

# Rural Congress holds Massive 'Shav Yatra' of Gas Cylinders at Akhnoor

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In a powerful demonstration against the continuous price rise of essential commodities, particularly LPG cylinders, the District Jammu Rural Congress under the leadership of senior leader Neeraj Kundan organized a 'Shav Yatra' (funeral procession) of gas cylinders at Akhnoor today. The protest march highlighted the unbearable burden being imposed on common households by the BJP-led Union Government.

The programme was successfully organized by Congress's contesting candidate Ashok Bhagat and Akhnoor Incharge Kuldeep Sharma. Hundreds of Congress workers, local residents, women, and youth participated in the yatra, carrying empty gas cylinders draped in black cloth to symbolize the "death" of affordability for the common man. The procession began from the main market area and culminated at a public meeting where leaders addressed the gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, Neeraj Kundan sharply criticized the BJP-led Central Government for its anti-people policies.

"The BJP government at the Centre has completely failed the common citizens of India. When they came to power, they promised to



bring down the prices of essential commodities and make LPG cylinders affordable for every household. Instead, today an LPG cylinder costs more than double compared to what it was a decade ago. The common man is forced to choose between cooking food for his family and meeting other basic necessities. This 'Shav Yatra' of gas cylinders is not just a protest — it is a funeral procession of the promises made by the BJP. The people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially rural areas, are suffering badly due to this continuous price hike. Inflation has broken the backbone of middle-class and poor families. We demand immediate rollback of the prices and a substantial

subsidy on LPG cylinders. The Congress party stands firmly with the people and will continue to raise their voice against the anti-poor policies of the BJP government," said Neeraj Kundan. Neeraj Kundan, while addressing the workers, said that the BJP's tall claims of development have turned out to be hollow. "People are struggling to manage their kitchens. The government is busy in slogans but has no concern for ground realities," he added.

Neeraj Kundan thanked all the participants and assured that the Congress party will intensify such protests across the district if the prices are not brought down immediately. He appealed to the people to unite against the anti-people poli-

cies of the ruling dispensation.

The protest concluded with the symbolic burial of gas cylinders and a pledge by Congress workers to carry forward the fight for the rights of the common man.

Leaders also highlighted other issues including rising prices of petrol, diesel, and essential food items.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people across Akhnoor, reflecting widespread anger against the price rise. The Congress leadership warned that if the Union Government does not take immediate corrective measures, such protests will be organized at larger scales across the Jammu region.

# Adabi Kunj Sham-e-Ghazal Programme in memory of Gurudev Sarathi Sahib

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Jammu (Aarsh) Adabi Kunj J&K, a literary organisation known for its various weekly literary and cultural activities have organized a 'Sham-e-Ghazal' programme in the memory of Gurudev O.P. Sharma 'Sarathi' Sahib with the collaboration of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Jammu.

The programme was presided over by Sohail Kazmi, a member of the Waqf Board and a renowned journalist. The programme was graced by the chief guest Padma Shri Jetinder Udhamपुरi and the Special Guest from Sahitya Academy Shri Pratipal Singh 'Betaab' who are honoured with the trophies.

Apart from them, Retired Judge Mr. Suresh Sharma and Retired Additional Secretary Arvinder Singh Aman were also honoured



with trophies as a guests and Singer party with Dharmesh Nargotra. Secretary of JKAACL Madam Harvinder Kaur could not participate in the programme Poets of different languages, writers, singers and other literary personalities participated in large numbers on this occasion. The management of this special program was performed by a young poet and

lecturer Ram krishan 'Abid' very beautifully. The most important thing is that this program of Sham-e-Ghazal was beautifully arranged by the famous Ghazal singer Dharmesh Nargotra and his musician companions. Which was highly appreciated by the audience. In the program, Shri Kapil Anorudh and Captain Lalit Sharma, who have read the paper on the life and liter-

ary services of late Gurudev O.P. Sharma 'Sarathi', presented valuable information to the audience in very eloquent words. Finally, Mr. Sohail Kazmi, who was presiding over the programme, shed full light on the features of this programme. At the end Dr. Javed 'Rahi' Secretary Kala Kender presented the motion of thanks on behalf of the Academy.

# Agri Deptt organises awareness camp under 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' at Shopian

SHOPIAN, JUNE 08: Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shopian, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Shopian today organized one-day awareness programme under the month-long national flagship campaign "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" at the Auditorium Hall of Government Degree College, Shopian.

Month-long national flagship programme "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" was launched on June 1, 2026 and will continue until June 30, 2026, with the objective of promoting soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and improved farmer awareness across the district.

