

Kala Kendra organises 2-day Art Camp

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Kala Kendra Jammu, in collaboration with The Art Lab's Canvas, successfully organized two-day Painting Camp specially curated for children and youth, particularly teenagers. The camp was held at the Art Galleries on the first floor of Kala Kendra and witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 50 amateur artists mainly youth.

The camp and exhibition, designed and curated by Mirmalnica Sharma and Ananya Balaria, showcased the creative outcomes of the workshop.

Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary, Kala Kendra Jammu, while addressing the participants during the exhibition of paintings prepared in the workshop, described the initiative as "a youth initiative for youth."



He remarked that the camp aimed at introducing art to amateurs and encouraging them to express themselves creatively.

Ananya Balaria shared that the primary focus of the camp was creative expression through various mediums such as canvas painting, sketching, and crafts.

She emphasized that the

camp was designed for skill-building and fostering creativity in a fun and supportive environment, with all necessary materials provided to participants.

Mirmalnica Sharma stated that the workshop offered practical, hands-on art training on canvas. She added that a creative and welcoming atmosphere was created to attract be-

ginners and inspire them towards art.

The event provided a lively platform for budding artists to explore their artistic potential through canvas painting and other creative mediums.

At the culmination of the workshop, each participant created and carried home their own painting as a memory of the experience.

Chamber of Traders Federation holds Grand Bhandara at Roop Nagar

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On the sacred occasion of Mahashivratri, a grand Bhandara was organised at Roop Nagar Market, Jammu, under the aegis of the Chamber of Traders Federation, Jammu and Roop Nagar Durga Chinore (RDC) Traders Association. Sh. Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, J&K UT, was the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with a visit to the revered Aap Shambu Ji Temple, a prominent and ancient shrine known for its deep religious significance and unwavering faith of devotees across Jammu.

The Hon'ble Minister, accompanied prominent members of the market, offered special prayers and performed puja at the holy shrine of Baba Shambu Ji, seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. The temple premises witnessed a spiritually charged atmosphere with devotees thronging in large numbers to pay obeisance on the holy night of Lord Shiva.

After performing the puja, the Hon'ble Minister conveyed his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all devo-



tees, traders, and their families on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri. He appreciated the efforts of the traders' fraternity for organising the Bhandara and maintaining the sanctity and traditions associated with the holy festival.

Sh. Neeraj Anand also performed prayers at the temple and prayed for the

well-being, prosperity and good health of all members of the trading community and citizens of Jammu. He reiterated the commitment of the Chamber of Traders Federation to continue working in the spirit of unity, service and social responsibility.

The Bhandara was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Min-

ister amidst chanting of devotional hymns and by performing Kanya puja and was attended by a large gathering of prominent members including Manohar Singh, Dinesh Gupta, Tushar Mahajan, Ramesh Khajuria, Rahul Sharma, Rita Gupta, Enakshi Mahajan, Sohan Agarwal, Ganesh Sharma and others.

DC Bandipora extends Mahashivratri Greetings; Joins Kashmiri Pandit Community in Celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Sunday extended warm greetings to the Kashmiri Pandit community on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri (Herath) and joined them in the festive celebrations.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with members of the community and enquired about their well-being and the arrange-



ments made for the smooth observance of the festival.

Extending her heartfelt wishes, the DC expressed hope that the sacred occasion would further

strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, mutual respect, and brotherhood among all sections of society in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner

reiterated that the District Administration Bandipora had made all necessary arrangements well in advance to facilitate devotees and ensure that the festival was observed in a peaceful and orderly manner across the district.

Members of the Kashmiri Pandit community expressed their gratitude to the district administration for its proactive outreach and efforts in ensuring adequate arrangements and fostering an atmosphere of inclusiveness and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

Devotion meets sustainability, Nagrota Gaushala sets new benchmark with 'Zero-Plastic' Mahashivratri

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In a landmark convergence of faith and environmental consciousness, the Gaushala managed by JMC Nagrota celebrated Mahashivratri today by hosting "Zero-Plastic, Zero-Land-fill" spiritual gathering. The event successfully transitioned traditional Vedic rituals into a modern model for sustainable public celebrations, centering on the sacred bond between Mahadev and Nandi through a grand Gau Poojan and hawan. The occasion was graced by Ms. Mandeep Kaur (IAS), Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, Jammu and Kashmir, who participated in the festivities alongside the Joint Commissioners, officers, and other officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). Prominent citizens, led by Mrs. Priya Sethi, Former Minister, Jammu and Kashmir, also joined the gathering, which saw a massive turnout of former Lambardars, Sarpanches, and Panches from the area, all coming together to support this wonderful initiative by the JMC.

