

## J&K Men's Softball Team Creates History, Clinches Bronze at 47th Senior National Softball Championship 2025-26



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The Jammu & Kashmir Men's Softball Team etched its name in the annals of sports history by clinching the Bronze Medal at the 47th Senior National Softball Championship 2025-26, marking a historic milestone for the Union Territory. This is the first time ever that the J&K Men's Softball Team has finished among the top four teams at the national level, bringing immense pride and honour to the region. The historic achievement came under the able and inspiring leadership of team captain Ayush Singh, whose determination, resilience, and commitment stood out throughout the championship. Despite suffering from an injury during the tournament, Ayush Singh led the team from the front, displaying exemplary sportsmanship and courage. His tactical acumen and motivational leadership played a pivotal role in guiding the team to a joint third-place

finish along with Punjab, thereby securing the Bronze Medal. Throughout the championship, the J&K team delivered a series of impressive performances against strong and seasoned opponents, reflecting the growing standard of softball in the Union Territory. The players showcased remarkable discipline, teamwork, and fighting spirit, overcoming challenges to reach the podium at the national stage. A significant contribution towards this historic success has been made by Sh. Waseem Raza Khan, General Secretary, J&K Softball Association, whose tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and continuous hard work for the promotion and development of softball in Jammu & Kashmir have played a crucial role in elevating the sport to new heights. His consistent focus on talent identification, regular training camps, exposure to national-level competitions, and administrative support

ensured that the team was well-prepared to compete at the highest level. The achievement is also being attributed to the collective efforts of coaches, support staff, officials of the J&K Softball Association, and all stakeholders who worked relentlessly behind the scenes to create a strong foundation for the sport in the Union Territory. The historic Bronze Medal victory has been widely hailed by the sports fraternity and is being seen as a landmark moment for softball in Jammu & Kashmir, which is expected to inspire young athletes to pursue the sport with renewed enthusiasm and confidence. The J&K Men's Softball Team's performance at the 47th Senior National Softball Championship stands as a powerful testament to the fact that with visionary leadership, dedicated administration, and indomitable spirit of players, Jammu & Kashmir can produce champions capable of competing with the best in the country.

## J&K police register fir against stunt biker for dangerous riding on public road in shopian

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Jammu and Kashmir Police in Shopian have taken prompt action against a stunt biker incident reported from the Zawoora area. In this connection, an FIR bearing No. 270/2025 has been registered under Sections 281 and 125 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 184 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The motorcycle involved in the incident has been seized and further investigation is underway. The accused rider has been identified as Furqan Ahmad Dar, son of Mohd Ashraf Dar, a resident of Zawoora, Shopian. He was found indulging in dangerous stunts on a public road, thereby endangering his own life and posing a serious risk to other road users. Jammu and Kashmir Police have reiterated that stunt biking and rash driving



on public roads are strictly prohibited and will attract stringent legal action. Public roads are meant for safe commuting and such irresponsible behavior can lead to tragic consequences. The police have appealed to the youth to adhere to traffic rules and adopt responsible driving practices. Parents and guardians have also been

urged to guide and counsel their children regarding road safety and traffic discipline. Jammu and Kashmir Police remain committed to ensuring road safety and maintaining smooth and disciplined traffic movement across the district. Strict action against traffic violators will continue in the interest of public safety.

## Door-to-Door Polio Awareness Campaign Launched in LoC Areas of Poonch

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Ahead of the nationwide Pulse Polio Campaign scheduled on 21 December, the Health Department in Poonch district has launched a special outreach initiative to ensure maximum coverage, particularly in areas along the India-Pakistan Line of Control (LoC). While the government and health authorities are promoting the Pulse Polio drive through print, electronic and social media across the country, a unique grassroots effort is underway in the border areas of Poonch district by the staff of Primary Health Centre (PHC) Ajote. To ensure the success of the campaign, CMO Poonch Dr. Parvez Ahmed Khan has constituted multiple teams across the district. Under the leadership of Dr. Surabhi Bakshi, teams from PHC Ajote are visiting remote and far-



