

Thousands converge to witness ancient Mela Patt on last day in Bhaderwah

To be projected as international cultural event: DC Doda

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BHADARWAH: Three days ancient Mela Patt concluded with thousands of people converged on last day of the festival at Mohalla Khakhal in Jammu and Kashmir's Additional district Bhaderwah to witness the annual cultural event depicting rich and unique Nag Culture.

As administration promises to take the 5 centuries old holy ritual to next level by projecting it as international cultural event and to also push for giving it a heritage status.

Beside Nag devotees and cultural enthusiasts from different walks of life from across Jamm and Kashmir, the concluding ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, ADC Choudhary Dil Mir, ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, Ex MLA Dalip Parihar, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta, DDC Councilor Yudhvir Thakur, DFO Bhaderwah Chander Shaker, SHO Bhaderwah Jatinder Singh Rakwal and others.

The Mela is celebrated every year to commemorate the historic meeting between Emperor Akhar and Raja Nagpal of Bhaderwah in 16th century at Delhi.

The Mela, devoted to Lord Vasuki Naag, the presiding deity of Bhaderwah valley, is being celebrated from Nag Panchmi every year.

The Mela was organized on the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra and peo-



Devotees throng in large number at ancient Mela Patt.

ple irrespective of caste, colour and creed participated and witnessed the Mela. It is pertinent to mention that this Mela was first initiated by Raja Nagpal in 16th century as the ruler of the small principality called the then Bhaderkashi which is now known as Bhaderwah.

Nag devotees have been demanding that the unique cultural event which is a symbol of ancient Nag culture should be given Heritage status and be included in the annual tourism map. Main organiser (known as Dashnan) of the festival, Advocate Naresh Kumar Gupta said, "Mela Patt is not only the symbol of religion but also depicts our proud unique heritage and mutual brotherhood."

Gupta expressed gratitude to Administration, Police, allied Departments, Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Dharmarth Trust, Khakhal Seva Sang, Locals, Media and others who have contributed to make this Ancient Mela Patt a great success.

Locals said that despite being centuries old, Nag culture is perhaps the only culture of Jammu and Kashmir which is still being practiced in it's original form but despite all it's uniqueness and rich history, tourism department and successive governments never bothered to present it to the outer world to attract tourists.

"If clubbed together, Kailash Yatra and Mela Patt can become a major attraction for ancient cultural lovers

and history scholars from all over the world as the ancient culture still remains to be fully explored. Hope government will take some positive steps in future," Locals added.

Neeraj Manhas said that ours is a proud heritage and if this ever have been projected in better way, it would have become a major tourist attraction of J&K but unfortunately we have been discriminated since decades. Now all our hopes are with present dispensation, especially with Dr Jatinder Singh, hope he will do the needful. Meanwhile DC Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan said, "We have tried alot to give publicity to this ancient Mela Patt but I know there is more need to do." "We want to bring it on International level so that people across world can get mesmerised with rich Nag Culture of Bhaderwah and they should come to witness the rituals of both events," DC added.

"We are already on it to project the Mela Patt on National level and to be projected as international cultural event of Jammu and Kashmir. We will also put our case strongly before the authorities to be declared as heritage event," DC added.

Poolproof security arrangements were made by the local administration to conduct the hassle free program. On the occasion, people were seen dancing on the tunes of ancient traditional folk dance called Dheku which is a regular feature during the Mela.

DC Rajouri inspects progress of work on Mother Child Care Hospital at Lamberi

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Friday conducted a comprehensive inspection of the pace of progress on the construction of the 100-bedded Mother Child Care Hospital in Lamberi. The hospital, a vital addition to healthcare infrastructure in the region, is set to provide essential Maternal & Child Health Care Services to the residents of Rajouri and the neighboring district of Poonch. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by XEN PWD Nowshera B.K Raina.

Situated on National Highway NH144A, Lamberi serves as a crucial geographic point, with easy accessibility from Rajouri, Kalakote, Sunderbani, Budhal, and Poonch. The hospital, with a total of three floors and an allotted cost of Rs 3.75 Crore, is anticipated to be completed by January 2026. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of adhering to high-quality construction standards and urged the



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inspecting pace of progress of the Mother Child Care Hospital in Lamberi.

project team to strive for its completion well before the set deadline.

Speaking about the commitment of the Government to improve healthcare access in hilly and remote areas, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal described the MCH Hospital in Lamberi as a cornerstone of Maternal & Child Health services.

