee.

During the inspection, various shops and business establishments were checked to ensure the availability of essential commodities and to prevent overpricing and black marketing. Special attention was given to food items, sweets, meat and other daily-use products as the demand increases during the festive season. Shopkeepers were directed to display rate lists clearly and follow government-approved prices.



The Veterinary team inspected meat and poultry shops to ensure that only fresh and hygienic products are being sold. The Municipal team also checked cleanliness and sanitation in the market areas to maintain a healthy environment for the public. Instructions were issued to maintain proper hygiene, avoid plastic waste and keep surroundings clean.

The drive aimed to protect consumer interests and ensure a smooth and safe shopping experience for the people. The administration has appealed to all traders to cooperate and maintain fairness so that the festival is celebrated in a safe and positive manner. Strict action will be taken against those found violating the rules.



Assurances given to settle grievances soon

SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan chaired a Block Diwas programme at Mahajan Hall Panchayat Deon, Block Purmandal to address public grievances and review developmental issues of the area.

During the programme, a large number of residents projected their concerns and demands pertaining to road connectivity, water supply and other basic amenities. The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all the issues and assured the public of prompt and effective redressal.

Taking serious note of the grievances, the DC directed the concerned departments to take immediate necessary action and ensure that all works are completed within the stipulated time-frame. She emphasized that any delay in execution of developmental works would not be tolerated and accountability would be fixed.

Stress was also laid on maintaining quality standards in all ongoing and upcoming projects. The Deputy Commissioner specifically instructed the executing agencies to ensure the use of quality materials in the construction of roads and other infrastructure works so as to ensure durability and public satisfaction.

While interacting with the locals, the DC encouraged them to explore self-employment opportunities and actively contribute towards the economic growth and development of their area. She highlighted the importance of community participation in achieving sustainable development.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ACR), Ajay Bharti along with other senior officers of various departments, were present on the occasion.

Police recovers stolen wiring worth lakhs

JAMMU: Jammu Police, South Zone achieved a major success by solving a theft case involving stolen electrical wiring from an under-construction residential house and arresting two accused persons. The case came to light when Kirti Sharma, wife of Kuldeep Sharma and a resident of Sainik Colony, Jammu, lodged a written complaint reporting that unknown individuals had stolen electrical wires from their property. Acting promptly, FIR No. 67/2026 under sections 331(4)/305/317(2) of BNS was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and an investigation was launched.

A special investigation team was constituted under the guidance of SP City South, led by the In-Charge of Police Post Sainik Colony, and working under the close supervision of SHO Channi Himmat and SDPO City East. The team carried out detailed inquiries, carefully examined CCTV footage, and collected technical and forensic evidence. Their persistent and methodical efforts resulted in the identification and arrest of the accused: Ajay Chokidar @ Succha, son of Dadloo Chokidar, a resident of Madhya Pradesh currently in Kunjwan, Jammu, and Harish Kumar @ Billa @ Ashu, son of Late Mukhtyar Chand, a resident of Samba currently in Gangyal, Jammu.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime, leading the police to recover 12 bundles of 4mm electrical wires and approximately 10 kilograms of copper wire. The stolen property, estimated to be worth several lakhs of rupees, has been seized. Further investigation into the case is ongoing. This successful operation highlights the effective integration of modern surveillance systems with ground-level policing. Further investigation is underway to identify additional associates and recover remaining stolen property. Jammu Police, South Zone exemplifies dedication, professionalism, and proactive policing, reflecting their unwavering commitment to public safety, prompt justice, and maintaining citizens' trust. This case highlights the alertness, strategic approach, and relentless efforts of the police in combating crime, sending a clear message that criminal activities will be swiftly detected and punished.

Awareness campaign on 'From Plastic to Eco-Friendly Bags' held

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JAMMU: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in collaboration with JK Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) and the Department of Education, successfully organized an Awareness Campaign on the theme "From Plastic to Eco-Friendly Bags" under the banner of 8 J&K Girls Battalion NCC Jammu.

The programme aimed at sensitizing students and the community about the harmful effects of plastic usage and promoting sustainable alternatives such as jute and cloth bags. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from NCC cadets, students, and faculty members.

The programme was graced by Special Guest, Maj. Praveen,



AO 8 jk Girls Bn NCC Jammu highlighted the importance of disciplined action in adopting eco-friendly practices. The highlight of the event was an insightful lecture delivered by Sh. Randeep Manhas, Scientist, JKPCC, who elaborated on the environmental hazards caused by plastic pollution and stressed

the urgent need for collective responsibility in reducing plastic consumption.

Adding a creative and impactful dimension to the campaign, NCC cadets actively prepared handmade eco-friendly bags and awareness placards. These bags were thoughtfully distributed to local shopkeepers and street vendors, encouraging them to reduce dependence on plastic carry bags.

Further strengthening the outreach, the cadets presented a powerful Nukkad Natak conveying a strong message against plastic usage, followed by an Awareness Rally in the market area of Gandhi Nagar engaging the public and spread awareness on sustainable practices.

The event was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the college, who reiterated

the institution's commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable development. Dr. Neetu Raina, Head of the Department of Education, also extended her support and encouraged students to adopt eco-conscious lifestyles. The faculty members who witnessed and supported the event were Prof. Parihaar, Dr. Liakat Jafri, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Lt. Prof. Suman Bala, Prof. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Rippy Bawa and Dr. Rekha.

The programme was efficiently planned and coordinated by Lt. Prof. Rukhsana Kousar, ANO, who ensured the successful execution of all activities. The campaign concluded with a pledge by all participants to minimize plastic use and promote eco-friendly alternatives for a greener tomorrow.

