

# Bhalla slams governance gaps, flags rising public distress across J&K

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JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, accompanied by former Minister Yogesh Sawhney, today addressed an impressive public meeting at Susheel Nagar, Ward 32, Block Talab Tillo, highlighting a wide spectrum of pressing public issues confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting, organised by King Kumar (AEE Retd), witnessed participation from prominent citizens, retired officials, social activists, and local residents, reflecting growing public concern over governance and developmental challenges in the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering, Bhalla launched a sharp critique of the prevailing situation, stating that rising unemployment has emerged as the biggest crisis for the youth. He said thousands of educated young people are struggling without meaningful job opportunities, leading to frustration, economic instability, and increasing migration. Bhalla



also pointed towards inflation and rising prices of essential commodities, which, he said, have severely impacted household budgets, particularly for middle- and lower-income families already grappling with limited income sources.

Bhalla further highlighted serious deficiencies in basic civic infrastructure, including erratic power supply, inadequate drinking water, poor road conditions, and weak sanitation systems in many parts of Jammu. He noted that frequent power cuts and water shortages are disrupting daily life, affecting students, small businesses, and domestic

households alike. He stressed that despite repeated assurances, these core issues remain unresolved, reflecting administrative inefficiency and lack of accountability.

Raising concerns over corruption and governance deficits, Bhalla alleged that delays in implementation of welfare schemes and lack of transparency have deprived deserving beneficiaries. He specifically mentioned the plight of daily wagers, Anganwadi workers, and contractual employees who continue to face job insecurity and low wages. He also flagged irregularities in pension disbursement to elderly citizens, widows, and specially-abled persons, stating that such lapses hit the most vulnerable sections hardest and erode trust in public institutions.

Touching upon the growing menace of drug abuse and crime, Bhalla termed it a serious social challenge threatening the future of the youth. He called for a comprehensive strategy involving strict enforcement, awareness campaigns, and community participation to curb the spread of drugs. He also reiterated the demand for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, as-

serting that democratic empowerment and accountable governance are essential to effectively address the aspirations and grievances of the people.

In his address, former Minister Yogesh Sawhney emphasized the need for strengthening grassroots-level governance and ensuring that public representatives remain accessible to the people. He stressed that local issues such as sanitation, drainage, and basic civic amenities require immediate attention and continuous monitoring. Sawhney called for collective efforts to ensure responsive administration and urged authorities to prioritise people-centric policies for sustainable and inclusive development.

The meeting was attended by several prominent individuals including Rajesh Sharma, Janak Raj Prabhu, Jagdish Chandra, Om Ji, Krishan Lal, Raj Kumar, Som Raj, Karan Singh, B.R. Chargal (Retd Chief Engineer), Dr. Ravi Kumar, Vijay, Sardar Datta, Bank Manager Angral, Sangeeta, Parveen Akhtar and others, who echoed similar concerns and called for urgent redressal of public grievances.

# JKAACL pays Musical Tribute to Padma Shri Padma Sachdev

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The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today organised a Musical Tribute to Padma Shri Padma Sachdev on the occasion of her birth anniversary at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu.

The programme commenced with floral tributes to the legendary poetess by the dignitaries, followed by a series of soulful musical presentations and reflections celebrating her life and immense contribution to literature, particularly in Dogri language. Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, paid rich tributes to Padma Sachdev and highlighted her invaluable contribution to Indian literature. In his address, he remarked that Padma Sachdev's writings continue to inspire generations and remain a cornerstone of the cultural and literary heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, welcomed the guests and audience. In her address, she underscored the importance of remembering and celebrating literary icons like Padma Sachdev, whose works have enriched regional languages



and culture, and reaffirmed the Academy's commitment to preserving and promoting the rich cultural legacy of the region.

The musical tribute featured performances based on the songs and poetry of Padma Sachdev by noted artists including Deepali Watal, Vivek Mohan, Kusha Sharma, Chinmei Sharma, Ram Lal, and Rakesh Kumar (vocalists). The accompanying musicians included Amit Anand (Tabla), Sunil Sharma (Synth), Rakesh Jasotra (Flute), Ashish Gill (Dholak), and Anand Kumar (Harmonium). The musical compositions presented during the programme were composed by Brij Mohan, a top-rated composer, adding depth and authenticity to the tribute.

