

## LG Kavinder pays tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on Good Governance Day

Recalls Vajpayee ji's visionary leadership and tenure marked by nation-building, people-centric governance

**JJ CORRESPONDENT**

Leh, December 25: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today paid tribute to former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji on his birth anniversary, observed as Good Governance Day, at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

Addressing officers and staff, the Lt Governor recalled Shri Vajpayee ji's visionary leadership, noting that his tenure will always be remembered for nation-building, transparent governance, and people-centric policies.

Shri Kavinder shared personal memories of meeting Vajpayee ji on several occasions, particularly during the Emergency period when he endured nearly a year of incarceration. He high-



lighted Vajpayee ji's magnetic charisma, which drew large audiences eager to hear his speeches, and praised his enduring poetry that continues to inspire people.

Observing that Vajpayee's birthday coincides with Good Governance Day, Shri Kavinder underscored how his Prime Ministerial tenure is remembered for initiating groundbreaking reforms. He said that

Good Governance Day serves as a reminder of Vajpayee ji's belief in accountable administration and last-mile delivery of development—a vision that continues to guide governance in Ladakh.

The Lt Governor emphasized that the UT Administration is committed to ensuring that government schemes and development initiatives reach remote and border villages. Highlighting

governance reforms, he stressed the importance of transparency, digital governance, and efficient service delivery, noting that initiatives such as e-office and technology-driven administration are strengthening public service systems in Ladakh. Shri Kavinder reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to inclusive development, youth empowerment, preservation of cultural heritage, and the strengthening of public welfare systems across the region.

Sh Sachin Bali, Under Secretary, JKAS, conducted the proceedings of the programme.

On the occasion, Lt Col BK Dash, OSD to HLG, Sahil Verma, Media Advisor, and officers and staff of the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat attended the programme.

## Sun Pharma CSR Strengthens Education Infrastructure in Remote Villages of Samba, Sun Vidya initiative provides 50 school desks to Government HSS Talroo

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Samba: As part of its flagship education initiative SunVidya, the CSR wing of Sun Pharmaceutical Limited has provided 50 school desks to Government Higher Secondary School, Talroo, located in the remote villages of the Samba block, Jammu. These areas face limited road connectivity and harsh winter conditions, where students earlier attended classes sitting on mats. The support has significantly improved classroom learning conditions and comfort for students, especially during winters. The initiative was warmly welcomed by school authorities, students, and the local community. The programme was graced by the Incharge Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Talroo Samba, Shri Rakesh Kumar Ji, who appreciated



the CSR efforts of Sun Pharmaceutical Limited and the effective implementation support provided by Care For You NGO. He highlighted the importance of public-private partnerships in strengthening educational infrastructure in government schools and improving learning outcomes for children in underserved regions. Expressing his gratitude, Shri Rakesh Kumar Ji stated that the donated desks would greatly benefit students and enhance the overall classroom environment. To mark the occa-

sion, students presented cultural performances and an NCC parade, reflecting their enthusiasm and appreciation for the support extended to the institution. The Chief Education Officer conveyed sincere thanks to Sun Pharmaceutical Limited and senior authorities for their valuable contribution towards creating better learning facilities for children in remote villages. Representing Sun Pharmaceutical Limited, Ms. Priyanka Talwar, Executive - CSR, was present during the programme.

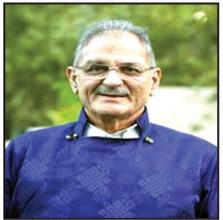
From Care For You NGO, Founder President Mr. Touseef Malik, State Technical Head Mr. Syed Ashfaq Andrabi, and Mr. Ramiz Raja, State Coordinator, attended the event, reaffirming the NGO's commitment to education and community development. Also present on the occasion were Ms. Firdous Akhtar, Representative from the CEO's Office, along with school lecturers, teachers, and PRI members of the village, who collectively appreciated the CSR-driven infrastructure support.

## LG Ladakh extends Christmas greetings

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Leh, December 25: The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, has extended warm Christmas greetings to the people of Ladakh, especially to the Christian community, on the joyous occasion of Christmas.

In his message, the Lt Governor said that Christmas, which commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, is a festival that symbolizes love, compassion, peace, and goodwill. He emphasised that the teachings of Jesus Christ inspire



humanity to follow the path of selfless service, harmony, and mutual respect.

Shri Kavinder Gupta highlighted that Ladakh is known for its rich cultural diversity and tradition of communal harmony, where people of different faiths live together in

peace and brotherhood. He expressed hope that the festival would further strengthen the bonds of unity and promote the spirit of coexistence in the Union Territory.

