

Pahari Tribe reiterates demand of due ST status

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RAJOURI: A Pahari Tribe Convention was held at Boys Pahari Hostel Rajouri which was attended by the delegates from the border Rajouri and Poonch district. Delegates in one voice reiterated their due demand of rendering ST status and also appealed Prime Minister to render justice to the most down trodden ethnicity of border area of J&K UT.
Several noted Pahari intellectuals and prominent personalities of Pahari tribe took part in this seminar.
The members of Pahari Tribe highlighted the rich glorious cultural heritage of their Tribe. They also reiterated their long pending demand seeking the grant of Scheduled Tribe status in favour of the Pahari Ethnicity in J&K.
All those present said that despite many recommendations and assurances since 1989, no decision has been taken so far for granting

"Schedule Tribe" status to the deserving Pahari tribe. They expressed strong hope that the present government will understand the plight of Pahari tribals and bring as well as pass the bill regarding grant of ST status to Pahari speaking people.
Speakers on this occasion deliberated upon their demand for Scheduled Tribe status and said that their genuine demand has unfortunately been ignored since decades and Pahari tribe is still waiting to get its genuine right of ST status.
They said that Pahari ethnicity constitute a tribe and live in hilly, tough terrain of border area and also are part of seasonal migration every year and fulfills all prerequisite to be given Scheduled Tribe status.
The speakers hailed the concern shown by Government of India in recent times which clearly indicate that Pahari tribe is set to get their basic right of

Schedule Tribe status.
Interacting during the proceedings the members of the ethnicity in one voice raised concerns of their down trodden condition and appealed GOI to furnish their due long pending demand of ST status. Speakers claimed that the Justice and Equality with the top most marginalized pahari tribe of J&K is the need of hour.
The speakers also pointed that this time centre is lead by a government having complete majority and a PM with firm conviction who can address this genuine demand of much deprived tribe. In one voice every speaker appealed GOI to render due ST STATUS to the tribe as early as possible before elections in J&K.
From time to time different committees and expert panels declared Pahari tribe as the downtrodden ethnicity. Pertinent to mention since 1993 every Governor

and Chief Minister of J&K has recommended due ST status to Pahari tribe and even every PM also assured Justice with the Pahari Ethnicity. Recently in a rally at Jammu, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has assured to deliver justice with the much deprived Pahari tribe.
Members added that Pahari population remained a victim of Pakistan's mischievous activities directly from across the border as well as its sponsored terrorism, also utterly rejected the separatist agenda raised by certain quarters from valley and always uphold the National Flag with pride and honour.
Those prominent who interacted include Shoket Kazmi, Lokesh kumar, Shakeel Azad, Arif Ranja, Shamiin Akhtar, Sajjad Mirza, Adv. Iftikhar Bazmi, Nagesh Sharma, Bharat Bushan Vaid, Adv. Gurdev Thakur, Vijay Kochar,

Rangbazz khan, Shakti Sharma, Dr. Nitam Sharma, Nikhil Gupta, Vishal Pahari, Nusrat Shah, Raj kumar, Mujheid Khan, RS Malla, Aftab Tantray, Jehangir Alam, Haneef Shah, Muneer Mirza, Manzoor Khan, Nasser Hussain, Nasser Ullha Mirza and Vishal Singh.
Those prominent who were present include Ashfaq Mirza, Ali Mohd., Afaf Pervez, Shahid Aslam, Mohd. Maroof, Chain Singh, Javid Lone, Akis Naseer, Barkhat Ali, Mohd. Sharief, Ashfaq Mughal, Raja Mohd. Latief, Mohd. Taj, Prithvi Pal, Mahesh Kumar, Jawaid Akhtar, Ramesh Chander, Kasturi Lal and many more.
The programme was conducted and managed by former AAG Ashan Mirza and by freelance activist Vikrant Sharma while Hamid Malik, Warden Boys Pahari Hostel, Rajouri presented vote of thanks.

GDC Akhnoor launches cleanliness drive along Chenab bank



Students and faculty members during the programme.

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AKHNOOR: NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Akhnoor Cleaned the Jia Pota Ghat on the right bank of Chenab at Akhnoor as a part of clean India Programme (Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav) under the patronship of Principal of the

College Dr. Namarta and Supervision of Dr. Sanjay Kapoor (Assistant Professor in chemistry), NSS Programme Officer.
About 35 Volunteers along with NSS PO participated in the drive by picking up plastic items like wrappers, plastic bottles and polythene etc.

Dr. Namarta , Principal of the College motivated and encouraged the NSS team to organize more such events in future for creating awareness amongst the youth. The event was organised with all covid-19 protocols maintaining social distance and mask wearing.