On the occasion, Sahitya Akademi Awardees from Jammu and Kashmir for the year 2025 were also felicitated by the Chief

Guest. Pritpal Singh Betab was felicitated for his poetry collection "Safar Jaari Hai", while Khajur Singh Thakur was honoured for his poetry collection "Thakur Satsayie", in recognition of their significant contribution to literature.

Pritpal Singh Betab represents contemporary Urdu poetry in J&K. His collection of ghazals and nazms titled, Pesh Kyma, bagged the Best Book Award" from J&K Cultural Academy. Some of the other outstanding awards received by Betab are; Subhadra Kumari Chowhan Janam Shatabadi Saman, J&K Saadique Memorial Award, Mohd. Din Bandy Award, Jammu Kashmir Rattan Award by Gemini Academy Haryana and Muhsine-urdu Award by Anjuman-e-Taraqqi-e-Urdu Hind.

Thakur Khajoor Singh is a distinguished retired teacher, veteran poet, and

folk artist from Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir, widely recognized for his lifelong contribution to the promotion and preservation of Dogra culture and the Dogri language. Hailing from the culturally rich Duggar region, he has played a vital role in sustaining traditional literary and folk practices through his writings and performances. His acclaimed Dogri work SatSai earned him the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award, marking a significant milestone in his literary journey.

In addition to his achievements in literature, he was also honoured with a President's Award for his dedicated service as an educator and his efforts in cultural preservation.

Through his multifaceted contributions as a teacher, poet, and artist, Thakur Khajoor Singh continues to stand as a prominent figure in the cultural landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Power shutdown

**JAMMU, APRIL 17:** Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Babliana, Digiana, Trikuta Nagar, Industrial Estate and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 18 from 8 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Burnal, Rakh Muthi, Devipur, Ballian Da Bagh, Pallwan, PHE Lines BSF, Jourian, MES Troti, Bakore and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 18 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-III JPDCCL, Batote has informed that the power supply to Boonbari, Dharmund, Dugga Lehra, Baggu Nala, Rajgarh, Keli, Hala, Chanderkote Town, Sheri, Pernote, Kithmulla, Sangaldan Town, Harog, Badakund, Bhimdas, Dharam, Ramsod, Chanjloo, Neel, Hinjhal, Chanjloo and other adjoining areas will remain affected on April 18, 19 and 21 from 11 am to 4 pm.

# DBPS organises Vishal Shobha Yatra of Bhagwan Parshu Ramji

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Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) in its ongoing four-day Bhagwan Parsuram Jayanti celebration, on Friday flagged off the Shobha Yatra was flagged off by the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha in the presence of Jammu East MLA Yudhvir Sethi, Former Minister Priya Sethi, MLA Nagrota Diviyani Rana, Former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Former Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma, DBPS President Ved Parkash Sharma, NMC President

Subash Shastri, Former Deputy Commissioner B.S. Jamwal, Senior BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma, Gurdass Sharma, Davinder Sharma (Baboo), Ramesh Sharma, Atul Pangotra, Ritiz Khajuria, Sunil Sharma, Jagannath Sharma, M.L. Padha, B.R.Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Sanjiv Kerni, Krishan Lal Sharma, K.L. sharma, Surinder Chowdhary, Surinder Sharma, Sri Kerni, Raman Sharma, Rajesh Bargarota, Prem Balotra and Retired Col. Adarsh Khajuria and representatives of various religious social organization.

The Shobha Yatra of Bhagwan Parshu Ram Ji was followed by Jhanki comprised of 15 presentations drawn from various religious organizations passed through the authorized routes viz Chankaya Chowk to Moti Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, City Chowk, Kanak Mandi, Residency Road, Ragnath Mandir Bazar, Ranbirashwar Mandir Chowk and culminated at Chanakya Chowk Parade. Vishal Bhandhara was also served by the DBPS.

Earlier the function was began with of Pooja Archana of Bhagwan Parshu Ram Ji by Lt. Governor. Manoj

Sinha in the presence of DBPS President Ved Parkash Sharma, its Chairman Former Addl. Advocate General P.C.Sharma and large number of devotees with the chanting of Vedic Mantra and Havan Yagya, by the religious scholars.

