

Modi-led Govt strengthening grievance redressal, public services in J-K: MP Sat

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NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, submitted an unstarred question regarding the improvement of public service delivery in Jammu & Kashmir in the Rajya Sabha.



Through his question, Sat Sharma sought details from the Government regarding the measures taken to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. He also asked about the number of grievances received and disposed of under various Central Government grievance redressal schemes during the last three years, along with steps taken to strengthen digital grievance redressal

mechanisms including online platforms and time-bound disposal systems.

In its reply, the Ministry informed that the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances conducts the National e-Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) to evaluate public service portals of States and Union Territories, including Jammu & Kashmir, on parameters such as accessibility,

ease of use, information security, and integrated service delivery to improve efficiency in governance.

The Government further stated that grievances related to Jammu & Kashmir received through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) during the last three years include 6,991 grievances received in 2023, 8,459 in 2024, and 7,936 in 2025, with a large number of cases being disposed of through the system.

To strengthen grievance redressal, the Government has introduced 10-step reforms in CPGRAMS, issued comprehensive guidelines in August 2024 reducing grievance disposal timelines from 30 days to 21 days, and mandated integration of grievance platforms,

establishment of dedicated grievance cells, and appointment of nodal and appellate officers for effective monitoring.

The reply also highlighted that the Administrative Training Institute, Jammu & Kashmir has been provided grants under the Sevottam Scheme for capacity-building programmes for government officials to enhance administrative efficiency and citizen-centric governance.

Additionally, several initiatives such as the implementation of E-Office for digital file movement, monitoring dashboards, service analysis, and citizen feedback mechanisms have been adopted to improve transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in public administration.

Police foils bovine smuggling attempt; five cattle rescued

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued five bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized a vehicle involved in the illegal transportation of bovines.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ghagwal during vehicle checking at Naka NHW Tapyal, intercepted a Load carrier Intra bearing registration No. JK02DA-1596 for its checking. During checking, five bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines have been rescued and the vehicle involved in the illegal transportation of bovines has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 29/2026 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

March 14 to mark sacred Chaitra Sankranti: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: Chaitra Sankranti holds special significance in Sanatan Dharma. According to the scriptures, this Sankranti is believed to atone for and eliminate many kinds of sins. On the day of Chaitra Sankranti, the Sun leaves Aquarius and enters Pisces. For this reason, this Sankranti is also known as Meen Sankranti.



Regarding Chaitra Sankranti, the President of Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri, stated that in the year 2026, the Sun will enter Pisces on 14 March at 01:01 AM (late night). The auspicious period (Punya Kaal) of Chaitra Sankranti will remain until 07:25 AM the next morning.

Therefore, performing chanting (jap), penance (tap), holy bathing, charity, and other religious activities on 14 March will be considered auspicious.

Charity holds great importance on the day of Chaitra Sankranti. Donating pure ghee, sesame seeds, mustard oil, and blankets on this day is believed to help attain spiritual merit and liberation. On this occasion, bathing in the Ganga, rivers,

ponds, or at the banks of the Ganga and offering charity there is considered extremely auspicious. Bathing at Tirthraj Prayag and Gangasagar during this festival is regarded as a Maha Snan (great holy bath).

If, for any reason, one cannot bathe in the sacred rivers such as the Ganga, one should bathe at home by adding Ganga water (Gangajal) to the bathing water. It is believed that doing so grants the same spiritual merit as bathing in the Ganga.

This Sankranti will be auspicious for teachers and writers. Prices of everyday commodities such as gold, oil, petrol, iron, and all types of grains may increase. There may be internal conflicts

within political parties and political instability. Crops in Northern India may suffer damage. There may be earthquakes, and public anger among people may increase. The sudden demise of a prominent personality is also possible. A major road accident could occur. This Sankranti will be particularly favorable for people with Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, and Pisces zodiac signs.

On the day of Sankranti, one should avoid consuming tamasic foods. Observing celibacy (brahmacharya) is recommended. People should stay away from alcohol and intoxicants during this period. Those observing a fast should not cut their hair, beard, moustache, or nails during the fast. During worship, devotees should avoid wearing belts, footwear, or items made of leather. Wearing black-colored clothes should also be avoided. Hurting someone's feelings is considered the greatest form of violence. Wrong actions can have negative consequences not only on the body but also on one's future. During Chaitra Sankranti, the Sun enters Pisces, which has a significant impact on all zodiac signs.

