

District Admin Budgam intensifies action against illegal brick kilns



GY CORRESPONDENT BUDGAM, NOV 24

Under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, the District Administration Budgam has intensified its ongoing enforcement drive against illegal brick kilns operating without authorization or violating environmental and land-use regulations.

Today a civil administration, supported by police authorities, dismantled three illegal brick kilns in village Mulshulla of Tehsil Beerwah. These units were found contributing substantially to air pollution, causing health hazards to the local population, and

degrading productive agricultural land by rendering it barren.

The district administration has reiterated that such illegal activities will not be allowed to operate at the cost of public health, ecological safety, and a g r i c u l t u r a l sustainability.

The District Administration has urged all owners of illegal brick kilns to voluntarily dismantle their structures on their own, failing which strict legal and enforcement action will be taken against them.

The operation was supervised on ground by SDM Beerwah, Touseef Gazi, along with Tehsildar Beerwah, SDPO

Magam, and other concerned civil and police officers of the sub-division, ensuring smooth execution and adherence to legal procedures. Local residents appreciated action of the district administration and urged that such drives should continue in the interest of public health and environmental protection.

The District Administration Budgam has reaffirmed that firm, coordinated and sustained action will be taken across all teshils to curb unauthorized brick kiln operations and safeguard the district's environmental and agricultural resources.

District police reasi arrests accused involved in housebreaking and theft; habitual offender held

GY CORRESPONDENT REASI, NOV 24

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District Police Reasi has booked and arrested a habitual offender involved in a recent case of housebreaking, mischief and theft, demonstrating its firm commitment towards maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of citizens.

On 22-11-2025, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Reasi by Magam S/O Abdul Rashid R/O Gran Morh, Tehsil & District Reasi, stating that upon reaching his residence, he found the doors of his house broken, the locks damaged and household articles scattered and tampered with. The circumstances clearly indicated the commission of offences, including housebreaking, mischief and theft.

Taking cognizance of the matter, FIR No. 176/2025 U/S 33(4), 305 BNS was registered at P/S Reasi, and investigation was set into motion.

During the course of investigation, on 23-11-2025, police succeeded in apprehending the accused person identified as Mohd Maqbool @ Tian S/O Alad Din R/O Gran Morh, Reasi. It is noteworthy that the accused is a habitual offender, with multiple

previous cases registered against him at Police



Station Reasi, including:

1. FIR No. 115/2025 U/S 379/201 IPC

2. FIR No. 303/2022 U/S 457/380 IPC

3. FIR No. 91/2023 U/S 457/380 IPC

4. FIR No. 118/2025 U/S 33(4), 305 BNS

The swift action of District Police Reasi has once again reinforced its resolve to act firmly against criminals and provide a secure environment to the people of the district.

The whole operation was conducted by the team of Police Station Reasi, led by senior officer.

SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh, JKPS, urges the public to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the nearest police station for timely action.

Anti-Drug Cricket Tournament, A Movement for a Drug-Free Society Says Rajesh Gupta

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, NOV 24

The Anti Drug Jammu Veteran League T20 Tournament, organized by the Samvedna Club under the chairmanship of Keshav Chopra, The League is Started from November 20th to November 29th, 2025, the tournament carries the powerful message, "Say No to Drugs and Yes to Sports."

The today's inauguration ceremony saw the gracious presence of several dignitaries who are committed to the cause of a drug-free Jammu. The matches were formally inaugurated by Rajesh Gupta, President Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), along with Surinder Kumar (RSS), Gagan Sharma, Social Activist, and Shakti Dutt Sharma, Vice President VHP.

Speaking on the Occasion Rajesh Gupta said "It is truly heartening to witness the blend of sportsmanship and social responsibility at the Anti Drug Veteran League. Drug abuse is a cancer slowly eating away at the future of our youth and their society. Events like this are crucial because they offer a positive, healthy, and disciplined alternative to the youth. Sports, especially cricket, teach teamwork, resilience, and the value of hard work qualities



that build strong individuals and a strong nation. The VHP stands firm in its support for all initiatives that aim to secure the future of our youth from this grave menace. We urge all parents and community leaders to encourage children to embrace sports."

Keshav Chopra while speaking said that "We are overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response to the Anti Drug Jammu Veteran League. The Samvedna Club's core mission is social welfare, and there is no greater welfare than securing our future generation from the clutches of drug addiction. This tournament is not just about cricket; it is a movement. It is a clarion call to every young individual; swap the despair of drugs for the joy, discipline, and

camaraderie of the playing field. By celebrating our veteran players, we hope to inspire the youth toward an active, healthy, and drug-free life. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants for their commitment to the 'Say No to Drugs and Yes to Sports' slogan." The inaugural ceremony and subsequent matches were attended by many prominent figures, including Rajan Gupta VHP, Rakesh Singh (NG), Ujjwal Singh Social Activist, Jit Sharma Jackson, Pt Tripath Upadhyay, Deepak Kumar, Baldeep Kour, Jhanvi Rajput, Amit Kapoor, Poonam Sharma, Rahul Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Raman Verma, Mahi Badgal all of whom reinforced the collective commitment towards eradicating the drug menace.

