

# Pt Prem Nath Dogra's ideology continues to inspire nationalist forces: Guv Kavinder

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Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta visited Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan in the Kachi Chawni area of old Jammu city and met the family members of veteran Dogra leader Pt. Prem Nath Dogra. During the visit, Kavinder Gupta paid rich tributes to Pt. Prem Nath Dogra and remembered his immense contribution towards strengthening nationalist forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

Recalling the historic role played by Dogra ji in the Praja Parishad Movement, Kavinder Gupta said that Pt. Prem Nath Dogra devoted his entire life to the cause of nationalism, unity and the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Dogra ji fearlessly led the Praja Parishad Movement at a crucial time and became a symbol of patriotism and public awakening in the region. He also lauded



the role of Pandit ji while serving as National President of Jana Sangh.

Kavinder Gupta said that Pt. Prem Nath Dogra had achieved the distinction of being recognised as "Sher-e-Duggar" because of his courageous leadership, strong determination and unwavering commitment towards national integration. He said that Dogra ji's ideol-

ogy and sacrifices continue to inspire generations of nationalist workers and social activists across the country.

The Himachal Pradesh Governor further said that the contribution of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra in strengthening democratic values and nationalist thought can never be forgotten. He remarked that the younger generation should learn about the life,

struggles and ideals of such great personalities who dedicated themselves completely to the nation and society.

While interacting with the family members, Kavinder Gupta appreciated the family's continued association with public and social causes. He also prayed for the peace and prosperity of the family members.

# Bhalla questions silence of BJP MLAs amid worsening power crisis in Jammu

JAMMU, MAY 18: In a major show of organisational strength and intensified public outreach, the Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) District Jammu Urban on Sunday organised a massive Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan at Gangyal in Bahu constituency under the leadership of District President Yogesh Sawhney. The programme, convened by Satish Sharma, was presided over by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla in presence of former Ministers Mulla Ram, Abdul Majeed Wani, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, former MLC Subash Gupta, TS Tony, Mangal Bral and witnessed participation of senior Congress functionaries, party workers and local residents in large numbers.

Among those present were former Ministers Mulla Ram and Abdul Majeed Wani, former MLC Subash Gupta and several prominent leaders of the party.

Present on the occasion included Baldev Singh Wazir, Sumanpreet Singh, Latish Sharma, Sanjeev Katal, Pardeep Bhalla, Sandeep Dogra, Rajender Singh, Parveen Singh, Bhushan Kumar, Vijay Sharma, Janak Raj, Dwarka Choudhary, Kamal Singh, Jitender Singh, S.P. Sapolia, former Corporator Kulbushan Sharma, Inder Sehgal, Paras Ram, Sahil Shavotra, Pinka, Sapna, Om Parkash, Rita Kanojia, Dev Raj Kanojia, Suresh Kala, Charanjeet and Narinder Sharma.

The programme focused on strengthening the Congress party at the grassroots level while raising issues concerning unemployment, inflation, deteriorating civic infrastructure, drug abuse, rising prices of essential commodities and the growing hardships faced by the common masses in Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering, Raman Bhalla launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led government, accusing it of failing on every front concerning governance and public welfare. He said the people of Jammu & Kashmir, especially the youth, farmers, labourers and middle-class families, are facing unprecedented hardships due to unemployment, inflation and lack of developmental initiatives. Bhalla alleged that despite repeated promises, the government has failed to provide employment opportunities to educated youth, resulting in growing frustration among the younger generation.



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Bhalla further said that Jammu city and its adjoining areas are grappling with serious civic issues including dilapidated roads, erratic drinking water supply, un-scheduled power cuts, inadequate drainage systems and poor sanitation facilities. He said the authorities have failed to address the basic needs of the people while developmental projects continue to suffer delays.

Raising concern over the increasing drug menace, Bhalla said the future of the youth is at stake and demanded stronger measures to curb narcotics trafficking and protect younger generations from substance abuse.

