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President Muizzu and I inaugurated a new building of the Ministry of Defence in Malé. This is yet another instance of strong India-Maldives cooperation.

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CM Calls For Increasing Coverage, Socio-Economic Well-Being Of Workers

Chairs 22nd Board Meeting Of Building & Construction Workers Welfare Board



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday chaired the 22nd meeting of the Jammu & Kashmir Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWFB) here at the Civil Secretariat.

The aim of the meeting was to comprehensively review the implementation of various welfare measures and approve key initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for construction workers and their families across Jammu and Kashmir. Appreciating the strides made by the Board, the Chief Minister lauded its efforts in expanding welfare coverage to over 2.85 lakh active construction workers.

He underscored the importance of transparent, timely

and targeted delivery of benefits and directed officials to widen the outreach mechanisms, streamline application procedures, and ensure that no eligible worker is excluded from availing the Board's benefits.

The Chief Minister also called for a broader and more inclusive definition of 'construction worker' to bring within the fold all vulnerable and unorganized sector labourers.

He urged the Board to explore policy mechanisms that would maximize coverage and enhance financial security for workers, in alignment with national best practices and labour welfare standards.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Additional Chief •P-06

'Operation Sindoor' Ongoing, Military Preparedness Must Remain Very High: CDS

Forces On High Alert, Drones And Radars Deployed For Surveillance Round-The-Clock

SAJID RAINA

NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Friday said that 'Operation Sindoor' is still underway and the armed forces are maintaining a tight vigil and high level of preparedness.

Speaking at a defence seminar here, General Chauhan, said, "The military response against terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is an ongoing process. Forces are maintaining a high level of preparedness at all times to counter any potential action from across the border."

Terming 'Operation Sindoor' as an example of India's military strength, he said, "There are no runners-up in war."

"Since Operation Sindoor was carried out, our security forces have remained on high alert. A high-level alert remains in place across forward posts, with drones and radars deployed for round-the-clock surveillance," the CDS



said.

Pertinently, the Indian Armed Forces launched 'Operation Sindoor' on May 6, 2025, in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians dead.

The armed forces destroyed over nine terror camps oper-

ated by Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfits in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

According to the officials, over 100 terrorists were killed in the strikes. In response, Pakistan launched missile

and drone attacks on Indian military installations between May 8 and 10. India conducted counter-strikes during the same period, targeting Pakistani military bases. The skirmishes ended on May 10, after Pakistan DGMO approached his Indian counterpart and requested for a ceasefire.

Referring to the current phase of warfare, General Chauhan said, "The armed forces have to operate across multiple dimensions. The pace of technological change is affecting every aspect of military strategy and planning."

He said that the nature of conflict has shifted, blending older methods of combat with newer, technology-driven tools.

He said this evolving form of warfare integrates kinetic and non-kinetic means and combines tactical, operational, and strategic aspects. He referred to this shift as a form of "convergence warfare."

General Chauhan said members of the military must develop a clear understanding of both traditional •P-06

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LG pays homage to Soldiers on Kargil Vijay Diwas



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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday paid homage to the fallen heroes on the eve of "Kargil Vijay Diwas".

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor recalled the magnificent heroism and the spirit of sacrifice of valiant jawans and officers of Armed Forces during India's victory in 'Operation Vijay' in 1999, also •P-06

LG Meets SYSF Foundation Delegation At Raj Bhawan

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday interacted with the 50-member delegation of Save Youth Save Future Foundation, at Raj Bhawan.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the efforts of the foundation for youth-engagement, reaching out to •P-06

...Amarnath Yatra

Over 8,000 Perform Darshan Friday, Tally Crosses 3.60 Lakh



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SRINAGAR: Amid tight security and spiritual fervour, 8,181 pilgrims performed darshan at the revered Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas on Friday, taking the cumulative tally to 3,60,320 since the commencement of the yatra on July 3.

An official informed that among the devotees who visited the holy cave on the 23rd day

of the annual pilgrimage were 6,326 men, 1,264 women, 84 children, 56 sadhus, 3 sadhis, and 448 security personnel.

The sacred ice Shivalingam inside the cave shrine, located at an altitude of 3,880 metres, continues to attract devotees from across India and abroad. However, in recent days, there has been a noticeable dip in the number of daily pilgrims undertaking the trek.

From the Jammu •P-06

...26Th Kargil Vijay Diwas

Women Farmers Shine At Celebratory Event In Drass

RAJA SYED RATHER

DRASS: The 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations at Vishwanathan Stadium, Drass, witnessed a heartening showcase of women-led entrepreneurship, as independent women farmers from Kargil took the spotlight with their locally produced goods.

Organized by the Family Welfare Organization under the Forever in OPs Division, the exhibition stall featured an impressive variety of organic and value-added products.

Highlights included Apricot Energy Bars, natural juices, sauces, woollen items and the latest addition—handmade natural soaps crafted from apricot and walnut oils. Produced at the Women Empowerment Center in



Kumbathang, the soaps attracted significant attention for their superior quality and export-ready packaging.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh L. Mandaviya, visited the stall,

purchased several products and praised the initiative.

Calling it a "model for sustainable development," he noted the importance of such grassroots efforts in empowering women and promoting self-reliance in remote regions like Kargil.

Speaking to the media, Shikha Krishnan, Chairperson of the Family Welfare Organization (Forever in OPs Division), highlighted the wide range of skill development initiatives being run for women across Kargil.

"We are conducting training programs in computer literacy, knitting, stitching, food processing and now soap making. The women have not only completed these training with distinction but are producing market-ready goods that can compete nationally and globally," she said. •P-06

CS Reviews BISAG-N Powered IT Initiatives In J&K

Calls For AI-Based Citizen Services To Enhance Ease Of Living



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress on ongoing Information Technology (IT) initiatives undertaken across J&K to enhance the governance and citizen-centric services.

The meeting besides Special DG, BISAG-N, Vinay Thakur was attended by Secretary, IT Department and

concerned Administrative Secretaries; DG, Planning; SIO, NIC and other senior officers.

The Chief Secretary took detailed appraisal of the digital interventions being implemented to promote ease of living for the people.

Emphasizing the need to make IT platforms more impactful, he called for significant improvements in the design and functionality of dashboards related •P-06

Modi Surpasses Indira Gandhi As 2nd Longest Serving PM Of India

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday, completed 4,078 days in office, surpassing former Prime Minister late Indira Gandhi's record of 4,077 consecutive days as Prime Minister of the country from January 24, 1966, to March 24, 1977. This means, a single and uninterrupted tenure as the Prime Minister of India.

With this milestone, PM Modi becomes the second longest consecutively serving Prime Minister in India's history, behind only the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

As PM Narendra Modi marks 4,078 consecutive days in office on July 25, 2025, he also holds several historic distinctions.

PM Modi is the first and only Prime Minister born after Independence, the longest-serving non-Congress PM, and the longest-serving Prime



Minister from a non-Hindi-speaking state.

He is also the first and only non-Congress leader to have completed two full terms and to be re-elected twice with a majority, making him the only non-Congress Prime Minister to secure a majority on his own in the Lok Sabha.

Additionally, he is the first sitting Prime Minister since Indira Gandhi in 1971 to return to power with a full majority.

PM Modi is the only Prime

Minister, apart from late Jawaharlal Nehru, to win three consecutive elections as leader of a political party in India.

He is the only leader in India, among all Prime Ministers and Chief Ministers, to win six consecutive elections as the leader of a party – Gujarat (2002, 2007, 2012), Lok Sabha polls (2014, 2019, 2024).

This will be another milestone in PM Modi's almost 24 years as head of a democratically-elected •P-06

Govt Gives Craft Dealers 7 Days To Remove Machine-Made Items



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SRINAGAR – In an unprecedented move, the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir Friday issued a Notice giving Kashmir handicraft dealers a seven-day ultimatum to remove all machine-made products, largely imports from Turkey & Iran, from their Showrooms, failing which, the department warned, they will be blacklisted & deregistered for unfair trade practice under the relevant sections of law.

Addressing the dealers, the Notice, issued vide No. H&HD/DDQC/TTA/95/2025, dated 25.07.2025, reads that, "you have been granted registration under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Tourist Trade Act, 1978, for the sale of Kashmir handicraft products at your respective

showrooms/outlets." As part of the registration process, the Notice reads that craft dealers have submitted a duly-sworn affidavit, wherein they undertook to exclusively display and sell genuine Kashmir handicraft products at your business establishment.

The Notice further states that under 'Violation of Rules' section that during recent inspections conducted by this office, it was found that several dealers have breached the extant rules by displaying and selling machine-made products, misrepresented as genuine Kashmir handicrafts. Such malpractices undermine the authenticity and reputation of Kashmir handicrafts, the Notice reads.

An official spokesman of the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, in a press release, •P-06

Ladakh Has Unique Tourism Potential: LG Gupta

RAJA SYED RATHER

LADAKH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Kavinder Gupta on Thursday said that Ladakh is a "unique region in the world" with immense potential for tourism and development.

During his visit to Sharhol, Gupta said he had travelled through several areas and found the region to be rich in opportunities. "There is great scope and potential for tourism here," he said, urging the youth of Ladakh to explore livelihood options that align with the region's strengths.

He also said that access to water, electricity, and roads is the right and responsibility of every citizen. "The people of Ladakh are good and patriotic," Gupta said while expressing confidence that the development goals can be achieved through collective efforts.

Speaking about local governance, the Lieutenant Governor noted that the administration has been engaging with the people of Ladakh for over a week and is studying



their concerns.

He said ongoing discussions with representative bodies like the Apex Body (APEC) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), which have been vocal about their demand for statehood.

"The demands of the people of Ladakh will be met," Gupta said, adding that the Government of India has been working on every issue raised by the region's residents. "We have met the demands of the people of Ladakh," he added—(KNO)

26 yrs of India's victory

MY Bharat Volunteers to Hold 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' on July 26

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SRINAGAR: MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat), under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, will organise 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' on 26th July 2025 in Drass, Kargil to mark the 26th anniversary of India's victory in the 1999 Kargil War.

Led by Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the padyatra will also witness the participation of Union Minister of State for Defence, Shri Sanjay Seth, alongside over 1,000 youth, veterans, armed forces personnel, families of martyrs, and civil society members.

The Padyatra, cover-

ing a distance of 1.5 kilometers, will commence at 7:00 a.m. from the grounds of Himabass Public High School, Drass, and will conclude at the grounds of Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbet.

Subsequent to the Padyatra, Union Ministers, accompanied by 100 youth volunteers, will proceed to the Kargil War Memorial to lay wreaths and offer homage to the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil conflict.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister will also felicitate 26 women bikers of the Shakti Udgosh Foundation, who will arrive at the War Memorial after completing a long-distance motorbike rally undertaken as a tribute to the martyrs.

The padyatra will also feature a plantation drive under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, underscoring the alignment of patriotic duty with environmental consciousness and a commitment towards sustainable development in a Viksit Bharat @2047.

In the days leading up to the padyatra, MY Bharat has been actively engaging youth and local communities in the region through activities including essay writing, painting, elocution competitions, and Yuva Samvads (youth dialogues). These pre-event activities aim to cultivate civic awareness, celebrate stories of valour, and strengthen emotional connect with the armed forces. Through these platforms,

the Amrit Peedhi and nation-builders of tomorrow are being sensitised to the ideals of service, sacrifice and patriotism.