Health Department Doda Accord Heartfelt Farewell to Sh. Surinder Singh Bijyal



GY CORRESPONDENT DODA, NOV 24

After rendering 26 years of dedicated and unblemished service in District Doda, the Health Department Doda today bid a warm and emotional farewell to Sh. Surinder Singh Bijyal (Paramedical Supervisor), who has been promoted as Leprosy Surveillance Officer and transferred to District Kathua.

To mark the occasion, a grand farewell function was organized by the staff of the CMO Office and Dy. CMO Office Doda in honour of Sh. S. S. Bijyal, acknowledging his remarkable contribution, sincerity, and unwavering commitment throughout his long tenure in the district.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dy. CMO Doda, Dr. Sat Lal Manhas, BMO Bhaderwah, Dr. Versha

Sharma, Principal Govt. ANMT School Doda, Smt. Vidya Kotwal, besides officers and officials of the CMO Office, Dy. CMO Office, and ANMT School Doda. The family members of the outgoing official were also present, adding warmth and affection to the farewell gathering. Speaking on the occasion, various speakers expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the staff for organizing a memorable programme and for extending continuous support throughout his service career in District Doda. As a token of respect and affection, gifts were presented to him by the staff. The entire department extended their best wishes for his future endeavours and prayed for continued success and fulfilment in his new assignment in District Kathua.

strengthening the health system in the district. Miss Akriti Thakur, daughter of the outgoing official, also spoke on the occasion and described her father as a role model, whose sincerity and humility continue to inspire her family. In his farewell address, Sh. Surinder Singh Bijyal, outgoing official expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the staff for organizing a memorable programme and for extending continuous support throughout his service career in District Doda. As a token of respect and affection, gifts were presented to him by the staff. The entire department extended their best wishes for his future endeavours and prayed for continued success and fulfilment in his new assignment in District Kathua.

Grand Mufti condemns Delhi, Nowgam blasts, calls for unity, fair probe

Urges protection of Kashmiri students across country



GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, NOV 24

The Grand Mufti of Jammu and Kashmir, Mufti Nisar-ul-Islam, on Monday strongly denounced the recent explosions in Delhi and Nowgam, terming the loss of innocent lives a tragedy for all humanity. Addressing media persons at his Srinagar office, the Grand Mufti said terrorism has no link with any faith or civilisation and must be condemned in one voice. "Violence in any form is against the very spirit of religion and humanity," he said, as per the news agency.

Expressing concern over reports of Kashmiri students and traders being harassed outside the region, Mufti said it was unfair to paint an entire community with one brush. "Our youth engaged in education and trade deserve dignity, security and an atmosphere of trust, not fear," he added. He recalled that during

the Pahalgam terror incident, people across the valley had unitedly condemned the attack, which he said reflected Kashmir's deep-rooted culture of peace, tolerance and brotherhood. Calling for a transparent and impartial probe into the Delhi and Nowgam blasts, Mufti Nisar-ul-Islam said the investigating agencies must bring the facts before the public to prevent misinformation and suspicion.

The Grand Mufti also criticised the proposed 20 per cent hike in electricity tariff, calling it "anti-people" and "unjustified" at a time when citizens are "already facing economic stress and unemployment". He urged the government to reconsider the decision in the interest of the common man. The Grand Mufti prayed for lasting peace, communal harmony and prosperity across Jammu and Kashmir and the country.

Rajouri Police Recover 100 Pregabalin Capsules & 03 Tramadol Hydrochloride Injections; One Drug Peddler Arrested

GY CORRESPONDENT RAJOURI, NOV 24

Police Party of Police Station Rajouri while on routine patrolling duty in the Dharali area intercepted a suspicious person who attempted to hide upon noticing the police near Dharali B r i d g e . D u r i n g questioning he identified himself as Talib Hussain S/O Shahr Hussain R/O D h a r a l i B r i d g e . R a j o u r i . During his personal search the police recovered one polythene bag containing 100 capsules of Pregabalin and 03 injections of

Tramadol Hydrochloride both falling under the category of narcotic/psychotropic substances. In this regard case FIR No. 568/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rajouri. The accused has been arrested and further investigation is in progress.

The arrested individual and backward linkages of the accused are being thoroughly probed to identify his associates and to trace the source and destination of the recovered contraband.

