

# JKCIP's 5-day IFAD Start-up Mission commences at SKUAST-K

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The IFAD Start-up Mission under the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) commenced today at SKUAST-Kashmir.

The five-day mission (Oct 13–17) aims to strengthen implementation readiness and foster coordination among project teams and stakeholders.

The inaugural session was chaired by Mission Director, HADP/JKCIP, Sandeep Kumar, in the presence of Prof. H.R. Naik, Director Research SKUAST-Kashmir, representatives from IFAD, line departments, faculty from SKUAST-Kashmir and SKUAST-Jammu, and JKCIP coordinators.



In his address, Sandeep Kumar outlined the project's vision and stressed interdepartmental synergy vital for effective implementation.

Meera Mishra, Country Coordinator, and James Marc de Sousa Shields, Country Director, IFAD, reaffirmed IFAD's commit-

ment to building a resilient, market-led, and inclusive agri-development ecosystem in J&K.

Several publications were unveiled during the session, including Bimonthly JKCIP Newsletter; Training Curriculum for Capacity Building; Farmers' Scheme Guide (Revised Edition)

and Curriculum on Horticulture Promotion.

Technical presentations by Dr. Rizwan Qureshi, Gitika Goswami, and Anil Gupta covered project progress, mainstreaming themes (gender and youth), and climate-smart, market-led production approaches.

# Natrang's Young Artists Shine at India's Biggest Virtual Performing Arts Competition

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In a heartening and proud moment for Jammu and the region's art fraternity, four young artists of Natrang viz Supriya Gorka, Ruhaan Chandan, Advik Sharma, and Viyaan Sharma — have brought laurels to Jammu by making it the the Final Round of Jhankriti 2025—the 4th edition of India's Biggest Virtual Performing Arts Competition. The event is being organized by The World Forum for Art and Culture, the cultural wing of The Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore.

It is historic that four out of the twelve finalists amongst thousands in the Solo Theatre category of Jhankriti 2025 are from Natrang, Jammu, marking an extraordinary milestone for the institution. Congratulating the young achievers, Padmashri Balwant Thakur,



Director of Natrang, termed this accomplishment a momentous achievement and a reflection of the organization's unwavering commitment to nurturing young talent.

Among the finalists, Supriya Gorka of Natrang, a National Scholarship holder and one of Natrang's most promising child artists, received the maximum number of likes and views across online platforms among all participating genres—a testament to her widespread popularity and artistic excellence.

Jhankriti 2025 stands as a radiant ode to India's cultural legacy and the Art of Living's vision of uniting hearts through art. The plat-

form is not merely a stage for performance but a vibrant space where aspiring talents from across the nation come together to express creativity, share heritage, and connect with maestros of Indian art. Thousands of participants showcase their talent across various genres, progressing through multiple competitive rounds to earn a place in the prestigious finals.

By making it to this coveted final stage, Natrang's young artists have reaffirmed the institute's excellence in futuristic theatre training and its pivotal role in shaping the next generation of performers.

For over 35 years, Natrang has been conducting regular

theatre programs for children, inspiring and training thousands of young minds who have gone on to excel not only in the arts but also in diverse fields such as civil services, business, engineering, medicine, and academia. The institute's unique and holistic approach to children's theatre emphasizes confidence-building, creativity, self-expression, discipline, public speaking, spontaneity, and teamwork. The training module, designed and refined by Padmashri Balwant Thakur and explored further by Sumeet Sharma has transformed Jammu's children's theatre movement into a national model of excellence, taking Natrang's work to every corner of the country — and beyond.

His vision continues to empower young dreamers, helping them discover their voices and realize their true potential through the transformative power of theatre.

# Jio Payments Bank Secures Contract for MLFF Toll Collection between Gurugram, Jaipur

MUMBAI, OCTOBER

**13:** Jio Payments Bank Limited (JPBL), a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL), has been awarded a major contract to implement the FASTag Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)-based Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll collection system at two key toll plazas — Shahjahanpur and Manoharpura — located on the Gurugram–Jaipur stretch.

The MLFF system represents a cutting-edge advancement in electronic toll collection, enabling vehicles to be identified, classified, and

charged seamlessly without the need to stop or slow down at toll booths. The technology integrates Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID), ANPR, Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) for smooth, contactless, and congestion-free tolling operations.