MLA Shagun pays obeisance at Sarthal Mata Temple on first Navratra

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KISHTWAR: On the auspicious first day of Navratra, MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar visited the revered Sarthal Mata Ashtadashbujja Temple—her family deity (Kul Devi)—to offer prayers and seek divine blessings for peace and prosperity. Dressed in traditional attire, she performed elaborate puja rituals amid chants of sacred mantras and participated in devotional bhajans and kirtan, immersing herself in the vibrant spiritual fervor of the festival. The temple, nestled in the scenic hills of Kishtwar, drew a large gathering of BJP party workers, local devotees, and community members who joined the MLA in worship. Addressing the

enthusiastic crowd, MLA Parihar extended her heartfelt Navratra greetings, wishing everyone fine health, lot of happiness, prosperity and strength. She underscored the festival's role in fostering faith, unity, and cultural heritage, urging people to draw inspiration from Maa Durga's triumph over evil. "Navratra reminds us to uphold our traditions while working together for the development of Kishtwar," she said, reaffirming her commitment to overall and sustainable development as well as other welfare initiatives. The visit not only highlighted her deep-rooted connection to the region's spiritual legacy but also reinforced community bonds ahead of the nine-day celebrations.



Smart City theft case: 18 stolen batteries recovered

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JAMMU: Jammu Police, South Zone, continuing its sustained drive against crime and reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding public infrastructure, has successfully solved a theft case involving Smart City surveillance equipment.

On 28 February 2026, batteries and other vital components were stolen from Smart City CCTV installations at prominent

locations, including Asia Chowk, Bikram Chowk, and Amphalla Chowk. The theft severely disrupted surveillance and traffic monitoring systems across these areas. In this regard, FIR No. 60/2026 under Sections 305 and 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Acting swiftly, a dedicated police team was constituted under the leadership of Inspector

Jaipaul Sharma, SHO Police Station Gandhi Nagar. The team, comprising PSI Nadeem Akram, PSI Arun Thakyal, ASI Pintoo Kumar, and SPO Rashpaul Kumar, worked under the close supervision of SDPO South Sh. Kuljeet Singh and SP South Sh. Dr. Ajay Sharma, with overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

Utilizing a combination of technical surveillance, CCTV footage analysis, and human intelligence, the team successfully

apprehended two accused—Himanshu Gill alias "Badaa Prince" and his associate Prince Sharma. Preliminary investigation revealed that Himanshu Gill is a habitual offender with multiple cases registered against him across various police stations in Jammu and adjoining districts.

On the disclosure of the accused, police recovered 18 stolen batteries, marking a significant step towards restoring the Smart City surveillance network.

Bovine smuggler held; nine cattle rescued

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled two separate bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, arrested bovine smuggler and rescued nine bovines. The vehicles involved in the illegal transportation of bovines have also been seized.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ghagwal during vehicle checking at Naka NHW Tappal, intercepted a Dumper bearing registration No. JK19A-3235 for its checking. During checking, six bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

All the bovines have been rescued and the vehicle involved in the

illegal transportation of bovines has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 30/2026 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

In another incident, a Police team of PS Ghagwal during vehicle checking at Naka NHW Tappal has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt and rescued three bovines which were being smuggled in a Mahindra Load Carrier bearing registration No. JK02DC-4865.

NOTICE

I, Bhanwar Lal S/o Buddhu Mire R/o Newai Basti, Ashish Pan Peles, Utai, Durg, Chhattisgarh-491107 A/P Janipur Jammu, do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar card bearing no 92077902673 as Charn Mire instead of my correct name is Bhanwar Lal. Anybody have any objection in this regard may contact to the concerned authority within a week of this publication.

35 domestic LPG cylinders seized for violations during inspection

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, on Thursday conducted a surprise inspection across various market areas in the town to check irregularities and ensure strict enforcement of essential commodities regulations.

During the inspection, the team visited a gas agency and reviewed its functioning. Continuing the drive, the Deputy Commissioner directed officials to seize two LPG cylinders from a pizza shop at Salani Market for unauthorized usage.

At Mandi Chowk, three LPG cylinders were seized from a hotel operating under the name "Welcome Hotel" for similar violations.

Further, one LPG cylinder was seized from Raju Sweet Shop during the inspection.

The Deputy Commissioner also conducted random market inspection, checking hygiene standards, rates and overall compliance with regulations. He strictly directed all commercial establishments not to use domestic LPG cylinders and warned that violations will invite stringent action under the law.

Meanwhile, similar enforcement drives were conducted in different subdivisions of the district by Tehsildars under the supervision of respective ADCs. During these drives, 10 LPG cylinders were seized in Kotranka, 03 in Kalakote, 06 in Rajouri and 16 in other subdivisions.

With this, the total number of LPG cylinders seized across the district has reached 35.

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I, Stanzin Tharpa S/o Tsewang Sampail R/o Chuchot Shamma, Leh-Ladakh UT do hereby inform the general public that I have lost my Matriculation Certificate bearing Roll No. 2316894 and Regn No. C117240340013 issued by CBSE. Anyone who found the above said certificate is requested to return the same. Otherwise, I would be apply for issuance of duplicate of the same.

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RE - AUCTION NOTICE

Due to poor response to this office the tender notice No:- MCL/Auc/P/2025-26/2247-57 Dated:- 05-03-2026, the date of Tender of Entry fee collection from Srinagar-Leh route is here by extended upto 24th March 2026 and the tender will be opened on 25th March 2026 at 12:00 Noon in the Conference Hall of Municipal Committee office complex, Leh.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged as mentioned in the earlier tender notice.

(Signature)
 Executive Officer
 Municipal Committee
 Leh

No:-MCL/Auc/P/2025-26/2407-16

Dated:- 19/03/2026