

Satish emphasizes Science & Technology driven agricultural transformation

Launches Start-ups at Stakeholders Meet in SKUAST-K

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Transport, Satish Sharma, today reaffirmed the government's commitment towards transforming Jammu and Kashmir's agriculture sector through cutting-edge science, technology and innovation.

The Minister was speaking at a high-level Stakeholders Meet on Strengthening the Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) Ecosystem in Kashmir, organized by PI-RAHI, Northern Region S&T Cluster in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science & Technology Council and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Kashmir).

The function witnessed participation of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary; Advisor PI-RAHI, Jatinder Kour Arora; Additional Director JKSTIC, Dr. Nasir Shah along with senior scientists, progressive farmers, scholars and officers of the Science & Technology Department.

Satish Sharma invoked the visionary reforms of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah, who brought the historic land-to-the-tiller legislation. He emphasized that the present focus is on bringing



about a similar transformation through smart technologies and modern scientific interventions in agriculture. "Today's focus is on creating a dynamic Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) ecosystem in Kashmir.

Our farmers must not only be beneficiaries of government aid but active participants in technological progress," he maintained.

The Minister outlined several key pillars of the government's agricultural transformation agenda under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. These included Smart Farming Solutions, Biotechnology Interventions, Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition, Use of Renewable Energy in Agriculture, E-Commerce and Direct Market Access for Farmers, Skill De-

velopment, Capacity Building and Robust R&D.

Satish Sharma also launched four new start-ups by young innovators of SKUAST-K, symbolizing the government's support for youth-led entrepreneurship in the agri-tech domain. He praised the innovative spirit of Kashmir's youth and stressed the importance of creating a conducive research and innovation ecosystem. "We have the brains that can do wonders. All they need is the right environment, like a seed that needs sunlight and water to bloom," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, elaborated on the university's initiatives to build a vibrant agri-technology ecosystem. He said that these steps are geared to-

ward increasing employability, improving yields, and boosting the income of the farming community.

Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, stressed the need to bridge the gap between government and academia, enabling the young researchers to scale their innovations.

He proposed institutional scholarships to support youth innovators and ensure their ideas receive the necessary backing.

Earlier, the Minister went around the SKUAST-K campus and interacted with the students and innovators. He was briefed about several ongoing research projects and cutting-edge technologies being developed to support sustainable and climate-resilient farming in the region.

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of financial inclusion initiatives and beneficiary-oriented schemes being implemented across J&K.

The Chief Secretary underscored the need for saturation of all financial inclusion schemes in the Union Territory. He expressed concern over the low enrolment rates in several welfare schemes. He directed the concerned departments to scale up coverage in a mission mode to ensure no eligible citizen is left out.

The Chief Secretary highlighted that prompt and seamless delivery of benefits is key to building public confidence in government programmes. He instructed the officials to ensure timely extension of scheme benefits to all eligible individuals, stating that such efficiency would encourage more citizens to come forward and take advantage of these schemes.

The Chief Secretary laid focus on integration of the Registrar of Births & Deaths database with the Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) system. He emphasised that this integration would streamline the accrual of benefits, such as insurance claims and pension settlements, reducing delays and ensuring efficient service delivery.

Further, he called upon the departments to intensify the ongoing outreach campaign, reaching every household with accurate information on available schemes. He noted that increased awareness among the citizens is essential for enhancing participation and making financial in-



clusion truly universal in J&K.

The review meeting assessed the significant progress made under various financial and social inclusion schemes. He highlighted the substantial impact of initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) in bringing financial security and empowerment to the region's populace.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D.Vaidya, while giving insights about the overall scenario of these social security schemes, made out that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is the foundation of financial inclusion. About its penetration in the UT, it was revealed that Kathua leads with 92.74% achievement against its 2024-25 target for new accounts, followed by Bandipora at 71.08%.

Overall, the region achieved 46.75% of its annual target for 2024-25, with 21.45 lakh cumulative accounts as of March 31, 2025. In terms of enrolment against the 2011 Census Population, Samba district shows the highest PMJDY account penetration at 31%, followed by Reasi and Bara-mulla at 24% each.

With respect to the PMSBY which provides affordable accidental insurance, the enrollment has shown remarkable growth, increasing by 168% to 23.57 lakh in the last five years. The total premium paid as of 2024-25 stands at Rs 13.55 Cr, with claims disbursed amounting Rs 18.39 crore. The meeting was further informed that overall, the region has achieved 116.16% of its PMSBY enrolment target for 2024-25, reaching a cumulative achievement of 23.56 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative enrollment since inception, with 5,80,112 beneficiaries.

A total of 1,123 claims have been received since inception, with 930 settled, disbursing Rs18.39 Cr. J&K Bank leads in claims settled against premium collected, with 204% achievement.

As far as PMJJBY is concerned, it was said to offer an affordable life insurance cover of Rs2 lakh upon death due to any cause. Regarding the enrolment in PMJJBY, it was revealed that Kishtwar and Kupwara districts have achieved over 170% and 140% of their PMJJBY enrolment targets in 2024-25, respectively.

The total achievement for 2024-25 stood at 94.89% of the annual target, with cumulative enrollment reach-

ing 9.66 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative enrollment under PMJJBY, with 2,33,455 beneficiaries.


