

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 districts. 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 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 Schedule Tribe status.

The speakers hailed the concern shown by Government of India in recent times which clearly indicate that Pahari tribe as the downtrodden ethnicity. Pertinent to mention since 1993 every Governor

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, Shamim Akhter, Sajjad Mirza, Adv. Iftikhar Bazmi, Nagesh Sharma, Bharat Bushan Vaid, Adv. Gurdev Thakur, Vijay Kochar,

Rangbaz Khan, Shakti Sharma, Dr. Nitan Sharma, Nikhil Gupta, Vishal Pahari, Nasrat Shah, Raj Kumar, Mujheen Khan, RS Malla, Afzal Tantray, Jehangir Alam, Haneef Shah, Muneeb Mirza, Manzoor Khan, Nasser Hussain, Nasser Ullah Mirza and Vishal Singh.

Those prominent who were present include Ashfaq Mirza, Ali Mohd., Afaq 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, Jawaad Akhter, 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 Amrit Mahotsav) under the patronage 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.

Army holds painting competition

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RAMBAN: Army undertook an initiative of organizing 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.

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.

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.

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



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 strat-

egy.

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 occa-

sion 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.

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.

KVK Reasi promotes recycling of waste flowers

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REASI: Krishan Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu is promoting the recycling of waste flowers by imparting skill on floral waste management to the rural women.

According to Scientist & Head, KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, in Jammu region huge amount of flowers are wasted after worship and these sacred flowers are thrown in water bodies such as the rivers and ponds which ultimately affect water quality as well as living organisms present in the water. He narrated that waste flowers can be utilized to make diversified floral products such as herbal incense sticks, idols of Gods and Goddesses, organic lamps etc. which can attract the buyers. He further said that the rural women can gain income and employment by making different types of products from waste flowers. He narrated that KVK, Reasi is emphasizing on capacity building among the rural women on making the different types of products from

waste flowers by which they can enhance their income. The major objective to impart skill among the rural women is to boost the recycling of waste flowers so as to avoid the water pollution caused by the waste flowers and empower the rural women by creating income and employment opportunities for them. He narrated that by using the waste flowers women Self Help Groups (SHGs) can make attractive products.

He informed that waste flowers are thoroughly washed, dried and mixed with natural raisins to make dough which can be utilized to make herbal dhoop sticks, organic lamps, idols of gods and goddesses etc. He also stressed on marketing, branding and packaging of floral products. He informed that Reasi district of J&K has huge potential in marigold cultivation and waste flowers can be recycled to make valuable products. He added that Reasi district of J&K is the hub of religious spots and flowers and flowers from temples, gurudwaras, mosques and fields can be recycled to make useful products.

DLSA Reasi holds awareness programme on legal protection against sexual harassment at work places

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REASI: District Legal Services Authority Reasi, under the supervision and guidance of its Chairman R.N. Watal, on Tuesday organized an Awareness Program on the topic of "Sexual Harassment at Work Places" at District Court Complex which was attended by the staff members and women Litigants.

Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary Legal Services Authority Reasi and Advocate Rashi Baru Standing Counsel District Reasi who are also the Presiding Officer and one of the members of Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaint Committee (GLSCC) respectively for

District Reasi, spoke on the occasion. The objective of organizing this program was to sensitize the participants about What is Sexual Harassment at work places, and how a Victim of this Sexual Harassment can prefer a Complaint before the GLSCC Reasi and What is the redressal mechanism for the same in terms of The Gender Sensitization & Sexual Harassment of Women at the High Court and Subordinate Courts, of Jammu & Kashmir (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Regulations, 2016. The program was attended by women Advocates, staff members and litigants and also female PLVs.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT JSPHEM/UDHMPUR 137 OF 2021-22 DATED 26-11-2021						
Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Lt. 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 works	Qty	Name of Division	Cost of Tender Document / Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earliest 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 Mechanical Division Udhampur	Rs. 200.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur).	Rs. 200.00 (Non-refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur).	90 days "BID SECURITY DECLARATION" TO BE SUBMITTED AS PER ENCLOSED ANNEXURE
1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jltenders.gov.in from 27-11-2021 (11:00 AM) to 09-12-2021 (3:00 PM). 2. The Bidder is to deposit a sum of Rs. 200/- in the account of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir UT, on or before 26-11-2021 (01:00 PM) to 09-12-2021 (3:00 PM). 3. After opening tender, only successful bidder shall be awarded by submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and tender fee. 4. The complete bidding process will be online http://jltenders.gov.in . 5. The technical bid will be opened on line on 10-12-2021 at 11:00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur. 6. 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. 7. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table (and for DCE/SSM/MSME registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) payable at Udhampur pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur. 8. 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. 9. Firms who will fulfill 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 Rs. 200.00 lakhs. ii) Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the date of tender. iii) 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. iv) Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined. 10. 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 bid shall stand forfeited. 11. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact site conditions. 12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://jltenders.gov.in						

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division
Udhampur

Deputy Commissioner to join hands to support unemployed youth. He urged the banks to ensure zero dependency 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.

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 31.0