

Major tragedy averted at historic Gadhadar Temple Congress leaders visit site to assess temple damage, seek enquiry, early restoration

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Senior Congress leaders today visited the Gadhadar temple site at Mubarak Mandi today to take stock of the damage caused to the historic heritage temple, due to excavations being carried out by JMC, Smart city project and ASI and demanded enquiry and immediate restoration work on war footing to save further damage to the temple.

Led by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson & Ex MLC Shri Ravinder Sharma, Ex MLC Shri Ved Mahajan along with team of local congress leaders visited the site and met the local residents who were agitated over the damage caused to the temple due to lack of due care and expertise in carrying out the excavations near the historic temple of great sanctity..

The locals narrated the visiting leaders that a major tragedy was averted last evening as there were large



number of devotees in the premises of temple attending a Bhandara, which was over just before the collapse of the wall and the portion took place. God saved the devotees.

The historic Chhitti Gali (covered lane) also suffered huge damage blocking the passage of inhabitants of the area, who expressed great concern and resentment against the authorities and representatives for not taking care of Dogra heritage temple and causing inconvenience to the people

of surrounding areas besides hurting their religious sentiments.

Shri Bhalla asked the officers at the site to take care of the religious sentiments and dogra heritage while expressing concern and resentment over the non technical way of carrying out the excavations near the temple and heritage buildings. He demanded immediate restoration work and restoring the basic facilities of water, passage and sewerage being faced by people besides more professional

handling of the heritage temple and other buildings of dogra heritage.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma demanded an enquiry into the unprofessional manner of carrying out the operations, which could have caused major tragedy besides posing great danger to the entire historic temple, in view of fast approaching rainy season. He demanded that a team experts should oversee the work and restore the protection and preservation of temple on war footing.

DC Ramban reviews SANJY preparedness at Langar Site

RAMBAN, JUNE 05: As part of the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2026, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted an extensive inspection of the Langar site at Lamber-Banihal and other key locations along the Yatra route. He reviewed the arrangements being put in

place by the stakeholder departments for the convenience and safety of pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; SDM Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajaan; SDM Ramsoo Sayed Mazahir

Hussain Shah; ACD Sheraz Ahmed, officers from the district administration, CRPF, Army and other allied departments. During the visit, the officers reviewed the availability of civic amenities, including sanitation, drinking water supply, power infrastructure, healthcare facilities, public conveniences and security arrangements.

GCW Gandhi Nagar Launches Media Internship Programme

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Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu today commenced its annual Summer Internship Programme in Media Studies for Semester-IV students of Urdu and Punjabi Skill Enhancement Courses.

The initiative is aimed at providing practical exposure to the media industry and strengthening the link between classroom learning and professional practice.

Nearly 50 students from the Departments of Urdu and Punjabi are participating in the 15-day internship programme (05-22 June 2026) being conducted at News Now Network Jammu, a leading media organization of Jammu and Kashmir. The internship offers hands-on training in journalism and media production, including camera handling, script writing, voice-over techniques, news anchoring, video editing, and



newsroom operations.

The programme began with a registration and orientation session at News Now JK Jammu and will continue through a series of practical training modules conducted by experienced media professionals. On successful completion, participants will receive internship certificates as part of the university prescribed curriculum.

The internship is being mentored by Mr. Faheem Tak, Head, News Now J&K, and coordinated by Mrs. Atiya Mujeeb, News

Anchor and Internship Co-Coordinator. Academic supervision is being provided by Dr. Anuradha Sharma (HOD Punjabi) and Dr. Li-aqat Jafri, HOD Urdu Department. Assisted By Dr. Taahira Shah & Dr Balbeer of Urdu Department.

Students from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Ramban, Reasi, Udhampur, Srinagar and Jammu, are participating in the programme.

On the inaugural session of Internship Dr. Kulvin-

der Kour, Principal, Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, stated that such industry-oriented initiatives provide students with valuable practical experience, enhance professional skills, and prepare them for future career opportunities in the media sector.

The programme aligns with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes experiential learning, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration.

Vikramaditya anguishes over collapsing of heritage wall at Mubarak Mandi



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Former MLC and Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Vikramaditya Singh, has expressed serious concern over the damage caused to the historic heritage wall and adjoining structures of the revered Shri Gadhadar Ji Temple at the Mubarak Mandi heritage complex

due to excavation work being carried out for the multi-level parking project.

In a press statement issued here today, the Trustee said that the reported collapse of a portion of the nearly 200-year-old heritage wall and the appearance of cracks in the temple complex have caused deep anguish among devotees and all those committed to preserving Jammu's rich cultural and religious heritage.

He emphasized that the Great Maharajas of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir had constructed hundreds of temples, shrines, and heritage structures that stand today as symbols of the region's glori-

ous history, spiritual traditions, and architectural excellence.

