

Fortnightly Training Meeting Held at Agriculture Office Dansal

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Agriculture Department organized a fortnightly training-cum-review meeting at the Sub Division Agriculture Office Complex, Dansal, on Saturday under the chairmanship of Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) Ashwani Gupta.

During the meeting, a detailed review of field activities carried out during the previous fortnight was conducted.

The status of ongoing agricultural extension and developmental works was obtained from all three Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) of the Sub Division.

The SDAO stressed the importance of punctuality, regular field visits and close coordination with farmers to ensure effective implementation of departmental programmes at the grass-roots level.

The technical session was conducted by Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) Pankaj Bhawani, who guided officers on scientific cultivation and management practices for the upcoming maize crop season.

He highlighted the importance of timely agricultural operations and adoption of recommended



practices to enhance productivity and profitability.

The officers were advised to ensure proper land preparation through ploughing and levelling, timely sowing using recommended high-yielding maize varieties, and maintenance of proper plant spacing for healthy crop growth. Farmers were also advised to use well-decomposed farmyard manure, recommended seed rate and seed treatment before sowing to prevent seed-borne diseases.

The recommendations

further included application of basal fertilizer doses as per departmental norms, proper field drainage to prevent water stagnation during pre-monsoon showers, and gap filling within 7 to 10 days after germination to maintain optimum plant population.

Regular monitoring of crops for stem borer and other insect pests, weed management during the initial growth stages, and adoption of soil moisture conservation practices were also emphasized. Speaking on the occasion,

the SDAO said that timely execution of recommended agronomic practices plays a vital role in achieving higher maize productivity and promoting sustainable agricultural development. He also urged farmers to remain in close contact with Agriculture Department field staff for timely technical guidance and support.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment by field functionaries to provide effective extension services and technical assistance to farmers across the Sub Division.

POWERGRID observes Swachhata Pakhwada

Holds awareness sessions, nukkads, Radio campaigns to sensitize public

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POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (POWERGRID), Northern Region-II with its Regional Headquarters at Jammu is celebrating Fortnight long Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th of May to 31st May, 2026. This Swachhata Pakhwada 2026 concept is inspired by the Prime Minister's vision to make swachhata everyone's business in swachhata related activities. The year 2026 is the 11th consecutive year of the Sachita Pakhwada implementation. In this Pakhwada POWERGRID, Northern Region-II undertook various programmes to Sensitize general public about virtues of swachhata and healthiness.

Swachhata Pledge was solemnly administered by Executive Director Northern Region-II, Shri Tarun Bajaj to all the employees at RHQ Jammu. During the event, Sh. Tarun Bajaj emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness in our surroundings and urged everyone to actively engage in Swachhata-related initiatives. His inspiring words served as a powerful reminder of our collective duty towards a cleaner and healthier environment, reinforcing our commitment to the nation. Simultaneously, the Swachhata Pledge was also taken by employees and supporting staff across all Stations under NRTS-II, marking a unified effort towards this noble cause.

A Radio Campaign was launched in all major FM channels of the Region wherein message for observing swachhata in our daily life was broadcast. Various events like Shramdhan, signature campaigns, awareness sessions, medical camps were also or-



ganised during this pakhwada.

Today on 30th of May, a vibrant Nukad Natak (street play) and a mass awareness campaign was organised today at the Trikuta Nagar Sabzi Mandi. The initiative aimed to educate the general public on the critical importance of hygiene and environmental sustainability. Driven by the mission to eliminate single-use plastics,

POWERGRID launched a targeted campaign urging citizens to say no to plastic bags. To provide an immediate, eco-friendly alternative, more than 600 high-quality cotton and jute bags were distributed during the event. Vegetable and fruit vendors were actively encouraged to use these biodegradable bags for their sales, and bags were also distributed widely among the general public visiting the market. The event was graced by senior leadership and key dignitaries, including Sh. S.K. Chohan, Chief General Manager (Projects), POWERGRID, Sh. Ashutosh K. Sharma, General Manager (HR), POWERGRID alongwith other Senior officers and employees of POWERGRID.

Prominent members of the Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society and Officials from the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) were also present on this occasion. Another activity to imbibe value of swachhata among young minds, an inter-school painting competition and a competition on best out of waste was also organized at the POWERGRID, Community centre on the theme of "Swachhata". Around thirty three students of around 16 schools of Jammu division participated in this painting competition. The painting material and all tools were provided to the children by the POWERGRID. Children through these paintings expressed their concern on virtues of swachhata and suggested various measures to make our nation free from dirt and filth. Dignitaries on this occasion appreciated the talent shown by the students through their paintings and advised them to contribute in ensuring that a healthy environment is available to mankind for its survival.