The Lt Governor prayed for peace, prosperity, and happiness for all residents of Ladakh and wished that the festive occasion brings renewed hope, joy, and well-being to every household.

"May the spirit of Christmas fill our hearts with kindness and guide us towards building a more inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous Ladakh," the Lt Governor said.

**SHYAM SOOD**

Rajouri, December 25: The Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Block Doongi in Rajouri district, under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, has brought laurels to the district by winning the prestigious Watershed Jambhagidari Cup, along with a cash award of ₹20 lakh, for outstanding community participation and sustainable watershed development. The award was presented at a function held at



Panchayat Bhawan, Jammu, by the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, in the presence of Secretary, RDD & PR, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, and CEO IWMP J&K, Rajnish Kumar. The honour was received

by Project Manager IWMP Rajouri, Aqil Nuvaid, on behalf of the district team. The recognition highlights the remarkable success of community-led watershed interventions implemented in Block Doongi during the financial year 2024-25, which have significantly enhanced water conservation, irrigation potential, and agricultural sustainability in the region.

Under the program, a total of 123 durable watershed assets were created, including 28 spring development works, 37 water harvesting tanks, 47 field channels, 3

check dams, 1 irrigation canal, 2 nallah bunds, and 5 ponds. These interventions have collectively improved groundwater recharge, irrigation efficiency, and livelihood opportunities for rural households. Congratulating the IWMP Rajouri team, the dignitaries appreciated their inclusive planning, strong community participation, and effective execution, describing the achievement as a benchmark for participatory and sustainable rural development in the Union Territory of J&K.

## Assault case; 3 apprehended, sharp edged weapon recovers

**JJ CORRESPONDENT**

Samba: December 25, 2025: Continuing its drive against the criminals & anti-social elements, Samba Police has apprehended three accused wanted in an assault case registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered a sharp edged weapon (Toka) from their possession. The vehicle used in the commission of offence has also been seized. Brief facts of the case are that on 23-12-2025, a person namely Buntay S/o Rattan Lal R/o Rajeev Colony Bari Brahmana has lodged a written report at PS Bari Brahmana stating therein that his nephew was attacked with sharp edged weapon by some unknown persons causing grievous injuries to him. Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No.212/2025 U/S 126(2)/115(2)/352/191(2) BNS 4/25 Arms Act registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and investigation started. During the course of investigation, team of Police Station Bari Brahmana after conducting multiple raids, succeeded in arresting accused Mohit Kumar S/o Jeet Raj R/o R.S Pura district Jammu and apprehending two more accused (juvenile) in the instant case. The accused were absconding after the commission of crime and were apprehended by police after continuous strenuous efforts. Further on disclosure of the accused persons, Police has recovered the weapon of offence 'Toka' from their possession. The car Hyundai i20 bearing registration No. JK21C-7354 used in the commission of offence has also been seized. Investigation of the case is going on. This arrest sends a strong signal to anti-social elements that there will be absolutely zero tolerance for any criminal activity in Samba district. Samba Police reassures its commitment towards the safety and security of its citizens.

## Two hardcore criminals booked under PSA

**JJ CORRESPONDENT**

JAMMU : Acting tough against criminals Jammu Police today on 25.12.2025 booked two hardcore criminals from R S Pura, Arnia area under PSA and lodged both of them in District Jail Poonch. The notorious criminal namely Paramjeet Kumar @ Jungi S/o Lt. Devi Dass R/o Draptyeh Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu. The booked notorious, hardcore criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Poonch. Another hardcore criminal namely Shubam Saini @ Mundi S/o Darshan Lal Saini R/o Arnia involved in multiple FIR's in recent months has also been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu. The booked hard-core criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Poonch. It is pertinent to mention here that multiple FIR's are already registered against the above mentioned criminals in Jammu District. The above said hardcore criminals have remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Hon'ble Courts and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, dossier's under stringent PSA were recommended against the subjects, upon which, the District Magistrate Jammu, after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrants against them. These arrests were made by a team of Police Station Arnia headed by SHO PS Arnia and team of PS R S Pura led by SHO R S Pura respectively under the supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura Gurmeet Singh & SP Headquarters Jammu Irshad Hussain Rather. The locals of the area have highly appreciated the efforts of the Jammu Police in curbing criminal activities in the area. Jammu Police is committed to ensure safety, security of people and all necessary measures are being taken to curb all the criminal activities including drug peddlers and organised crime in the region.