He said it is the responsibility of the administration and executing agencies to ensure that developmental activities do not endanger such invaluable heritage assets. "Development and heritage conservation must go hand in hand. Any negligence that results in damage to historical and religious structures is unacceptable," he asserted.

Vikramaditya Singh urged the authorities to immediately halt excavation activities in the affected area until a comprehensive structural safety assessment is conducted by experts. He also called for the

constitution of a joint committee comprising representatives from the Revenue

Department, Archaeology, heritage experts, Jammu Smart City Limited, and the J&K Dharmarth Trust to assess the extent of the damage and recommend remedial measures. Demanding accountability for the lapse, he sought immediate restoration and conservation of the damaged heritage structures at the cost of the executing agency. He stressed that preserving the priceless heritage left behind by the Maharajas is a collective responsibility and essential for safeguarding Jammu's cultural legacy for future generations.

BJP leaders plant 6714 plants in 424 plantation drives on World Environment Day

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders organized plantation drives at different locations across Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing environmental conservation, sustainable development, and public participation on the occasion of World Environment Day.

6714 plants were planted in 424 programmes across Jammu & Kashmir by the BJP leaders.

J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA), along with BJP District President Nand Kishore Sharma, and other senior leaders, participated in a plantation programme at the sacred Baba Kailakh Dev Shrine in Jammu North Assembly constituency. The leaders planted saplings and encouraged people to actively contribute towards protecting nature and preserving the environment for future generations.

Sat Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, said that environmental protection is not merely a responsibility but a collective duty towards society and future generations. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed environmental conservation into a mass movement through initiatives such as "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", inspiring citizens to strengthen their emotional connection with nature. He asked every citizen to plant and nurture at least one tree, emphasizing that sus-



tainable development can only be achieved through a healthy and balanced ecosystem.

Meanwhile, J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, along with J&K BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, BJP Jammu South District President Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Principal Musarrat Jabeen, party leaders, school staff, students, and local residents participated in a plantation drive under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar. A cleanliness drive was also conducted within the school premises to spread awareness about maintaining a clean and sustainable environment.

Ashok Koul, while speaking on the occasion, said that environmental conservation requires collective participation from all sections of society. He stressed that tree plantation and cleanliness are essential components of a healthy en-

vironment and urged citizens, particularly the youth, to become active partners in the mission of building a cleaner, greener, and environmentally conscious India. He added that individual efforts, when combined, can create a significant positive impact on the environment.

Baldev Singh Billawaria highlighted the importance of public awareness and continuous community participation in environmental protection. He said that tree plantation should not remain a one-day activity but should become a regular habit, contributing towards ecological balance and sustainable development.

BJP Mahila Morcha led by Neha Mahajan, President, BJP Mahila Morcha J&K organized an Awareness Seminar followed by a Plantation Drive at DAV Collegiate School, Lachipur, Kathua.

The event witnessed the presence of J&K BJP General Secretary Gopal Maha-

jan, BJP District President Updesh Andotra, Geeta Bhagat, and others.

Gopal Mahajan encouraged citizens to actively support initiatives aimed at protecting nature and promoting a cleaner and greener society.

Neha Mahajan inspired students to become active stakeholders in environmental conservation.

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD R AND B DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR JAMMU

Short e-NIT No.24 of 2026-2027 Dated:03-06-2026

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. Lakh)	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	Demolishing of old un safe Drug Store and adjoining area creation of Parking Space at GMC Jammu	PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu	104.17	3000	2% of Advertised Cost	90 Days	09-06-2026 (12.00 Pm)	"A"

Position of AAA / TS : Accorded

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	03-06-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 03-06-2026 to 08-06-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	
4	Bid submission Start Date	03-05-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	08-06-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	09-06-2026 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Special Condition of Contract

Recovery of Salvage Value of Dismantled/Recovered Materials

"All materials obtained from dismantling, demolition, under this contract shall be carefully removed and stacked at the location specified by the Engineer-in-Charge. Materials declared unserviceable shall be disposed of as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge.

The serviceable and reusable materials having salvage value, as determined by the Engineer-in-Charge, shall be measured and assessed jointly. The salvage value of such materials shall be worked out on the basis of actual quantities recovered and the rates approved by the Department/Engineer-in-Charge.

The assessed salvage value shall be recovered from the contractor's Running Account Bills and/or Final Bill. No separate payment shall be made to the contractor for handling, stacking, custody, or transportation of such recovered materials unless specifically provided in the Schedule of Quantities.

- 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) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu. 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 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu 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 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu. 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 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 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.

Note :- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

7. The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. Scanned copy of 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) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Bakshi Nagar Jammu 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) Bakshi Nagar Jammu and Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized between the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid.

9. Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

No. - EE/R&B/BN/2026-27/ 2399-2408

Dated:- 03-06-2026

Sd/
(ER. SANDEEP GUPTA)
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