Safe tanker passage in Hormuz shows India's Global clout: Gaurav Gupta

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JAMMU: BJP spokesperson and Convenor - International Affairs, BJP J&K, Gaurav Gupta today hailed Iran's decision to allow India-flagged vessels to pass through the strategically critical Strait of Hormuz as a major diplomatic triumph for India.

Gupta said that amid escalating tensions in the Gulf region involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, the safe passage granted to Indian oil tankers such as MT Pushpak and MT Parimal reflects India's rising global stature and credibility on the world stage. He noted that the development came after constructive and

proactive discussions between External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, which safeguarded India's strategic and energy interests despite the volatile geopolitical scenario. "India commands respect globally. The decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi combined with the strategic diplomacy of Dr. Jaishankar has ensured that India's national and economic interests remain fully secure, even in the most complex international crises," Gupta said. Highlighting the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz, Gupta said the narrow waterway carries over 20 million barrels of crude oil daily nearly

one-fifth of global consumption and a significant share of liquefied natural gas shipments worldwide. Any disruption in this chokepoint could have severe repercussions on global energy markets.

He added, "India's ability to ensure uninterrupted movement of energy supplies through one of the world's most critical maritime corridors demonstrates the strength, credibility, and influence of Indian diplomacy today." Gupta further emphasized that the successful passage of India-flagged vessels underlines the Modi government's capability to protect national interests while maintaining balanced, strategic relations with nations across geopolitical divides.

Shiv Sena seeks white paper on oil, gas stocks

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) has expressed concern over the possible impact of rising tensions in the Middle East on the economy and energy supply of the country and the region. The party has urged the Central Government to issue a White Paper on the nation's oil and gas reserves, import arrangements, and supply mechanisms, along with a clear roadmap to deal with the emerging situation.



In a press statement issued from the party's state central office, J&K unit president Manish Sahni said that the ongoing international developments have increased volatility in the fuel market, which could have a greater impact on a transport-dependent region like Jammu & Kashmir. He pointed out that LPG cylinder prices have already increased by ₹60 to ₹115, while prices of refined edible oil and several other essential commodities have also started rising.

He further said that confusion and apprehensions regarding gas supply are increasing among the people in the region, creating uncertainty in the market. Due to tensions in the Gulf region, international trade could also be affected, raising concerns about the export of Jammu's renowned basmati rice and other products. This has increased worries among farmers and traders.

Sahni urged the Central Government to clearly present the status of energy reserves and supply mechanisms so that panic can be avoided in Jammu & Kashmir as well as across the country.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY LADAKH LADAKH AUTONOMOUS HILL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL LEH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IGOO PHEY DIVISION LEH

E-TENDERS NOTICE

E-Tender- No: 30 of IPD Leh of 2025-26 Dated: 10-03-2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor/ Administration of Union Territory Ladakh, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage basis BOO in (double Cover system)** from approved and eligible registered Contractors Firms for following below mentioned works.

S. No	Name of the work	Approx. cost (in Lacs) including GST	Approx. cost (in Lacs) Excluding GST	Cost of T/DOC (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Comp. (in Days)	Class of Contractor	Sector under which the scheme is taken
1.	Construction of Culverts /Minor Bridges over Igo phey canal.(Under District Capex)	119.34 Lacs	101.13 Lacs	3000/-	238700/-	90 days	A&B Class	Capex

Position of funds: -Available/Demanded
Position of AAAs: -Accorded
TS: - Under process

1. The bidding documents consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of the contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website :- www.ladaktender.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

