

# LG Saxena formally inaugurates 5 new districts in Ladakh



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Just two days after approving the issuance of notification for the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, formally inaugurated the new districts—Changthang, Nubra, Zaskar, Sham, and Drass—marking a significant step towards decentralised governance and inclusive development.

Congratulating the people of Ladakh, the Lieutenant Governor said the move fulfils a long-pending demand of local representatives and aligns with the vision of "Governance at Doorsteps" of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He termed it a "new beginning" aimed at bringing administration

closer to remote communities.

Highlighting Ladakh's vast and challenging terrain, he noted that residents often travel long distances to access basic services, and said the new districts would ensure improved accessibility, faster service delivery, and better administrative outreach.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the newly ap-

pointed Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police to adopt a people-centric approach, regularly visit villages, organise outreach programmes, and ensure prompt grievance redressal. He also emphasised maintaining law and order to preserve Ladakh's peaceful environment.

He underlined the importance of addressing key is-

ssues such as water scarcity through better utilisation and storage of glacial meltwater to support agriculture and livelihoods.

Expressing confidence in the new administrative units, the Lieutenant Governor said the districts would accelerate development, strengthen governance, and meet the aspirations of the people across Ladakh.

# BJP Mahila Morcha holds 'Mashal Padyatra', criticizes on Women's Reservation Bill



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Mahila Morcha of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its President Adv. Neha Mahajan, organized a "Jan Aakrosh Mahila Mashal Padyatra" to register strong protest against the opposition parties over their stance on the proposed 33% Women's Reservation Bill, 2026. The march commenced from Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar, with women participants carrying torches (mashals), symbolizing collective resolve and growing awareness for political empowerment.

BJP J&K President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, BJP National Secretary and MLA RS Pura Dr Narinder Singh, J&K BJP Vice Presidents Priya Sethi, and Rekha Mahajan, MLA Bahu Constituency Vikram Randhawa, MLA East Constituency Yudhveer Sethi, Ex MLA Bishnah Ashwani

Sharma, General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, State Spokespersons Purnima Sharma, and Rajni Sethi, district president and Jammu Rajesh Gupta Jammu South Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Mahila Morcha Prabhari Veenu Khanna, Seh-Prabhari Shailja Gupta, General Secretary Mahila Morcha Urvashi Gupta, and others were amongst the prominent present in the Padyatra.

Sat Sharma strongly criticized the opposition for op-

posing the Bill. He stated that denying adequate representation to women in legislative bodies reflects a lack of genuine commitment toward women empowerment. He emphasized that the BJP remains steadfast in its resolve to ensure greater political participation of women and urged opposition parties to clarify their position on this crucial issue.

Dr. Narinder Singh termed the opposition's resistance as regressive. He

remarked that the Women's Reservation Bill is a historic step aimed at strengthening democracy by ensuring inclusive participation. He asserted that blocking such progressive legislation deprives women of their rightful opportunities in governance.

Priya Sethi stressed that women across the nation are increasingly aware of their rights and are demanding equal representation in decision-making processes.

# Koul reviews Prashikshan Mahabhiyan, organizational strengthening in Jammu

JAMMU, APR 29: Jammu & Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul chaired a series of important meetings with senior party leaders to review preparations for the ongoing Prashikshan Mahabhiyan and to

discuss organizational strengthening in the Jammu South district.

The meetings were attended by J&K BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLA Bahu Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Secretary Reema Padha, Prab-

hari Jammu South Praduman Singh, and District President Jammu South Naresh Singh Jasrotia, among other senior functionaries.

In the first meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding the preparations

and strategy for the District Training Maha Abhiyan under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan. Emphasis was laid on ensuring maximum participation, effective training modules, and the smooth execution of the program at the grassroots level.

In the second meeting, detailed deliberations were held for strengthening the party organization in Jammu South district. Deliberations were held on enhancing coordination among party workers, expanding outreach, and planning upcoming programs aimed at further consolidating the BJP's presence in the region.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meetings, stressed the importance of continuous training and organizational discipline. He said that the Prashikshan Mahabhiyan is a crucial initiative to empower party workers with ideological clarity and organizational skills.

# Natrang Celebrates International Day

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JAMMU, APR 29

Natrang marked the International Day of Dance with vibrant celebration and cultural fervor at its Studio Theatre today, bringing together artists, enthusiasts, and the local community in a spirited tribute to the rich heritage of Dogri dance traditions. The event unfolded as a lively confluence of performance, reflection, and dialogue, highlighting the enduring legacy of regional art forms such as Kudd and Jagarna.

At the heart of the celebration was a renewed commitment to reconnect younger generations with the deep cultural roots of Jammu's traditional dances. Through evocative performances and thoughtful presentations, the programme emphasized not just the aesthetic beauty of these forms, but also their historical and social signifi-



cance—an aspect often overlooked in contemporary practice.

Addressing the gathering, Natrang Director Padma Shri Balwant Thakur underscored the urgent need for scholarly engagement with the traditional foundations of Dogri dance. He expressed concern that many practitioners today remain disconnected from the origins, narratives, and meanings embedded within these art forms. "While dance events are frequently organized, the intellectual and

cultural discourse surrounding them is missing," he observed. "This gap weakens the movement and could have lasting consequences for the future of our traditional dances."