This padyatra is part of the wider Viksit Bharat Padyatras initiative, which aims to foster national pride, deepen civic engagement, and strengthen the spirit of unity among the youth through commemorative and participatory programmes across the country. In line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Jan Bhagidari in Rashtranirman, this initiative brings together every stakeholder from youth to veterans in a shared act of national remembrance, reinforcing the role of citizens, especially the Amrit Peedhi, in nation-building.

Tariff Protection on Apple Imports

JKPICCA's advocacy secures pro-farmer policy in I'ntl trade deal

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SRINAGAR: In a move widely celebrated by farmers and industry stakeholders alike, the Government of India has decided to retain tariff protection on apple imports under the upcoming India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This crucial policy decision comes as a major relief to millions of apple growers across the Himalayan states, and is being credited largely to the Jammu & Kashmir Fruits and Vegetables Processing and Integrated Cold Chain Association (JKPICCA) for its strategic and persistent advocacy.

JKPICCA, under the dynamic leadership of Chairman Bashir Ahmad Naik, played a pivotal role in bringing the concerns of domestic apple growers to the national stage. The association made a compelling case during a high-level interaction with Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, held recently in Srinagar, where it highlighted the challenges faced by Indian apple farmers — including shrinking land holdings, rising input costs, traditional farming limitations, and the threat posed by low-cost foreign imports.

Labelled by many in the horticulture community as



a "historic victory", the decision is seen as more than a trade regulation — it is being hailed as a defense of the Indian farmer's dignity, rural economy, and traditional knowledge systems.

In a significant move, the FTA also recognizes "traditional farming knowledge" as a form of patent protection, a step JKPICCA lauded as visionary. This inclusion not only validates the indigenous agricultural practices of Indian growers but also paves the way for their preservation and respect on global platforms.

Farmers across Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand welcomed the announcement with enthusiasm. Many credited JKPICCA for acting as a powerful and pragmatic

voice for growers, ensuring their interests were safeguarded at a crucial stage of international trade negotiations.

In a statement, JKPICCA reaffirmed its commitment to serve as a vital bridge between government, industry, and the farming community. The association vowed to continue its efforts to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian apples, drive innovation in cold-chain infrastructure, and promote sustainable growth in India's horticulture sector.

JKPICCA has also urged the Government of India to sustain this farmer-first approach in future FTAs, especially in sectors such as horticulture, which are integral to employment, food security, and rural livelihood.

Awareness, Counseling, Felicitation programme held at GDC Pulwama

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PULWAMA: A comprehensive awareness, counseling cum felicitation programme under flagship initiative 'The Right Path' was Friday held at Degree College Boys Pulwama.

The event, organised by Musuada Foundation in collaboration with MF Productions witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, social leaders, civil society members and local stakeholders.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pulwama, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, attended the function as the chief guest.

Over 300 students and participants attended the programme, which aimed to raise awareness around critical social issues such as drug abuse, radicalisation and youth mental health, while also promoting a positive and responsible community mindset.

Addressing the gathering, ADC Pulwama emphasized the crucial role of parents in safeguarding the future of the youth, especially in tackling the growing threat of drug addiction. He urged families to remain vigilant and involved in their children's lives to ensure they remain on the right path.

SDA launches Shehjar Heights Phase-II

112 residential apartments to be constructed within 2 yrs

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) has announced the launch of Phase-II of the Shehjar Heights project at Bemina envisaging construction of 112 more residential apartments, including 56 each 2-BHK and 3-BHK flats.

Shehjar Apartments is a flagship Vertical Housing project of SDA in Srinagar involving construction of around 450 residential apartments comprising around 13 towers. The Phase-I of the project completed with the construction of 140 apartments, is fully sold-out.

Given the overwhelming demand for quality residential apartments in Srinagar, SDA has expedited the execution of the project and has started the process for construction of 112 more flats under Phase-II after the Phase-I was fully sold out, said Mohammad Rafi, Vice-Chairman SDA adding that the possession of flats in Phase-II is likely to be handed over to the prospective allottees within 2 years.

He said vertical housing has become a necessity to ensure economical use of land in the fast-expanding



Srinagar city. "Given the scarce land resources and sky-rocketing land prices in Srinagar, time has come for SDA to promote the concept of flatted accommodation in the city in a big way," Mr Rafi said.

HUDCO, he said, are the projects consultants for the Shehjar Heights, who have formulated the overall layout plan and design of towers and individual residential units.

Mr Rafi said that Shehjar Heights are spread over around 100 kanals of land with 40 ft wide main road and 36 ft wide internal roads transecting various apartment blocks located adjacent to Srinagar-Baramulla highway in Bemina near Hajj House. The Vice-Chairman said

that the project has been provided with adequate parking facility including surface parking for around 550 vehicles and covered parking for around 220 vehicles. Besides it will have parks, community hall, children's play area, tennis court, amphitheater, health club, community market, gym, food court and a dedicated STP.

He said the best thing about Shehjar Project is that it is suitably located on National Highway in easily accessible and buzzing Bemina area of Srinagar, with remarkable proximity to urban amenities like hospitals, schools and markets with hassle-free to SrinagarInternational Airport and Nowgam Railway Station.

He said adequate and latest technological interventions have been ensured to make the structures earthquake resistant and HUDCO has got the structural design of the project approved by IIT Kanpur. "For the first time Liquefaction Resistance technology is being used in the construction of Phase-II to make the towers earthquake resistant," he said and added that HUDCO is also providing consultancy for drainage, water supply and sewerage design, energy management, communication system, fire detection, fire protection and security systems for the Shehjar Apartments.

The Vice-Chairman said that each 3-BHK flat is spread over a net surface area of 1250 sqft with 3 bedrooms, Drawing Room, Living Room, Kitchen, 3 washrooms, utility and veranda while 2-BHK flat has a surface area of 1012 sqft comprising 2 bedrooms, drawing room, living room, 2 washrooms, kitchen, utility and veranda.

Rafi said the tendering process of Phase-II has been initiated and SDA is going to soon announce the booking for Phase-II with flexible payment mode.

DC Srinagar chairs DLSCC meeting

30 cases recommended for compassionate appointment of terror victims

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Friday chaired a meeting of District Level Screening cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) here at meeting hall of the DC office complex to review the cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NoKs of those killed in terror related incidents in Srinagar district.

At the outset, the Committee held a comprehensive deliberation on cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NoKs of those killed in terror related incidents in Srinagar district.



After a detailed examination, the Committee recommended 30 cases to the government for consideration for compassionate appointment under the SRO-43 in the first go.

Speaking on the occasion,

DC stressed the concerned officers to ensure speedy disposal of all such cases for timely clearance of the cases. He emphasized that in a streamlined & coordinated manner, the effort should be to bring

down the pendency of such cases to nil.

DC also underlined the importance of a proactive and coordinated approach among all stakeholders to ensure speedy disposal of cases.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Adil Fareed; SP headquarter, Umer Shah; Additional SP CID, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Medical Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, all Tehsildars, senior officers from BSF, Army, and other security agencies, besides officials from the concerned departments.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No.66/ R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2025-26 issued under Endorsement No:ERB/4449-58 DATED: 23-07-2025.

For an on behalf of The Government of J&K(U/T)e-tenders (Single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Departments for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender/ Doc. (In Rs.)	2% Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (Calendar Days)	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	Remarks
01	Upgradation of CHO building Srinagar B.W.O Renovation and Upgradation of electric infrastructure of Chief Horticulture office building at Lalmandi, Srinagar	Rs. 11.26/= lacs	Rs 600/=	Rs. 22516/=	30 Days	"AAY" Class Electrical	Capex Budget 2025-26	Accord of Revised Administrative Approval accorded by Director Horticulture Kashmir vide order No.293/Plan of 2025 Dated:- 16-07-2025

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Date of Issue of Tender Notice

23-07-2025

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Period of downloading of bidding documents

23-07-2025 from 06.00 PM

3

Bid submission Start Date

23-07-2025 from 06.00 PM

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Bid Submission End Date

04-08 -2025 upto 04.00 PM

5

Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)

05-08-2025 at 02:00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.

6

Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)

To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

Position of Funds:- Available/Committed

Position of AAA:- Accorded

Position of TS :-Accorded

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities(BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental website jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy.

As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat. Finance department vide No. OM No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018which readsasunder:-

a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids. "

1. The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing Treasury Challan (Receipt).

All other terms & conditions shall be as are as per the SBD/ Contract Agreement. Engineerin

No.ERB/4449-58

DATED:23-07-2025

DIPK-4284-25

DT: 25/07/2025

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Executive Engineer,

R&B) Electric Division Kashmir

Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KUPWARA

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NIT No.29-Kupwara/2600-09of 2025-26 E-Tendering Dated: 24-07-2025

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on Percentage% Basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD ,Railways and other state/Central Governments on jkpwdoms for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01	Celebration of the Independence day 15 th of August 2025 at DPL Ground Kupwara	9.71	600/-	19500/-	03 days	30-07-2025	"ABCD"	Capex Budget 2024-25

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	24-07-2025
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24-07-2025 to 30-07-2025 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	24-07-2025 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	30-07-2025 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	30-07-2025 at (6:00P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan)must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contractor alongwithNIT No. & Sr. No of NIT) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara(tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara.The Issuance date of the Treasury Challan and CDR/ FDR Must be in between the date of Downloading to Bid Submission end Date

The bidder should upload the affidavit duly executed/ authenticated by/ before 1st Class Magistrate as per Annexure - B

c. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% shall be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.

72. All other terms and conditions shall be the same as per detailed and stock issue rates of 2024-25 circular instructions issued by the higher authorities from time to time.

73. If at any part of time it is found that the documents uploaded by the Contractor are fraudulent, forged, duplicated, or misrepresented even after generation of Comparative Statement if the Contractor has been worked out First Lowest even then he is liable to be rejected/ debarred for a minimum period of 2 years and an FIR shall be lodged under relevant section of law. The on account bills of all works of that contractor shall be stopped and it shall be presumed that the contractor has deceived the Govt. exchequer A penalty on this account shall be penalized by the tendering authority/ Executive Engineer as a minimum of 50% of work done amount. Which will be utilized on that tendered work.

74. The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications.

1. Cement = JKOPC Brand

2. Steel of all sorts = SAIL certified (The sail certificate shall have be produced / deposited in the division by the AEE concerned at the time submission of the work done bills). No extension in quantities/ Cost is allowed in any case.

75. Note Those Contractors whose Registration Card is not Linked with JKPWDOMS Shall not be accepted If it is found any Contractor has uploaded offline registration card I,e Not Linked with JKPWDOMS His Bid shall be rejected/Non-responsive during Technical Evaluation of documents

No.2600-09

DT: 24-07-2025

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DT: 25/07/2025

Executive Engineer

R&B Division Kupwara

CMYK

Smart Public Distribution System to go live by mid August 2025: Satish Sharma

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Saurabh Bhagat, along with other senior officers and technical teams involved in the migration process.

The Minister was reviewing the progress on Smart PDS implementation in the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat, along with other senior officers and technical teams involved in the migration process.