01	Date of issue of tender notice.	10-03-2026 (04.00 PM)
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10-03-206 (04.00 PM)
03	Online Bid submission start date	10-03-2026 (04.00 PM)
04	Online Bid submission end date	30-03-2026 Up to 4:00PM
05	Date & time of opening of tender	01-04-2026 at 12:00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer Igoo Phey Division Leh
9	Scan Copy of:	1) EMD (No bid declaration shall be entertained) 2) Cost of tender document 3) Pan Card 4) Registration card upto 03/26 (MSME) shall not be entertained. 5) EFPO 6) Valid GST clearance certificate upto 12/2025. 7) An Affidavit should mention Name of work and Tender ID 8) Experience in work is hereby substantially completed at least one similar work equal in any one years during the last five-year value to 33% of Avd. Cost 9) Annual Turnover in any one years during the last three-year value to 30% of Avd. Cost (excluding current financial year Other as per NIT Requirement)

No:- E-tender of IPD Leh/2025-26/3063-69
Dated:- 10/03/2026.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Igoo Phey Division Leh.

RECRUITMENT NOTICE RINCHEN AUDITORIUM, LEH

1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts at Rinchen Auditorium, Leh on contractual basis. Criteria is as mentioned below:

Post Name	No of Posts	Criteria/ Qualification
Movie Operator	01	Experience in operating digital cinema projectors & sound system. Ex-servicemen will be given priority.
Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)	01	Minimum 10 th Standard pass

2. **Location:** Leh-UT Ladakh
Interested candidates should submit their application alongwith self-attested copies of academic and experience certificate to Headquarter 72 Sub Area.

3. **Last date of submission:** 27 March 2026

4. For further queries please contact Mobile No. 7051027780

SELECTION OF STAFF FOR COMMUNITY RADIO STATION, KARU

1. Community Radio Station (CRS) being established at Army Goodwill School Karu for broadcasting programmes with emphasis on development and cultural aspects for the people of Leh-Ladakh. The Community Radio Station (CRS) is looking for suitable Male/Female candidates staff for the Community Radio Station.

- Following vacancies are available in Community Radio Station at Army Goodwill School Karu:-
 - Station Manager (Qualified in Mass Communication/A Minimum of Bachelor's degree in any subject from a recognized institute/university). - 01
 - Senior Radio Jockey (Qualified in Mass Communication /A Minimum of Bachelor's degree in any subject from a recognized institute/university). - 01
 - Assistant Radio Jockey (A Minimum of Bachelor's degree In any subject from a recognized institute/university or Passed 12th exam or equivalent in any stream from a recognized board). - 02
 - Sound Engineer/Technical Staff (Diploma Holder/TI Qualified) - 01

3. Candidate with past experience will be preferred.

4. Applications alongwith educational qualification and experience certificates (if any) should reach the OIC, Community Radio Station C/o 3 IDSR, PIN: 917803 C/o 56 APO latest by 15 Mar 2026 at 17:00hrs with contact tele number (Interview will be conducted on 20 Mar 2025 at 3 IDSR, Karu from 10:00hrs onwards.

5. Contact Number of a OIC CRS-9129448440

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION GANDHI NAGAR JAMMU SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER Short e-NIT No. DGN/195 of 2025-26 Dated 11-03-2026

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 (' in Lacs)	Cost of document (in `)	Earnest Money (in `)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Up-gradation of road near Mandir Jallo Chak W.No. 68 Greater Kailash Jammu (Under Non Plan for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar	4.95	600	9900 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1200 Hrs) on or after 18-03-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class

Position of AAA :- Accorded by Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle South Jammu vide order No. 453 of 2026 dated 07-02-2026.

Position of TS :- Sanctioned by Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle South Jammu vide order No. 493 of February 2026 dated 03-03-2026 amounting to ` 4.95 Lacs.

Project Authority :- Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle South Jammu

Major Head of Account :- Under Non Plan for the Year 2025-26.

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://iktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11-03-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11-03-2026 to 16-03-2026, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13-03-2026 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	11-03-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	16-03-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	18-03-2026 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. 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 Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt**, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of **CDR/FDR/BG** pledged to **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi 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 **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu** at the time of allotment.

2. Theelectronicbiddingssystemwouldnotallowanylatesubmissionofbidsafter 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 need 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.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.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 Gandhi Nagar Jammu**. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

4. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids**.

5. **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.

6. **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.iktenders.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.

.. Sd ..
(Er. Karanjeet Singh)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Gandhi Nagar

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