

Price rise, LPG, shortage, black-marketing hit common people: Bhalla targets BJP-led Govt

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Intensifying his attack on the BJP-led government at the Centre, Working President of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) and former minister Raman Bhalla on Thursday accused it of failing to address the pressing day-to-day issues faced by the common masses, particularly rising inflation and shortages of essential commodities.

Addressing a public function at Bahu Fort, Bhalla said that people across Jammu and Kashmir are reeling under the burden of unprecedented price rise, which has severely impacted household budgets.

He claimed that the Centre has failed to effectively regulate prices of essential commodities, leaving ordinary citizens to fend for themselves in the face of mounting economic stress.

"From food items to cooking fuel, everything has become costlier. The government has turned a blind eye to the sufferings of the people," Bhalla said, adding that the BJP-led dispensation has been "shamelessly safeguarding the interests of big business houses" while neglecting the needs of the common man.

The Congress leader further alleged that since the formation of the BJP government at the Centre, the gap between the rich and the poor has widened considerably. "Instead of pro-



viding relief to the weaker sections, policies are being framed to benefit a select few, pushing the common masses into deeper financial distress," he remarked.

Highlighting the impact of the ongoing tensions in the Middle East, Bhalla said that global developments have added to the economic strain, resulting in further escalation of prices and supply disruptions. He pointed out that the common people are bearing the brunt of these developments without any adequate intervention from the government.

He specifically raised concerns over the alleged black marketing and shortage of LPG cylinders, stating that many households are struggling to secure timely supplies.

"On one hand, prices have skyrocketed, and on the other, people are forced to run from pillar to

post due to artificial shortages and black marketing. This reflects a complete failure of governance," he said.

Bhalla also criticised the BJP for what he termed as "unfulfilled promises," asserting that most of the commitments made to the public remain confined to paper.

"The government had made tall claims about improving the quality of life of citizens, but the ground reality tells a different story. People are disillusioned and feel betrayed," he added.

During the interaction, local residents highlighted a range of civic issues, including irregular supply of essential commodities, inadequate public services, and rising cost of living. They urged immediate intervention to address their grievances and provide relief to affected households.

Reiterating the Congress party's commitment to safeguarding the interests of the common people, Bhalla assured the gathering that their concerns would be taken up at appropriate forums. He emphasised the need for pro-people policies, effective price control mechanisms, and strict action against black marketing to ensure the availability of essential items at fair rates.

Among others who addressed the gathering were Latish Sharma, Raj Nath Dalotra, Ramesh Chander Dalotra, Manohar Lal Sagotra, Diwan Chand, Baldev Raj Nagotra, Gurdass Nagotra, Tek Chand Dalotra, Vicky Fengotra and Bahadur Lal Dalotra, who also voiced concern over the prevailing hardships and called for immediate remedial measures to ease the burden on the public.

On LG Saxena's direction, govt agencies launch cleanliness & beautification drive

LEH, MARCH 20: In pursuance of the directions of Lieutenant Governor Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, a comprehensive cleanliness and urban improvement drive has been launched in Leh city with renewed vigour and commitment. The initiative aims to transform Leh into one of the cleanest, most organised, and tourist-friendly cities in the country.

Acting in mission mode, the concerned government agencies have commenced large-scale operations to remove accumulated dust, construction and demolition waste lying along roadsides across key areas of the city. The initial phase of the drive is focused on prominent locations, including Lok Niwas, the Secretariat, Leh Main Market, Jivetsal, and adjoining areas.

Simultaneously, preparatory work for extensive plantation is underway, with pits being dug along these stretches to enhance the green cover and aes-



thetic appeal of the city. This integrated approach is designed not only to improve sanitation but also to contribute to environmental sustainability and urban beautification.

The initiative follows Shri Saxena's visit to Leh Market and Old Leh Town on March 15, during which he issued clear directives for undertaking a massive and sustained effort to address issues related to sanitation, infrastructure develop-

ment, and overall urban management.

Shri Saxena, who is personally monitoring the progress of the works, has expressed satisfaction over the efforts being made by the government agencies. He noted that such coordinated and determined actions would significantly contribute to creating a clean, well-organised, and visitor-friendly urban environment in Leh.