The Minister stated that Jammu and Kashmir is on track to become the first Union Territory in the country to fully migrate to the Smart PDS under the national RCMS (Ration Card Management System) framework, as directed by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

"Smart PDS is a transformative reform in food



distribution that ensures transparency, efficiency and portability of services. With this shift, over 25 lakh ration card holders and approximately 1.02 crore ration beneficiaries in J&K will experience a seamless and more accountable system," the Minister said.

The meeting was told that under the Smart PDS system and under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) the beneficiaries from Jammu and Kashmir can now avail their entitled ration PAN India and vice-versa.

Similarly, it was also informed that all the feed-

ing of the Smart PDS is under testing phase and optimization for unique needs of Jammu and Kashmir and would also include various categories like SAAAY, NFSA and PMSES. The automatization shall democratize the entire PDS system and beneficiaries can use applications like Mera Ration and Annapurna to get real time information about his ration quota.

It was also given out that all the ration distribution shall be based on Aadhar enabled POS machines of L1 configuration which are 4G enabled. This shall help the department in improv-

ing the storage efficiency, economize transportation and provide effective services to the Consumer. It was also clarified that all the other allied services like ration distribution, Ayushman card will not be effected by this transition.

The Minister directed the concerned officers to expedite testing, ensure training of FPS (Fair Price Shop) dealers and launch public awareness campaigns ahead of the roll-out. He emphasized that the success of Smart PDS depends on its accessibility to even the remotest parts of the Union Territory.

CS holds strategic discussion with Secretary MSME to boost industrial growth



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday held an extensive meeting with Union Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), S.C.L. Das, to deliberate on the prevailing industrial scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and explore long-term strategies for promotion and sustainability of the MSME sector across the Union Territory.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, and Secretary, Labour & Employment, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan.

During the interaction, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for a robust and inclusive roadmap to ensure the long-term sustainability of both exist-

ing and newly established industrial units across the UT. He underscored that the industrial landscape in J&K has historically been impacted by its unique geopolitical context, being a peripheral region of the country, thereby facing distinct logistical and connectivity challenges.

Highlighting the immense potential of the MSME sector as a vehicle for employment and economic empowerment, Dulloo urged the Ministry to extend necessary technical and financial support to foster a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the UT.

He observed that J&K is now poised to bridge the historic gaps in industrial development, and the youth of the region must be equipped with opportunities and tools to become self-reliant job creators.

He further sought the Ministry's intervention in initiating targeted programmes to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth, who, he said, have remained deprived of such opportunities due to the past circumstances. He called for enhanced handholding support in skilling the local workforce in tune with emerging, technology-driven industries to enable them to secure gainful employment.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized the need for establishing comprehensive platforms that can facilitate better market access, credit linkage, and business mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs. He suggested exploring avenues for expanding digital infrastructure and support systems to aid MSME growth in both rural and

urban pockets of the UT. Additionally, Dulloo sought the Ministry's assistance in designing effective revival strategies for stressed and sick industrial units in the region. He stressed the importance of tailored interventions to rejuvenate these units, which form the backbone of local economic activity and employment.

The Union Secretary appreciated the UT administration's renewed focus on industrial development and assured full support of the Ministry in strengthening the MSME ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. He said the Ministry would work closely with the UT administration to develop need-based schemes, skill development modules, and infrastructural support to unleash the true potential of the region's industrial sector.

KFT's Kral Pather Enthralls Audience in Ganderbal

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Ganderbal: A vibrant celebration of Kashmir's cultural heritage unfolded Friday in Safapora, Ganderbal, as the Karambuland Folk Theatre presented the traditional folk play Kral Pather. The event, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under the Cultural Function and Production Grant (CFPG), drew an enthusiastic audience that applauded both the artists' stellar performance and the government's efforts to revive fading folk traditions.

The play, a cherished part of the region's artistic legacy, was attended by Javid Ahmad Dar, Honorable Minister for Agricultrual Production, Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, and Elections, as the Chief Guest. Minister Dar commended the artists for their dedication and praised initiatives that safeguard cultural heritage. "Such performances are vital in reconnecting our youth with their roots and fostering pride in our traditions," he remarked.

Renowned writer and director Nisar Naseem Sahab, former Director of All India Radio and the creative force behind Kral Pather, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. He lauded the production's brilliance, calling it a "testament to Kashmir's rich artistic legacy." Sahab urged more institutions to support folk theatre, emphasizing its role in preserving the region's cultural identity.

Both dignitaries extended gratitude to the Ministry of Culture for its unwavering support through the CFPG scheme, highlighting its crucial role in promoting indigenous art forms. The audience echoed their sentiments, expressing hope for more such events in the future.

Satish Sharma meets Google India Leadership

Discusses youth empowerment, job creation, digital innovation in J&K

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at boosting the digital development and youth engagement in Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, Friday met with Ashish Wattal, Country Director of Google India, and Sanjay Dewan, Head, North States, Public Sector, Google.

During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the need to explore collaborative avenues with Google to promote the digital inclusion, entrepreneurship and

employment generation for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

"J&K's youth have immense potential and it is our priority to channelize their energy into productive and innovative sectors. Strategic partnerships with global technology leaders like Google will help us unlock new opportunities in skilling, digital education and job creation," said the Minister.

He called upon Google to support the government in launching tailored skill development programs,

digital literacy campaigns and technology-driven entrepreneurship models, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Google team reiterated Google's commitment to digital transformation in India and expressed keen interest in working with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. They also extended support for designing the region-specific training programs, workshops and certification courses for the students, professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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It is hereby notified for the information of all the students of Class 9th and 10th that the attendance record for the ongoing academic session has been reviewed, and it has been observed that some students have not fulfilled the minimum required attendance criteria as prescribed by the Institution.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL

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Subject:- Invitation of Tenders for Various Works Under NABARD RIDF-XXX.

Reference:- This office Fresh NIT No.24 of2025-26 issued under endorsement No. 2961-66 Dated:08-07-2025.

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► PLEASE READ

The e-stamp paper bearing a particular certificate number on it and name of work / e-NIT No. must be mentioned on the affidavit attached with the e-stamp paper to ensure its genuineness (Mentioned in NIT Clause 19).

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The e-stamp paper bearing a particular certificate number on it and name of work / e-NIT No. must be mentioned on the affidavit attached with the e-stamp paper to ensure its genuineness. In addition to it, the name of first party should be the name of contractor and the second party should be Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Ganderbal failing to comply with this condition, the bid shall be rejected out rightly(Mentioned in NIT Clause 19).

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Distt admin Kupwara bids farewell to outgoing DFO Anurag Arya

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KUPWARA: District Administration Kupwara Friday organized a warm farewell function in honor of Anurag Arya, Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer, on his transfer from the

post of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Kamraj.

The event was held at the DC Office Complex Kupwara and was attended by senior officers and officials of the administration.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan,

praised Arya for his dedicated service especially his efforts in resolving various administrative issues for completion of different developmental projects in the Kamraj division of the district.

Various officers from

administration spoke and appreciated the efforts and cooperation of the out-going DFO. ADDC Kupwara, ADC Kupwara, ADC Handwara, GM-DIC, ACD, ACR, CEO, CMO, CPO, besides, senior district officers attended the farewell function.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e- NIT No. 40/2025-26 Dated 23-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-Call 3rd Call 1st (7, 8)

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estimated / Adv. Cost(In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	Constt. Of Community Composite Pit Near Land of Showkat Ahmad Mir at Drabgam A	Shadimarg	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
2.	Constt. Of Community Composiute pit Near Land of Mushtaq Ahmad Wani Watel pat Drabgam Payeen	Shadimarg	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
3.	Construction of community composite pit at Mirgund Thokerpora	Shadimarg	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
4.	Constt. Of Community Composite pit Near L/O Hilal Ahmad Dar at Gundi Wadan Rahmo B	Shadimarg	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
5.	Construction of community composite pit at Qasbayar B	Shadimarg	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
6.	Constt. Of Community Composite pit at Poswal Mohalla Near H/O Irshad Poswa ,Bashir Poswal ,Majeed and Others	Achgoze	2.27	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
7.	Const. of 3 no community Soakpits at 1. Cheribag Masjid Sharief 2. Near Jamia Masjid Sharif K Koot. 3. Darul Uloom Ayoub Ansari Kaigam	Awantipora	2.417	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
8.	Const. of 3 no community Soakpits at different spots of Kanjinag Rajpora	Awantipora	2.417	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II

Position of A/ A:- Accorded

Position of T/ S:- Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-07-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	23-07-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	02-08-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	04-08-2025 at 10:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama

Note: - Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. Incase The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.

Special Condition 01:

Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/ she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call 1st only).

SC02:- Contractors Strictly not eligible

The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/ who had not started/taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Conditions for Bidders:

Every Participating supplier/ contractor to mandatorily disclose the Bank Account No. which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No Payment shall be released by Govt. Deptt./Agency to any other Bank Account except the one linked with GST Registered number of the Successful bidder. As per Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08/07/2025 issued by Govt. of J&K Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar.

1.

Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for-tendering for the current financial year (2025-26).

2.

Any Bidder who will go down more than 15% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S.No09a.(Non uploading of gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

15.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" are aim their use Ron REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents are required.

16.

In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

26.

The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

27.

All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25(Double agreement Form).

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Executive Engineer
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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Defining Moment For LG Manoj Sinha

As political circles begin to speculate on the possible elevation of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to the post of Vice President of India, the trajectory of his tenure in Jammu & Kashmir becomes all the more significant—not just as a milestone in governance, but as a symbol of stability restored to a once-turbulent region.

When Manoj Sinha took over as the Lieutenant Governor in August 2020, Jammu & Kashmir was still grappling with the aftershocks of the abrogation of Article 370. Skepticism abounded both at home and abroad about the region's future. Yet, within a remarkably short span, Sinha's administration has overseen a dramatic transformation—from conflict headlines to economic revival, tourism boom, and democratic participation.

A particularly notable accomplishment has been the record-setting influx of over 7 crore tourists to Kashmir, signaling a decisive shift in perception about the region's safety and appeal. Under Sinha's leadership, infrastructure was rapidly modernized, heritage sites restored, and investment encouraged—painting a picture of progress few could have imagined just a few years ago.

The successful hosting of the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar in 2023 was another defining moment. It showcased not just the scenic grandeur of the Valley, but also the government's confidence in its security apparatus and its global diplomatic credibility. Critics who once derided the region's future were confronted with images of international delegates strolling through the Dal Lake promenade, attending forums, and engaging with local culture.

Perhaps most telling was the peaceful conduct of the recent assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir—marked by record voter turnout. It was a powerful rebuttal to voices that doubted the region's democratic integration. The people spoke, not in protest but at the ballot box, reaffirming their faith in constitutional processes and governance.

If the reports of LG Manoj Sinha's possible nomination as Vice President hold true, it would be not just a personal milestone but a symbolic recognition of the successful normalization of Jammu & Kashmir under his stewardship. His elevation would serve as both a political endorsement and a message: that transformative leadership rooted in quiet diligence and grounded execution can, indeed, change the course of a region's destiny.