flung villages along the LoC, going door to door to spread awareness about the importance of the Pulse Polio programme. The teams are urging parents to ensure that all children aged between zero and five years are administered the life-saving two drops of polio vaccine on Sunday, 21 December, so that no child is left out. Speaking about the initiative, Dr. Surabhi Bakshi said that the LoC areas face serious communication challenges, making it

difficult to reach people through conventional means. "Due to limited connectivity in border villages, we are personally visiting households to appeal to parents to get their children vaccinated against polio," she said. The initiative is being widely appreciated as a proactive and commendable step towards safeguarding the lives of children and ensuring the success of the Pulse Polio Campaign in one of the most sensitive regions of the district.

## Samba police seizes 05 dumpers for illegal mining

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Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharge of Police Posts Supwal & Mansar of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21C-2988, JK02CG-2974, JK21G-6049, JK21D-9880, JK21G-7597 which were being used for



illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area. The above-mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

## J&K Police Kathua Arrested 01 Absconding Person from Dhuri Punjab against whom 1 Month Conviction Order issued by the court of Ld. CJM



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In continuation to its drive against the absconders/criminals, J&K Police Kathua successfully traced out and arrested one person namely Rakesh Kumar S/o Bodh Raj R/o Sunder Chak Tehsil & Distt Pathankot from Dhuri, Punjab, against whom one month conviction order had already been issued by the court of Ld. CJM Kathua in which the Ld. court has directed S&P kathua to constitute a special team to apprehend the accused and produce him before the court. In this regard, a special Police team of P/S Lakhnampur was constituted and led by SHO PS Lakhnampur Insp. Tariq Ahmed under the guidance of Addl. SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKDYSP DAR Kathua Sh. Ritesh Samyal and overall supervision of

Worthy SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma-IPS searched for the person at various places in and outside of J&K U.T. A police team of PS Lakhnampur did hectic efforts and with the help of technical assistance along with timely Human intervention and traced the location of said person found at Dhuri in Punjab. Acting swiftly, Police team of PS Lakhnampur reached the location and detained the person namely Rakesh Kumar S/o Bodh Raj R/o Sunder Chak Tehsil & District Pathankot and brought at PS Lakhnampur. The said person had been absconding against whom one month conviction order had been issued by the court of the Ld. CJM Kathua. After executing the warrant today the said person being produced before the Hon'ble court of Law.

## Kashmir safe, normal: ATOAI Prez Bajaj Appreciates security forces, people for restoring confidence, urges tourists to rediscover J&K

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Appreciating security forces and locals for restoring confidence and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir, President of Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) Ajeet Bajaj on Friday urged tourists to rediscover the region. Addressing a news conference here after ATOAI's 17th annual convention, Bajaj, according to the news agency said, the perception of insecurity about Kashmir must change. "Everything is normal here and we have seen it for ourselves," he added. "This is the jewel in the crown of India's tourism sector. We are proud of

our men and women in uniform who have ensured peace and security and we want to get more tourists back to Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest," Bajaj said. He said that the sense of normalcy now visible across the Valley must translate into tourism revival. "Our members returned deeply impressed by the peace and positivity they witnessed," he added. Another senior ATOAI delegate, who has been visiting Kashmir for over decades, said, "I have travelled here for 35 years and never felt safer anywhere else. The hospitality and warmth are unmatched," he said, adding that 2026 "will be a great year for Kashmir tourism."

## Dense fog disrupts life in Kashmir; several flights cancelled

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Dense fog and inclement weather conditions disrupted normal life across parts of Kashmir on Friday, affecting road traffic and leading to the cancellation of several flights at Srinagar International Airport, officials said. Witnesses told the news

agency that the poor visibility prevailed in Srinagar and adjoining areas during the early morning hours, slowing vehicular movement on major roads. Traffic police advised commuters to exercise caution, particularly on highways and city arteries, as visibility dropped sharply at several locations.