## Drug peddler arrested with heroin

**JJ CORRESPONDENT**

JAMMU : In a continued crackdown against drug trafficking, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved another success by arresting a drug peddler and recovering heroin-like substance from his possession. During naka checking, the police party of Police Post Gadigarh apprehended Harjinder Singh @ Kaka S/o Jagir Singh R/o Chak Jandr, Arnia, R.S. Pura, A/P TCP Kharian, District Jammu, at Lower Gadigarh, within the jurisdiction of Police Post Gadigarh, Jammu. During search, 7.25 grams of heroin-like substance along with a weighing machine were recovered from his possession. In this regard, FIR No. 245/2025 under Sections 8/21/22/27(A) NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Satwari, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the source and forward/backward linkages.

## IWMP Block Doongi Wins Watershed Jambhagidari Cup, Bags Rs. 20 Lakh

## Bangladesh Crisis: IWO Rajouri Submits Memorandum to District Administration

Persecution against any community anywhere in the world is unacceptable: IWO

**SHYAM SOOD**

Rajouri, December 25: A Delegation of the Islamic Welfare Organisation (IWO), Rajouri—an Islamic religious and social organisation working in the border district of Rajouri—on Thursday expressed concern over the prevailing situation in Bangladesh and submitted a memorandum to the district administration.

Led by IWO president Shafiqat Mir, the delegation called on the district administration and highlighted growing incidents of intolerance, stressing the need to uphold peace and

communal harmony. The delegation also included Tazeem Dar and Manzoor Shah. The members expressed serious concern over reports of atrocities against minority Hindus in Bangladesh, terming such incidents as highly condemnable. They stated that violence or persecution against any community, anywhere in the world, is unacceptable and that it is the collective responsibility of humanity to oppose such acts.

The delegation further drew the attention of the administration to certain

recent incidents in Rajouri, where aggressive and provocative slogans were allegedly raised by some youths during protests. They cautioned that such sloganeering and hate rhetoric have the potential to spread animosity, disturb social harmony, and pose a threat to public order. Appealing to the administration, the IWO representatives urged that responsibility be fixed on protest organisers and strict action be taken against those found indulging in provocative or unlawful activities, in accordance with the law of the land.

## Rajouri Police Nab Two Drug Peddlers; Seized 22 Grans Narcotic Substance Three Vehicles Seized for Illegal Mining

**SHYAM SOOD**

Rajouri, December 24: In two separate actions, Rajouri Police arrested two drug peddlers and seized three dumpers involved in the illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals. In the first incident, a police team from Police Post Chingus, under Police Station Rajouri, while on routine patrol in the Chingus area, noticed two persons attempting to conceal their movement. Suspecting their conduct, the police party apprehended the duo, who were reportedly brothers, for questioning.

During checking, both



individuals allegedly resisted, following which the police conducted a frisking and recovered 22 grams of

heroin-like narcotic substance from their possession. The accused were identified as Nahid

## Week Long Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore Campaign Concludes in Shopian, Strong Public Participation Witnessed across District

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Jammu: The week long Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore campaign concluded across Shopian district with wide public participation and strong administrative outreach. The campaign witnessed diverse camps organised in different blocks to take governance to the doorsteps of people. In Block Imamsahib, a major camp was held at Panchayat Halqa Kanigam where residents participated in large numbers. Officials from multiple departments attended the camp and interacted directly with the public. People raised issues related to basic services, welfare schemes, infrastructure, electricity, water supply, health and revenue matters. Several grievances were addressed on the spot while others were taken up for early resolution through concerned departments. Locals appreciated the initiative and said the campaign reduced the gap between administration and citizens. They said such camps save time, cut travel costs and ensure faster redressal of genuine issues. Officials stated that the objective of the campaign was to strengthen transparent and responsive governance. They added that feedback received during the week long drive will help improve service delivery at the grassroots level.

Choudhary and Mohd Asim, sons of Mohd Shafi, residents of Ward No. 13, Peer Kanju Talwal, Rajouri Municipal Council.

A case FIR No. 605/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rajouri. Police said the accused were operating in the Rajouri area and were passing through Chingus with the intention of selling the narcotic consignment. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the source and the wider network involved. Rajouri Police reiterated their zero-tolerance policy against the drug menace.

In the second action, a police team from

Nowshera Police Station seized three dumpers involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals during naka checking at Thalka Naka on the Jammu-Poonch National Highway.

Police said all three vehicles were found operating without valid permission or documents and were seized on the spot. The seized vehicles include Dumper No. JK02CU-0505, driven by Harman Sharma of Lamberi; Dumper No. JK11D-5921, driven by Arif of Naili, Manjakote; and Dumper No. JK12B-8654, driven by Shakeel Ahmed of Poonch.