

# Escalator inaugurated at Katra Railway Station to enhance passenger convenience

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In a significant step towards strengthening passenger amenities in the Jammu Division, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Jammu Vivek Kumar today inaugurated a newly constructed escalator between Platforms 2 and 3 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station. Senior divisional officers and railway employees were present on the occasion.

The newly installed escalator is expected to greatly facilitate the movement of thousands of passengers and pilgrims who visit the station daily, particularly the elderly, differently-abled persons, women and children. The facility will make it easier for passengers to move between platforms, especially those travelling with heavy luggage.

Katra Railway Station witnesses a large influx of devotees throughout the year



who travel to pay obeisance at the holy shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi. With the addition of this escalator, passengers will experience improved convenience and reduced physical strain while navigating the busy station premises. Officials said the escalator will also help in better crowd management on the platforms and save valuable time for passengers during train arrivals and departures.

After the inauguration, the

Divisional Railway Manager conducted a detailed inspection of the station premises and reviewed various passenger facilities. He issued directions to the concerned officials to maintain high standards of cleanliness and continue efforts to further improve amenities for travellers. Speaking on the occasion, DRM Vivek Kumar said that providing world-class facilities to passengers remains the top priority of Indian Railways. "The in-

stallation of this escalator at Katra Railway Station will make the travel experience of pilgrims undertaking the Vaishno Devi Yatra more comfortable and convenient," he said. Railway authorities reiterated their commitment to continuously upgrade infrastructure and passenger facilities to ensure a smooth and pleasant journey for devotees and other passengers visiting the important pilgrimage destination.

# Billawaria visits Gangyal, Babliana to listen grievances of locals

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Concern over the improper cleaning of the D-9 Canal has sparked strong resentment among the local residents. Taking serious note of the issue, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, visited the Gangyal and Babliana areas to personally assess the situation and listen to the grievances of the locals.

During the visit, residents informed Billawaria that the D-9 Canal has not been properly cleaned, resulting in the accumulation of garbage and debris in the canal. They further stated that the waste and silt removed from the canal had not been disposed of properly and was instead left lying nearby, causing dust to spread in the area and raising concerns about its adverse impact on public health.

After inspecting the site,



Billawaria stated that the cleaning of the canal appears to have been carried out merely as a formality, while the actual condition remains far from satisfactory.

He pointed out that leaving the extracted debris along the canal has created an unhygienic environment in the surrounding areas, which could potentially lead to the spread of diseases.

He added that this situation is causing significant

inconvenience not only to the residents living near the canal but also to people who visit the area for morning and evening walks. Due to the dust and unhygienic conditions, many people have reduced their morning walks, which may negatively affect their health.

Billawaria assured the residents that he would strongly raise the issue with the concerned department and authorities to ensure an early resolution. He urged

the responsible officials to personally visit the site, assess the situation, and ensure a scientific and effective cleaning of the D-9 Canal.

He also demanded that the debris removed from the canal be immediately cleared from the site so that residents of Gangyal and Babliana can get relief from dust and unhygienic conditions, and a clean and healthy environment can be ensured in the area.

# GDC Ramban organizes Elocution Contest on Road Safety

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Government Degree College Ramban today organized an Elocution Contest on Road Safety as part of the Road Safety Awareness Programme 2026.

The event was held under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri.

Ten students from different semesters participated and shared their thoughtful perspectives on road safety,



emphasizing the importance of adhering to traffic rules while driving.

A distinguished panel of jury members comprising Prof. Raj Kumar Gupta, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Katal

and Dr. Rabinder Kumar evaluated the participants.

Shafia Bano secured the first position, Nishika Bhutiyal bagged the second place and Rashida Bano clinched the third place.

Earlier, the event commenced with a welcome address by Convener Road Safety Awareness Programme, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, who set the tone for the contest.