Out of 2,996 claims received since inception, 2,296 have been settled, disbursing Rs45.90 crore. Again J&K Bank had processed the highest number of claims.

The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) provides a guaranteed monthly pension of Rs1,000 to Rs 5,000 after 60 years of age for workers in the unorganized sector.

The enrolment has seen a significant increase of 148% in the last five years, reaching 2.48 lakh beneficiaries.

In 2024-25, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts have achieved 64.57% and 64.39% of their annual enrolment targets, respectively. Overall, the region has achieved 40.52% of its APY enrolment target for 2024-25, with a cumulative enrolment of 2.48 lakh as of March 31, 2025. Samba district has the highest APY enrolment against the 2011 Census population at 5.8%, followed by Jammu at 5.4%.

These schemes collectively underscore the government's commitment towards fostering comprehensive financial and social inclusion, ensuring a more secure and prosperous future for the citizens of the UT.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 49 of 2025-2026/Jammu East Dated 29-07-2025

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	Cost of document	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Time & date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Upgd. of Conference Hall at Deputy Commissioner's Office Jammu.	PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East	Rs. 20.68 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	02 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C"
2	Improvement / Upgradation of BC Park at Jammu by way of construction of sump tank in the park		Rs. 4.10 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C, D"
3	Repair & Renovation of Gazetted Hall as well as Gazetted rooms of Directorate of Health Services, Jammu		Rs. 14.00 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	02 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C, D"
4	Restoration of road damaged by Jal Shakti department due to work namely "Providing water connection to IIT college Buta Nagar Paloura"		Rs. 04.70 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C, D"
5	Faceliffing of Administrative Block and Statistical Training School, Jammu of Directorate of Economics and Statistics at Janipur Jammu"(By way of laying pre-mix carpet, repair of furniture, termite treatment and development of lawn).		Rs. 5.93 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C, D"
6	Repair and renovation of PWD office by way of painting, polishing, sanitary works, installation of new false ceiling, and other allied civil works at JK House, 5 Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.		Rs. 2.42 Lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1300 Hrs) on or after 05-08-2025	"A, B, C, D"

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	29-07-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29-07-2025 to 04-08-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	02-08-2025 at 1200Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Jammu East
4	Bid Submission Start Date	29-07-2025
5	Bid submission End Date	04-08-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	05-08-2025 on or after 1300 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) favoring 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 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 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.

No: 4751-61
Dated: 29-07-2025

DIP/J-4069/25 Dated: 30-07-2025

Sd/-
(Er. Parvez Malik)
Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division, East Jammu.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No:- STD-IV/JPDCL/ 29 OF 2025-26 Dated:-29-07-2025

INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer, Sub-Transmission Division-IV (JPDCL) Kalakote hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for "**CONSTRUCTION OF 3.15MVA,33/11KV RECEIVING STATION AT BELLA UNDER THE JURISDICTION SUB-TRANSMISSION DIVISION (JPDCL) KALAKOTE UNDER UT CAPEX"**

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	30-07-2025 10:00 Hours
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	13-08-2025 14:00 Hours
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	30-07-2025 10:00 Hours
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	13-08-2025 14:00 Hours
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	14-08-2025 13:00 Hours
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	14-08-2025 14:00 Hours
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer STD-IV, JPDCL Kalakote
I	Tender value	103.31 Lacs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 3000/- (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 206620/-

- The bidders need to submit the proof for purchase of e-Bid document as stated through Treasury Challan/demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division-IV(JPDCL), Kalakote, The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan/demand draft must be enclosed along with the e-Bid. For States other than UT of J&K, the Bidders shall have to pay the e-Bid document fee in the shape of Demand Draft (Non-refundable) payable in favour of the Executive Engineer STD-IV JPDCL Kalakote of any Nationalized Bank bank payable at Kalakote. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Sub-Transmission Division-IV (JPDCL) Kalakote and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the eBids.

No: STDK/Tech/324-27
Dated: 29.07.2025

DIP/J-1487-P/25 Dated: 30.07.2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
STD-IV (JPDCL),
Kalakote.

GHSS Vijaypur organises FLN-TLM exhibition

SAMBA, JULY 30: The second day of five-day NEP Utsav 2025 was observed as FLN/TLM Day across all schools in District Samba. The day witnessed enthusiastic participation from teaching staff, students, and dignitaries from various localities.

The main event, an FLN-TLM exhibition, was organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Vijaypur. The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Education Officer Kewal Krishan in the presence of Principal Satinder Kour, Zonal Education Officer Surinder Kumar Balgotra, and other prominent personalities of the area.

The TLM/FLN material displayed by teachers from various institutions of Zone Vijaypur reflected commendable efforts and creativity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Juihaar Singh Bijral S/o Maheep Singh R/o 9 C/C Gandhi Nagar, Jammu have lost H/S No. Plate of my vehicle bearing No. JK02CL-8787. Now, I am applying for new. Objection if any may be conveyed to the RTO Jammu within 7 days.

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I, Zohara Begum W/o Mohd Jahanger R/o Jamola Tehsil Manjokote, Distt. Rajouri have applied for correction of parentage from Zohra Begum to Zohara Begum & from Mohd Jahangir to Mohd Jahanger in the Educational records of my daughter namely Samreen Jahangir student of Class 12th at HEM HSS Rajouri. Objection if any may be conveyed to the concerned authority within 7 days.

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