

Pahari ethnic people hail recent amendment in J&K Reservation Rules



Pahari ethnic people briefing media at Poonch.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: In a simple but significant manner the Pahari ethnic people in one voice hailed the recent amendment in the J&K Reservation Rules, 2005 by virtue of which the word "Pahari Speaking People" shall be substituted as "Pahari Ethnic People".

In the press conference, the speakers highlighted

that the concerned move is sufficient to gauge the sensitivity of government towards Pahari Tribe since time and again it has been alleged that Pahari people are claiming tribal status on the basis of language. The recent visit of Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah has raised the hopes of Pahari people, and pahari ethnic group is

hopeful that under the strong leadership of Prime Minister they can get their due.

The speakers further asserted that the move of granting ST status to Paharis will usher an era of good governance in the twin border districts and in consonance with the vision of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas". Those who spoke on the occasion were Lokesh Sharma, Adv. IA Bazmi, Adv. Bhanu Partap, Dr. Nitan Sharma, Syed Nusrat Shah, Syed Abbas Mosvei and others. They all reiterated the long pending demand of ST Status for Pahari people.

Jan Abhiyan: Multifarious activities being carried out in Rajouri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: As part of ongoing Jan Abhiyan, scores of activities are being carried out in Rajouri district by different departments under the overall supervision of the District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. Jan Abhiyan program has three main components including redressal of public grievances, public service delivery and delivery of development at gram Panchayat. A series of activities are being conducted by the departments across the length and breadth of the district to make the campaign more vibrant and effective in achievement of set deliverables. The field functionaries of the departments are paying door to door visits and are educating and motivating the public to avail the benefits of varied Govt schemes and programs.

KVK Poonch distributes wheat seed under NICRA Project



KVK officials along with farmers during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: In line with series of activities conducted under NICRA Project, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch organized a seed distribution ceremony under 'Back to Village' programme. The programme was held under the auspices of Directorate of Extension, S h e r - e - K a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) today conducted an awareness cum distribution programme at village Mangnar in which a large numbers of farmers

including men and women along with public representatives participated at community hall of said village. The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension, of SKUAST-Jammu. During the programme, 14.5 quintals of short duration, high yielding drought resistant variety of Wheat seed was distributed among 75 Farmers for laying FLD trials at their fields. Dr. Ramandeep Kour, SRF NICRA informed the villagers regarding the

recommended package of practices for laying out the Wheat crop. During the programme the farmers were also informed about different aspects of crop production and stressed on adoption of recommended packages of practices for improved productivity. The villagers thanked the KVK officials for conducting such a vital programme at the said village and assured that farmers will adhere to the recommendation and guidance communicated by the KVK officials for increasing the productivity of wheat crop.

Several leaders express grief over demise of Som Raj Heer

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: Several senior Congress Leaders of Rajouri have expressed deep shock over the sad demise of Congress Leader Som Raj Heer. District Development Councillor Rajouri Sain Abdul Rasheed, Chairman municipal committee Thannamandi Shakeel Mir, Municipal Councillor Rajouri Rajesh Bittu, Pushpinder Gupta, Lalit Mahajan, Mehta Ratan Lal , Vijay Bakshi, Sdr Isher Singh, Block President Rajouri, Yog Raj Sharma, Adv Bhavishya Sudan, District Chairman Congress SC department Shamsheer Chand, Block Presidents Balkrishan Sharma, DFO N C Sharma, Suraj Langeh, Bakshi Chander, Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar, Tirth Ram, Ajit Singh, Leet Mukand Lal, ZEO Bheem Sein, Adv Gourav Parasher, Arshad Mahmood, Sat Pal Sudan, Sapanches K D Sudan , Pashori Lal leet, Pyare Lal Chaudhary, Master Ashok Raj Kumar, Sansar Chand, Sub Badri Nath, Gulshaid Chaudhary, Haji Sadiq, Ishtiaq Ahmed, Master Pura Dass, Daulat Ram, Sarwan Dass, Inder Dass, Capt Babu Ram, Sub Kashmir Singh, Razak Chaudhary.

DC Samba reviews progress of works under SBM-G



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta on Tuesday reviewed the progress of works taken under Swachh Bharat Mission here at a meeting in DC office complex. ACP, XEN REW, DPO and Nodal officer SBM, BDOS along with scrap dealers of district samba attended the meeting. After reviewing the status

of works, the DC emphasized upon the executing agencies to expedite the tendering process and allotment. She directed for completion of all pending works within the stipulated time frame. The Deputy Commissioner asked the officers to sensitize the people regarding segregation of solid and wet waste for better waste management. She asked the officers to explain

to people in detail the importance of segregation of solid and wet waste in their homes.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the officers to act on a multi dimensional strategy, roping in all government departments, to provide the people the facility of collection of household waste materials at their doorsteps. All the stakeholders were sensitized about the importance of the issue and further necessary directions were given to the BDOs and XEN REW to ensure that EOI are issued in all the Panchayats by the end of this month. Further, instructions were given to all the scrap dealers to participate in the tendering process for the suc-

cessful implementation of Solid waste management in all the Panchayats so that collection of waste material is put in place in an organised manner in the district.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress under PMAY-G; 19,493 houses completed in all respects so far



