

## 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.

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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

### DGP sanctions Rs 1.96 cr as Special Welfare/ex-gratia relief for NoKs of martyrs

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JAMMU: Continuing with its endeavour to provide financial assistance to the families of the Police personnel/SPOs who have attained martyrdom or have passed away while in service, the Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 1.96 crore as Special Welfare/ex-gratia Relief for NoKs of martyr; deceased Police personnel/ SPOs.

The DGP has sanctioned Rs 38 lakh as ex-gratia relief in favour of dependents/legal heirs of martyr constable Nisar Ahmad Wagay who attained martyrdom in a terrorist attack, in consequence of due performance of official duty.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel HC's Iftekhar Ahmad and Zakir Hussain, SgCts Haqumt Raj and Nareen Thakur, Followers Shabir Ahmad and Jia Lal. While as Rs 20 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased SgCt Rashpal Kumar. These personnel have passed away due to illness/ natural death while in service.

Rs 1 lakh each has been already paid to NoKs of deceased Police personnel through their concerned units for performing their last rites. The Special Welfare Relief is sanctioned out of the Contributory Police Welfare Fund.

The DGP has also sanctioned Rs 6 lakh as Special Welfare Relief in favour of NoKs of deceased SPO Reyaz Ahmed who passed away during the course of his engagement in the department. Rs 50,000 has been already paid to his family for performing the last rites. The Special Welfare Relief is sanctioned out of the Contributory Welfare Fund of SPOs.

## Delimitation report biased, disturbed people: Bhalla

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K Congress criticized the BJP led government for playing with the sentiments of people of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and severely rejected the Draft proposal prepared by the Delimitation Commission on the behest of ruling government at the Centre.

A Congress Rally was held on Tuesday at Paloura organised by District Congress Committee Rural President Hari Singh Chib. Speaking on the occasion, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla said that the Draft Report lacks political, social and administrative reason to justify the recommendations.

He said earlier it was claimed that the delimitation exercise was being undertaken to make Assembly seats contiguous with the district. "But the draft report is showing a different picture altogether," he said.

He said proposed report is visibly disproportionate and encourages doubts of favoritism towards a specific political party.

"Report defeats the very idea of a secular India and compromises on the rules guiding the process involved in

ing 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

## NCC 'B' Certificate Practical Exam conducted at PSPS Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar



NCC cadets posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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JAMMU: The Practical Exam of NCC 'B' Certificate has been conducted at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS), Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar on 22nd February, 2022 where

in 164 Cadets of 2J&K Girls Bn. of GCW Gandhi Nagar, GCW parade, GGM Science College, APS Jammu Cantt., GDC Reasi and GGHSS Rehari appeared.

Interacting with the cadets and ANO's, Dr. Sangita

## EJAC holds meeting, discusses future plans

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) on Tuesday held a meeting to decide the filling of portfolios in the backdrop of some vacancies.

The meeting was chaired by the EJAC President Fayaz Ahmad Shabnum who was flanked by Chairman Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Forum Ganesh Khajuria and President Muhammad Akbar Khan.

During the discussion, it was unanimously decided that the constitution should be followed in letter and spirit while taking any such project and aspirations of the cadres must be given due consideration.

The leaders briefed the

participants about the meeting held with Chief Secretary in Civil Secretariat Jammu on 7th February.

The meeting ended with a pledge that everything possible will be done to take the organization to zenith as it takes due care of the objectives of the employees' fraternity.

Among others who were present in the meeting

## Apni Party appoints Namrita as J&K Women Wing President

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party on Tuesday announced the appointment of Namrita Sharma, Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, as the Party's J&K President Women Wing.

The appointment was made after being approved by Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari.



JKPCC leaders during a rally at Paloura in Jammu.

territorial delimitations of Assembly constituencies as mandated by the Election Commission of India and the constitution. The local population has a deep resentment over BJP's arbitrary laws, which routinely gives them an impression of disempowerment and adds further to the feeling of alienation," the former minister said, adding that his Party is resolute in its demand that these decisions fall specifically under the domain of an elected government while the current administration must focus on safeguarding the rights of the people, curbing spiking unemployment rates and inflation in the Union Territory.

Mula Ram, senior Congress leader and former Minister said BJP government at the Centre has not done any work in the public interest in J&K.

"The BJP is a strange party

that is making tall claims without doing anything. The double engine government of the BJP has harassed every section of society and has not done anything itself but has been appearing in advertisements claiming the works of the Congress party as its own," he said.

The former minister gave a clarification call to people in J&K and across the country to root out the BJP government which, according to him, is weakening the rural economy and hereditary trades, and playing havoc with the farm sector only to hand over agriculture sector to the corporate sector.

Accusing the BJP of disregarding the aspirations of the people of J&K and ignoring the burning issues of masses in J&K, Ravinder Sharma, Chief Spokesperson, J&K Congress said that the ruling

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



V. K. Singh, Director (Personnel), POWERGRID and Manoj Pant, Secretary, NFCH after signing MoU.

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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.