In that light, a Vice Presidency for Manoj Sinha would not merely be another post—it would be a feather in the cap of Indian democracy's resi

Pakistan's Terror Duplicity Is Unraveling, And Its Own Leaders Are Pulling The Thread



RISHI SURI

In a stunning public admission that should reverberate across international capitals, the Chief Minister of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has pulled back the curtain on Pakistan's long denied but widely known double game with terrorism. Speaking at a press conference, the CM laid bare what many global observers have said for years, that Pakistan's military intelligence establishment is actively sheltering and supporting designated terror groups under the guise of "Good Taliban," while sacrificing its own citizens to the flames of extremism.

The revelations are as damning as they are unsurprising. The CM openly stated that provincial police arrested a number of wanted militants, only for the ISI and Military Intelligence to intervene, claiming those individuals were their "men." In other words, these were operatives being protected, not prosecuted, by Pakistan's own security establishment. Even more chilling was the suggestion that if these "Good Taliban" are such assets, they should be sent to fight in Kashmir.

Let that sink in: a sitting provincial head has effectively confirmed that Pakistan's deep state not only tolerates terrorists but sees them as geopolitical tools. This is not counterterrorism; it is state sponsored sabotage, masquerading as strategy.

The Myth of the "Good Taliban"

For decades, Pakistan has employed a dangerous binary: "Good Taliban" who align with the military's foreign policy interests, particularly in Afghanistan and Kashmir, and "Bad Taliban" who challenge the state internally. This categorization is not only morally bankrupt but strategically suicidal. The same groups Pakistan nurtured to bleed Afghanistan and India have, time and again, turned their guns inward. The Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) is a direct product of this duplicity, an unintended consequence of playing god with jihadist factions.

But now, the contradictions are erupting in the public sphere. The Chief Minister's candid comments expose a state apparatus that is no longer able to hide its Frankensteinian creation. When provincial leaders can no longer



protect their own citizens because federal agencies shield terrorists, the system is not just corrupt, it is collapsing.

A Pattern of Implosion

This isn't an isolated moment. Just months ago, police officers in KP were protesting, albeit quietly, about the growing threats they face from TTP elements who are often released or protected under vague security directives. Officers have been ambushed, districts have been overrun, and security personnel continue to die in encounters with militants who appear to enjoy unofficial immunity. Even the security forces are losing faith in the very system meant to protect them.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani Interior Minister admitted earlier this year that the TTP poses a grave and growing threat, yet no coherent national strategy has been offered beyond vague statements and hollow condemnations. The silence of Pakistan's military leadership, historically never shy of issuing statements or asserting dominance in civilian affairs, is deafening.

Kashmir: The Eternal Obsession

The most alarming part of the CM's statement is the suggestion that these so called "Good Taliban" could be deployed to Kashmir. It lays bare the enduring

obsession of Pakistan's security establishment — to export militancy across the border as a means of keeping the Kashmir issue alive. This strategy has failed time and again, bringing international condemnation, economic isolation, and decades of internal instability. Yet, instead of course correction, Pakistan's military seems committed to repeating the cycle.

If these are the kind of policy ideas being floated at the provincial level, with full knowledge of the intelligence agencies, it suggests not just complicity but a total collapse of moral and strategic coherence in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

The Global Community Must Wake Up

Pakistan has long escaped serious international scrutiny by playing both victim and enabler. It portrays itself as a frontline state in the war on terror while quietly harboring and weaponizing terror groups to achieve its regional aims. The US and its allies have largely looked the other way, needing Pakistan's logistical routes into Afghanistan or its cooperation in intelligence sharing.

That era is over. The withdrawal from Afghanistan, Pakistan's deep-

ening economic crisis, and now open acknowledgements of its terror links from within its own leadership, all present an opportunity for the world to stop treating Pakistan as a misunderstood ally and start seeing it for what it is: a state where terrorism is not an external threat but an internal instrument of power.

Pakistan's House of Cards Is Collapsing

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa CM's explosive revelations should be a wake up call, not just for Pakistan's dwindling democratic institutions, but for the international community that has enabled this duplicity for decades. The Pakistan Army's obsession with strategic depth, its use of jihad as foreign policy, and its systemic undermining of elected civilian authority have pushed the country to the brink.

This is not a state fighting terrorism. This is a state unravelling under the weight of its own terror machinery. The world can no longer afford to look away.

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Mukesh Kumar: A Legacy That Refuses To Fade



VINOD CHANDRASHEKHAR DIXIT

Mukesh Kumar's 102nd birth anniversary is a perfect occasion to reminisce about his remarkable contributions to Indian music. His soulful voice continues to captivate audiences, and his legacy remains an inspiration to many. Mukesh Kumar, known mononymously as Mukesh, was a legendary Indian playback singer born on July 22, 1923, in Delhi. He's considered one of the most popular and acclaimed playback singers in the Hindi film industry. Mukesh's soulful voice was discovered by his distant relative, Motilal, who took him to Mumbai for singing lessons under Pandit Jagannath Prasad. His father, Zorawar Chand Mathur, was an engineer and his mother was Chand Rani. In a family of 10, he was the sixth child. It is said that since childhood, Mukesh loved to sing and act.

The song that started his career of playback singing was Anil Biswas's 'Dil Jalta Hai to Jalna De' (Film- Pehli Nazar, 1945). The movie coincidentally starred Motilal, who insisted that Mukesh be his voice in the film. The song was initially thought to be unsuitable for the character of Motilal and the song was removed from the film. After repeated



requests, he gave away and agreed to keep the song for one week in the film, awaiting the reactions of the audience. The song became so popular that singer KL Saigal, Mukesh's idol, declared that he did not remember singing this song.

Here, I would like to point out that Mukesh a legendary singer acquired the sobriquet of 'tragedy king' in the film industry for his nasal voice that conveyed agony, sorrow and pathos like no other. What's more, nearly five decades since

his passing, emerging singers continue to breathe life into his music. Nearly five decades after his death, Mukeshchand Mathur aka Mukesh's songs are a slow burn for Indian movie junkies. A self-taught man, Mukesh who was a non-matriculate, went to a Pashtu school and only wrote in Urdu. He could not read Hindi; all his song books were in Urdu. "But over a period of time, he managed to learn and speak English impeccably." He had the voice that could paint a thou-

sand shades of melancholy. One could feel the tenderness and joy in his voice; his singing style was unparalleled.

Mukesh also acted in some films earlier such as 'Aadab Arz' (1943), 'Aah' (1953), 'Mashuqa' (1953), and produced 'Anuraag' (1956), and 'Malhar' (1951). But he couldn't find success, and in his own words in an interview with BBC in 1976, he remarked- 'It is better to be a first-class singer than to be a second-class actor.' All these films flopped at

the box office. In an interview, his son, Nitin Mukesh shared that when he was in Class 5 and Rita was in Class 3, they were not allowed to attend school as Mukesh hadn't paid their fees. The principal of the school sent them back home and Mukesh was horrified to see them.

Mukesh sang for legendary actors like Raj Kapoor, Dilip Kumar, and Manoj Kumar, and worked with music directors like Shankar-Jaikishan, Kalyanji-Anandji, and Naushad Ali. Mukesh won numerous awards, including the National Film Award for Best Male Playback Singer for his song "Kai Baar Yuhi Dekha Hai" from the film "Rajnigandha" (1973) and multiple Filmfare Awards. One of Mukesh's last songs was 'Kabhie kabhie mere dil mein khayal aata hai' ('Kabhie Kabhie,' 1976) which fetched him a Filmfare award, posthumously. Dr. Mehta brought to life Mukesh's timeless melodies, offering the audience a harmonious blend of nostalgia, intense emotions. All of Mukesh's songs are his favourite because he loves his voice and Mukesh's voice stirs something inside him. It's not so easy to emulate Mukesh's voice without passion and feelings. Mukesh Kumar's legacy continues to inspire generations of music lovers, and his songs remain timeless classics in Indian cinema. On his 102nd birthday, let us honor Mukesh Kumar's memory and celebrate the joy his music brings to our lives.

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Wahab Khar: The Blacksmith-Saint Who Smelted The Soul Of Kashmiri Mysticism



Syed Amjad Hussain

In the saffron-scented valley of Kashmir, where poetry and mysticism have long been wedded, few names ring with as much spiritual authority and poetic thrust as Abdul Wahab Khar (c. 1842–1912). Born in the humble village of Shaar Shali, located in Pampore, Wahab Khar came into this world as a mystic poet whose words continue to echo within Kashmiri hearts even after over a century of his death. Even though he was born a simple blacksmith, he made such a profound impact on the spiritual and cultural image of Kashmir that he came to be known as the "Ironman of Poetry."

A Saint from the Soil

Wahab Khar was born to a family of blacksmiths, a caste usually regarded as low in the strict social hierarchies of the period. His father, Hait Khar, was also a poet and spiritual practitioner, and Wahab inherited both his trade and his mystical inclination. He lived life firmly rooted in the working-class rhythms of Kashmir—plowing the earth, making iron tools, and interacting with the local community. But underlying this simplicity was a spiritual forge. Although never formally educated, Wahab managed to have a very deep inner insight that would express itself later in his poetry.

The Path to Mysticism

Wahab Khar's spiritual path started under the guidance of the Sufi master Ahmad Sahab Machama of the Naqshbandi-Mujaddidi order. His journey was punctuated by periods of intense meditation, withdrawal, and even bouts of what most contemporaries saw as madness—a typical pattern in the life of mystics that goes beyond human reason. These did not make him withdraw from society but instead attracted people to him. Within no time, Wahab Khar was famous not just as a poet but also for his spiritual aura and saintly persona.



He became intensely entwined with a number of other mystics and poets of his time, such as Waza Mehmood, Prakash Ram, Shamas Fakir, and Razaq Sahib. These relationships contributed to the rich climate of cross-pollinating ideas in Kashmir's syncretic Sufi tradition.

A Poetry Forged in Fire

Wahab Khar's poems, composed in his indigenous Kashmiri tongue, are remarkable for their clarity, simplicity, and metaphysical depth. Just as the blacksmith recasts iron, Wahab

recast the human psyche in his verses. His poetry is filled with content about divine love, spiritual extinction (fana), interior cleansing, and the transitory nature of earthly life.

In one of his greatest metaphors, he compares the soul with a tree cut down and reborn as part of divine plan. Elsewhere, he warns the conceited of their doom with the plain line, "Even if you ride a lion, death shall ultimately arrive." These lines take very deep roots in the Kashmiri oral culture and are still quoted in common usage.

His most famous works are Mehraj Nama, a poetical account of the Prophet Muhammad's ascension, and Machh Tullar, which is an amalgamation of pastoral and metaphysical writing heavily based on Kashmiri landscape and mysticism. His poems are now gathered in publications such as Verses of Wahab Khar (Jay Kay Books, 2007), and they are still at the core of Kashmiri literary tradition.

Faith, Miracles, and Popular Veneration

Wahab Khar was not just a poet—he

was a spiritual mentor, a healer, and a man of miracles in the eyes of his people. There are many legends surrounding his life. They say he made a hot water spring burst forth in a forest, that he domesticated flames during a community bonfire, and that he foretold the actions of intruders. Whether symbolic or literal, the stories have maintained his image as a man who dwelt on the borderland between the terrestrial and the sacred.