DDC Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: The District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana in the district. Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar and District Panchayat Officer, Chander Kant Bhagat attended the meeting. During the meeting, the

DDC sought a detailed from the concerned officers regarding the progress achieved in different blocks under PMAY-G who in turn briefed about the same. While reviewing the progress under PMAY-G, the meeting was informed that against the target of 30313 houses, the work on as many as 19493 houses is complete in all respects so far. Seeking the status of installments, it was also informed that the first installment has been credited into the accounts of

29573 beneficiaries, second installment to 25342 beneficiaries, third installment to 20025 beneficiaries and fourth installment has been credited to accounts of 9710 beneficiaries.

Addressing the officers in the meeting, the DDC asked the concerned officers to work in a mission mode and speed up the progress and achieve targets within the shortest possible time. He also asked the concerned officers to ensure that quality material is used for the construction and also the targets are achieved within the shortest possible time. The DDC also directed the concerned officers to ensure the timely payment of the works to the beneficiaries so that the people don't suffer.

JKAACL Doda organises Talent Hunt programme under Jan Abhiyan



Children participating in painting competition.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Sub office Doda, with the active support of School Education Department, has been organising Talent Hunt Programmes in Singing and Visual Arts/ Painting in all Panchayats of the District under the Jan Abhiyan. In this connection, a Programme was held today at Government Higher Secondary School Kastigarh. The contestants from seven Panchayats namely Lower Munddhar A, Dhandal A, Kuddhar A, Kastigarh A, Bhagwah lower A, Gagla and Upper Munddhar participated in the event. The participants were judged as First, Second and Third in each field. A similar programme was also held at Panchayat Dhadkaie of Tehsil Gandoh for the local youth. The participants, who stood first, second and third in these competitions shall compete on Zonal Level.

Chairperson DDC visits various Government institutions at Udhampur



Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Lal Chand interacting with officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur, Lal Chand visited the government institutions, such as educational, agricultural, and health facilities, of various Panchayats after receiving complaints from PRI Members of various Panchayats regarding the absence of various employees during working hours.

During the visit, he observed that several government employees were working with all of their zeal and ability and Chairperson DDC Udhampur appreciated all such employees. However, it has also been discovered by him that government workers at several institutions are absent without permission, and that some

offices are shut during office hours while they should be open.

Chairperson DDC Udhampur then called a meeting of Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Agricultural Officer Udhampur.

During the course of meeting, he instructed them to seek an explanation from erring employees and asked them to take harsh action against those erring employees who are not doing their duties efficiently and effectively. Additionally, he instructed them to direct all the Officers/ Officials/Teachers/Field staff to work with zeal and dedication for the betterment of general public at large.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BANI: 'Anemia Mukt Bharat' camp was organised by Dr Rameshwar Singh at the Anganwari Centre Chouri (Block Duggan, Bani) here today. During the camp organized as per the direction of BMO Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh the people attending today's camp were medically examined by the a team of Doctors, paramedics and Health Deptt staff and those diagnosed with ane-

mic problems were provided various medicines and supplements especially iron syrup and iron tablets that increase the hemoglobin level in the blood. In his address during the camp, Dr Rameshwar Singh made the people aware about the symptoms of anemia prima facie visible and the necessity to become immediately alert to get this commonly found disease diagnosed and treated. He

informed that generally this deficiency of blood results out of malnutrition but it occurs in people especially children and women due to inadequate intake of edibles containing iron. He advised the people attending the camp to ensure that their family members take ample green vegetables and fruit having rich iron content. He said that taking such edibles regularly in addition to the

normal diet is the only way to keep anemia away. He also advised them to report the patients with symptoms of this blood deficiency to the nearest health institution for diagnosis and treatment before such deficiency takes any serious turn. Dr Rameshwar Singh said that though it is the bounden duty of the Health and Medical Department to address every health issue of the people but

for this people are also expected to be vigilant and play a proactive role. He assured the people that the department's men and machinery shall leave no stone unturned in organizing health awareness camps in the remote and far flung areas of this region so that people get educated about this disease which can be cured quite easily by improving diet intake in terms of iron content items.

