

# EPFO celebrates International Women's Day

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The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office Jammu, celebrated International Women's Day 2026 in the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO, Jammu. The programme was organised to recognise the invaluable contributions of women employees and to reaffirm the organisation's commitment towards gender equality and empowerment in the workplace.

On the occasion, several women officials shared their thoughts on the significance of the day and the growing role of women in public administration and nation-building. Speeches were delivered by Ms. Shobha Sharma, EO/AO; Smt. Asha Rani, SS; Smt. Anjali Kaw, SSSA; Ms. Priya Bharti, DEO; Ms. Akriti Bhasin, DEO and other participants who highlighted the importance of inclusive workplaces and greater participation of women in leadership roles.

The speakers also highlighted the theme of International Women's Day 2026, "Give To Gain." The theme emphasizes that when institutions and individuals invest in supporting women through equal opportunities, mentorship, and inclusive policies-society as a whole benefits through greater productivity, innovation, and social progress.

During the programme, a resolution was unanimously

passed that a monthly meeting dedicated to women employees and issues concerning women subscribers will be held henceforth, in order to encourage dialogue, awareness, and a supportive institutional environment.

The efforts of Ms. Nawreena, DEO, were highlighted and appreciated during the meeting for her sensitive and proactive approach towards addressing the concerns of women subscribers and facilitating their grievances with empathy and efficiency.

Sh. Sumeet Singh, Regional P.F. Commissioner-I also highlighted the significance of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBR), a flagship initiative aimed at promoting employment generation in the organised sector and strengthening social security coverage through EPFO. Under the scheme, newly recruited employees joining EPFO-covered establishments are provided incentives up to ₹15,000, paid via Direct Benefit Transfer in two installments.

The scheme also covers Re-joiners (those re-entering the workforce) for employer benefits if they rejoin an establishment. Employers receive up to ₹3,000 per month for each additional employee (first-timer or re-joiner) sustained for at least 6 months. This reduces the initial financial burden on both employers and employees and encourages formal employment.

The scheme is particularly significant for first-time employees entering the organised workforce, as it ensures that they are immediately brought under the ambit of EPF social security benefits such as provident fund accumulation, pension coverage under EPS, and insurance benefits under EDLI. By supporting the onboarding of new employees, especially women.

## 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 11/10/2025.

Sd/-  
Naib Tehsildar  
Executive Magistrate 1st class  
Ramnagar

# GCW Gandhinagar Hosts District-Level Road Safety Awareness Programme

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In a vibrant, awareness-driven initiative aimed at nurturing responsible citizens, the Road Safety Awareness Committee of PSPS GCW Gandhinagar organized the District Level Inter-College Road Safety Awareness Programme under the aegis of the Higher Education Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The thought-provoking youth-centric event, conducted in collaboration with various departments under the guidance of Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kour, to sensitize young minds about road safety through engaging competitions such as Painting, Slogan Writing, and Elocution. The Students from various Degree Colleges across Jammu District participated with remarkable enthusiasm. The programme witnessed spirited participation and creative brilliance, reinforcing the idea that students can become true ambassadors of change in society.

The Painting Competition organized by the Department of Home Science was a display of powerful visual metaphors, striking compositions highlighting the importance of safe driving. Ms. Assesabjot Kour of GCW Parade, Ms. Prabjot Kour of GCOE Jammu, & Ms. Kaushika Bhatyalof GCW Gandhinagar was adjudged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd position winners by art-savvy panel of jury Dr. Milan Sharma, HOD IMFA; Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Former HOD, IMFA and Dr. Subject Singh HOD Sculpture, IMFA.



Adding further intellectual spark to the event, the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and Social Work organized the creative and thought-provoking Slogan Writing Competition, where students penned crisp, impactful and thought-provoking slogans that truly hit the road safety concerns. The competition was adjudged by the eminent academicians Dr. Nirlape Kour, Principal of GDC Samba, Dr. Alka Sharma, Principal of GDC Billawar, and Prof. Sanjay Kotwal, Associate Professor, GDC Reasi. Ms. Adity Angral of GCW Gandhinagar, Ms. Sapna of GDC Jindrah, Ms. Neelakshi of GDC Paloura bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd position re-

spectively. Equally captivating was the Elocution Contest, offered participants a platform to articulate the multifaceted aspects of road safety with clarity and conviction.