Reiterating his vision for

Ladakh, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the collective and sustained efforts of government agencies, complemented by active public participation, are essential to position Ladakh as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the world. The UT Administration has urged citizens, local stakeholders, and visitors to actively support and participate in this initiative, ensuring its long-term success and sustainability.

BJP holds training camp under Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhayan in Jammu

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, addressed a training camp organized under the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhayan 2026 of Rehari-Bakshi Nagar Mandal at Jammu.

J&K BJP Vice-President Priya Sethi, District Prabhari Brijeshwar Singh Rana, District President Rajesh Gupta, MLA Arvind Gupta, Secretary Arun Sharma, Brahm Jyot Satti, Arun Prabhath, Munish Khajuria, Veenu Khanna, Bawa Sharma, Karan Sat Sharma, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, and Mandal President Kushant Prajapati, and others attended the training camp.

Addressing in the camp, Sat Sharma said that BJP stands apart from other political parties due to its strong ideological foundation, internal democracy, and commitment to nation-building. He stated that the party's regular training mechanism, from top leadership to booth-level work-



ers ensures that every activist is well-equipped with knowledge, discipline, and a spirit of service. He stressed that such training camps are not symbolic but a serious and continuous exercise aimed at preparing dedicated workers who can serve society selflessly and effectively.

Sat Sharma said that BJP is a truly democratic organization that believes in collective decision-making and grassroots participation, unlike parties driven by dynastic politics and corruption. He said that the BJP activists

are organization's greatest strength, and through such structured training, party nurtures leadership qualities, ideological clarity, and organizational commitment.

Priya Sethi said that training programs play a crucial role in shaping responsible political activists who understand public issues and work with sensitivity and commitment. She said BJP's focus remains on welfare-driven governance and public service.

Rajesh Gupta spoke about the need for discipline, coordi-

nation, and effective communication among party cadres, which will further enhance their efficiency and dedication towards the party and society.

Arvind Gupta emphasized strengthening booth-level structure and urged workers to actively engage with the public to ensure effective implementation of government schemes.

Kushant Prajapati expressed gratitude to the party leadership for valuable insights and motivation to the workers to further strengthen the organization.

BJP Mahila Morcha reviews programmes, aims to strengthen grassroots network in J&K



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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir Mahila Morcha, led by its President Neha Mahajan, held a crucial organizational meeting at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma chiefly addressed the meeting. Party General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan, Secretary Reema Padha, Treasurer Prabhath Singh and senior members including Poonam Gupta, Neeru Anand, Aarti

Sharma, and Chakshu Kapoor among other prominent leaders were also present.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, emphasized the importance of regular organizational review and strategic planning. He stated that the detailed assessment of previous outreach programmes, awareness campaigns, and initiatives undertaken considering recent budget announcements reflects the party's commitment to effective governance and public engagement. He added that constructive feedback and collective inputs are essential to refine future programmes and ensure their impactful execution on the ground.

Sat Sharma prompted the Mahila Morcha members to ensure their active participation in the ongoing training, and to imbibe the party's core values and translate them into meaningful service at the grassroots level. He also reiterated the pivotal role of women in nation-building and stressed dedication, discipline, and proactive involvement in all organizational activities.

Sanjita Dogra said that the Mahila Morcha has consistently played a key role in connecting with women at the grassroots through well-structured outreach and awareness campaigns. She said that the review of past programmes provides an opportunity to further

strengthen coordination and improve execution, ensuring that every initiative reaches the intended beneficiaries effectively.

Gopal Mahajan stressed the need for a robust and dynamic organizational structure. He stated that clarity in upcoming programmes and a shared vision among Morcha activists will ensure better results. He encouraged them to work in close coordination with the party cadre and actively contribute towards strengthening the organization at every level.