The event was attended by several faculty members including Prof. Aditya Sharma, Prof. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Mir, Prof. Ranjit Singh Katoch, Prof. Ram Parkash, Prof. Neetu Sharma, Prof. Arjun Gupta, Dr. Anuj Gupta, Dr. Varun Sharma and Prof. Narotam Singh.

# ADC reviews progress of developmental works in Bhandarwah

BHADERWAH, MARCH 06:

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the ongoing developmental works in the Bhandarwah subdivision.

The meeting was attended by officers from PWD (R&B) Division Bhandarwah, PMGSY Sub Division Bhandarwah, Mechanical and Hospital Division Doda, as well as officials from GREF 118 RCC Bhalra.

Officials from GREF briefed on the status of several important road pro-



jects including Sarma Road, Chakrana Road, Doda-Bhandarwah drainage works, Zero Point, Guldanda and Chattargala Road.

The progress of snow clearance on the Padri Road was also reviewed. The meeting also reviewed the status of works on Sangle-Katiyara Road, Malothi-Duga Road, Qilla Mohalla Road, Manthalla-Dumanda Road, Dumanda-Jai Road, Padri-Balpadri road stretch, drainage work at Ghatta Park and Kansar via Haddal-Mathola-Topri road.

# Auto Retail in J&K Registers Robust 40.52% Growth in February 2026

JAMMU, MAR 06:

In J&K for February 2026, the 2-Wheeler category witnessed a growth of 53.48% at 7,792 units in February 2026, as compared to 5,077 units in February 2025. The 3 Wheeler category witnessed a growth of 27.79% at 1,292 units in February 2026, as compared to 1,011 units in February 2025. The Commercial Wheeler category witnessed a growth of 38.04% at 1,212 units in February 2026, as compared to 878 units in February 2025. The Construction Equipment category remained 0% at 42 units in February 2026, as compared to 42 units in February 2025. The Passen-

ger Vehicle category witnessed a Growth of 33.32% at 5,834 units in February 2026, as compared to 4,376 units in February 2025. The Tractor Vehicle category witnessed a downfall of -9.43% at 317 units in February 2026, as compared to 350 units in February 2025. In J&K total retail is 16,489 in February 2026 as compared to 11,734 in February 2025 thereby registering a growth of 40.52 % YoY.

Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Chairperson, Federation of Automobile Dealers Association Jammu said that reflecting on February 2026 Auto Retail performance in J&K, "February 2026

showed a spectacular growth of 40.52 % YoY.

Mr Sanjay Aggarwal said that the strong performance was largely driven by robust demand in the two-wheeler and passenger vehicle segments, which continue to remain the key contributors to overall retail growth in the region.

Mr Aggarwal said that the strong growth in the two-wheeler segment highlights the continued preference of consumers for affordable and convenient mobility solutions. Rising urban as well as semi-urban demand has played a key role in driving this segment forward.

Mr Aggarwal said that the Passenger vehicles also maintained a healthy growth trajectory, reflecting improved consumer confidence and a gradual strengthening of household spending in the region. Many customers are upgrading to newer models with better technology and safety features.

He added that the commercial vehicle segment's positive momentum indicates improving business activity and transportation demand across Jammu & Kashmir, particularly with ongoing infrastructure development and logistics movement.

Mr Aggarwal said that Looking ahead to March'26, dealer sentiment remains largely positive. Demand is

expected to be supported by the confluence of multiple festivals such as Navratri, Ramzan and Eid, along with the financial year-end buying cycle, which traditionally accelerates vehicle purchases across segments.

Mr Aggarwal said that in the two wheeler segment, strong booking pipelines, improved agri incomes and post-examination demand are expected to support retail momentum. Passenger vehicles may benefit from year-end depreciation advantages, festival-led enquiries and customers advancing purchases ahead of potential price revisions. Meanwhile, commercial vehicles are likely to see continued traction driven by infrastructure activity, freight movement and strong pipeline bookings as businesses close the financial year.

However, supply constraints in certain models and evolving global geopolitical developments remain factors to watch. Overall, the outlook for March'26 appears cautiously optimistic, with festive demand and year-end dynamics expected to keep retail momentum intact he added.