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Highlighting the worsening power crisis in Jammu, Bhalla alleged that the administration has been resorting to massive undeclared power cuts to cover up the prevailing electricity shortfall instead of purchasing additional power. He claimed that around 450-500 MW power deficit currently exists in Jammu region and alleged that nearly 500 MW electricity was "saved" during the previous night through un-scheduled curtailments imposed on various feeders

across the city and adjoining areas.

Bhalla said that as per directions from the Power Controller team of JPDCL, the 33 KV feeders of Jagti, Bhalwal and Purkhoo-1 remained shut till 11:30 pm, resulting in curtailment of nearly 37 MW load. He further claimed that around 30 MW load was curtailed for nearly one-and-a-half hours from Grid Station Janipur affecting areas including Roop Nagar, Subash Nagar and Rajinder Nagar. Similarly, around 11.5 MW load was curtailed from Grid Station Sidhra for nearly one-and-a-half hours impacting the 33 KV Sidhra, Bahu Fort, Malhori and Dhonthly feeders.

The Congress leader alleged that instead of addressing the crisis through better planning and power procurement, the authorities are avoiding additional electricity purchases by citing high seasonal costs, while common consumers continue to suffer prolonged outages amid rising temperatures. He also accused BJP representatives from Jammu of failing to effectively raise the concerns of the region before the government and power authorities.

Former Minister Mulla Ram, while addressing the workers, highlighted the plight of economically weaker sections, labourers, farmers and daily wagers who, he said, are struggling to survive amid rising prices of food items, fuel and other essential commodities. He stressed that inflation has badly affected household budgets and accused the government of ignoring the concerns of poor and marginalised sections of society. He also demanded concrete welfare measures and employment generation schemes to provide relief to the people.

Former Minister Abdul Majeed Wani emphasized the importance of communal harmony, unity and democratic values. He said Congress has always stood for secularism, inclusive devel-

opment and protection of democratic institutions. Wani alleged that divisive politics and attempts to create social polarization are weakening the social fabric of the country. He urged party workers to strengthen public confidence by reaching out to every section of society and raising issues concerning the common people.

Speaking on the occasion, Yogesh Sawhney said the Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan is aimed at rejuvenating the party organisation and re-connecting with people at the grassroots level. He said Congress workers are committed to fighting for public rights and exposing the failures of the present government. Sawhney asserted that the party would continue to intensify public outreach programmes across Jammu Urban district to strengthen the organisational structure from booth to district level.

Satish Sharma, while addressing the gathering, highlighted various unresolved issues confronting residents of Bahu constituency including poor sanitation, damaged roads, traffic congestion, inadequate drainage facilities and irregular water supply. He said people are facing immense inconvenience due to administrative apathy and demanded immediate intervention to resolve civic problems affecting local residents. Sharma also called upon party workers to remain actively connected with the masses and ensure that public grievances are effectively projected before the concerned authorities. The programme concluded with party leaders reiterating their commitment to strengthening the Congress party at the grassroots level and intensifying the struggle for the rights and welfare of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

A large number of Congress workers, youth activists and local residents attended the event and expressed support for the party's outreach campaign.

# CM expresses grief over demise MP Rashid's father, MLA Khursheed

SRINAGAR, MAY 18: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the passing away of Khazir Mohammad Sheikh, father

of Hon'ble Member of Parliament Er. Rashid and Hon'ble MLA Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh, who breathed his last at AIIMS, New Delhi, after a pro-

longed illness. Khazir Mohammad Sheikh was 85 years old.

