

## Pahari Tribe ST Forum submits representation to PM through Div Com Jammu

Reiterates demand of granting ST status to Pahari Tribe



Pahari Tribe ST Forum members handing-over memorandum to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pahari Tribe ST Forum, a socio cultural organization for the welfare of Pahari Tribe, on Tuesday submitted a representation to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi through Divisional Commissioner, Jammu regarding

granting of due Scheduled Tribe Status to Pahari Tribe.

A delegation in this concern comprising PT ST Forum members including Advocate Ahsan Mirza, Vikrant Sharma, Nadeem Rafiq Khan, Syed Jahangeer Ahmad Shah and Saleem Naz Mughal met Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Dr. Raghav Langer and presented a representation in which Pahari Tribe expressed gratitude to GOI lead by most

Particular to mention since 1993 every Governor and Chief Minister of J&K has recommended due ST status to Pahari tribe, further added.

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vibrant Prime Minister for providing the Constitutional provision of 4% reservation in favour of Pahari Tribe of J&K UT in the State/UT services. Delegation raised concerns of their down trodden condition and appealed Prime Minister to furnish their due long pending demand of ST status, 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.

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## POWERGRID signs MoU with NFCH for education of violence-affected children



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### STATE TIMES NEWS

GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna Company under Ministry of Power, signed an MoU with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) for providing financial assistance for education of 1632 violence affected students from Assam, Manipur and Chhattisgarh under CSR.

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Under the project "Assist",

financial assistance of Rs. 2.55 Crore for a period of one year during 2021-22, for education of students rendered orphan or destitute due to death or permanent incapacitation of either both the parents or the main bread earner in the family during communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence.

Last year, 1260 children were supported out of which 1048 children are studying in classes up to class 12th, 185 are pursuing their Graduation and Post-graduation courses and 27 children are pursuing professional courses like MBBBS/MD, B. Tech, MBA, BCA, B. Ed., BALLB etc.

## ANTF organises workshop on investigation of NDPS cases

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: With an aim to improve investigation skills in NDPS cases and other related acts, Bandipora Police in collaboration with Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) J&K, on Tuesday organised workshop at Conference Hall DPL Bandipora.

On this occasion, DySP HQRS Bandipora Mohammad Idrees, SDPO Sumbal, DySP DAR Bandipora, DySP PC Hajin, Bandipora, All SHOs /Incharge police posts of district Bandipora and other investigation officers, besides a team from Anti Narcotic Task Force J&K also attended the workshop.

The workshop has been organized to aware the investigating officers with latest techniques and standard practices to expedite the investigation and improve and ensure convictions in



DySP Hqrs Bandipora Mohd Idrees speaking at a meeting.

NDPS cases. While addressing the participants, officers from Anti Narcotic Task Force stressed upon the investigating officers that quality disposal of crime is more important than quantitative disposal.

They also briefed the participants about drug abuse, its sources both natural as well as synthetic and made aware the participants about the identification of NDPS substances, besides impressed upon the officers that progress of various heinous crime cases must be disposed

Presentations were also given by officers of ANTF on various aspects of NDPS Act and related laws and procedures.

Dr Farooq calls for socio-political empowerment of women

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday called for focused socio-political empowerment of women, saying this can enable them play their significant role in the society.

Interacting with the workers of NC Women Wing here this afternoon, Dr Farooq Abdullah said that National Conference has all along provided a platform to women to grow as leaders for playing an effective role in policy planning and decision making.

Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta, Khalid Najeeb Subhawardi Vice President and State Vice President NC Women Wing Bimla Luthra were among the prominent leaders present on the occasion.

"Though much has been done yet much more is still needed to be done for women empowerment," Dr Abdullah said, adding that as a result of concerted efforts during various spells of the NC government, several measures like impetus on female literacy, reservation in the local self governance, 50 per cent seats in the medical colleges have resulted in desired results. Now women are emerging in all sectors especially in academics, medicine, administration, politics and sports, he added.

Sharing the concern of women speakers, the NC President said that prices in essentials are skyrocketing with LPG prices going up steeply, the housewives were facing the major brunt.

Dr Abdullah urged the cadre to reach out to the people and help them seek redressal to their problems, which have multiplied due to anti-poor policies of the government.

## Delimitation Commission puppet of Central Govt: Sawhney

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former Minister J&K and senior Congress Leader Yogesh Sawhney reacted strongly to the two-month extension of the Delimitation Commission stating that this recent development shows that the Commission had failed in its responsibilities in many regards and has therefore been forced to now go at the backfoot. He stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party through the medium of the Delimitation Commission had sought to destroy the constitutional ideals in J&K which was made

parameters while deciding on key issues and redrawing the map of J&K," he said. Sawhney further said that the people now hope that keeping the leaked report as a yardstick, the Commission will now consider the objections raised by the public on it and come up with a better draft whose intention is not to provide political benefit to BJP but the welfare of the people of J&K.

Speaking on the matter, Sawhney said that the entire process is just another political move by the Delimitation Commission's leaked draft and then the leaked audio had raised several alarms in the minds

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