

# LG Ladakh launches Sindhu Jal Samridhhi Abhiyan to address water scarcity

**LEH, MAY 27:** An innovative Rock Check Dam, the first of its kind in India, aimed at achieving long-term water and agricultural sustainability in Ladakh, was today inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, at Upshi in Leh. The Rock Check Dam, built over River Indus, 44 km from Leh, at an altitude of 11,400 feet, has been conceptualised by L-G Shri Saxena as an eco-friendly, cost-effective and a sustainable remedy to Ladakh's water crisis.

This rock check dam has been built using large rocks, sourced from the riverbed and the surroundings, to hold the water in the river. L-G Shri Saxena has named the project as "Sindhu Jal Samridhhi Abhiyan (SJSJA)" that aims at augmenting the water level by creating rock check dams at specific locations of the river, particularly the narrow passages where tapping the river water is relatively easier and more effective. The location of the check dam is identified in consultation with the villagers/locals. The Lieutenant Governor has directed the Irrigation & Flood Control Department to construct three more such check dams within a month on experiment basis.

In many parts of Ladakh, the Indus River becomes



too shallow. As a result, standard motors and pumps fail to lift water from the river, to the uphill fields. This is where these rock check dams would play a crucial role. These check dams would create a big pondage area storing ample water for use during the peak sowing season. Because the rocks have been sourced directly from the riverbed, there is no use of cement or concrete in the construction of this check dam. This makes it a completely eco-friendly project.

The L-G said that the Sindhu Jal Samridhhi Abhiyan would help improve irrigation facilities, strengthen water security and support sustainable agriculture in remote villages. "It is another innovative and eco-friendly project, aimed at achieving

long-term water security in Ladakh after the successful launch of Project Him Sarovar. The Rock Check Dam has been conceived as a model of sustainable water and agricultural security, while preserving the fragile ecological character of Ladakh's ecosystem. The initiative has received encouraging response from villagers," L-G Shri Saxena said.

Unlike the engineered cement-concrete check dams, a rock check dam is a semi-permanent barrier built across the river channel. It slows down the velocity of the water and creates large pondage area behind, while allowing the excess water to flow through, creating a cascading effect and increasing oxidation in the river.

The rock check dam at Upshi is nearly 200 feet

long. It has the base-width of 30 feet on the river bed for greater stability, while its top deck is 15 feet wide and is 5 feet high from the riverbed.

The rock check dam has been designed to withstand the high pressure of the water. At present, the flow of water in the Indus is approx. 25 Cusec (Cubic feet per second) that would increase nearly eight-times to 200 Cusec during July-August. The design of the rock weir would ensure that it does not get washed away when the volume of water increases substantially.

Remarkably, construction of this check dam has been completed in just seven days – from 12 – 18 May 2026 – during which the L-G conducted three site visits to oversee the construction of this project. Nearly 180 MT of rocks, each weighing 500 KG to 10 MT, have been meticulously interlocked within the riverbed to construct this check dam.

The rock check dam has successfully created a vast pondage area, stretching up to 1500 feet (500 meter) upstream and storing nearly 40 million litres of water. The depth of the water on the edges of the river is 4-5 feet, while in the middle of the river the depth goes up to 10 feet.

# Farmers highlight irrigation, crop damage issues in Kathua

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A deputation of farmers on Wednesday called on JKPC Kissan Congress Chairman Bharat Priye at Nagri Parole in Kathua district and apprised him of several pressing issues affecting the agriculture sector in the region.

The farmers highlighted that Nagri Parole, located near the Punjab border and adjoining the Kandi belt, faces unpredictable rainfall and an acute shortage of natural water resources, making irrigation a major challenge for cultivators. They also expressed concern over frequent crop damage caused by wild animals and stray cattle, which continues to pose a serious threat to standing crops and farmers' livelihoods.

The deputation further pointed out that erratic weather conditions, including unseasonal hailstorms and sudden temperature fluctuations, are adversely affecting both traditional and horticultural crops in the area. Farmers also raised concerns regarding shallow soils filled with boulders, shrinking land-



holdings and excessive dependence on chemical fertilizers, which have collectively led to declining soil fertility.

Addressing the farmers, Bharat Priye stressed the need for systemic improvements in the agriculture sector and encouraged farmers to adopt sustainable and modern farming practices to overcome the prevailing challenges. He urged cultivators to explore high-yield and economically viable alternatives such as bamboo cultivation, mushroom farming and ex-

otic horticulture, which can provide better returns and generate additional employment opportunities for rural youth.

He also highlighted the role of local agriculture departments and institutions like Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu in promoting climate-resilient farming practices, including protected cultivation through polyhouses and vermicomposting techniques.

Bharat Priye informed the farmers that various

government initiatives, including PM-KISAN, subsidized seedlings and soil health cards, are being implemented to support the farming community and promote balanced fertilizer use. He appealed to local farmers and unemployed youth to remain in close coordination with the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and the District Agriculture Office in Kathua for technical training, access to subsidized agricultural tools and guidance on drip irrigation systems and other modern farming techniques.