These two plazas form part of the tender floated by the Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) for managing toll processing under India's pilot MLFF initiative, aimed at creating a barrier-free, seam-

less vehicular movement experience on national highways. Out of five MLFF bids awarded nationwide so far, JPBL has successfully secured two, underlining its growing leadership and competitiveness in the sector.

The new contract marks a significant milestone for JPBL, which entered the toll processing domain in July 2025. The bank currently manages operations at 11 toll plazas across various highway stretches in India as an acquirer bank. With this latest win, JPBL is set to strengthen its position in India's rapidly expanding digital

infrastructure and smart mobility ecosystem.

For its toll management operations, JPBL plans to leverage Jio Platforms' extensive digital expertise to enhance efficiency and customer experience. The integration of physical infrastructure with advanced digital solutions is expected to play a key role in India's ongoing transformation of transport and payments systems.

Commenting on the development, Vinod Easwaran, Managing Director & CEO of Jio Payments Bank Limited, said:

# ICJ felicitates Ajatshatru for his contribution to Peace & Human Dignity

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The International Council of Jurists (ICJ) today felicitated M.K. Ajatshatru Singh, the distinguished scion of the Dogra Royal Family, at a ceremony held in Jammu.

On the occasion, Adv. B.S. Jamwal, Life Member of the International Council of Jurists, presented the citation to M.K. Ajatshatru Singh on behalf of Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala, Senior Advocate and President of the International Council of Jurists and the International Commission of Writers.

The honour was conferred in recognition of M.K. Ajatshatru Singh's esteemed presence and gracious support for the "International March for Nuclear Disarmament and a Peaceful World", commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.

Also present on the occasion were Ranvijay Singh, great-grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh, and Ashok Sharma (IPS Retd.), Secretary of the J&K Dharmarth Trust.



While presenting the citation, Adv. B.S. Jamwal lauded M.K. Ajatshatru Singh's steadfast commitment to the values of justice, human dignity, and international peace. He noted that Singh's association with global peace initiatives has significantly amplified India's voice in advocating for nuclear non-proliferation and international cooperation.

In his address, M.K. Ajatshatru Singh expressed deep gratitude for the honour and reiterated his belief that true peace can only be achieved through compas-

sion, dialogue, and justice. "Peace is not merely the absence of war but the presence of understanding, equality, and respect for every human being," he said.

The former minister emphasized that the world must collectively rise above hatred and violence to build a future based on trust and shared humanity.

He further highlighted that India, with its civilizational ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — the world is one family — has a moral responsibility to lead the global call for peace and nu-

clear disarmament. He underlined that the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and the legacy of the Dogra rulers continue to inspire efforts toward humanitarian service and social cohesion.

Calling upon the youth to become ambassadors of peace, M.K. Ajatshatru Singh urged the younger generation to uphold the ideals of harmony and selfless service. He reaffirmed his commitment to promoting peace, upholding human dignity, and preserving the noble traditions of the Dogra dynasty in service of the nation and the world.

# J&K shines at CII Chandigarh Fair 2025 through JKTPO's vibrant display of unique regional culture, craftsmanship

JAMMU, OCTOBER

**13:** The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) marked a significant presence at 28th edition of the CII Chandigarh Fair 2025, held from October 10 to 13 at Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

The Fair was inaugurated by Minister of Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion, NRI Affairs & Power, Government of Punjab, Sanjeev Arora.

The event served as a vibrant platform to highlight Jammu & Kashmir's cultural legacy and exquisite

craftsmanship, leaving an indelible mark on visitors.

Under the visionary guidance of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary and active support of Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, JKTPO facilitated and sponsored the participation of 25 exhibitors from the Union Territory in the Fair.


The showcased products from J&K included Luxurious Pashmina shawls and stoles, renowned for their softness and warmth, exquisite handwoven carpets, symbolizing the region's timeless weaving traditions, world-famous Kashmiri saffron, celebrated for its unparalleled quality and aroma, renowned agricultural delights like Rajmash, Honey, and Spices, horticultural treasures including Apples, Walnuts, and Al-

monds and intricately hand-embroidered garments reflecting authentic Kashmiri artistry.