The competition was evaluated by a highly respected panel of academicians, Dr. Geetanjali Andotra, Principal (Retd.) Higher Education Department, Dr. M. K. Mussa, Assistant Professor (Retd.) and Dr. Joginder Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Dogri, GDC Samba. Ms. Mahi Gupta of GCW Gandhinagar, Ms. Nazia Akhter of GCOE Jammu & Ms. Ojswi of GCW Parade; and Ms Qadir Ali of MAM College Jammu were adjudged 1st, 2nd and

3rd respectively. The Award Ceremony was graced by the distinguished Presence of Dr. Ravendra Tickoo, Nodal Principal Jammu and the galaxy of intellectuals-Principals and faculty from various Degree colleges of the Jammu district, making the occasion truly memorable.

The programme unfolded under the visionary and motivating patronage of Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the host College whose encouraging leadership ensured that the goal of spreading the life-saving message of road safety be achieved in true essence. The entire programme was coordinated by Prof. Suman Bala, Assistant Professor in English.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW POONCH

### TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 268 of REW POONCH 2025-26 Dated:-05-03-2026 1st Call

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, the Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch, as his representative invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt/CPWD/MES for the following work under:

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estt. Cost (Rs 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	Position of Funds
1	Construction of Road from Main Road to Nr. H/o Showket Parwana W.No. 01 Moh. Habib Nagar Surankote Samote length 600 Meters Pyl. Surankote Upper Block Surankote Under CD and Pyl. Year 2025-26 1st call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	3.00	200	6000	30 days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 11-03-2026 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded

NOTE: The Contractors registered with DDC, Poonch in reference to GOVT. Order No: 238-F of 2021, Dated 07-09-2021 can participate upto an amount of Rs 3.00 Lacs, in local Panchayat works.

- After opening of the tender if the rates quoted by the lowest bidder are found to be high & value of work is more than the advertised cost, he/she is advised to negotiate higher quoted rates with the department/ offer his/her consent within five days after opening of the tenders, failing which the work shall be put to fresh tender.
- Vide Finance Department Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated:- 08-07-2025. Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatory disclose 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.
- Bid must be accompanied with cost of Tender Document in shape of Treasury Challan Debited to MH 0515 REW and earnest money in the shape of CDR @ 2% of the advertised cost in favour of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch failing which the tender will be rejected outrightly. The tender fee will be accepted only in the form of Treasury Voucher and No other mean will be accepted. It is mandatory to mention the name of work, e-Nit No on Treasury Challan. The date of the Earnest Money & Tender Fee must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission date) pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch.
- Successful bidder will submit 3% additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/B.G. The total 5% will be released after completion of defect liability period of the work.
- As per Order issued by this office vide No. XENREW/P/4058-61 Dated:-21-02-2025. The Extra CDRs shall be released after successful completion of works.
- The lowest bidder shall have to provide the CDR/FDR/B.G. within weeks' time for the issuance of allotment failing which he/she will be recommended for black listing. The CDR issue date to be uploaded, shall not be before the date of e-NIT and no other CDR shall be accepted as replacement, under rules.
- The successful bidder / Contractor who fails to start work within seven (07 Days) from the date of issuance of Allotment will be imposed a penalty of Rs 200 / Day starting from 8th day, deductible from the running bills of contractor.
- The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tender without assigning any reason there off.
- No tender document will be accepted displaying firm/company name without proprietor name against which the tender documents will be submitted.
- After opening of Financial Bid, within 05 days, if the successful Bidder doesn't approach with the CDR, the 2nd Lowest bidder, shall be approached for the negotiation and allotment of work at rates quoted by 1.
- The already defaulted contractors are not allowed to participate in any tendering work of REW Division Poonch.
- Subletting of allotted work is not allowed and will attract strict legal action, even cancellation of contract with imposition of costs and penalty etc, if any successful bidder is found involved in same at any stage.