The MoU was signed by V. K. Singh, Director (Personnel), POWERGRID and Manoj Pant, Secretary, NFCH.

Under the project "Assist", POWERGRID is providing

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 MBBS/MD, B. Tech, MBA, BCA, B. Ed., BALLB etc.

## Delimitation Commission puppet of Central Govt: Sawhney

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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 apparent through the leaked reports of the Commission. "The puppet Commission had not considered any Constitutional

## 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-

off properly and on timely basis and adoption of various latest techniques and standard practices would bring improvement in investigation of the cases. DySP HQRS Bandipora, while addressing the participants, advised for close supervision of concerned supervisory officers in NDPS cases in order to improve the conviction rate and disposal of NDPS cases.

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

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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 Suharwardy Vice President and State Vice President NC Women Wing Binla 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.

## VHP condemns brutal murder of Bajrang Dal activist, seeks stern action against terrorists

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of J&K unit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of State President Leelakaran Sharma.

The J&K body unanimously condemned the brutal murder of Bajrang Dal activist Harsh at Shimoga, Karnataka by Jehadi Islamic terrorists and demanded for immediate encounters of such elements.

It was observed that Islamic Jihadis are hell bent to disturb the peace of the region as well as the country and immediate controversy raised over



Bajrang Dal activist Harsh.

Hizab issue by such elements is also surely the part of the nefarious plan.

Bajrang Dal activist Harsh, who had a proven nationalist credentials and always used to take a clear stand against anti national elements, was eliminated in this cowardly act to create a fear factor among nationalist peace loving

Hindu community but VHP makes it clear to one and all that we will not allow such coward terrorists to grow in Bharat Varsh and if need arises Hindu Samaj will not hesitate to go to any extent to keep Bharat Mata safe from such elements, stated the President.

VHP also demanded a thorough probe to nab the conspirators behind these cowardly terrorists as well so that they shouldn't be able to repeat such acts.

J&K VHP team assured its full sympathies with family of Hutatma Karnatka activist and observed a two minute silence in his respect.

## PHDCCI holds webinar on 'Investment in IT Sector in J&K'

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JAMMU: PHDCCI-J&K organized a Webinar on Investments in IT Sector in J&K "Opportunities & Challenges".

The session was Inaugurated by Rahul Sahai Chair-PHDCI-Jammu, and was graced by Anoo Malhotra Director Industries Jammu, Amit Sharma CEO JaKeGA-J&K, Asim Khan Director Software Technology Park of India, Sudhir Aggarwal Deloitte India, Dr. Amitash OJha Assistant Professor IIT-Jammu, Dr. Ankur Gupta Director MIET Jammu, Madeena Mir, Convener IT Committee PHDCCI-Kashmir, Yasser Kazzmi CEO Mayasa Network Solutions, Ashfaq Mir CEO SOW technologies, Arush Mahajan CEO Branding Elves, Vikrant Gupta CEO of RVS 1 Global-London and Jammu, Vishal Bindra ACPL Systems Pvt Ltd, Mrityunjay IT Industry in Jammu, Sameer Ahsan Director Infinity solutions, Imtiyaz Ahmed CEO Comtech group, Tousef Ahmed CEO Kawa Group along with Executive Members of Information and Communications Technology Association (ICTA) of Jammu and Kashmir. The whole Session was moderated by Mr Rahul Sahai Chair PHDCCI-Jammu and the event was attended by more than 100-IT Entrepreneurs of J&K. The formal vote of thanks was extended by Madeena Mir, Convener IT Committee PHDCCI-Kashmir. She said that PHDCCI will continue to get significant provision from diverse groups in IT sector in the future.

Rahul Sahai stated that If we need rapid growth in IT industry in J&K, the positive strengths of the industry should be providing highly skilled technical human resource and incentives for budding entrepreneurs who are venturing in IT sector along with favourable government policies like setting up of tech parks, in the middle of cities not in outskirts, and implementation of e-governance projects and bringing some operation part of global and Indian IT giants like Microsoft, Amazon, TCS, Oracle, IBM, Zomato in UT.

Ankur Gupta said that J&K needs a unified IT vision document and that would be a great starting point because the sub domains within it are so varied and so different from each other that just focusing on a few important competencies is very important.



Anoo Malhotra highlighted that government is looking for Private investors for coming up with IT towers and people within J&K and also outside J&K can buy private land and can avail all Industrial benefits in Investment in IT Sector and also in Substantial Expansion of Existing IT Units with the same analogy as we are providing to the manufacturing sector; the main incentives which are quite attractive for IT sector is that even building will be providing with the capital investment subsidy along with other Incentives envisaged in New Industrial Development Scheme.

Amit Sharma stated that we should be concerned about the brain drain and we should create an environment for reversal of brain drain and to bring back our youngsters having major role and contribution in IT sector overseas.