The Chief Minister conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved fam-

ily and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. He also prayed for strength and courage to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATHUA

### FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No:23/2026-27/1546-50/G Dated:14.05.2026  
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. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG	Time allowed for Completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Repair/Renovation/face-lifting including electrical works Kathua (Transit camp Kathua) Under Capex Budget (SANUY 2026-27)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	5.94	600/-	11680/-	Month-01	23.05.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	CD
2	Construction of Bore well with Storage Tank and Water Distribution, GCW, Kathua.	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	59.37	1500/-	118740/-	Month-02	23.05.2026 on or after 1300Hrs	A

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15-05-2026 at 1000 Hrs to 22-05-2026 up to 1600 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	20-05-2026 at 1300 Hrs in the office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua
4	Bid submission Start Date	From 15-05-2026 at 1000 hours
5	Bid Submission End Date	22-05-2026 up to 1600 hours
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-05-2026 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- If the contractor / firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT / Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically be treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor / firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office and the contractor is debarred for further tenders from the division for the period of one year.
- 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.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any latest 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) Division 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.
- 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 and additional Performance Security (as the case be) within seven days after opening of Financial Bid.  
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. CEJ/G/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 with technical bid online.
- Special condition:-**  
i. The work will be taken up at once as directed by Engineer in charge.  
ii. The contractor shall submit Geo tagged photographs of Pre execution, during execution and post execution duly signed by AEE.  
iii. The documents i.e. Treasury Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG & Affidavit of Correctness already prepared by the bidder for the same work which already stands published Vide previous e-NITs and cancelled, shall be accepted.  
iv. It will be mandatory and binding on the contractor to start the work within 12 Hours intimation from the Engineer-In-Charge of the area. As the works are of emergent nature, the intimation can be given by SMS/ Phone Call/Whatsapp on Mobile No. which is required to be mentioned on document uploaded with the documents.  
v. Photographs of pre, during & post restoration of all the activities need to be maintained and this will be the responsibility of the concerned contractor in Liaison with the Engineer-In-Charge to maintain them. A set of the photographs will have to be enclosed with the payment bills.  
vi. In case the contractor does not start the work within the stipulated time, the department will be at liberty to get the work done from any contractor/piece workers at the risk and cost of the contractor to whom the work is allotted.  
vii. Various quantities advertised are indicative only and the actual quantities can vary as per the site conditions and the contractor will be bound to act accordingly.  
viii. Before commencement of work the Asstt. Executive Engineer concerned will report to the Divisional Office with reference to the damage report and urgency in execution of work duly supported with the photographs clearly indicating the quantum of damages.  
ix. During execution of work, daily progress report shall have to be maintained at Sub Division level which shall also be intimated to the Divisional Office on weekly basis.  
x. During submission of claims of particular work, the daily progress report as per Sub Divisional record shall have to be certified by Asstt. Executive Engineer concerned.

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# Koul addresses training camp in Poonch



Poonch, 18 May 2026:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir organized a District Level Training Camp under the ongoing "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan-2026" at Dak Banglow, Poonch.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul addressed the session on the ideological strengthening of the cadre and the incessant work by the various organizations in the service to the nation.

Rajya Sabha MP Ghulam Ali Khatana, J&K BJP Secretary Veenu Khanna, Dis-

trict Prabhari Poonch Dinesh Sharma, Seh Prabhari Rajesh Raina, and District President Poonch S. Gurdev Singh Khalsa were also present on the occasion along with senior party leaders and party workers.

Ashok Koul, addressing the training camp, emphasized that the BJP is not merely a political party but an ideological movement committed to nationalism, good governance, and service to society. He said that the "Vichar Parivar" represents a strong network of organizations working collectively for nation-building while inspired by the ideals

of cultural nationalism and social harmony.

Ashok Koul stated that the cadre-based strength of the BJP comes from its disciplined workers who remain dedicated to public welfare and organizational values. He stressed that training programmes under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Prashikshan Mahabhiyan are aimed at ideologically empowering party workers and equipping them with the vision and commitment needed to serve society effectively.

Koul further said that the BJP workers must work at the grassroots level with

dedication and continuously connect with the people to strengthen the party organization across every region. He called upon the party cadre to take the policies and achievements of the government to every household and work selflessly for the welfare of the people.

Other senior leaders also highlighted the importance of organizational training camps in strengthening the party structure and enhancing ideological clarity among party workers.

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