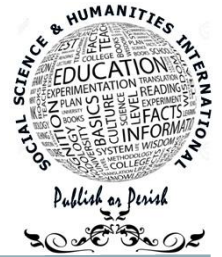


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### **Cross-firing and Social Life along the International Border of Poonch District of Jammu & Kashmir: An Analysis from January 2018 -January 2019**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

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Poonch is one of most secluded district of Jammu & Kashmir, bounded by Actual Line of Control (ALC) from three sides. The ALC is about 103 km stretch which is demarked boundary between India & Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK). The social life of the people living nearby border area of Poonch is very miserable due to hostility between two nuclear powers; India & Pakistan. Not only on war times but even on peace time the life of people in this area is full of hazards. The periodic cross firing & shelling in this area is a normal phenomenon. It has immensely affected the quality of life of the people living in this area in different ways. Apart from human casualty, basic and social activities like education, festivals, and social gatherings are always volatile and vulnerable. People are more or less alienated from their own agricultural land and are living the life of fear & death. To understand the life across the actual line of control, we reviewed impact of cross firing in Poonch district from January 2018-January 2019 to have an idea about the life people are living across international borders.