What really separates Wahab Khar in the Sufi topography of Kashmir is his accessibility. He was a mystic to the commoners, never secluded from the world. His poems were recited in Mehfil (spiritual sessions) and on street corners, and his shrine at Shaar Shali is still a site of communal worship. His yearly Urs in April attracts individuals from all religions—Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and Christians—who visit him to pay respects at his grave. The worship he inspires is not theological but profoundly cultural and emotional.

A Legacy Beyond Time

In the life of Wahab Khar, one gets a glimpse of the plural, inclusive spirituality of Kashmir. His poetic language, rooted in the daily existence of Kashmiris, has ensured his teachings' continuation in devotional meetings as well as popular culture. His poetry has been immortalized by singers such as Ghulam Hassan Sofi, whose voice brings Wahab's words alive among contemporary listeners. Today, words such as "Atti chhu Wahab Khar ti Laa-jawaab" ("Even Wahab Khar is speechless here") are part of the popular vocabulary, a testament to his strong cultural influence.

At a time when the world is becoming increasingly divided and disillusioned, Wahab Khar's message of love, humility, and self-destruction in the divine continues to be a living spiritual heritage. His life is a demonstration of how larger-than-life personalities can arise from the most modest beginnings and utter words that are beyond time, language, and orthodoxy.

Over a century after his death on 13 April 1912, Wahab Khar is not only a Kashmiri poet but also one of its spiritual beacons—an eternal blacksmith of the soul.

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Call To Action For Equality: The Power Of Women's Empowerment

Afreen Manzoor

If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman

- Margaret Thatcher

What if we empower the full potential of women, not just as individuals but as drivers of economic growth? The answer lies in empowering them. One of the most paramount and predominant issues of the 21st century is the EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN. Women's access to resources and capacity to make smart and sound decisions. It is the process of improving the status of women in society on the economic, social, political and cultural areas. The gender gaps report 2025 states that only 61% of prime working-age women participate in the labor force compared to the 91% of prime working age men. The report also highlights the fact that over 340 million women and girls are projected to live in extreme poverty by 2030.

According to the Statistics.com, despite women making up nearly half of the world's population, the global gender ratio stands at 101.07 males per 100 females.

Across diverse religions and faiths, the philosophy of women empowerment shares a common thread: promoting independent, respected and empowered women. Despite differences in beliefs, various spiritual traditions advocate for women's dignity and autonomy, fostering a global culture of equality and respect. Each individual has autonomy to make their

own choices, exercising their freedom of will. Allah SWT in holy Quran says that the origin of man and women is same (AlQuran 4:1). In Hindu philosophy, men and women are considered equal and of the same essence, embodying the same principle of Ardhanarishvara, where shiva (male) and Shakti (female) unite to represent the cosmic balance and the harmony between the masculine and feminine energies. It highlights the importance of balance, equality and interdependence between the male and female principles in Hindu thought.

Christians believe that both genders should have equal opportunities to pursue their skills and talents and that both genders should be able to work if they choose to. This was the connotation that different religions had regarding the status of males and females in the world. Talking about the economic sphere and financial independence Like, Islam provides a strong foundation for women's financial independence, with the Quran emphasizing their right to own and manage property.

while as the Hindu philosophy has evolved over time with some women holding and sharing significant economic power and influence throughout the history.

Therefore, most religions encourage the women folk as well to have financial freedom. Between, different religions have varying views on financial freedoms for females, they share common themes that promote women's economic empowerment. Women should be given skills, choices and chances to pursue their dreams just like we provide opportunities to boys. We need to empower women with skills to help them move forward. When women are educated, they will become confident and capable. In order, to achieve this we must eliminate societal biases and value women's voices, encouraging them to come forward and participate.

A research article titled as Women's Empowerment in India: Rational and Present State by Dhyana Dipta Panda



(2017) reflects that despite progress, women in India still face challenges including gender-based violence, economic inequality and limited access to healthcare and education. The patriarchal norms and societal expectations continue to restrict women's freedom and opportunities example,

Despite the Women Reservation Bill, 2023 being passed by both look Sabha and Rajya Sabha and receiving the presidential assent from the President Draupadi Murmu on September 28, 2023, the bill remains unimplemented. This highlights the deep-rooted stereotypes and patriarchal norms in Indian society, which hinders the progress of women's empowerment. The bills stagnation reflects the challenges women face in achieving equal representation in politics and decision-making position. The Women's Reservation Bill also known as Constitution's 106th Amendment Act 2023 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on September 19, 2023. The bill aims to reserve 33% of the seats in the look Sabha, state legislative assemblies and the legislative assembly of the national capital of Delhi for women.

In order, to equalize our society, women empowerment must be

advanced quickly. In order to equalize the value of both the prides in our society, women empowerment must advance quickly. Some of the recent surveys state that only 87 countries have ever had a female head of the state. Women folk only hold **26% of the parliamentary seats worldwide.**

Every woman must be informed and aware about her own rights in order to truly achieve the empowerment. As Swami Vivekananda says that there is no chance of the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved. It is not possible for a bird to fly only on one wing. Therefore, there are various ways through which women empowerment can be incorporated. They are:

- Microfinance and Savings Cooperatives: Provide the women with the accessibility to access the financial resources like the READ center offices offer savings cooperatives allowing women to invest and take turns receiving micro-loans.
- Job Skill Training: offer programs in income generating skills like beekeeping, mushroom farming and sewing which can intern help

women to start start ups of their own.

- Safe Spaces for Women: Create safe and trusted spaces for women to gather, learn and discuss issues like gender equality and women's rights.

By empowering women, we empower the communities and by empowering the communities, we create a ripple effect of positive change that resonates far and wide. However, in order to achieve women empowerment, it is essential to recognize that women are equal to men. Women often face limited opportunities to venture outside their homes. Government intervention can be instrumental in bringing this gap by implementing policies that provide women with access to free education or higher education at minimal costs, skill development courses and financial support for entrepreneurship.

Specifically, initiatives that enable women to establish micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the comfort of their homes can be particularly effective. This can include support for home-based services, food production and other entrepreneurial ventures that leverage women's skills and interests. As we strive for a brighter future, let us continue to uplift and empower women, recognizing their strength, resilience and potential to shape a better world. However, such initiatives certainly require a complete shift in the societal attitudes and behavior towards women.

Ultimately, empowering women requires a holistic approach that encompasses not only economic empowerment but also social and emotional empowerment. Therefore, let us continue to champion women's rights, support their endeavors and celebrate their achievements, for in doing so, we build a stronger, more just society for all.

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Zakat Foundation of India Launches FREE Online Prep Course for Job Exams

GMK NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI: Zakat Foundation of India (ZFI) has launched an important initiative titled “PrepAhead”, a free online preparatory course aimed at students of Jammu and Kashmir aspiring for future competitive and job examinations, including the Civil Services.

The program offers completely free classes in General Studies, Mathematical Aptitude and Reasoning and IT- essential components of most government and competitive exams in India. The initiative is designed to build strong foundational skills and improve the chances of success for students, particularly those from underserved backgrounds.

Students who have completed Matriculation (Class 10) or above are eligible and encouraged to enroll.

This initiative aligns with ZFI’s long-standing commitment to empowering youth through education, guidance, and capacity building, ensuring equitable access to job exams, public sector careers and leadership roles. For registration visit <https://zakatindia.org/JKSSB.html>

Doctors Responsible For Denying Medical Care To Patients Will Face Law: Sakina

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Taking a strong note of the ongoing doctors’ strike at SMHS Hospital, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakina Itoo, on Friday said that doctors responsible for denying patients access to medical care will face the harshest punishment under the law.

Itoo while referring to the incident that led to the hospital closure said, “The truth is that yes, what happened there—the incident—was wrong, and everyone has condemned it. But to close the hospital, the emergency, the OPD, the OT, and to deny treatment to patients as a reaction—if, God forbid, someone had died in that situation, who would have been responsible for that tragedy? Who would have been accountable?”

The Minister announced that new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be implemented immediately. “First of all, doctors will have to be on duty. At night, there are a lot of complaints that senior doctors are not present; only junior doctors

are present. This will not be tolerated. I have made this absolutely clear to them,” she said.

She expressed deep concern for the patients affected by the closure. “You saw how many patients came—how many were wandering outside helplessly. Most of those who could manage went to JVC, but those who were seriously ill were left suffering. What has been done is absolutely unjustified. The doctors are being blamed for their actions at this time; their profession does not allow this.”

“If something wrong has happened anywhere, there is a proper legal process for that. There are rules; you [doctors] could have initiated proceedings under those rules or informed the department, which would have taken further action. But shutting down emergency, OT, and OPD, and making patients suffer, cannot be tolerated under any circumstances.”

She questioned the root causes of such violent incidents in the hospitals. “Why do such situations arise? Why does such violence take place in hospitals? Who is responsible for creating these circumstances where

attendants, patients, and doctors become ready for violence? These things are absolutely wrong and will not be tolerated,” she added.

She stressed that accountability is universal. “Doctors are our brothers. But that doesn’t mean doctors can do anything and nobody will question them. Accountability applies to everyone—whether it is a sweeper, a doctor, or a minister. If there is any compromise in patient care, it cannot be tolerated. Serious patients had to go back because the gates were closed. That is absolutely unjustified and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.”

Itoo also announced a comprehensive inquiry into the incident. “All these things will be looked into; a full inquiry will take place, and the inquiry report will be submitted within 15 days. The report will look at everything: what actually happened and why violence occurred. The inquiry will start there and then go as far as to investigate why the hospital gates were closed, why patients were not attended to, and

why the emergency and surgeries were closed. These things have to be examined because they are beyond tolerance.”

“People believe that, after God, if anyone can save a patient, it is a doctor. This is a very noble profession—close to my heart. But if someone makes a mistake in this profession... People trust that if they bring their patient, after God, the doctor can save them. A doctor has to treat and treat properly.”

She called for a change in behavior and attitude among healthcare professionals. “Doctors should behave in such a way that gives confidence to the patient and attendant. The most important thing is to correct behavior; it cannot go on like this,” she added.

The Health Minister also announced a new policy for identification. “Today, I have issued a written directive to the department that from now on, every doctor must wear an apron and a nameplate. Their name must be written on the apron so that whichever patient

comes, they know which kind of doctor it is. This is very important. There are other SOPs as well that must be implemented.”

Accountability is mandatory, no matter who it is. Things cannot continue in this manner,” she said, adding that whoever is found responsible in the ongoing inquiry will face appropriate action. “You have to start somewhere. In the past 10 years, every system has been ruined—there’s no accountability, nobody is answerable, everyone is doing as they please. But the people have created this government; this is the people’s government, we are their servants. Such things cannot be tolerated when it comes to patient care.”

“Doctors must understand this, and I request the public also to understand. If there are problems, if any doctor behaves wrongly, let us know—file a complaint. You cannot take the law into your own hands, whether you are a doctor, a senior officer, or any ordinary person. The law is there, and it must be followed. That is necessary,” she said—(KNO)

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

CM Calls For Increasing

Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance, Principal Secretary PWD (R&B), Principal Secretary PDD, Commissioner Secretaries of Housing & Urban Development, Social Welfare, and Cooperatives, Secretary Labour & Employment, Secretary Law, Director General Budget, and representatives of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh and Bhartiya Dastkar Union.