DC Reasi distributes 165 Golden Cards among beneficiaries

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Charandeep Singh on Tuesday distributed 165 Golden Cards among the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) SEHAT scheme here at a function.
Chairman Municipality Sudesh Puri; Vice Chairman Yograj Raina; ADDC Salathia; CMO Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, Dy CMO , PRIs, Health workers among other stakeholders participated in the programme.
Highlighting the objectives of the scheme, Charandeep Singh said that the beneficiaries will get the Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC) as per the SECC 2011 database. He added that all the residents of Jammu and

Kashmir, irrespective of their socio-economic status, will be covered under the scheme.
"This scheme is a sort of insurance in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)," he said, adding that the benefits of the scheme can be availed across all the empanelled hospitals of the country.
Elaborating the features of PM-JAY, the DC said that the health insurance scheme is fully financed by the government, providing a cover of Rs 500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. He added that the benefit of Rs 5,00,000 is on a family floater basis, which means that it can be used by one or all members of the family anywhere in the country.

Army holds painting competition

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RAMBAN: Army undertook an initiative of organising a "Painting Competition" at Batu in district Ramban (J&K) on the occasion of "Armed Forces Flag Day". A total of 40 students actively participated in the event. The aim of the competition is to enable the students to express their free thoughts and enhance the untapped potential of young free minds. The paintings reflected the boundless canvas of imagination child's mind is, bespeaking and patriotism.
The enthusiasm and creativity of children added to the charm of event. Locals and students realised the importance of such innovative competitions and lauded the efforts of Indian Army, providing exposure to young talent.

GDC Nowshera organises awareness programme on non-communicable diseases

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NOWSHERA: NSS unit of Govt. Degree College Nowshera organized an awareness programme on Non- Communicable diseases on Tuesday. The programme was organized keeping in view the rapidly rising of Non- Communicable diseases with the trend shifting towards the younger population.
Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr. Surinder Kumar highlighted the behavioral interventions for Non- Communicable Diseases (NCD) would profit the most, if initiated at an early stage. Major risk factors of



Resource person being honoured during the programme.

NCDs are changing life style and behavior pattern which are largely due to practices adopted in younger age. Students' awareness about NCDs and their risk factors is an important part of population based prevention strategies.

Dr. Chander Parkash (MO), Sub. District Hospital Nowshera was the resource person on this occasion who shared valuable information on Non- Communicable diseases. Speaking on the occasion

he discussed various types of non communicable disease and risk factors such as stress, diet patterns, changing life style, alcohol and substance abuse, smoking, physical inactivity, behavioral disorders, environmental factors etc. associated with Non- Communicable diseases. He further said that the burden of this disease is immense, due to their chronic nature. NCDs lead to chronic expenditure on health and, thereby, our economic conditions. He stressed that a high prevalence of risk factors for NCDs is found among youngsters. Awareness programs about healthy lifestyle practices; periodic screening of

students at regular intervals with appropriate advice are warranted to control the rising epidemic of NCDs. He also advocated that most common causes of NCDs are metabolic and behavioral risk factors and can be largely preventable by several available means and the role of Primary health care centers in community to detect NCDs at early stages.
A large number of NSS Volunteers and other students along with the faculty members attended the programme. The whole event was organized by Prof. Inam Ul Haq NSS programme officer and the vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Sanjay Kumar.

KVK Samba organises In-service Training for Agriculture Officers on IPM/IDM package for major Rabi crops

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SAMBHA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba, under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu, organized one day in-service Training for Agriculture Officers on "IPM/IDM package for major Rabi crops."
The programme was conducted for field functionaries, under the dynamic leadership of Professor. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and the

direct supervision of Dr. S.K. Gupta Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu.
Dr. Vinod Gupta, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Samba welcomed the participants and discussed the mandates and functions of KVK. He underlined the need to explore new ways and methods for the benefit of the farming community by improving coordination between officers of development departments and KrishiVigyan Kendra Samba. He also stressed upon the safe and judicious use of pesticides.
Dr. Saurav Gupta, the training coordinator of the programme discussed in detail various control measures of insect pests and diseases through IPM and IDM modules in the major field, vegetable and fruit crops. He also discussed different ways to control various insects - pests and diseases of vegetables by traditional as well as through modern techniques.
He also stressed upon the need for adoption of

IPM techniques to increase the agriculture production and doubling of farmer income. Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, laid stress on intercropping of vegetables in the existing orchards of the district for getting extra benefits from the existing system.
Dr. Neerja Sharma delivered the lecture on organic crop production of Rabi Vegetables. She emphasized upon the use of various organic sources like FYM, Vermicompost, vermiwash, biofertilizers etc.
Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma, SMS (Animal Sciences) also sensitized about the different parasitic diseases of livestock, their prevention and control strategies. The programme was attended by officers of the Agriculture Department. They also visited the farm of KVK, Samba, where the vegetables are growing organically. Dr. Amit Mahajan and Sahil Talgotra supported the programme. Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shalini Khajuria.