The function was conducted by Former JMC Commissioner Soujanya Sharma and vote of thanks was also presented by him.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Prabhath Singh So Sh Krishan Chand Rio village Marta, Tehsil Ramnagar, Dist. Udhampur have been presently working as Cook under Mid-day meal scheme at PM Shri HSS Marta for the last thirty years. Now I have attained the age above 60 years, therefore, I want my son namely Vijay Singh to work in my place. Anybody having any objection may represent before Principal, PM Shri HSS, Marta within the 15 days from the issuance of this notice.

## DC Ramban reviews SANJ Yatra preparations at Chanderkote

**RAMBAN APRIL 17:** Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today visited Langer site and Yatri Niwas Chanderkote to review the preparations for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted an extensive inspection of key halt points and essential facilities along the Yatra route in the district, with focus on the mid-way halt locations at Chanderkote.

He was accompanied by senior superintendent of Police Arun Gupta; ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak;

ACD Sheraz Ahmed; Project Director NHAISHubam Yadav, besides executive Engineers of Jal Shakti, PWD and JPDCI, CMO and Tehsildar Ramban.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the Yatra Niwas at Chanderkote and other designated halting sites for pilgrims and security personnel during the annual yatra.

"Chanderkote Ramban Mid-way halt is a critical point on the route and requires comprehensive arrangements, including adequate lodging, sanitation, uninterrupted power and water supply. Health care services and robust security measures," the DC noted.

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Mukesh Verma - SO (Planning) (Kanak Mandi Wale)

Sunil Kumar - Inspector CRPF

**JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROJECTS DIVISION**

**Fresh e-NIT No 04(P) of 2026-27 (2nd Call)**

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, the Executive Engineer, Projects Division, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) invites online tenders on Percentage basis from registered class of Contractors/Firms as per the prescribed format for the works shown here under:-

S. No.	Name of work	Advertised Amount (In lacs)	Tender Fee In Rs.	EMD In Rs	Class	Time for completion
70(P) & 04(P)	Construction of Façade Walls in Semi Stone Masonry, P/F back lid Glass Paintings Incl. Allied Works at Bharat Mata Park (Patoli Park), Jammu	26.76	600/-	2% of the Adv. Cost	A & B	90 Days

Approval No.:- AAA/JC/W/207 of 2025-26, Dt.:- 03-03-2026  
Technical Sanction No.:- 25/MJ/PD of 2025-26, Dt.:- 14-03-2026  
Expenditure Head-Own Sources 2025-26

- The Complete bidding process will be online
- The bids shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> upto 30-04-2026 upto 1600 Hrs
- The bids received will be opened on same day or any other day convenient to the tender opening Committee.

No.:- JMC/PD/26-27/Tech/93-98  
Dt.:- 16-04-2026

Sd/ Project Officer  
Soil & Water Management  
CAD, Jammu

DIP/J-202-P/26. Dated: 17.04.2026

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI**

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
**Fresh e-NIT No. 05 of 2026-27 Dated 16-04-2026**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost	Cost of document	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	MACADAMIZATION /POT HOLE WORKS INCLUDING ALLIED WORKS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN PWD (RandB) SUB DIVISION REASI ( UNDER STAGE CONTRACT UPTO 03/2027).	Rs. 25.00 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 50000/-	31-03-2027	"ABC" Class

**Note:- The Advertised amount is only to fix the tender fee and during execution this amount may be increased or decreased.**  
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 Publishing of Tender Notice	17-04-2026
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 17-04-2026 to 27-04-2026, 1600 Hrs
3.	Bid submission Start Date	17-04-2026
4.	Clarification start date	17-04-2026
5.	Clarification end date	27-04-2026 up to 1600 Hrs
6.	Pre-bid meeting date	25-04-2026 at 1200 Hrs.
7.	Bid Submission End Date	27-04-2026 up to 1600 Hrs
8.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-04-2026 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
9.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

**Position of Funds: Demanded**

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan Treasury Challan indicating therein Treasury Receipt No. & date alongwith seal and Signature of the concerned Treasury, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi uploading a copy of treasury challan complete in all respects and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi as mentioned in the bid documents.
- The date and time of opening of 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 bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi .
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- 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 need not 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) Division, Reasi . 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 bidder shall be disqualified from bidding for any contract with this office for a period of 03 Years from the date of notification, 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) 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 [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.

No: 462-466  
Dated: 16.04.2026

Sd/  
(Er. Pawan Kumar Bogia)  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.

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