Senior officers from the Planning Department and other concerned departments also participated in the meeting.

Secretary Labour & Employment Kumar Rajiv Ranjan gave a detailed presentation highlighting the Board’s key achievements, policy reforms and financial progress.

He informed the members that the Board continues to operate in accordance with the legislative mandate of the BOCW (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. Under this mandate, the Board has been providing a wide range of benefits including ex-gratia relief in cases of accidental deaths, financial support for both permanent and temporary disabilities, and educational assistance for the wards of registered workers. It also offers one-time meritorious scholarships of 50,000 to students securing 90% and above in Class 10 and 12, in addition to marriage and maternity assistance, aid for chronic illnesses, and funeral expense coverage.

To ensure transparency and efficiency, the Board has implemented significant digital reforms. These include 100% Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for all financial assistance, Aadhaar integration to eliminate bogus registrations, an online portal for registration and renewals, and OTP-based authentication along with SMS alerts to keep workers informed about key deadlines and updates.

The Board generates income through cess collections and accrued interest. At present, 1082.58 crore is currently held as corpus in fixed deposits and savings accounts across various banks.

The Board discussed and approved a comprehensive set of agenda items during the meeting. These included the approval of scheme-wise budget proposals for the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26, and the transfer of 17.24 crore to the Union Territory of Ladakh, in accordance with SO 339 dated October 30, 2020. The audited accounts for FY 2022–23 and 2023–24 were approved and will be forwarded to the Accountant General for certification.

The meeting also approved the integration of the Board’s initiatives with broader social security and financial inclusion schemes to maximize the impact of benefits.

In a significant move towards digital governance, the issuance of smart cards to all registered workers was approved, with a proposed budget of 10 crore.

To improve workplace safety, the Board sanctioned 60 crore for the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and tools to construction workers, especially in rural areas. Recognizing the need for skill development, the Board approved short-term training programs for 10,000 workers under NSDC norms, with a budget of 10 crore.

Given the overwhelming response to the meritorious scholarship scheme, it was resolved to revise the framework with slabs for top-performing students across all districts based on merit, while maintaining a minimum 90% cutoff. The Board also discussed the long-pending issue of staff regularization and directed the concerned committee to finalize recruitment rules in consultation with relevant departments within six months.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in his concluding remarks, reaffirmed the government’s commitment to ensuring that welfare benefits trickle down to every deserving worker.

He called for forward-looking reforms, robust monitoring and inclusive policy-making tailored to the needs of construction workers, particularly those in remote and underserved areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

'Operation Sindoor'

combat methods and modern technological tools.

He said the ability to respond quickly and across domains will shape the outcome of future conflicts—(KNO)

LG pays homage

known as Kargil War.

"On Kargil Vijay Diwas, I bow to our martyrs and salute their bravery, courage and sacrifice. Our heroes fought in the most inhospitable terrain in the world and conquered the enemy. The gallantry, valour and supreme sacrifice of our soldiers will inspire the generations to come," the Lieutenant Governor said.

LG Meets SYSF

families of terror victims, de-radicalization and drug de-addiction.

Shri Wajahat Farooq Bhat, Chairman, Save Youth Save Future Foundation; Ms. Anika Nazir, Women's Wing Head; Shri Mudasir Ahmed Dar, South Kashmir Zonal President and core team members of the Save Youth Save Future Foundation were present.

CS Reviews BISAG-N

to various government schemes. He suggested that they be made more vibrant, informative and outcome-driven through integration with other relevant platforms.

Regarding the Kisan Khidmat Ghar Dashboard, the Chief Secretary directed that it should reflect real-time data on the functioning of Krishi Udhymis and describe the support mechanisms to be made available to them for improved efficiency and productivity.

He also reviewed the upgradation roadmap of the YUVA App, calling for deeper insights into application usage patterns, application submission tracking, DPR generation and integration with the MSME Health Clinic and ONDC platforms for enhanced user experience and benefit.

Importantly, he stressed the linking the app with the UDISE and APAAR databases of the School Education Department to monitor student skill development and career outcomes, thus enabling a seamless track of their educational and vocational journeys.

In healthcare, Dulloo suggested comprehensive integration of the JK Sehat App with the ABDM and HMIS frameworks. He emphasized making the platform more user-friendly while enabling support for registered home-care providers to access diagnostic tools and improve treatment delivery.

The Chief Secretary also proposed creation of a unified search engine dedicated to indexing websites hosted by the J&K and Central Government, to help the citizens and employees easily access official data and resources.

Looking ahead, he advised the IT Department to explore the development of an AI-based Legal Counselling App to assist individuals in navigating legal issues with informed and automated guidance.

The meeting also discussed initiatives such as development of AI-based learning tools, introduction of educational TV channels and exposure of students to AI modules like AI-101 and AI-201 from an early stage to foster technological competence.

Further updates were taken on the status of the Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technologies, the 360° Tourism App, Land Records Digitization, HADP 360, JKCIIP, Agri Output Tracking Apps, Village Planning App and IT-based platforms under PDD and Jal Shakti Department.

Special DG, BISAG-N, Vinay Thakur, shared the progress on ongoing projects being developed in collaboration with the UT Government. He assured continued support from BISAG-N in building robust, scalable and citizen-centric IT solutions. He also provided technical insights and affirmed BISAG-N’s commitment to timely execution of tasks in consultation with the respective departments.

Earlier, Secretary IT, Dr. Piyush Singla,

gave a comprehensive overview on key milestones achieved, current developments and future plans under the Digital J&K framework. He elaborated on the transformative potential of several digital initiatives underway and their anticipated impact on service delivery and governance across the length and breadth of the UT.

Women Farmers Shine

Krishnan also emphasized the Indian Army’s broader role in outreach and development, noting that their initiatives are being extended to remote schools and villages to meet the real needs of the people.

The exhibition served as a powerful reminder that the Indian Army’s mission extends beyond defense—playing a vital role in nation-building, especially in empowering women and encouraging local entrepreneurship in the border regions of Ladakh—(KNO)

Over 8,000 Perform

base camp, the 23rd batch of 2,896 pilgrims—comprising 2,505 men and 314 women—left early Friday morning under multi-layered security arrangements. The convoy included 117 vehicles escorted by CRPF and police personnel.

According to officials, the first group of 790 pilgrims in 42 vehicles proceeded via the Baltal route in central Kashmir’s Ganderbal district. The second group, consisting of 2,106 yatris in 75 vehicles, opted for the traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district.

Despite smooth arrangements and favourable weather, both the footfall at the cave shrine and the number of pilgrims departing from Jammu have gradually declined.

Officials attribute the drop to several factors, including exhaustion after the peak rush in earlier weeks and the early completion of darshan by many registered pilgrims. Nonetheless, authorities are maintaining full arrangements to ensure the safety and comfort of the remaining yatris.

The pilgrimage, which began on July 3, will conclude on August 9—(KNO)

Modi Surpasses Indira

government, either in the state or Centre. The record for the unbroken stint is held by first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. PM Modi has matched Nehru in leading their respective parties to victory in three consecutive Lok Sabha elections.

Born into a modest family in Vadnagar, Gujarat, Narendra Modi helped his father sell tea at a railway station before rising through the ranks of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and later the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Known for his grassroots connect and strong communication style, PM Modi served as Gujarat’s chief minister for over a decade before leading the BJP to a historic national victory in 2014. Since then, he has positioned himself as a key global leader, projecting India as a confident, assertive voice on the world stage.

Govt Gives Craft

stated that in response to these violations, this office has imposed penalties on defaulting dealers in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978. “Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Director IICT and the Inspection Squad of Quality Control Division, visited various showrooms in City Centres in areas like Nishat, Nehru Park and Munawarabad, warning the Showrooms to immediately remove the machine-made products, failing which such showrooms shall be blacklisted and de-registered,” he added.

Further, under G.I. labelling and misbranding concerns section, Notice reads that many Kashmir handicrafts are registered under the Geographical Indication of Goods Act (G.I.), Registry of India, Chennai, to protect their authenticity. To curb misbranding and promote genuine products, the department has introduced G.I.-based QR labelling

for various crafts at PTQCC, IICT & Quality Control labs. “However, it has come to our notice that a dealer recently affixed a fake QR label on a machine-made carpet, misrepresenting it as a genuine handmade product. Consequently, the said dealer has been blacklisted and deregistered,” the Notice further reads.

As per the notice, all registered dealers have been directed to ensure within 7 days from the issuance of this Notice, that their showrooms exclusively display and sell genuine Kashmir handicraft products and that no machine-made products are displayed or sold.

The spokesman further stated that the Notice directs concerned Kashmir Handicraft dealers to ensure all relevant documents, including G.I. labelling certifications, are prominently displayed at Craft Showrooms for inspection and sale purposes.

Quoting from the Notice, the spokesman said that the machine-made products are banned from being sold or displayed in Kashmir handicraft showrooms registered under handicraft or handloom categories, & any violation & misbranding including by way of pasting fake QR codes and pulling out the machine-made labels shall attract relevant clauses/provisions of the Quality Control Act, J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, GI Act as well as the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.

He further said that the Notice warned of consequences of non-compliance. It reads that failure to comply with this directive within the stipulated period shall result in appropriate action under the provisions of the J&K Tourist Trade Act, 1978, including penalties, deregistration, blacklisting or other legal measures as deemed necessary.

Furthermore, it advised all unregistered dealers/ hawkers dealing in the business of Kashmir Handicrafts to immediately approach the Quality Control Division of the Handicrafts and Handloom Department for registration of their establishments under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978.

From the office of the Advocate F.A. Malla & Associates

LIC No. JK359/2014

IN THE CASE OF:
MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL MALLA
S/O LATE ABDUL FATEH MALLA
RESIDENT OF DOBHIWAN
TEHSIL KUNZER
DISTRICT BARAMULLA

V/S (Caveator)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

(Non-Caveators)

In the matter of:
Caveat application under section 148-A of CPC

That the caveator has landed property at Dobhiwan Tehsil Kunzer District Baramulla under Survey no.6336/5551 and caveator has to construct a shopping Complex over the said land and has strong reason to believe /apprehension that Non-Caveators may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before this honorable court of Principal District Judge Baramulla and Munsiff Court Tangmarg on the basis of distorted facts /misrepresent and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief /order at irreparable loss and inconvenience, it would be proper that the caveator be given opportunity of being heard by this honorable court before passing any order.

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NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER NO.12 OF 2025-2026

DATED: 24-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the below mentioned works.