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Notice Inviting e-tenders

E-NIT No. 01/HPM of 2025-26 Dated 18-03-2026

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory and Department of Horticulture (P&M) Deputy Director invites tenders from service providers, contractors, companies, Agencies and interested parties for providing various services (Housekeeping) for the period of 12 months w.e.f. 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027 of New Kissan Ghar at BR-2, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi - 110088 (starting from 00 hrs of 01.04.2027 and shall terminate at 2400 hrs of the intervening night of 31.03.2027 & 01.04.2027. The Earnest Money shall be Rs. 20000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only). The details of accommodation for which services are required is given here under:

S. No.	Name of Work	Rates to be quoted	Security Deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/EMD	Cost of Tender document	Period of contract.
1	Guest Room (Double Bed with attached bathroom)	=24 Nos			
2	Two rooms suites (with attached bath)	=07 Nos			
3	Kitchen and Dining Hall	=01 No			
4	Reception and Corridors of all the floors	Whole Building			
5	Office Block (Hall, Officers rooms and wash rooms)	Whole Building			
6	Terrace of functional Kissan Ghar/Internal drains	Whole Building			

The details of the services to be provided on contractual basis are:

- Sweeping/cleaning of Building including Rooms, Kitchen, Office Block, Conference Hall, Reception corridors, Toilet/bath Rooms and all compounds of the building including Lawns with all material. It will include collection of garbage on daily basis and its disposal at common MCD garbage centre.
- Providing of service of Farash and washing of linen with material.
- Maintenance and Development of Lawn with material, garden tools and Lawn mover.

S.No.	Particulars	Details
1	Period of Contract	12 months (w.e.f. 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027)
2	Tender Application Start Date	19.03.2026
3	Tender Application Closing Date	24.03.2026 upto 1800 hours
4	Opening of Received Tender Date	25.03.2026 (1300 Hours)
5	Cost of Tender Application	1000/-
6	Security Deposit in the shape of CDR/ FDR	20000/-

- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1100 hrs on 19.03.2026 to 24.03.2026 upto 1800 hrs.
- The bid shall be deposited in the Electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1100 hrs on 19.03.2026 to 24.03.2026 upto 1800 hrs.
- Technical bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East on 25.03.2026 at 1300 hrs put in presence of committee constituted for the purpose by the competent authority. If the office happens to be closed on date of opening as specified the same shall be opened on the next working day at same time and venue.

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- Bids must be accompanied by CDR/FDR and cost of tender document as specified in column No. 5 and 6 on the Table pledged in favour of Deputy Director, Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi. CDR/FDR shall have to be valid for 10 months or more after last date of receipt of bid. The Earnest Money will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderers. The cost of uploaded tender documents shall be in form of DD payable in favour of Deputy Director, Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi. Cost of tender document in the shape of DD should also be uploaded online.
- A copy of CDR/FDR pledged to the Deputy Director, Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi should be uploaded by the bidder whoever Original CDR/FDR, DD, PAN No and GST No shall be obtained from the tenderer before the allotment of the work. Bidder should get ready with the scanned copies of the cost of the documents and EMD as specified in the tender documents. The hard copies of the bids shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of the financial bid.
- The details of cost of documents EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same as Submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise will not be accepted.
- The guidelines for submission of the bids online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The successful tenderer has to pay the wages to labourers not less than the minimum wages fixed by the Delhi Government (competent authority)
- User fee/charges as per SWM Rule 2016 of Municipal Corporation Delhi are to be borne by the successful bidder.
- Other terms and conditions are also appended here with.

Terms & Conditions

- The contract will be for a period of (w.e.f. 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027)
- Man Power Required 07 number of works of unskilled nature.
- Besides 7 seven number of man power required electrician and plumber has to be provided on call/urgent basis as per requirement.
- The successful tenders shall have to deposit an amount of Rs.20000/- as security deposit pledged to Deputy Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing J&K Government Delhi. the amount shall be released after successful completion of the contract period.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons.
- The payments on account of various services shall be released after the satisfactory assessment of the said services by the officer/official Incharge Kissan Ghar.
- In case of poor performance or breach of contract, the department is at liberty to cancel the contract partly or wholly, besides the security deposit of Rs.20000/- will be forfeited.

Sd/
Deputy Director
Horticulture Planning & Marketing
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