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD R&B DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR JAMMU

Short e-NIT No.158 of 2025-2026 Dated:-05-03-2026

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)	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	Restoration of road damages due to work namely P Laying new pipeline at Ahinsa Vihar Behind Directorate of Agriculture Gole Pully Talab Tillo Jammu including shifting of water supply valve pit on main road outside PHE old Agriculture station gole in the premises of PHE Station old Agriculture Gole adjoining JK agro office Kissan Kendra in Bohri	PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR JAMMU	10.41	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	11-03-2026 (15.00 Pm)	"A,B,C&D "

Position of AAA / TS : 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 <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-03-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 05-03-2026 to 11-03-2026 upto 1400 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	
4	Bid submission Start Date	05-03-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	11-03-2026 upto 1400 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	11-03-2026 on or after 1500 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- 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 MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu. 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu at the time of allotment.
- 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.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- 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. CE/J/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.
- 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.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.  
Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of 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 MH - 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu and Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized between the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid.
- Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

No: EE/R&B/BN/ 14251-60  
Dated:- 05-03-2026

Sd/-  
(ER. SANDEEP GUPTA)  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
Bakshi Nagar

DIP/J-12473/25. Dated: 06-03-2026

### IN THE COURT OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR (EMIC) RAMNAGAR

Anber Hussain versus Block Development officer Jaganoo  
S/o Jaqub R/o Dhandal  
Tehsil Ramnagar

Application seeking direction to BDO Jaganoo for the registration of Date of Birth of Petitioner.

#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC IN GENERAL

WHEREAS, the applicant namely Anber Hussain S/o Jaqub R/o Village Dhandal Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur J&K UT has filed an application seeking direction to BDO Jaganoo to register date of Birth of the Petitioner's Daughter namely Aiza Anber D/o Anber Hussain whose date of birth is 26/03/2023 R/o Village Dhandal in the concerned register kept in the said Block office and issue certificate of Birth under "The Registration of Deaths and Birth Act, 1969 as her Birth/Death particular has not been registered anywhere in the Police/BDO records.

Therefore, by virtue of this notice, public in general is informed that if any person has any objection in respect of the afore-mentioned application he/she/they may appear in this court either personally or through a Counsel and file his/her/their objection within a period of 10 days from the date of a publication of this notice, failing which the said application shall be dealt, in accordance with law.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court today 11/16/2025.

Sd/-  
Naib Tehsildar  
Executive Magistrate 1st class  
Ramnagar

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BATOTE (Email: - eobatote-jk@nic.in) E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of Municipal Committee Batote, it is hereby notified for the information of public in general the E-tender of below mentioned Lorry Adda shall be held through <https://jktenders.gov.in> as per detail mentioned below, the application for shall be available at the site <https://jktenders.gov.in> for a payment of Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Only) w.e.f 01/04/2026 to 31/03/2027 E tender are invited from interested agency/ individuals qualifying the eligibility criteria set by DULBJ for Lorry Adda outsourcing of MC Batote for 2026-27.

S. No.	Description	Minimum Bid	EMD Amount	Tender Start date & Time	Tender end date & Time	Date & Time of opening of tender
1	Collection of Lorry Adda Entry fee Municipal Committee Batote for the year (2026-27)	18,00,000/-	1,80,000/-	04-03-2026 10.00 AM	13-03-2026 04.00 PM	14-03-2026 02.00 PM

No:- MC/B/2026/982-85  
Dated: 03/03/2026.

Sd/-  
Executive Officer,  
Municipal Committee,  
Batote.

DIP/J-4209-P/25. Dated: 06-03-2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Reva Devi W/o Sh. Mohan Lal R/o Village Thapal Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur have declared that my name has been wrongly written as Reeta Devi in the Birth Certificate of my son whose date of birth is 08-03-2012 bearing registration no is 440 date 10-03-2012. Now I am applying for the correction as Reva Devi. All concerned may note.

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