During the event, Commissioner Secretary Mandeep Kaur took a comprehensive tour of the Gaushala to oversee the facilities and the welfare of the cattle. Addressing the gathering, she requested the public to actively partic-



ipate in the Gaushala's mission and urged devotees to donate wholeheartedly to ensure the continued care of the animals. To streamline these efforts, she highlighted that the JMC has created a dedicated special account named the "Gau Shalaya Punya Karaya Account," specifically designed for the welfare and development of the Gaushala. This call to action was met with an enthusiastic response, as many citizens and local representatives donated generously on the spot, demonstrating a deep community commitment to the cause.

The event also addressed the critical crisis of the fatal impact of plastic consumption on stray and sheltered cattle. Under the banner of "Gau Seva, Maha Seva," organizers emphasized that protecting the cow is inseparable from protecting the earth, noting that true devotion to Lord Shiva is incomplete without the stewardship of nature. In a comprehensive effort to maintain a zero-waste environment, single-use plastic bags and containers were

strictly prohibited. The community kitchen served hundreds of devotees using 100% biodegradable plates and sustainable alternatives. To further encourage long-term habit changes, the Peace Initiative Trust distributed free cloth bags to the public, providing a sustainable alternative for the community.

The success of the Nagrota Gaushala event proves that large-scale reli-

gious functions can be conducted without leaving an ecological footprint. The organizers expressed deep gratitude to the public for their cooperation and their heartfelt donations, signalling a new era for "Green Pilgrimages" in the region. This collaboration between the JMC, prominent leaders, and the local citizenry sets a high standard for future cultural and spiritual celebrations in Jammu and Kashmir.

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FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Fresh e-NIT No. 69 of 2025-26 Dated 09-02-2026

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	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Upgradation of Link road from Gallia to Mohalla Ram Lal Badkhar w.no.07 Juthal Balsro stage-1 under UT capex road sector New Work 2025-26 (2nd Call)	78.10	1500/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	06 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A"
2	Constit. of Link road main road to Mohalla Saloori w.no. 03 Juthal Balsro Stage-1 Panchayat Juthal Balsaro (including Design of RCC wall) under UT Capex Road Sector new works 2025-26) (2nd Call)	77.67	1500/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	06 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A"
3	Upgradation of Link road from main road to mohalla Gour Bajjaurian, constit of Drain and Pwork at Saloori near house of Yash paul w.no.3, const. of lane at Juthal Near house of krishan Lal w.no.01 mohalla Fayal Juthal Balsro Stage-1 Panchayat Juthal Balsaro under UT Capex Road Sector New Works 2025-26 (2nd Call)	57.79	1500/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	06 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A"
4	Upgradation of Link road from Main road to mohalla Jasvinder Sharma w.no.01 Juthal Balsro Panchayat Juthal Balsaro under UT Capex Road Sector New Works 2025-26 (2nd Call)	26.56	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	06 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" & "B"
5	Permanent Restoration of Link road from Main road to hardu malara and allied links Pyl. Rah under Road Sector Capex Budget 2025-26 (2nd Call)	20.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	04 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" "B" & "C"
6	Permanent Restoration of link road Gurudawara Chandian Akhnoor under road sector capex budget 2025-26 (1st Call)	6.00	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	03 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"
7	Removal of Pot Holes on Link Road from Main Road Akhnoor to Daskal Via GREF under Pot Holes Programme 2025-26 (2nd Call)	4.70	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"
8	Pot Holes on Link Road from Shop of Shiv Saraf to Moni Medicos Akhnoor Town under Pot Holes Programme 2025-26 (2nd Call)	4.70	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"
9	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC CULVERT at village manoha on kathar bai saroh road PANCHAYAT KATHAR under Non Plan (3rd call)	4.95	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	02 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-02-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"

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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	09-02-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-02-2026 to 26-02-2026, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	16-02-2026 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
4	Bid submission Start Date	10-02-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-02-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-02-2026 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Special Condition :-
(i) Security deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommended contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
(ii) The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the concerned Executive Engineer shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz. forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the BID document and recommended contractor for blacklisting.
(iii) The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
(iv) As per Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar's Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025 and Director Finance PW (R&B) Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu/Srinagar's letter No. ACCT/68/2025-05 dated 23-07-2025, further endorsed by the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Zone Jammu's No CEJ/ACcts/1380-1401 dated 30-07-2025 "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with the 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.
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 security crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor 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 Akhnoor at the time of allotment.
2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late 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 Akhnoor. 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 specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.
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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