S. No.	Appr. S.No	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in Lacs	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of tender documents	Class of contractor	Time of Completion	Head of Account	AA Order No.	T.S No.
1	485	Construction of semi deep drain from Masjid Gul to Jamia Masjid Sharief & others at Mullaq Burzham (Part-A)	12.68	25360	604	BEE/ CEE/DEE	8 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	121 Dt: 20.07.2025
2	491	Construction of deep drain from Jamia Masjid Sharief via h/o Ghulam Mohammad Rather to h/o Ali Mohammad Mir & others at Mullaq Tailbal (Part-B	10.18	20360	602	BEE/ CEE/DEE	6 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	122 20.07.2025
3	600	Construction of lane from Zari Arts to Ration Ghat at Koker Bazar.	0.36	720	200	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	123 20.07.2025
4	789	Construction of tile path, wooden Yarbai/Platform & restoration of wooden platform near H/o Mohd Amin Kenoo to Yarbai & Arshid Hussain Kenoo at Kani Kachi Mohalla Sgr	5.08	10160	300	CEE/DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	124 20.07.2025
5	787	Construction of tile path & wooden culvert near H/o Firdous Ahmad Malik, Ashiq Hussain Nekroo,Ghulam Rasool Malik & others at Kani Mohalla, Dal Sgr	5.58	11160	305	CEE/DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	125 20.07.2025
6	784	Construction of wooden culverts from Karam shah Road to H/o Mohammad Maqbool Kand & from Sabzi Mandi to Ghulam Mustafa Kand & others at Dal	19.81	39620	801	BEE/CEE	8 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	126 20.07.2025
7	790	Construction of tile path, wooden Yarbai/Platform and restoration of wooden platform near H/o Ghulam Rasool Bhat, Mohd Yaqoob andothers near Masjid Imam Raza at Kani Mohalla, Dal Sgr	4.16	8320	223	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	127 20.07.2025
8	616	Reconstruction of lane from Main Road to Late Manzoor Ahmad, Bashir Ahmad Via Arif Haroon at Nowpora Banderbagh	1.09	2180	204	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	128 20.07.2025
9	788	Upgradation/Providing and laying of path at Chinar Latti Mohalla Mir Behri Dal, Sgr	5.31	10620	303	CEE/DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	129 20.07.2025
10	798	Repairing and augmentation of wooden culvert near H/o Mukhtar Ahmad, Vilayat Hussain and others at Aram Mohalla, Karam Shah road Meer Behri Dal Sgr	1.18	2360	205	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	130 20.07.2025
11	801	Reparing of existing wooden bridge in Malik mohalla mir behri dal at Srinagar	5.86	11720	307	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	131 20.07.2025
12	883	Construction of tile lane from H/o Nissar Ahmad Baba upto H/o Parvez Ahmad Khanday at Pir Mohalla Dadi nowbugh Ghulab Bagh	0.95	1900	203	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	132 20.07.2025
13	704	Construction and upgradation of lane no.1 by way of cement concrete and its adjacent near Masjid Usmania Colony Aali Hawal road or from main road to H/o Zahoor Ahmad,Showkat Ahmad to Muham-mad Latief Mattoo	3.52	7040	218	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	133 20.07.2025
14	792	Repair and augmentation of wood-en culvert near H/o Mohammad Ayoub Shalla near Javid Ahmad Shalla at Khonkhan road Abi Karpora Dal Sgr	3.75	7500	219	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	134 20.07.2025
125	800	Repair and retrofication of existing wooden culvert near H/o Muzaffar Hussain, Ashiq Hussain, Ashraf Hussain and others near Imamia Public School, Mir Behri Dal	6.60	13200	315	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	135 20.07.2025
16	791	Repair and augmentation of wood-en culvert near H/o Mohammad Ayoub Shalla near Boulevard Road Karpora Dal Rainawari	3.81	7620	220	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	136 20.07.2025
17	793	Construction of wooden culvert near H/o Ghulam Hussain Wani at Sheikh Mohalla, Mir Behri Dal Sgr	2.99	5980	214	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	137 20.07.2025
18	458	Providing and laying of tile path near Masjid Sharief at Sultan Moha-lla A, Rangerstop, Saidakadal, Sgr	8.14	16280	600	CEE/DEE	6 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	138 20.07.2025
19	808	Construction/Upgradation of tile path at Aram Mohalla, Karam Shah Road Saida Kadal Srinagar	3.41	6820	217	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	139 20.07.2025
20	717	Construction of lane near H/o Ab. Rashid Rather, Rafiq Ahmad Khan, Gh. Nabi Sofi & others at Rather Bagh Chanapora Nowshera	6.26	12520	310	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	140 20.07.2025
21	685	Repairment of tile lane from H/o Mo-hammad Sultan Bhat via Ab Majeed Tramboo to onwards opposite Masjid Salafia Saidapora, Eidgan	1.50	3000	207	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	141 20.07.2025
22	691	Development of lane by way of soling metalling from H/o Umair Ahmad Bhat via H/o Nazir Ahmad Bhat to H/o Muhammad Iqbal Ahanger at Sidiq Abad New Colony iwa Kadal at Habibi School Saidapora	0.84	1680	201	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	142 20.07.2025
23	699	Construction of road from link road via H/o Zahoor Ahmad upto H/o Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh at Pumpshed Colony Guzarbal Palpora	1.28	2560	206	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	143 20.07.2025
24	627	Restoration/ Renovation of lane and drain from H/o late Ghulam Nabi Wani (Aijaz) to Masjid Hanfiya upto Bashir Ahmad Rangrez at Bohri Kadal	5.15	10300	301	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	145 20.07.2025
25	625	Reconst/renovation of lane and drain from H/o Shabir Ahmad Khan to Mushtaq Shop at Wani Provisional Store (Lane House) interior Bohri Kadal	6.47	12940	313	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	146 20.07.2025
26	635	Reconstruction of lane and drain from H/o Ab Kareem Bhat to Kiryana Store Bohri Kadal	1.53	3060	210	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	147 20.07.2025
27	385	Reconst/upgradation of lane and drain from link opposite Ranger Masjid from Quarter of Imam Sahib to Muhammad Yousuf Mir and Ab Ahad Waza upto main road Makh-doom Mandow, Kalashpora	13.84	27680	605	BEE/ CEEDEE	8 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	148 20.07.2025
28	646	Reconstruction/renovation of lane and drain from H/o Showkat Ah Kousar to H/o Rouf Ah Malik via Ab Salaam Dagga behind Astaan Sharief Kalashpora	2.85	5700	213	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	149 20.07.2025
29	386	Const/renovation of lane and drain from Reshi Manzil to Ranger Masjid via Gh Rasool Bhat Bohri Kadal, Kalash Pora	11.09	22180	603	BEE/ CEE/DEE	8 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	150 20.07.2025

30	630	Reconstruction of lane and drain at Chalpan Kocha near Dupatta House Zaina Kadal	2.45	4900	212	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	151 20.07.2025
31	822	Construction of Lane and Drain from main oad to H/O Showket Ahmad Shalla at Kashipora Tailbal	3.86	7720	221	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	153 20.07.2025
32	832	Construction of link road from C Zara to H/O Muhammad Ashraf Bhat and others at Khawaja Bagh Tailbal	0.92	1840	202	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	154 20.07.2025
33	486	Earth filling of Graveyard at main stop Keshipora Tailbal	5.23	10460	302	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	155 20.07.2025
34	827	Development of link road from H/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat upto Ghulam Mohammad Wani AND Others at Khoshipora, Tailbal	2.23	4460	211	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	156 20.07.2025
35	615	Construction of lane drain from H/O Muneer Ahmad Batoo via Bashir Ahmad Naiku to Mohammad Shafi Kalwal, Ghulam Mohamad Kawa at Nowpora Khayam	6.18	12360	309	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	157 20.07.2025
36	613	Construction of lane/ drain from H/O Ghulam Qadir upto School via Aijaz Ahmad at Narpanistan Fateh Kadal	3.34	6680	216	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	158 20.07.2025
37	611	Construction of lane/ drain from H/O Ghulam Qadir Dar upto H/O Mushtaq Ahmad Dar via Muham-mad Rafiq Trumboo AND others at Namchibal Fateh Kadal.	6.27	12540	311	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	159 20.07.2025
38	720	Construction of surface drain from Shahi Masjid Share to shop of Bashir Ahmad at Vichemag Nowshera.	5.41	10820	304	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	160 20.07.2025
39	718	Construction of lane near shop of Bashir Ahmad , Chicken Shop AND H/O Mohammad Shafi Sheikh AND others at Vichemag Nowshera	5.94	11880	308	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	161 20.07.2025
40	427	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/O Tanveer Ahmad AND repair to Manhole near Iqbal Public School at Vichemag Nowshera	9.86	19720	601	CEE/DEE	6 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	162 20.07.2025
41	492	Development of Graveyard at Taarbag Habbak Phase 1	25.00	50000	802	BEE/CEE	8 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	163 20.07.2025
42	518	Upgradation of Link Road near H/o Basharat Ahmad Khan,Razia Begum Imran Khan and others at Sarfaraz Colony opposite CRPF Camp at Zakura Srinagar	16.49	32980	800	BEE/CEE	8 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	164 20.07.2025
43	885	Construction of Drain from H/o Ghulam Mohidid Rather Via H/o Abdul Rashid Mir to H/o Ghulam Hassan Mir AND others at Mir Mo-halla Shopperbagh Chatterhama.	4.02	8040	222	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	165 20.07.2025
44	878	Construction AND upgradation of tile path near H/o Farooq Peer-zada, Muhammad Shafi Shah & others at Peer Mohalla Pandach	5.60	11200	306	CEE/DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	166 20.07.2025
45	481	Construction AND upgradation of lane from main road to H/o Noor Mohammad Teli, Noor Mohammad Mir & others at Sadribal	6.98	13960	316	CEE/DEE	4 Weeks	Additional Financial Assistance	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	167 20.07.2025
46	823	Construction of drain/ edge wall from link road to Masjid Sharief Abu Bakr (RA) at Chesti Colony Mullaq Tailbal	3.22	6440	215	DEE	4 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	168 20.07.2025
47	876	Construction of retaining/ protec-tion wall near H/o Showkat Ahmad upto H/o Shabir Ahmad Magary at Lane No. 12 Sector D Gulshanabad Zakura	6.41	12820	312	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	169 20.07.2025
48	740	Construction AND upgradation of lane from H/o Zahid Hussain Bhat via Mohammad Iqbal Tantray AND others at Shah Willayat Lane 59-Lal Bazar	1.52	3040	208	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	170 20.07.2025
49	742	Construction of lanes AND pipe drain from main road to H/o Khur-shid Ahmad Beigh, Ghulam Mo-hammad Beigh, Ahmad Roshanger AND others at Pokhribal, Botakadal	6.52	13040	314	CEE/DEE	5 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	171 20.07.2025
50	810	Construction AND upgradation of lane from H/o Manzoor Ahmad Ganaie via H/o Mohammad Ayoub, Guizar Ahmad AND ther at Al Noor Colony Lane No.01, Mughal Road, Nassem Bagh Sgr	1.52	3040	209	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	172 20.07.2025
51	698	Construction of lane near H/o Abdul Hamid Wani and John Mo-hammad Wani at Kreshbal Mirtang Mohalla Badiweder Palpora	1.58	3160	200	DEE	2 Weeks	City Grants	Order No.101 of 2025 Dated. 21.06.2025	173 20.07.2025

Position of AAA: Technical Sanction: Accorded (order No. 101 of 2025 Dated: - 21.06.2025issued under endorsement No. SMC/Plg/2025-26/191-201 dated: 21.06.2024
The NieT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:-

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1	Date of publication of e-portail	24.07.2025
2	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NieT	24.07.2025 from 06:00 PM
3	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	24.07.2025 from 06:00 PM
4	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	18.08.2025 at 06:00 PM
5	Date of Bid opening	19.08.2025at 3:00 PM
6	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee.	20.08.2025 up to 04:00 PM
7	Date of submission of Performance Security by L1 Bidder after Publication of the Tender Result In case of failure action shall be taken	25.08.2025 Up to 04:00 PM

Note: - (The Date of EMD/Challan must be from the date of start of bid upto Bid Submission End date,

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Special conditions. For intending bidders to note.