# Vikram Randhawa listens to public issues at BJP headquarters

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Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Assembly Constituency Ch. Vikram Randhawa listened to the grievances and issues of the public during a public grievance camp at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP Swachhta Abhiyan Incharge Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal and Abhiyan Co-Incharge Er. TK Sharma were also present on the occasion.

Several deputations from different areas met Vikram Randhawa and apprised him of various civic and developmental issues affecting their localities. A deputation from Gangyal raised the issue of leakages in the rising main, causing inconvenience to the residents and affecting water supply in the area. Deputations from Sanjay Nagar, Sector-2



Channi, Meenia Mohalla Trikuta Nagar, and Deva Palace Preet Nagar complained about the acute scarcity of drinking water and demanded immediate intervention from the concerned department.

Similarly, deputations from Gandhi Nagar and Preet Nagar Dagiana highlighted the poor condition of lanes and drains and sought their early repair and maintenance. Residents from Trikuta Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, and Preet Nagar also requested repair and restoration of damaged street lights in their respec-

tive localities.

A deputation from Mahore urged the MLA to take up the matter regarding deployment of a warden at KGBV Sungrri Chasana against the vacant functioning of the institution. Deputations from Channi, Trikuta Nagar, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, and Nanak Nagar demanded early macadamization of roads, stating that the damaged roads were causing difficulties to commuters and residents alike.

Vikram Randhawa, speaking on the occasion,

assured the visiting deputations that all genuine public issues would be taken up with the concerned departments on priority. He said that the BJP-led government remains committed to ensuring better civic amenities and development for every section of society.

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

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 12 of 2026-2027/Jammu East Dated 25-05-2026

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 Govt. for each of the following works :-

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 complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Day to Day Maintenance General up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on down side of JA Toad i.e. Roop Nagar muthi road upto keran, Barnai Bantalaab road, Dharmal & allied links JMC yard to Patoli via suki nehar allied links.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	4.90	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
2	Day to Day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on Janipur Ambgrola road Km 5th to Km 7th and all allied links	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	4.90	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
3	Day to day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on roads viz-a-viz Roop nagar, Muthi road, Lower Roop nagar, buta nagar, Paloura to patoli road, Paloura chowk to BSF road, Mandlik nagar, Pamposh colony roads and allied links	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	5.00	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, & C
4	Day to day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on roads viz-a-viz Indira vihar, Naseeb nagar, Shant nagar, bread factory road, old Janipur road and allied links	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	5.00	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
5	Day to day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on BC Road and AEC Flyover.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	4.99	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
6	Day to day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on roads viz-a-viz Rehari, Sarwal, Bakshil Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Subash Nagar, Toph, Patoli and allied links.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	4.99	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
7	Day to day maintenance general up-keeping during the financial year 2026-27 on Janipur Ambgrola road Km 1st to Km 4th and all allied links.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	5.00	600/-	40740/-	Upto March 2027	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A, B, C & D
8	Restoration of road damaged by Jal Shakti Department due to the work "Improvement of water supply by way of replacing worn out pipes from New plot station to meat shop, new plot station to slate motor garages, Guest house OHT line, New Plot to Shiv Temple Talli Morh.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	25.45	600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	1 1/2 Month	(1200 Hrs) on or after 03-06-2026	A & B

**Position of AAA / TS: Accorded under NON PLAN (SR No. 1 to 7, SR No. 8 - PHE)**  
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 Issue of Tender Notice	25-05-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 25-05-2026 to 02-06-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	29-05-2026 at 1200Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
4	Bid submission Start Date	25-05-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	02-06-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	03-06-2026 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favouring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt. Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 to be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East at the time of allotment.
- 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 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 Jammu East. 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 within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.  
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Executive PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJG/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 and SBD with technical bid online.

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## GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD(PHQ) J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR

### INVITING FRESH SHORTERM E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/17/2026-27 Dated: 25-05-2026

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate 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	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Repair/ renovation of the offices of officers at CID Hqr's J&K at Jammu (SSP-SS CID Hqr's) under Account Head Minor Civil and Electrical works in Demand 51 Police	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr	7.35 lacs	500/-	14700/-	60 working days	06-06-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D"

- Date of Publishing 26-05-2026 at 1600 hours.
- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1630 hours on 26-05-2026.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-05-2026 to 05-06-2026 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 06-06-2026 online.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Technical bids of bidders shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 06-06-2026 at 0900 Hrs.
- The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.
- In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated:- 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).
- Treasury challan/ receipt indicating the name of work and e-NIT No. & date favouring Executive Engineer PCD PHQ by crediting to M.H. 0055/Revenue issued after the issuance of advertisement e-NIT No. & date and upload the same.
- Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer in charge. (The date of Treasury challan/ EMD should be between the date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date).
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
- The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
- Financial Bids will be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.

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