Prince Kumar of GBHSS, Gandhi nagar, Sonam Thakur of GGHSS, Shastri Nagar, Nisha Moury, GGHSS, Shastri Nagar and Adarsh Vishvkarma of GBHSS, Gandhi nagar received First, Second, Third and Consolation prize in Painting Competition, Whereas Manat Charak of GGHSS, Shastri Nagar, Muhammad Aqib and Sananda of GHPS

won first, second and third prizes in Best out of Waste category. Winners and all participants of this competition were felicitated by the dignitaries present on this occasion. Swachhata Pledge to the children and teachers present on the occasion was administered by Sh. Ashutosh K. Sharma, General Manager (HR), POWERGRID.

Similar cleanliness initiatives are being organised in the rest of the establishments of the Region.

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED is a Maharatna Enterprise under Ministry of Power having its regional headquarters of Northern Region-II at Jammu. POWERGRID is engaged in inter-state bulk power transmission. POWERGRID has 185,102 ckm of transmission lines, 291 Sub-stations and more than 628,516 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%. POWERGRID performance has been consistently Excellent by achieving very difficult measurable parameters which are set in MoU signed with Ministry of Power, Government of India.

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E-TENDERING

NOTICE INVITING TENDER: E-NIT NO. 01 OF 2026-27 DATED: 29.05.2026

For and on behalf of the Lt Governor, Jammu & Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K UT Govt./Central Govt. Organizations having experience and knowledge of the work of nursery raising and maintenance of the plants involving the following items of works:-

Name of Work: 3rd year Maintenance of polybagged plants raised during 2026-27 in Sidhra Nurseries (CAMP)

T.S & A.A= Accorded

Status of Funds= Approved

| S. No. | Name of Work | Adv. Cost (Rs. in lacs) | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Class of Contractor | Cost of Tender Document | Time of completion | Receiving /Opening Authority |
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| 1 | Maintenance of plants in poly bags of size 9' x 6' Replacement of old and torn bags with new polybags of size 9'x6' of prescribed quality. Resowing of seeds in failed polybags including cost of seed and labour as per the ordered quantity. Care of new germination including shade/hatching whenever required. Regular weeding in polybags including disposal of weeds. Clearing of weeds and unwanted growth on bunds and interspaces of plots and beds and all nursery area outside the plots containing poly bags and also in empty plots on daily basis including disposal of weeds in a way to keep them always free from any weeds/grasses for hygiene purposes. Irrigation of plants as per requirement from available irrigation facility including that by water tankers to be procured from market in case of shortage of water in irrigation source of nursery and also in case of fault in motor pumps. Cost of diesel/petrol for irrigating /watering of plants in Nursery including cost of weedicides, insecticides spray incase of disease outbreak and including any expenditure incurred on repair of the electrical/ mechanical motors/pumps/other nursery equipment which was hitherto in working order and was rendered unserviceable out of work due to use during the work of maintenance of plants. Cost of seed/cuttings/transplants required for sowing/resowing/ transplant in empty bags/mother beds. Shifting and grading of polybags as per requirement as directed by supervisory staff. Dressing of bunds/boundaries of plots/paths including general nursery maintenance and use of chemical /physical/biological methods to keep the plants and nursery free from any sort of disease and insect and biotic/animal/bird attack. The bidder shall also liable to restore the nursery to original shape in case of any adverse natural calamity like excessive rains/flooding/hail storm etc. | 251000 PB Plants @ 3.83/- per plant till March 2027 Rs. 9.6133 lacs | 19227 | A, B, C & D | Rs.600/- | Maintenance Work as detailed to be done on daily basis upto 25/03/2027 or till lifting of plants from nursery | Tender Opening Committee |

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in

Position of funds: APPROVED

Position of AA/TS: ACCORDED

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| Publishing Date | 29.05.2026 |
| Download Start Date | 29.05.2026 |
| Bid Submission Start Date | 29.05.2026 |
| Bid submission End Date | 08.06.2026 At 02.00 PM |
| Date of opening of Technical Bid | 09.06.2026 at 01:00 PM (in the office of DFO Seed Development Division, Forest Complex, J&K FRI, JANIPUR, Jammu). |
| Date of opening of Financial Bid (online) | 09.06.2026 at 01:30 PM (in the office of DFO Seed Development Division, Forest Complex, J&K FRI, JANIPUR, Jammu). |