The facility will cater to institutional deliveries, high-risk pregnancy management and facility-based care for newborns, making healthcare services more accessible to the community.

The execution of this project demonstrates the unwavering dedication of the Government to ensure the well-being of the residents of the region. Once operational, the Mother Child Care Hospital in Lamberi will serve as a vital healthcare hub, enhancing the quality of life for the people of Rajouri and Poonch.

In addition to healthcare services, the location of the hospital on the Jammu Poonch highway also has strategic significance, contributing to improved connectivity and emergency response capabilities in the region.

GDC Samba organizes seminar on 'Non-Violence as a weapon in the freedom struggle of India'



GDC Samba students and faculty members during a programme.

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JAMMU: In a concerted effort to promote the ideal of Non-Violence amongst the youth of India, Department of Sociology and Department of History of PPND Govt. Degree College (GDC) Samba came together to organise a seminar on "Non-Violence as a Weapon in the Freedom Struggle of India" to commemorate the utmost relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Non-

Violence in various facets of human life.

A large number of students participated in the event and shared their views on the topic.

In her inspiring address, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the College, motivated the students to have an unyielding commitment towards Mahatma Gandhi's core principles- Truth, Non-Violence, Sarvodaya and Satyagraha.

She insisted on the significance of these pillars of Gandhian philosophy in both the students' life and society at large.

This event was organised by Prof. Shivali Gupta, Head Department of Sociology, Dr. Purvaiya Hans, Head Department of History, and Shanu Pandita, Department of Sociology. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Ajayshree Singh Sambyal, Department of History.

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SAMBA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba Benam Tosh on Friday presented cash rewards of Rs 40000 and certificates to the students speakers of five Government Schools who delivered speeches and presented impressive item at the grand anti-drug awareness programme organized by police under Civic Action Programme at remote Govt. Higher Secondary School Goran.

SSP Samba was accompanied by Additional SP Samba Surinder



SSP Samba Benam Tosh presenting cash reward to a winner student.

Choudhary, Deputy SP Garu Ram, SHO Police Station Samba Daljit Singh and Incharge Police Post Goran ASI Ashok Kumar while presenting

certificates and cash rewards of Rs 12000, Rs 8000 and Rs 5000 to the first, second and third best student speakers namely Nitika Dogra of GHSS Goran, Sonia Devi of GHSS Goran and Velinder Singh of GHSS Goran respectively and Rs 2000 and certificate each to five other student speakers namely Shevani Devi, Arti Devi, Sonia Devi, Lakshmi Devi and Arun Singh. Rs 5000 was also given to the team of students who presented an impressive item on drug abuse.

Hundreds of students of

Govt. Higher Secondary School Goran, Govt. High School Samotha, Govt. Middle School Souram, Govt. Middle School Khabbal, and Govt. Middle School Bain Behati participated in today's anti-drug awareness programme.

Sarpanch Baletar, Suraj Parkash Verma and Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Goran Kulbir Singh thanked the police for organizing grand anti-drug awareness programmes at Goran to generate awareness among students and public against drug abuse.

Additional SP Samba also spoke on the occasion and asked youth to stay away from narcotic substances.

Benam Tosh exhorted the students to stay away from drugs and adopt firm determination to become pure, pious and virtuous in life so as to become better citizen of tomorrow.

He inspired the students to go for higher and professional education transcending all odds in life and to stay away from bad company and bad books.

SSP Samba further said that police-students relations have been strengthened in Samba, as police is organizing series of anti-drugs programmes like symposiums, seminars and debates at different schools and colleges with the objective of creating anti-narcotic awareness among students, youth, parents, guardians, relatives and making it a mass movement against drugs especially heroin called "chitta".

Two workshops for field teachers /masters conclude at DIET Poonch



DIET Poonch officials at a programme.

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POONCH: DIET Poonch organized four days induction program for newly promoted masters and five days training in capacity-building for primary teachers in initial professional preparation of ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) for primary schools and their continuous professional development (CPD) for the implementation of ECCE.

These training programmes were conducted under the supervision of the Principal of DIET Poonch, Jaswant Singh. The programmes received approval and directions from the Director of SCERT JK UT and JD SCERT Jammu.

Principal DIET Poonch, Jaswant Singh, inaugurated the training programmes. He also visited the training programmes and interacted with the participating teachers.