Departments putting in best efforts to saturate deliverables under Jan Abhiyan programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: The Jan Abhiyan activities have been intensified in Kathua district wherein Departments are putting in best efforts to saturate the identified deliverables by reaching out to the people. An awareness camp on the scope of Village Tourism by J K Tourism Development Corporation was organised today at TRC, Basohli which was chaired by DDC Chairman, Kathua Mahan Singh. BDC chairman Basohli, Sushma Jamwal; President Municipal Committee, Sumesh Spolia; ADC, Basohli,

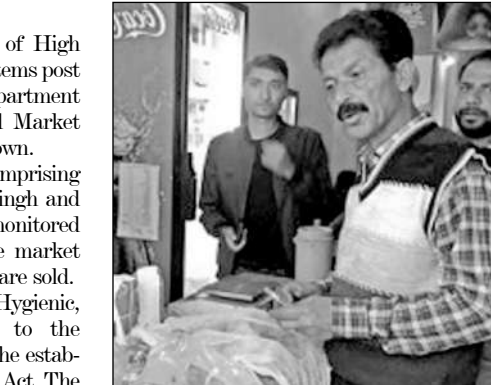
Ajeet Singh; Deputy Director Tourism Planning, Dr. Neha Mahajan; Tourist Officer Kathua-Samba Dr. Rajesh Raina and a large number of locals were also present. The Agriculture Department Kathua organised Kissan Mela at Lower Baggan in Lohai Malhar block. The farmers were imparted awareness on Agriculture Schemes and programmes. Similarly a Kissan Mela was also held at Bani where Resource person from Agriculture Department gave a brief resume on Soil Health Cards and cultivation of suitable crops as per the Agro-climatic conditions. At Taraf Bala Panchayat in Block Barnoti, Agriculture Department distributed over 100 Soil Health Cards among the beneficiaries. The Cooperative Department organised One Day training cum Awareness Session in collaboration with the Department of Handicraft & Handloom

at Sallan. The camp was organised for identification of potential members of Cooperative Societies and Cooperatives. District Industries Centre Kathua organised an awareness camp on E-Shram and PMEGP at Industrial Estate, SICOP Kathua. During the event, IPO Shiyang Gupta apprised the participants about the schemes and provided orientation about submission of online applications related to the Industries Department. JPDCL Kathua conducted a drive for topping of Transformer Oil, Replacing of rated fuses and checking of unique ID of Transformer across the district as part of Jan Abhiyan programme. The Revenue Department Kathua organised Awareness Camps on Online Revenue Services besides distribution of Land Passbooks at Thara Kalyal and Agildhar. Ayushman Bharat PMJAY registration camps were organised by

CSC's in Kindli, Nanan, Tombu, Kardoh, Barnoti, Sandroon, Thara Kalyal-B, Uchapind panchayats and Ward 19 & Ward 21 in Kathua MC today. The Forest Department organised Jan Abhiyan Plantation Drive in the premises of NTPHC Lowang in Bani in presence of Naib Sarpanch. The Jal Shakti Department Kathua distributed Field Test Kits at Galak, Gurha Kalyal-East, Gurha Kalyal-B, Amuwalla and Salore panchayats to acquaint the public to undertake water quality testing of Amrit Sarovars. The Floriculture Department organised an awareness programme on Commercial Floriculture at Panchayat Sumwan in Block Nagri. The departmental team encouraged the people to adopt Floriculture and cultivation of Flowers on a commercial scale to enhance their source of Income. Besides, other macro and micro level activities were held across the district under Jan Abhiyan programme.

DFTCO Kishtwar conducts massive market checking

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: To regulate sale of High Risk Food including sweets, gift items post Diwali festival, Food Safety Department (DFTCO) on Tuesday intensified Market Checking here in the Kishtwar town. The team of Food Safety, comprising Food Safety Officer, Prethipal Singh and Field worker Shamem Akhtar monitored the post festival scenario in the market when usually substandard items are sold. To ensure sale of safe, quality, Hygienic, pure and fresh Food items to the Consumers, the team inspected the establishments covered under the FSS Act. The team on found 03 samples of Indian Sweets suspicious and lifted the same for analysis under Eat Right Challenge 2 category 18.1 under the Act.



DFTCO team carrying out checking.

All the categories of the shops selling commodities including sweets , bakery, milk & milk products, kiriyana products,

Jan Abhiyan: Animal Husbandry Department holds integrated awareness camp

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADARWAH: To aware people about the different welfare schemes sponsored by Government, Animal Husbandry organised integrated awareness camp for farmers of Bhadarwah under Union Government's Jan-Abhiyan initiative. The programme was organized by Animal Husbandry Department Doda led by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Doda Moin-ud-Din, in which district heads of 5 departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sheep Husbandry and horticulture department



ADH official educating farmers.

participated. BDC Chairman Bhadarwah Omi Chand was the chief guest, while Sarpanch Shabir Ahmed Khan was the guest of honour. More than 100 farmers associated with Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and allied departments participated in the event. CAHO

Doda Moin-ud-Din said that with an aim to aware people especially farmers about the different schemes, we organized Integrated awareness camp here, in which farmers were informed about different schemes for their welfare including Integrated Dairy Development Scheme, Integrated Poultry

Development Scheme, Animal Husbandry KCC, beside they were sensitize about Prevention and control measures to control Lumpy Skin Disease. Queries of farmers related different issues were listened and answered during the camp, out of which maximum were redressed on the spot. Dr Ajaz Hussain, LDO Bhadarwah, VAS Dr Saheem Goni, Dr Imran Magray, Dr Fayaz Ahmed, Dr Aqib Zarger (SH), PRI members, volunteers of UMEED Group were present in the camp. Free medicines were also distributed among the participants.

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