DC Ramban flags off trekking expedition to Sanasar



DC Ramban, Mussarat Islam flagging off trekkers.

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam on Tuesday flagged off a group of 48 students for a trekking expedition to Sanasar.
The five day Trekking expedition camp has been organised by the Department of Youth Services & Sports and the participating students have been drawn from six different education zones of the district. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal; Assistant SP, Rajni Sharma; CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal; DYSSO, Dharamveer Singh, CEO, besides other senior officers were present on the occasion.
Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that such types of events would provide the students an opportunity to realize their ability, patience and weaknesses and skills which would help them in their future.
Interacting with the participants, the DC impressed upon them to avail this opportunity to shape their personality as a good sportsman as well as responsible citizen able to lead the society. He impressed upon the participants to collect littered waste en-route to promote Swachh Bharat Mission among the people of the areas. He directed the DYSSO to provide adequate facilities to the participants besides imparting them trekking skills and Moral thoughts. The DYSSO informed that the students will explore the areas of Sanasar during the five day trekking programme.

PCB conducts anti-polythene drive in Udhampur town

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UDHAMPUR: A team of Pollution Control Committee Udhampur on Tuesday conducted an anti-polythene drive in Udhampur Town and on its outskirts.
The drive was held under the supervision of District Officer Pollution Control Committee, Bader Hussain.
During the drive, around 35 kilogram banned polythene material was seized and Rs. 1500 was recovered from the violators.
The District Pollution Officer sensitized the shopkeepers about the harmful effects of polythene and advised them to refrain from using or selling polythene material.

He said that the main objective of conducting seizure of polythene is to make Udhampur polythene free.

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Poonch: Performance of banks reviewed for quarter ending Sept 2021

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POONCH: To review the performance of banks and line departments for the quarter ending September 2021, District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Tuesday chaired a District Level Review Committee meeting held here in the conference hall of Dak Bunglow.
The meeting was attended by General Manager, DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain; Lead District Manager Sukhbir Singh; DDM NABARD Kanav Sharma, cluster Head J&K Bank, Sanjeev Kumar Dutta; Director JKBRETI, district coordinates of all banks and district officers of some sponsoring departments.
At the outset, the LDM Sukhbir Singh informed the chair that under

Annual Action Plan the district has recorded 37% target under priority Sector and 143 % under non priority sector till quarter ending September 2021(FY 2021-22).
He further informed that till Sept 2021 banks have recorded a total deposit of Rs 3272.78 cr as against Rs 2981.84 cr as on 30.09.2020 showing an yearly increase of Rs 290.94 cr (9.75%), while the advances stood at Rs 1466.46 cr as on 03.09.2021 as against Rs 1219.92 cr as on 30.09.2020, with a yearly increase of Rs 246.54 cr (20.20%).
The CD ratio of the district has increased from 41.73% on 31.03.2021 to 44.81% as on 30.09.2021 with a growth of 7.38%.
The Deputy Commissioner, who is also

the Chairman of DLRC, advised all the banks and sponsoring agencies to join hands to support unemployed youth. He urged the banks to ensure zero pendency in sponsored cases.
He asked the line department to identify genuine prospective entrepreneurs on a fast track basis to boost the economy of the district.
The Chairman DLRC further advised them to involve unemployed youth of the district under dairy sheep farming, fish farming for which youth can avail the subsidy benefits under various welfare schemes.
The Deputy Commissioner strictly instructed the bankers to implement the guidelines in letter and spirit issued by RBI while sanctioning loans under self employment schemes.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT JSPIEMUDHR/137 OF 2021-22 DATED 26-11-2021
Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field of electromechanical electrical works.

Sl.	Name of the work	Qty	Name of Division	Cost of Tender Document / Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Bid validity
1	Providing, installation, testing and commissioning of various fittings and mechanical components at pumping station Seer Manjala.	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 200.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur)	"BID SECURITY DECLARATION" TO BE SUBMITTED AS PER ENCLOSED ANNEXURE	60 days

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://tenders.gov.in> from 27-11-2021 (11:00 AM) to 28-11-2021 (01:00 PM) to 09-12-2021 (3:00 PM).
2. After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and tender fee.
3. The complete bidding process will be online <http://tenders.gov.in>.
4. The technical bid will be opened on line on 16-12-2021 at 11:00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.
5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur after evaluation of technical bids. The date shall be communicated separately.
6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table (and for DIC/SS/MS/MSI registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) payable at Udhampur pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.
7. Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR / BG of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents shall be in form of Treasury Challan / e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur payable at Udhampur.
8. Firms who will fulfil the following parameters are eligible to participate.
i) Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of this estimated cost.
ii) Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:-
a. Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost.
b. Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimated cost.
c. One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of the estimated cost.
iii) Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
9. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
10. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact site conditions.
11. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://tenders.gov.in>
12. JSPIEMUDHR/2184-87
Dated:- 26-11-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division
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