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the website.
- "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount of Rs.600 shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 300 days from the date of opening of bids.
- Bids must be uploaded alongwith Scanned copy of cost of Tender Document in shape of e-challan/copy of receipt from treasury favoring Divisional Forest Officer, Seed Development Division, Jammu by crediting the requisite charges to the MH 0406/Forest.
- Earnest money deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR @ 02% of advertised cost, PAN card, GST return, Registration Card.
- No registered post/courier will be accepted. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, 5% Performance Security, 02% earnest money deposit and relevant documents of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted in the office of DFO, SEED DEVELOPMENT DIVISION JAMMU, within 3 days of opening of financial bids on-line.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office/ by the tender opening authority. The L1 bidder has to submit all relevant documents within 03 days to this office. In case the relevant documents are not submitted by the L-1 bidder within 03 days after opening of financial bid, the bid offered by the tendered will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further/tendering process in the Division for a period of One year.
- In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an additional security for performance in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below details:-
 - Upto 10% below rate over advertised cost :- Nil
 - 10% to 20% below rate over advertised cost :- 3% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
 - 20% to 25% below rate over advertised cost :- 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
 - More than 25 to 30% below rate over advertised cost :- 5% of advertised cost & 5% in shape of bank guarantee of advertised cost.
- If the bid is found abnormally low/ more than 30 % below rate over the advertised cost, the performance security/additional performance security shall be decided by the tender committee and/or the bid may be liable to be rejected by the tender opening committee as the abnormally low bid could tell upon the quality of the work. Performance Security :- The successful bidder/contractor shall deliver to the Employer/concerned authority, a Performance Security in any of the required forms (CDR/FDR) for an amount equivalent to 5% of value of contract within 03 days after the opening of financial bid. If the Performance Security is provided by the successful bidder in the form of a bank guarantee, it shall be issued by either (a) at the Bidder's option, by a Nationalized/Scheduled Indian Bank or (b) by foreign bank located in India and acceptable to the Employer.
- Defect Liability Period: 01 month from the date of completion of work.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Abrol)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Seed Development Division,
Jammu.

No. JKFR/SDD/JF-181/2026-27/08-12
Dated:- 30.05.2026

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Vridh Ashram Committee Reviews Welfare, Development Works



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The Executive Committee of the Home for the Aged & Infirm (Vridh Ashram), Ambphalla, Jammu, met on Friday under the chairmanship of Er. Pankaj Gupta to review welfare activities and development projects of the institution.

The meeting discussed in-

mate welfare, financial matters and infrastructure development, including the proposed installation of lifts in both residential blocks of the Home. The Committee also reviewed pending rental dues from shopkeepers and resolved to streamline the rent collection process through bank authorization arrangements. Members expressed grat-

itude to donors for their continued support and specially acknowledged a contribution of Rs 1 lakh made by Smt. Nirja Munshi during April 2026.

The House paid homage to late inmate Shri Mohan Lal and observed two minutes of silence. The Committee also appreciated humanitarian outreach programmes conducted at

Maralian and Village Sobka, Bhalwal, where relief material was distributed among underprivileged families.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Rattan Deep Singh Anand, Satpal Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Vijay Dhawan and Sudha Gupta among others.

BJP Kathua pays tributes to Th Baldev Singh on his birth anniversary

KATHUA, MAY 30:

BJP senior leader and Seh-Prabhari BJP Kathua Sanjay Baru along with BJP district President Updesh Andotra, paid floral tributes to the BJP's founder member and former State President of Jan Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party, Thakur Baldev Singh, on the occasion of his birth anniversary in the presence of Dharamvir Singh (son of Th Baldev Singh), District General Secretaries Ravinder Sharma, Rajesh Mehta, Gagan Singh and others senior leaders from district.

Sanjay Baru, while paying tributes to the great personality, recalled Thakur Baldev Singh's life and his unparalleled contribution to national service. He said that from the very begin-



ning, Baldevji was inspired by a nationalist ideology. He said that after Thakur Ji completed his studies, he joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and remained actively engaged in activities dedicated to the national interest throughout his life.

Thakur Baldev Singh played an active role in the Praya Parishad movement and was imprisoned several

times during various agitations. Together with Pandit Premnath Dogra, he spearheaded numerous struggles to uphold the rights of Jammu and Kashmir and to serve the public interest. He also accompanied Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee during his entry into Jammu and Kashmir, said Baru, while adding that Baldev ji shouldered key responsibilities within the or-

ganization and also served as the State President of the organization, and also served as Member of Parliament (MP).

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