

SMVDSB initiates Swift implementation of 76th Board meeting decisions

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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has fast-tracked the implementation of key decisions taken during its 76th Board Meeting held on February 8 under the Chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K-UT, reaffirming its commitment to enhancing pilgrim facilities, promoting regional development and strengthening community engagement.

In line with the directions of the Board, the Shrine Board has commenced consultations with key stakeholders and initiated the formulation of a comprehensive strategy for youth engagement in the sports sector along with promotion of pilgrimage in and around Katra.

In this regard, Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, along with senior officers of the Board, held a series of meetings today with delegations from the sports sector as well as stakeholders of the Hotel and Restaurant Association, Katra.

A delegation led by Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma, Former Joint Secretary, J&K State Sports Council (JKSSC) and President, J&K Indian Style



Wrestling Association, along with other representatives from the sports fraternity, held detailed discussions on various aspects of sports development in the region. Emphasizing the importance of youth engagement and community development through sports, the deliberations focused on formulating a comprehensive strategy to actively engage local youth and nurture sporting talent across the region. A roadmap for structured coaching support, infrastructure strengthening and capacity-building initiatives was also deliberated to establish a sustainable and inclusive sports ecosystem and to encourage wider participation in sporting activities. It was

further decided to organize youth interaction programmes to understand their aspirations and challenges in the sports arena and to hold follow-up meetings with stakeholders for finalizing and implementing the proposed initiatives in a phased manner.

A delegation led by Shri Rakesh Wazir, President, Hotel and Restaurant Association, Katra along with hotel owners held detailed deliberations on formulating a multi-pronged strategy for promoting pilgrimage destinations in and around Katra with the objective of enriching the overall spiritual and tourism landscape. The proposed strategy will focus on enhanced publicity,

strengthened visitor information systems, improved connectivity and coordinated outreach in collaboration with local stakeholders, aimed at encouraging longer pilgrim stays and promoting diversified pilgrimage circuits.

Special emphasis was also laid on the revival and promotion of traditional and ancient pilgrimage routes associated with the Yatra.

The CEO stated that the Shrine Board is committed to implementing these initiatives, which are expected to strengthen the overall pilgrimage ecosystem, generate local employment opportunities and promote sustainable tourism growth in and around Katra.

BIS JKBO participates in Agriculture Summit & Kisan Mela, Engages 200 Students

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Jammu, February 11: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu & Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO), actively participated in the Agriculture Summit & Kisan Mela 2026, being held from February 11 to 13, by setting up an informative stall and facilitating the visit of BIS Standard Club schools.

Five Standard Club schools—Shiksha Niketan Sr. Sec. School, Jammu; Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Akhnoor; Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Kathua; Govt. High School, Dhanore; and Govt. Model Hr. Sec. School, Hatli, Kathua—took part in the visit. Around 200 students, accompanied by their mentors, explored various exhibitions and live demonstrations showcasing



modern agriculture, AI-enabled farming, innovative agri-technologies, and food processing technologies.

Sh. Ashish Kumar Dwivedi, Standard Promotion Officer (SPO), along with BIS Resource Persons (RPs) of JKBO, provided detailed insights into BIS activities. The students were sensitized about the

crucial role played by BIS in the agricultural sector through the formulation of Indian Standards for agricultural equipment, irrigation pipes, fertilizers, pesticides, food products, and packaging materials.

It was highlighted that these standards ensure quality, safety, efficiency, and reliability, thereby supporting farmers, enhancing

productivity, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

The BIS stall also drew enthusiastic participation from the general public. Visitors were informed about BIS certification schemes, Hallmarking, and the importance of standards not only in agriculture but also in day-to-day life.

Various delegations call on LG Ladakh

LEH, FEBRUARY 11: Various delegations called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, at the LG Secretariat to present proposals for cultural, infrastructural, and sporting development in the Union Territory.

A delegation of the Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Memorial Society requested the installation of statues of Kushok Bakula Rinpoche at Nubra and Zaskar, the revival of Vishesh Kendriya Vidyalaya in Delhi, and official functions on May 19 to mark his birth anniversary.

Sonam Rigzin, a local carpenter from Hemis Shukpachan, also submitted his demands.

Another delegation, led by Dorje Angchuk, pro-



posed the production of a documentary highlighting Ladakh's winter tourism potential, showcasing adventure tourism, homestays, and other facets on an international platform.

A delegation from the Ice Hockey Association, Drass, requested improvements to ice hockey infrastructure in Drass.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT Administra-

tion's commitment to transforming Ladakh into a world-class winter sports and spiritual destination and apprised the delegations of various ongoing projects in this direction.