- As Per the Government Circular No. 01 (ADM) FD of 2025 Dated: - 08-07-2025 Endorsement No. FD-ST/75/2025-03 Dated: - 08-07-2025 issued by the J&K UT Finance Department. "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose/Upload the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder."
- The bidders having back logs in terms of non-execution of any allotted work in the RRWD need not to apply, their bids shall not be considered.
- In order to Ensure timely completion of works programmer 2025-26, Bidders interested participating in multiple works in single or multiple tender notices issued by RRWD, Can be allotted only 08 (08) works at maximum against prescribed value of performance security as per clause/ point 05. , But beyond four works, all such bidders have to submit an additional deposit of 10% of contract value which shall get increased by additional 2% for every additional work such bidder is successful, ie (For Ninth work the value of additional deposit shall be 10%, , For 10th work value of additional deposit shall be 12%, For 11th work additional deposit shall be 14%, so on and so forth.) This additional deposit shall be release immediately after timely completion of work on the recommendation of Concerned AEE. In case of failure the action under rules shall be taken.
- Geotagged photo graphs have to be maintained for all works before, during and after execution by the bidders, including proper photographic evidence for all underground items, cost for photos is already included in the advertised cost of the work. Concerned AEE/JE shall ensure such photographic evidence for justification of payments for all such items.
- The Lowest successful bidder shall have to submit performance security guarantee in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to executive engineer RRWD(SMC) within 07 days after opening of tenders. The value of performance security shall be as follows.

S.No.	Rate Percentage quoted by Bidder LI	Value of Performance Security deposit for LI	Performance Security Deposit Retention Period (DLP)
1	Upto including 15% below	5% of Contract Value	Upto including 5% below, Performance Security shall be released after 06 Months from the date of completion of work for Financial Year 2025-2026. >5% upto 15% Below, Performance Security shall be released after One year from the date of completion of work for Financial Year 2025-2026.
2	>15% Below	10% of Contract Value	>15% below, Performance Security shall be released after Two years from the date of completion of work for the financial year 2025-2026.

- Performance Security as per GFR is 5% to 10%.
That Pre/Post Geo-Tagged Photographic evidence of the instant work(s) shall be maintained.
- That the work or part of the work is not reflected in state/District Sector Plan/ CDF/ MPLADS/AMRUT or any other programme nor have the works or part of the works be earlier executed by the SMC or through any other Agency
 - The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained.

No: SMC/EERRWD/1976-1980

Dated: - 24.07.2025.

DIPK-NB-1330-25

DT: 25/07/2025

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

Right River Works Division

Srinagar Municipal Corporation

DIPK-NB-1330-25
DT: 25/07/2025

Deptt of Wildlife Protection refutes misleading claims

Hokersar Wetland doing overwhelmingly better with impactful habitat interventions

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In the wake of a recent article published in the Daily Excelsior on 23rd July 2025 titled “World Famous Hokersar Water Body Facing Grave Encroachment Threat”, the Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu & Kashmir Government, has issued a detailed clarification, categorically denying the allegations of ongoing or unchecked encroachment in the Hokersar Wetland.

Designated as a Ramsar Site of international importance and notified under the Wildlife Protection Act, Hokersar Wetland remains one of the most ecologically vital freshwater marshes in the Kashmir Valley. The department has reaffirmed that no fresh encroachments have occurred in the wetland in recent years and that strict protection mechanisms are in place, including GIS-mapped boundary surveillance, regular field patrolling and active legal

enforcement where necessary.

According to official sources, the wetland spans 13.54 square kilometres and has been fully delineated in the department’s KML-based geospatial records. While the department acknowledges the presence of some legacy cultivation practices in fringe areas, particularly seasonal paddy farming, these activities are being systematically curtailed through notices, legal proceedings and ecological interventions as per provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

In response to disputes raised at certain points with regard to the demarcation exercise conducted in 2019–20, a joint demarcation committee was constituted by the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Budgam and an Electronic Total Station (ETS) survey was carried out to scientifically resolve the contested boundaries. The final authenticated report from the Revenue Department



is awaited and coordination is ongoing to ensure the full legal validation of the wet-

land’s boundaries.

One of the most significant ecological breakthroughs has

come through hydrological regulation. The construction of inlet and outlet regula-

tory gates by the Irrigation and Flood Control Department has led to a remarkable rise in water levels, reportedly the highest in the last two decades. This natural flooding has resulted in inundation of fringe lands, automatically displacing historic cultivation and acting as a passive yet highly effective deterrent to any unauthorized use. The increased water retention is also contributing to broader habitat restoration objectives outlined in the Integrated Management Action Plan (IMAP) 2022–27.

A senior official from the department emphasized that the media report in question fails to differentiate between the historical land-use patterns and actual encroachments, thereby misrepresenting the ground reality. “The wetland is under enhanced legal, ecological, and administrative protection. Misleading reports not only demoralize field staff but also shift public attention

away from tangible restoration efforts,” the official noted.

The Department of Wildlife Protection strongly reiterated its commitment towards safeguarding the Hokersar Wetland and ensuring its rejuvenation in accordance with international conservation standards. However, it also made an earnest appeal for responsible journalism.

“We urge media outlets to verify facts with official sources before issuing sweeping claims that lack field validation. Misinformation undermines years of conservation work and can erode public trust. In the spirit of transparency and accountability, we expect media platforms to uphold ethical standards and refrain from publishing speculative or alarmist content,” the department stated.

The department has expressed readiness to facilitate media field visits, to ensure that the public remains accurately informed.

DC Budgam chairs DLTFC meeting on Climate Change, Health

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also chairman of the District level Multi-Sectoral Task Force Committee (DLTFC) under the National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCHH), Friday chaired a high-level review meeting to discuss the district’s action plan for addressing health impacts arising from climate change.

The meeting, held at the DC office complex, featured a detailed presentation by Prof. (Dr.) Ashfaq Ahmad, Head, Dept. of Community Medicine, SKIMS Bemina, highlighting the vision of a climate-resilient health system and Budgam’s vulnerability to air pollution, water contamination, heat waves, floods, and vector-borne diseases.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said, “Climate-related health risks originate outside the health sector but impact it directly. There is a need for an integrated, coordinated strategy across all departments to protect public health in the face of rising climate threats.”

Dr Bilal emphasised the

need for institutional coordination and synchronized response mechanisms, citing examples of how inadequate infrastructure or delayed communication during snowstorms or floods can lead to avoidable health crises.

He highlighted key issues including Air Quality Monitoring & Emission Regulation (Pollution Control Board, Transport Dept.), Resilient Infrastructure for PHCs/ Schools (PWD, Health, DDMA), Water Quality & WASH Co-Initiatives (Jal Shakti, Health, Education), Waste Management and Vector Source Control (Municipality, PRI, Health), Heat-Health Awareness and Early Warning Systems (IMD, Education, Health), Joint Campaigns & Emergency Readiness via wall art, FM radio, IEC drives, and fogging operations.

DC directed that monthly progress reviews be conducted; supported by an integrated monitoring dashboard tracking solar installations, air quality, IEC coverage, and IHIP reports under NPCHH. “We must act not only to treat illness but to prevent it. That means cleaner air, safer water, better infrastructure, and informed citizens. Climate resilience

begins with coordinated action,” DC remarked.

DC directed to make an eco-friendly five years futuristic plan for the district.

He further directed stakeholders for department-wise implementation of the Action plan both five year as well as District Action Plan, including preparedness drills, stockpiling of medicines and fuels in remote areas, and community-based awareness drives.

DC said, full administrative support will be ensured for strengthening the climate-health resilience framework in Budgam, under the larger goal of sustainable and inclusive development.

Among others, the meeting was attended by CPO, CMO, Chief Education Officer, ACP, Principal ANMT School, District Health Officer, Dy. CMO (Nodal for Maternal Health), all Block Medical Officers, DFO Budgam, District Pollution Control Officer, State Veterinary Consultant (IDSP), District Disease Investigation Officer, District Nodal Officer, NPCCHH, EO of all MCs, DGMO Ayushman SEHAT, District Consultant NTCP, representatives from Jal Shakti & PDD, representatives from SKIMS Bemina and NGOs.

Annual Machail Mata Yatra-2025 commences amid religious fervour

LoP Sunil Sharma, Div Com, IGP pay obeisance at holy Shrine

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KISHTWAR: The Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2025 commenced Friday amid religious fervor and traditional gaiety.

The annual pilgrimage, which will continue till September 5- 2025, draws a large number of devotees from across Jammu and Kashmir and outside to pay obeisance at the Chandni Mata temple Shrine in village Machail located in the Paddar Valley.

Member Legislative Assembly Paddar-Nagseni and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly Sunil Kumar Sharma, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Bhim Sen Tuti paid obeisance at the holy temple of Shri Chandni Mata Machail on the day one.

Later, the dignitaries reviewed the arrangements made by the District and Police Administration Kishtwar to ensure smooth and secure conduct of the yatra. Stress was laid on maintaining cleanliness and sanitation enroute, proper road maintenance especially in land slide prone area, providing adequate facilities at Langar points, ensuring uninterrupted electricity



and water supply and provision of foolproof security measures.

Speaking to the media persons, the Divisional Commissioner said that the district administration and the police have made holistic arrangements for providing a smooth and hassle free yatra experience to the pilgrims of Shree Machail Mata Yatra.

“Adequate facilities have been put in place en-route from Kishtwar to Chisoti and to the Holy Shrine. The facilities include langars, toilets,

help desks, medical booths and security measures for smooth and secure conduct of the annual holy Yatra,” he added.

The Div Com urged the pilgrims to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), guidelines and designated yatra timings, particularly cut-off timings for crossing specific locations.

Later, the dignitaries inaugurated a counter of traditional Laddu (Prasad) made from pure barley (Jou), run by a team from Machail. The Divisional

Commissioner also interacted with the devotees and enquired about the facilities and their experience.

The review was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, SSP Naresh Singh, ADC Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Dr. Rishi Sharma, SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, Tehsildar Headquarter Sunali Rani besides other concerned officers and officials who were directed to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the successful conduct of the yatra.

DC B'pora distributes sanction letters to Road Accident victims

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday handed over sanction letters amounting to Rs 5.5 lakh to the next of kin (NoKs) of recent road accident victims during a brief ceremony held at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The financial assistance had been sanctioned during a Road Safety Committee meeting held earlier this week, during which six cases were approved for compensation. On the occasion, DC urged citizens to strictly follow traffic rules to prevent road mishaps.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Bandipora, Mudasir Ahmad Wani, briefed the attendees besides the general public about the provisions of the J&K Road Accident Victim Fund, under which the financial assistance was provided.

He informed that under the scheme, Rs 1 lakh is provided in case of death to the dependents, legal heirs, or close family members of the deceased; Rs 75,000 is given in case of permanent disability; Rs 50,000 for grievous injuries; and Rs 10,000 for minor injuries.

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— DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI —
DIL KE EHSAAAS