The J&K Pavilion, designed to emphasize the authenticity, purity, and natural advantage of the Union Territory's offerings, became a major attraction at the fair. The pavilion drew significant footfall, with visitors from diverse backgrounds eager to explore the vibrant array of handcrafted products and traditional specialties showcased by JKTPO.

Minister of Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion, NRI Affairs & Power, Government of Punjab, also visited the J&K pavilion, commending the rich diversity of products and the spirit of innovation on display—testament to the region's vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Visitors to the JKTPO stall had the opportunity to not only witness these exquisite products but also to engage with the artisans themselves.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. DGN/86 of 2025-26 Dated 10-10-2025

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Basis** from the eligible Consultants registration with **Council of Architecture (CoA)** India for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Advertised Cost of Consultancy	Tender Fee	Earnest Money	Time of Completion
01	02	03	04	05	06
01	Providing consultancy services for Planning, Architectural Design, Structural Design, Interior Design, Landscape/Horticulture Development, Geo Technical Site Investigation, Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), Estimate, BOQ, 3D views, Walkthrough and assistance in tendering process for the proposed "Construction of PWD (R&B) Guest House at Casting Yard, Bahu" Jammu.	Rs. 13.39 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 26780/-	90 Days

► Position of AAA: **Under Process**    ► Position of T.S: **Under Process**

The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of Quantities set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in) as per the schedule given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-10-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-10-2025 to 16-10-2025, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13-10-2025 at 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar, Lok Nirman Bhawan Complex Rail Head Complex Jammu
4	Bid Submission Start Date	10-10-2025
5	Bid submission End Date	16-10-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17-10-2025 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar, Lok Nirman Bhawan Rail Head Complex Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

► Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, Conditions and other details.

► Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu. The CDR/FDR shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar at the time of award of contract.

► Technical/Financial Bids will be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu of the technically responsive bidders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

► The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

► The bidder shall be disqualified from bidding for any contract with this office for a period of 03 Years from the date of notification, if :-

- Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.
- In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>


Sd/-  
(Er. Rahat Gupta)  
Executive Engineer,  
PWD (R&B) Division, Gandhi Nagar.

DIP/J-6825/25 Dated: 13-10-2025

CONDOLENCE

With profound grief and sorrow the staff and management of Guru Nanak Mission hospital express their heartfelt condolences on the sudden and tragic demise of **S. ATTAR SINGH JI** Cashier of this institution A condolence meeting was held in the premises of the hospital today on 13.10.2025 and rich tributes were paid to the departed soul for his contribution for the welfare of society and development of this institution. We pray to WAHEGURU JI to grant eternal peace to the noble soul and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

From : Management and Staff, Guru Nanak Mission Hospital sector 02  
Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu



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**EXTENSION NOTICE**  
**NO:- 03**  
**e- NIT No: - TLMD-III/UDH/13 of 2025-26**  
**Dated: 23-08-2025**

Since only 2 bidders have participated in bidding process, the said NIT is hereby again extended as detailed below:-

1	e-bid submission end date and time	18-10-2025 up to 4:00 PM
2	Date and time of opening of techno commercial bid	20-10-2025 at 2:00 PM
3	Online Financial e-bid opening date and time	Will be communicated to techno-Commercially qualified bidders

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
TLMD-III, JKPTCL,  
Udhampur.

DIP/J-2268-P/25 Dated: 13-10-2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Bansil Lal Sharma S/o Lakhmi Chand R/o Makhan Pur Gojran, Simbal Morh, R.S. Pura Jammu Pin- 181101 have applied for correction of my name from Bansil Lal to Bansil Lal Sharma in my Aadhar Card No. 567051540510. Objection if any may be conveyed to the concerned authority within 10 days.

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I, Naresh Thakur D/o Puran Singh R/o Vill- Katwalt, Tehsil- Ramnagar, Distt. Udhampur have applied for sale of Fertilizers & Seeds License in my favour at Katwalt. Objection if any may be conveyed to CAO Ramnagar within 7 days.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Anjali Thakur D/o Sh. Amarjeet Singh R/o Vill- Tagan, Pyt. Sattian, Tehsil- Ramnagar, Distt. Udhampur have applied for sale of Fertilizers & Seeds License in my favour at Tagan. Objection if any may be conveyed to CAO Ramnagar within 7 days.

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