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## Tanda college research journal out

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"Sub-Himalayan Journal of Health Research" publication of Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College (DRPGMC), Tanda, was launched by Dr VM Katoch, secretary, Department of Health Research, Government of India and chairman, National Advisory Board of the journal.

Dr Katoch said this young medical college had emerged as a trendsetter in the last five years. It was the first institution to experiment with research methodology workshop aimed at

developing research projects and, thereby, established a 'Tanda model' that was later propagated across the country, he said.

He said the Tanda medical college organised the first workshop on Knowledge Management Policy of the Department of Health Research, Government of India, and initiated development of projects based on this policy. The institution had also made remarkable progress in other fields of medicine, said Katoch.

He said a super-specialty block had come up in the institution with facilities for neurosciences, cardiology

and cardiovascular thoracic surgery. The institution had achieved the 18th rank among all government-run medical colleges in the country, he said.

Katoch said the journal would cater to the research needs of medical sciences with a special emphasis on research in rural, tribal and other inaccessible areas of the sub-Himalayan region.

Dr Anil Chauhan, Principal, said the last three years had been particularly significant when the college got permanent approval for 50 MBBS seats from the MCI, besides permission to increase them to 100. He said postgradua-

tion degree courses commenced with five seats in three departments. These had now increased to 48 seats in 15 departments, he stated.

With WHO approving the Department of Community Medicine as a fellowship training centre, in addition to many ICMR projects and postgraduate thesis in various departments underway, the need for an institutional scientific publication was felt.

The Principal said the journal would publish research articles on health problems of the population of sub-Himalayan region on a priority basis.



**Dr. V. M. Katoch, Secretary DHR & DG ICMR with editorial team of the Journal.**  
(In the picture from left to right) Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Dr. Sunil Raina, Dr. V.M. Katoch, Dr. Praveen Sharma, Dr. Anil Chauhan, and Dr. Vivek Chauhan