NOTE: No PRI member shall be allowed to take part in Tendering process

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05-03-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 05-03-2026 to 10-03-2026, 1855 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	05-03-2026 from 1855 Hrs onwards
4	Bid Submission End Date	10-03-2026 up to 1855 Hrs
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) (in case of holiday, the bid shall be opened on next day)	11-03-2026 on or after 1000 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer REW, Poonch
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) (of only successful technical bidders)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- 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.  
c) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- 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 https://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 in Para-2.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.
- The key construction materials like Cement, Tar, Steel, Bitumen of required grade, etc. shall be arranged/purchased by the Contractor/Firm on his own for the above said work and the quality of these materials arranged/purchased by the Contractor/Firm shall adhere to the BIS & other Engineering codes and have to be verified/checked by Engineer In-charge before start of the work and during the work.
- Bids from Joint Venture are not allowed.
- The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- As per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu's Circular No. CE/JPSM/719 dated 22-09-2020, no bidder will be allowed to withdraw his bid once he participated in the tendering process what so ever case may be.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:-

- Position of A.A.A. : Accorded
- Position of T.S. : Accorded
- Position of Funds : Partially Available/Demanded

No.- XENREW/P/4406-13  
Dated:- 05-03-2026

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Rural Engineering Wing  
Poonch

DIP/J-12545/25. Dated: 07-03-2026

# District-level Awareness Workshop held

**BANDIPORA, MARCH 7:** District Industries Centre (DIC) Bandipora on Saturday organised the first awareness work-

shop of 2026 under the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) programme at the Conference Hall, Mini Sec-

retariat Bandipora. The workshop was attended by officials from various departments including Agriculture, Horticulture,

Sheep Husbandry, KVIB, banking institutions and aspiring entrepreneurs.

During the programme, resource persons from the District Industries Centre highlighted that with the advancement of technologies like artificial intelligence, traditional job opportunities are decreasing, making self-employment an important avenue for youth. They stressed that the government is providing guidance and financial assistance to promote entrepreneurship in both service and manufacturing sectors. Participants were also informed about schemes like PMEGP, incentives including turnover incentives, and facilitation for land allotment for setting up industrial units.

Resource persons from the Agriculture, Sheep Husbandry and Horticulture departments briefed the participants about various schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), including establishment of polyhouses, Custom Hiring Centres and promotion of high-density horticulture.

On the occasion, resource person from the banking sector also informed participants about financial assistance available under various government-sponsored schemes.

## GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer,  
Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC), Jammu.  
Tel No. 0191-2562593

### EXTENSION-01

e- NIT No: ED-I/e-NIT/65 of 2025-26 Dated:- 06.03.2026

INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for "Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning for Creation of 2 Nos. 100 KVA Sub-Stations alongwith HT/LT Lines for Tubewells at different locations (under AMRUT 2.0) under the Jurisdiction of Electric Division Div-I (JPDC) Jammu on Turn Key Basis". Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

- The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Publishing Date	06.03.2026; 12:30 PM
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	06.03.2026; 02:00 PM
C	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	27.03.2026; 02:00 PM
D	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	27.03.2026; 02:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	27.03.2026; up to 04:00 PM
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	28.03.2026; 02:00 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of Executive Engineer, JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu
I	Tender Value	19.16 Lacs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 38320/- (Rs. Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Only)

- The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft/ Treasury challan from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank pledged to Executive Engineer, JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu, payable at Jammu. The original demand draft/ Treasury challan receipt shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer, JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.
- Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDC.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank only pledged to Executive Engineer, JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu. No interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Corporation.
- Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, ED-I, Parade JPDC, Jammu, at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the technically qualified Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.
- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. An authority letter of Bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.
- The JPDC reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of the JPDC will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for JPDC office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
- To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
- Hard Copy/ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT of Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the Executive Engineer, JPDC, ED-I, Parade, Jammu in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical-Bids. The sealed cover shall be super scribed as "COST OF TENDER DOCUMENT AGAINST e-NIT NO: ED-I/e-NIT/65 of 2025-26 dated 06.03.2026."

No. ED-I/7658-61  
Dated:- 06.03.2026

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