## Samba police attaches property worth rupees 46.48 lacs of notorious drug peddler under ndps act

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As a part of its relentless effort against drug peddlers/smugglers, Samba Police has attached a residential house and an alto car bearing registration number JK02CR-3823 valuing approximately 46.48 lacs belonging to notorious drug peddler Wali Mohd S/o Lal Hussain R/o Chak Murara tehsil Bishnath district Jammu, presently residing at Baloke Khad Bari Brahmana district Samba. The action was taken by Police under sections 68-E read with 68-F of NDPS Act of 1985 and is linked with case FIR No. 173/2025 u/s 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act of PS Bari Brahmana. The residential house valuing rupees 42.86 lacs approximately and the car valuing rupees 3.62,293.00, making a total of rupees 46.48,293.00, were identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by police. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic



Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by the drug peddler. It is pertinent to mention here that the accused Wali Mohd is involved in assault on Police Party at Baloke Khad Bari Brahmana and in this regard a case FIR No. 36/2025 has been registered against him at PS Bari Brahmana. The said accused is also an associate of notorious drug peddler Masoom Ali @ Kala S/o Dulla R/o Rakh Barotian tehsil Vijaypur district Samba against whom various NDPS cases have been

registered in the district. This decisive action demonstrates the police's ongoing commitment to dismantle the drug trade by targeting illegal assets and deterring future offenders. Local people of the area hailed this unprecedented initiative of Samba Police against drug dealers. The entire proceedings were effected by a special team headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana under the supervision of SDPO Bari Brahmana and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba.

## J&K police cyber police station doda observed cyber awareness day at Police Station Doda



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On the directions of SSP Doda, Sandeep Kumar Mehta-JKPS, Cyber Police Station Doda organized Cyber awareness Day at POLICE STATION DODA with a view to give awareness to the general Public. Shopkeepers and Hotels Staff about Cyber crime. The event witnessed large numbers of shopkeepers, online gaming frauds, online loan frauds. Also delivered by Inspector Surinder Vir Singh Chib of

Cyber Police Station Doda to the participants and they were made aware about the use of cyber crime portals, CEIR Portal (related to stolen/missing mobile phones), floating trends of fraudsters to trap common man in their tricks to loot their hard earned money by way of using various type of online cheating like credit card fraud, OTP / QR scan frauds, online gaming frauds, online loan frauds. Also Participants were also cautioned to keep their

social media accounts secure and safe and also remain aware while chatting with unknown person on facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Twitter etc. Mentionable here that cyber awareness programmes are being organized by J&K Police to spread the awareness of Cyber related crimes, online frauds, cheating among the general public so that common people may not get trapped in the net of fraudsters / cheaters.

## Anantang Police Organised Awareness Programme and Drawing Competition Held at JNV Ashmuqam



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District Police Anantang organized a comprehensive Drug Awareness Programme at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Latroo Ashmuqam, aimed at educating students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promoting a healthy, drug-free society. The programme was addressed by senior Police officers of district police Anantang, who

shared valuable insights, real-life experiences, and guidance with the students, emphasizing the importance of making informed and responsible life choices. The speakers encouraged students to act as ambassadors of awareness within their communities. In addition to the awareness session, a Drawing and Painting Competition was also organized on the same day under the Civic

Action Programme. Around 300 students from 15 different schools participated enthusiastically, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills on themes related to drug abuse prevention and social responsibility. The programme concluded smoothly, reinforcing the commitment of District Police Anantang towards community engagement, youth empowerment, and the fight against drug abuse.

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At Srinagar International Airport, at least seven flights were cancelled due to bad weather and operational reasons, according to airport authorities. Air India flights AI-3423/3424 and AI-1799/1810 operating between Srinagar and Delhi were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions in the national capital. IndiGo flights 6E-6164/6165 on the Srinagar-Amritsar sector were cancelled owing to poor weather in Amritsar, while SpiceJet flight SG-661/664 on the Srinagar-Delhi route was also cancelled because of bad weather in Delhi, officials said. In addition, SpiceJet flight SG-180/181 and IndiGo

flights 6E-6961/6962 on the Srinagar-Kolkata sector, along with flight 6E-2044, were cancelled due to operational reasons. Airport authorities advised passengers to check the status of their flights with the respective airlines before proceeding to the airport and expressed regret over the inconvenience caused.