The programme was presided over by Agri-Chemist, Ravinder Kumar Tripathi and attended by officers from the Agriculture Department, allied departments, KVK Shopian, and a large number of farmers from across the district.

Addressing the gathering, Ravinder Kumar Tripathi highlighted the significance of the month-long campaign and stated that the Agriculture Department is



conducting awareness programmes throughout the district to encourage sustainable farming practices and strengthen soil health management. He emphasized the need for the judicious use of pesticides and fertilizers to maintain ecological balance, enhance soil fertility, and ensure long-term agricultural sustainability. During the programme, experts provided detailed guidance on the scientific and balanced use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, stressing the importance of minimizing excessive chemical applications to protect public health and the environment. Farmers were encour-

aged to adopt eco-friendly and soil-friendly agricultural practices that contribute to sustainable crop production and environmental conservation. The awareness session also focused on the promotion of integrated nutrient management, responsible pesticide usage, soil health improvement, and conservation-oriented farming practices. Experts explained that sustainable agricultural practices help improve soil structure, enhance nutrient availability, reduce environmental pollution, and ensure better productivity over the long term. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers and

other agricultural stakeholders, who actively interacted with experts and expressed their commitment to adopting sustainable and soil-friendly farming practices in their fields.

Participants pledged to disseminate awareness regarding soil health management and responsible input use among fellow farmers for the benefit of future generations. Among others present on the occasion were Prof. Zaffar Afroz Badri, Head, KVK Shopian; Rafiq Ahmad, Chief Agriculture Officer, Munner Ahmad, Chief Horticulture Officer; Gh. Mohiuddin, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer; and officers and officials from various line departments.

# DC Kulgam distributes Motorized Tricycles among Persons with Disabilities



KULGAM, JUNE 08: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, today distributed motorized tricycles among five persons with disabilities at the

Mini-Secretariat, Kulgam. The distribution camp was organized by the Social Welfare Department, Kulgam, as part of its ongoing efforts to empower persons

with disabilities and enhance their mobility and independence. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the impor-

tance of ensuring equal opportunities and dignity for persons with disabilities. He stated that the provision of assistive devices such as motorized tricycles not only improves mobility but also strengthens confidence, self-reliance, and social inclusion among beneficiaries.

District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Kulgam, Rameez Ahmad, along with other concerned officials were present during the distribution programme.

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# ADC Kulgam visits HSS Malvan, reviews Functioning of school

KULGAM, JUNE 08: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Giri today visited Higher Secondary School (HSS) Malvan to review the overall functioning of the institution.

During the visit, the ADC interacted with the teaching staff and students to assess the academic environment, quality of education, and the challenges being faced by the institution. The science and computer laboratories were inspected, classrooms were visited, and various administrative and academic records were

thoroughly checked to ensure compliance with the prescribed norms and guidelines. He also reviewed the availability of basic infrastructure and student facilities, emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline and cleanliness on the campus, and directed the school administration to ensure the effective implementation of all educational and welfare programmes. Staff was advised to continue their efforts towards improving academic performance and providing a conducive learning environment for the students.

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

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 15 of 2026-27 Dated 06-06-2026

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	Advertised Cost (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	CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY ROOM AT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL SOHAL DIV AKHNOOR UNDER PAB 2025-26 (SAMAGRA SHIKSHA) (1st Call)	24.84	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	03 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 23-06-2026	"A" "B" & "C"
2	CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE ACR (2NO.) AT GOVT GIRL MIDDLE SCHOOL NORE DIV AKHNOOR DISTT JAMMU UNDER SAMAGARA SHIKSHA 1st Call)	24.84	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	03 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 23-06-2026	"A" "B" & "C"
3	CONSTRUCTION OF ACR AT GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOL CHIGIAL UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA (1st call)	10.42	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	03 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 23-06-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"

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	06-06-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-06-2026 to 22-06-2026, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	15-06-2026 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
4	Bid submission Start Date	02-06-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	22-06-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-06-2026 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

#### Special Condition :-

- Security deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommended contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
- The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the concerned Executive Engineer shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz. forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the BID document and recommended contractor for blacklisting.
- The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
- As per Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar's Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025 and Director Finance PW (R&B) Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu/Srinagar's letter No. ACCT/68/2025-05 dated 23-07-2025, further endorsed by the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Zone Jammu's No CEJA/ACcts/1380-1401 dated 30-07-2025 "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department / Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder.
- 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 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor 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 Akhnoor. 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) Division Akhnoor 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 respective bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor. 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](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.

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 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor 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 Akhnoor 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.

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