Jammu Division Allots Multi-Purpose Stalls Through Record-Breaking Mega E-Auction

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, NOV 24

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In a significant step towards boosting asset monetization and enhancing non-fare revenue, a mega e-auction was successfully conducted for the allotment of multi-purpose stalls across various stations of the Jammu Division.

This initiative was carried out under the leadership of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Shri Uchit Singhal, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from all interested bidders.

In the e-auction results, multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at various railway stations, marking a strategic move towards improving passenger amenities and boosting local economic development.

Details of Multi-Purpose Stalls Allotted Under the E-Auction:

1. Multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at Platform 2/3 of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station. The rent fixed for the first year is approximately ₹25,00,000, and for five years, the total rent to be charged by the Railways is approximately ₹110,00,000.

2. Multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at Platform 1 of Pathankot Cantt Railway Station. The rent fixed for the first year is approximately ₹11,00,000, and for five years, the



total rent to be charged by the Railways is approximately ₹64,95,310.

3. Multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at Platform 1 of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station. The rent fixed for the first year is approximately ₹6,55,888, and for five years, the total rent to be charged by the Railways is approximately ₹38,69,739.

4. Multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at Platform 1 of Sopore Railway Station. The rent fixed for the first year is approximately ₹2,67,786, and for five years, the total rent to be charged by the Railways is approximately ₹15,79,937.

5. Multi-purpose stalls were successfully allotted at Platform 1 of Anantnag Railway Station. The rent fixed for the first year is approximately ₹2,22,786, and for five years, the total rent to be charged by the Railways is approximately ₹13,14,437.

Through these multi-

purpose stalls, the Railways is expected to generate a total revenue of ₹2,80,09,243 over five years. Beyond financial benefits, this initiative will introduce convenient and essential services at railway stations, enhancing the travel experience of passengers. Commuters will now have easy access to necessary items such as water bottles, food, magazines, soap, oil, children's toys, and other essential goods.

Speaking on this successful e-auction, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Shri Uchit Singhal said, "The e-auction conducted on 24 November 2025 has generated the highest revenue among all previous e-auctions. Along with increased revenue, these multi-purpose stalls will greatly benefit passengers by providing essential items conveniently, making their journey more comfortable and hassle-free, while also promoting local businesses."

PDP women protest power tariff hike in Sgr

Kashmiris being "silenced into submission": Mehbooba Mufti

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, NOV 24

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) women's wing on Monday staged a protest against the government's proposed 20 per cent power tariff hike during peak hours. Dozens of women workers assembled at the PDP office, carrying placards and banners highlighting the impact of rising electricity costs on ordinary households.

According to details, available with the news agency, the protest saw participants chanting slogans, accusing the ruling government of neglecting public hardship amid the biting cold. The protesters described the move as an "anti-people policy" that will disproportionately burden lower and middle-income families already struggling

with erratic power supply during winter. "We are on the streets because people are suffering. Instead of ensuring uninterrupted electricity, the government is tightening the noose around poor families by hiking rates," one of the protesting women told news agency.

Witnesses also said police and security personnel were deployed outside the PDP headquarters to prevent the protesters from moving towards the city centre. The women workers, however, continued their demonstration within the premises, vowing to intensify protests if the decision is not withdrawn. Later in the day, PDP President Mehbooba Mufti also condemned the action, posting on X

(formerly Twitter): "The J&K Women stopping PDP's Women Wing from holding a peaceful protest against the crushing rise in power tariffs is yet another continuation of the assault on our democratic rights since 2019. When even the most peaceful voices are throttled under the pretext of law and order it sends a chilling message that our pain is irrelevant that our rights are expendable and that speaking up now carries an unfair cost."

The tweet further read, "this constant silencing is pushing Kashmiri's to the wall suffocating our hopes and even our basic demand to be heard. Such relentless suppression leaves deep wounds on an entire community and fosters an overwhelming sense of collective punishment."

Surprise checking of hospital lockers continues in Srinagar, Pulwama

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, NOV 24

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday continued surprise checking of the hospital lockers in Srinagar and Pulwama districts.

According to the details available with the news agency the drive is a part of the heightened vigilance in the wake of the November 10 Delhi blast and the recovery of arms and ammunition, including an AK-47 rifle

from the locker of a doctor from GMC Anantnag, linked to the "white collar" terror module. Meanwhile, in a statement a police spokesman said, "In line with ongoing efforts to ensure transparency and accountability in health institutions and security protocols within the city, Srinagar police, in coordination with medical officers from the health department, carried out inspections of lockers used by doctors

and staff across district and private hospitals, medical colleges, PHCs (primary health centres) and health facilities." Similar checks were conducted in Pulwama district, he added. "The inspections were aimed at preventing misuse of lockers for unauthorised storage of illegal or hazardous materials and strengthening internal security within medical institutions," the spokesman said.