CS emphasizes on outreach and training for effective Labour Code implementation

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting of the Labour

& Employment Department to review the implementation status of the four new Labour Codes—one of the most significant labour reforms undertaken in the country to simplify compli-

ance mechanisms and strengthen worker welfare.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Labour & Employment, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan; Labour Commissioner; and other senior

officers of the department.

Reviewing the progress made so far, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of launching a sustained and structured awareness campaign to ensure comprehensive understanding of the new Labour Codes among all stakeholders, including employers, employees, trade unions and industrial establishments.

He emphasized that widespread awareness is essential for ensuring smooth compliance and effective implementation of these landmark reforms.

He further called for focused capacity-building initiatives for all concerned stakeholders to facilitate seamless transition to the new legal framework. He observed that the true objective of these reforms lies not merely in their notification, but in their effective on-ground implementation, leading to tangible improvements in ease of doing business, enhanced compliance, and strengthened social security and welfare mechanisms for workers across establishments covered under these laws.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ,
RAJOURI
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Municipal Council Rajouri hereby informs all residents, stakeholders, institutions, commercial establishments, and the general public that the ULB is officially applying for Garbage Free City (GFC) - 1 Star Certification under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 for the assessment year Swachh Survekshan 2025.
As per the requirements of GFC Star Rating Protocol, the ULB complied the mandatory conditions of SWM service delivery, source segregation, door-to-door collection, processing of wet and dry waste, and elimination of garbage vulnerable points. This self-declaration is open for public feedback and objections for a period of 15 days from the date of this notification.
No.:-MCR/2025-26/2055/
Date:-07.02.2025
Sd/-
Executive Officer
Municipal Council Rajouri
DIP/J-3781-P/25. Dated: 11.02.2026

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
GHOUL MANHASAN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject: Ban on Single-Use Plastic Items
It is hereby informed for the information of the general public, shopkeepers, vendors and institutions that as per Government orders and directions of the Pollution Control Committee, the use, sale, storage, distribution and manufacture of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) items such as plastic carry bags, plates, cups, straws, cutlery, polythene sheets, etc. is strictly prohibited within the limits of Municipal Committee Ghoul Manhasan.
As per the latest Plastic Waste Management Rules, plastic carry bags below 120 microns thickness are strictly banned. All citizens are requested to avoid the use of single-use plastics and instead adopt eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags, jute bags, paper cups, and biodegradable materials.
Defaulters found violating the norms shall be liable to penalty and legal action as per rules.
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Executive Officer
Municipal Committee
Ghoul Manhasan
DIP/J-3804-P/25. Dated: 11.02.2026

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATHUA
FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No:83/2025-26/9609-13/G Dated:10.02.2026
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Advertised cost (Rs. In lakh.)	Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR /BG	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Removal of potholes on Logate-Gaiterwan road (Under Pothole Programme 2025-26) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	5.00	600/-	10000/-	Month-01	24.02.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mix Plant Holder /A, B, C, D
2	Removal of potholes on Airwan to Nagri Road Balance Portion (Under Pothole Programme 2025-26) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	5.00	600/-	10000/-	Month-01	24.02.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mix Plant Holder /A, B, C, D
3	Removal of potholes on Kathua Kalibari road left out portion especially Court road (Under Pothole Programme 2025-26) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	10.48	600/-	20960/-	Month-01	24.02.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mix Plant Holder /A, B, C, D
4	Removal of potholes on NH to Kharote link road (Under Pothole Programme 2025-26) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	5.00	600/-	10000/-	Month-01	24.02.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mix Plant Holder /A, B, C, D
5	Removal of potholes on Janglote link road Km 5th (Under Pothole Programme 2025-26) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	5.00	600/-	10000/-	Month-01	24.02.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	Hot Mix Plant Holder /A, B, C, D

(i) If the contractor / firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT / Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically have treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor / firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office.

(ii) 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 <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11-02-2026 at 1000 Hrs to 23-02-2026 up to 1600 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	16-02-2026 at 1300 Hrs in the office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua
4	Bid submission Start Date	From 11-02-2026 at 1000 hours
5	Bid Submission End Date	23-02-2026 up to 1600 hours
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	24-02-2026 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. name of work e-NIT No. & dt. duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua and upload the same i.e. treasury challan. The date should be in between publishing and Closing of NIT. Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua The CDR/FDR/BG 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 Kathua within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any latest submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- Submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

5. **The earnest money shall be forfeited, if :-**

a) 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.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within seven days after opening of Financial Bid.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.

6. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

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