Principal Jaswant Singh

emphasized the significance of these workshops and orientation programmes for the continuous professional development of the teaching community. He urged the teachers to make the teaching-learning process more effective and highlighted the qualifications and skills of government school teachers. During the valedictory function, participant teachers expressed their satisfaction with the proceedings of the training programmes. They pledged to implement the techniques and skills learned during the programmes in the field to enhance the quality of education and the welfare of students.

The training programs were coordinated by Muzafar Hussain and Manmohan Singh, Senior Lecturers at DIET Poonch, under the supervision and guidance of the Principal of DIET.

Cleanliness drive organized by GDCW Kathua



Students and faculty during cleanliness drive on Friday.

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KATHUA: In a significant contribution to the ongoing activities of Gandhi Jayanti, a cleanliness drive was organized in Dreamland Park, Kathua, under the Swachhta Abhiyan (Cleanliness Campaign) by the National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) Units of Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua, on Friday.

This event, which was dedicated to commemorating the principles and values of Mahatma Gandhi, was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of the College.

The primary objective of this initiative was to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and the spirit of community service, aligning seamlessly with the ideals and philosophies cherished by the Father of the

Nation. The tasks carried out during the cleanliness drive included the diligent picking up of litter and the thorough sweeping of pathways within the park.


Veena Sharma, representing the Flowery Culture Department and serving as Incharge of Dreamland Park, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers and Cadets who participated in this event.

She emphasized the profound connection between Gandhi's teachings and the

vital importance of maintaining public spaces.

She further encouraged the community to perpetuate the practice of cleanliness and hygiene as a fitting tribute to the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

The entire event was organized and supervised by Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NCC Programme Officer, Prof. Pallavi (Nodal Officer of Shikshit Bharat Club) and Dr. Anupam Manuhaar, ensuring its smooth execution and success.



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E-TENDERING
Short Term Tender Notice
For and on behalf of the Lt Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

S. No.	e-nit No. and date	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Class of Contractors	Cost of Tender Document	Receiving/ Opening Authority
1.	84 of 2023-24 Dated:20.09.2023	Upgradation of ACF quarter at Forest Complex, Kathua of Kathua Forest Range of Kathua Forest Division under State Capex 2023-24	5.00	A,B,C & D	Rs. 600/-	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities,(B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in


- Position of funds: Budgetary.
- Position of AA: Accorded.
- Position of TS: Accorded.

Publishing Date	20-09-2023
Download Start Date	20-09-2023
Bid Submission Start Date	21-09-2023 at 9:00 AM
Bid submission End Date	27-06-2023 at 4:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	28-09-2023 at 01:00 PM
Date of opening of Financial Bid	28-09-2023 at 01:30 PM

The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions, and other details.

DIP/J-8593/23
Dated: 22-09-2023

Sd/-
(Khalid Amin Mehta) SFS
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION, DODA.

Subject:- e-NITNO: MHDD/TS/05 of 2023-24 DATED: 05-09-2023 Due On: 19-09-2023.

Corrigendum 01

No. MHDD/Tech/1145-49 **Date:** 19-09-2023

Due to poor response in the bidding process, the e-NIT No: MHDD/TS/05 of 2023-24 DATED: 05-09-2023 Due On: 19-09-2023 for Equipments to be installed for Fire Hydrant system in PHCChanga, Doda, **is here by extended and the new due date is 26-09-2023**

*** DIP/J-8576/23**
Dt. 22-09-23

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e- NIT NO.: 12 of 2023-24 **dated: 19-09-2023**

For and on behalf of Managing Director JPDCL Jammu e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from firms having valid registration certificate issued by MES/ State/ Central Govt. of appropriate class and meeting eligibility criteria as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Documents (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs)	Last Date of submission of e-bid
1.	Improvement / erection of 33 KV Ramban-Marog-Ramsoo Line (District Ramban).	1000/-	135000/-	09-10-2023

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	19-09-2023: 03.00PM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	09-10-2023: 4.30 PM.
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	19-09-2023:03.00 PM.
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	09-10-2023: 04.30 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	10-10-2023: 12:00 PM
F	Technical Bid opening date & time	10-10-2023: 02:00 PM
G	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division, JPDCL Udhampur
I	Tender Value	68.00 lacs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000.00 (Non-Refundable)
k	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.135000.00 only

3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of PAN CARD, COPY OF REGISTRATION CARD, COPY OF GST CERTIFICATE and the bidder shall submit the same after opening of Bids.

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