He further pointed out a growing trend where Dogri music is paired with generic or Bollywood-inspired choreography, resulting in a dilution of the region's distinct artistic identity. Stressing authenticity and research, he called upon artists, institutions, and cultural bodies to invest in doc-

umentation, study, and meaningful interpretation of indigenous traditions.

A highlight of the evening was Balwant Thakur's detailed narration of the Jagarna tradition—an intimate and expressive form of dance deeply rooted in the lives of Dogri women. Traditionally performed during wedding ceremonies, Jagarna unfolds on nights when the groom and male members of the village depart for the bride's home. Left behind, the women remain awake through the night, engaging in collective storytelling through song and dance. This shared artistic expression, rich with personal narratives and emotional depth, gave rise to the unique form of Jagarna, embodying both celebration and solidarity.

Thakur emphasized that such traditions are not merely performances but living archives of community life, emotion, and identity. He urged both performers and audiences to cultivate a deeper understanding of these origins, advocating for a more informed and sensitive engagement with cultural practices.

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR JAL SHAKTI (RTC) DEPARTMENT Office of the Executive Engineer Tawi Canal Construction Division Jammu

**Subject:** 1. Maintenance work including petty works to be executed at site as per the necessity demand emergent nature for upkeep Main Tawi Canal from RD 26750 to 28400 M and distributaries D10 D11 and link channel and their minors MRC RD 0 to 3525 M and their minors and sub minors.

**Reference:** - This Office e-NIT No. 01 of 2026-27 dated 02.04.2026 issued vide endorsement No. TCCD/J/49-62 of dated: 02.04.2026.

### CORRIGENDUM

Due to poor response, the above subjected work of e-NIT is hereby extended up to 04.05.2026 up to 2.00 PM and the same shall be opened on 05.05.2026 at 2.00 PM subjectively.

Rest all terms and conditions shall remain the same.

No. TCCD/J/394-407

Dated: 28.04.2026

Sd/  
(Executive Engineer)  
Tawi Canal Const Division  
Jammu

DIP/J-1305/26. Dated: 29.04.2026

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC DIVISION DODA JAMMU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED (JPDCL), JAMMU

e-NIT No: - ED/Doda/JPDCL/25 of 2026-27 Dated: -28.04.2026

### INVITATION

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer Electric Division Doda - JPDCL, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for Survey, Supply, Transportation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for permanent Restoration of Infrastructure Damaged due to flash floods in the month of Aug 2025 in respect of Thanda Panni Assar and Khallani Doda Feeders of Electric Sub Division II Doda under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, Electric Division Doda.

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.

1. 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: -

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date							
B	Clarification start and end date							
C	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date							
D	e-Bid submission (start) date & time							
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time							
F	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time							
G	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time							
H	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)							
I	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids							
J	Tender Value							
K	Cost of e-Bid document							
L	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)							

- The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank in favor of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Doda - JPDCL, payable at Doda. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Doda - JPDCL, 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 JPDCL.
- 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 Electric Division Doda - JPDCL. No Interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.
  - Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Doda - JPDCL, on 18.05.2026 for 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 JPDCL 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 JPDCL will be final and binding.

Sd/  
(Er. Rouf Butt)  
Executive Engineer,  
Electric Division, JPDCL  
Doda.

DIP/J-411-P/26. Dated: 29-04-2026

No. ED Doda/543-46

Dated:- 28-04-2026

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) KATHUA-SAMBA CIRCLE KATHUA

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. PWD/SE/KS/05 of 2026-27 Dated:-23-04-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on percentage rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/CPWD / BRO/ Railways/ MES/JK-DOMS/ and other State/ Central Government for the work mentioned below:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Up-gradation/Construction of road from Dhar road to High Security Prison at Dambra, Tehsil Mahanpur. (Double lane) (under road Sector 2026-27.)	PWD (R&B) Division Billawar	606.69	6000/-	1213380/- (2% of the Advertised Cost)	24 Month (incl. all rainy days)	(1400 Hrs) on or after 14-05-2026	"A" Class

Position of AAA = Accorded

Position of Tech. Sanction = Accorded

The Bidding documents Consist of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, 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	23.04.2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24.04.2026 to 13.05.2026 at 1600 Hrs.
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	08.05.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle, Kathua
4	Bid submission Start Date	24.04.2026 From 1000 Hrs.
5	Bid Submission End Date	13.05.2026 up to 1600 Hrs.
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	14.05.2026 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle, Kathua.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of challan through Treasury indicating the name of work/e-NIT No. favouring Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle Kathua by crediting to 0059-PWD (Revenue) issued after issuance of e-NIT No. & Date uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt issued after the advertisement of e-NIT. The date on challan should be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bid shall be notified on Web Site <http://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 the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kathua-Samba Circle Kathua. 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.
- 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://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.
  - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in e-NIT and SBD as a part of technical bid.
- Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

No:- PWD/SE/KS/534-38

Dated:-23-04-2026

Sd/  
Superintending Engineer  
PWD (R&B)Kathua-Samba Circle  
Kathua

DIP/J-1300/26. Dated: 29-04-2026

## Power Shutdown by KPDC

**SRINAGAR, APRIL 29:** Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Habak-Zakura line will be observed due to which power supply to Zakura, Batpora, Gulab bagh, Burzhama, Chaterhama, Tailbal, Danihama, Khimber, Shu-perbagh and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 11 May 2026.

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