

# Jammu-Sgr Vande Bharat Express: Passengers applaud amenities; massive surge in occupancy

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**JAMMU:** The 'Vande Bharat Express,' recently launched between Jammu and Srinagar on May 2nd, continues to be a major attraction among passengers—not only for its speed but also for its premium services.

This semi-high-speed train, a symbol of modern India, has set new records of popularity within just the initial days of its operation, thereby instilling unwavering confidence among travelers.

A tremendous surge in daily passenger volume has been observed on the Vande Bharat Express operating on this route.

On May 4th, the train recorded an occupancy rate of 82 percent, with approximately 4,680 passengers traveling across the two pairs of Vande Bharat services.

This figure rose to 96% the very next day, i.e., May 5th. (Note: On Tuesdays, only a single pair of Vande Bharat trains—Nos. 26404 and 26403—remains operational.)

On this day, approximately 2,744 passengers



undertook their journey. Overall, analyzing the occupancy statistics for the four-day period of successful operations from May 2nd to May 5th, approximately 16,349 passengers enjoyed their journey, and the average occupancy rate for these four days stood at approximately 82 percent. This massive volume of passengers clearly demonstrates that pilgrims and

tourists are now prioritizing the modern travel experience offered by the Vande Bharat Express over traditional trains.

Appreciation for World-Class Amenities: During their journey, passengers expressed their delight regarding the train's state-of-the-art amenities. In their feedback, passengers lauded the following features and offered positive

responses; notably, several passengers specifically highlighted the train's smooth and jerk-free ride, even while navigating through winding tracks.

Passengers praised the quality of the pure and nutritious food being served on the Vande Bharat train, noting that officials from the Jammu Division are conducting continuous inspections on board to

ensure that passengers experience no deficiencies whatsoever in the amenities provided.

Speaking on the Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat train—which is helping to realize the dreams of the people of Jammu and Kashmir—Uchit Singh, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, stated: "The operation of the Vande Bharat Express on the Jammu-Katra route symbolizes the modern transformation of Indian Railways.

The fact that occupancy levels have surged from 82% to 96% in just two days is a matter of immense pride for us. We are delighted that passengers are not only satisfied with the services but are also viewing this train as the most reliable option for their travel needs.

We are continuously analyzing the feedback received from passengers to ensure that their journey becomes even more memorable.

In the coming times, as the tourism season gains momentum, we anticipate that this train will operate at 100% occupancy."

# BGSBU at the forefront of Nasha Mukta J&K Campaign

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**RAJOURI:** A comprehensive outreach and awareness programme on 'Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir' was successfully organized by the Training and Placement Cell, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), in collaboration with the Department of English, BGSBU; the Nodal Officer, Development Projects, BGSBU; and the Department of Rural Development, Subdivision Thanna Mandi, at Panchayat Shahdara Sharief.

The programme aimed at sensitizing parents and the local community about the growing concern of substance abuse and the collective responsibility required to build a drug-free society.

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from parents and community members, reflecting strong public concern and commitment towards the cause.

The speakers on the occasion included Dr. Malik Mubashir Hassan, Convener, Training and Placement Cell, BGSBU; Dr. Romina Rashid, Assistant Professor, Department of English, BGSBU; Dr. Aasim Mir, Nodal Officer, Development Projects, BGSBU;



Dr. Shafiqat Nabi Mughal, I/c Principal, University Polytechnic; Sheikh Wajid Ahmad Azad, Block Development Officer (BDO), Thanna Mandi; Yasir Latief Raina, Program Officer, Rural Development Department, Thanna Mandi; and Dr. Zakir Malik Bhalesi, Section Officer, Training and Placement Cell, BGSBU.

The speakers deliberated on various dimensions of drug abuse, including its psychological, social, and economic impacts, while also highlighting preventive strategies, community engagement, and the role of education in combating this pressing issue.

In his message, the Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University,

Rajouri, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, stated that educational institutions must play a proactive role in shaping a responsible and aware society.

He further highlighted that awareness, early intervention, and collective efforts of stakeholders are crucial to achieving the vision of a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

He also commended the organizers and participating departments for their dedicated efforts in successfully conducting the programme.

Ravi Kumar Sihag (IAS), Registrar, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, underscored the importance of community participation in tackling substance abuse.

# Akhnor unites against drug abuse: massive awareness bike rally held

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**AKHNOOR:** In a significant step towards building a drug-free society, the Akhnor administration, in collaboration with the police department, organized a large-scale Drug De-Addiction Awareness Bike Rally Tuesday.

The initiative aimed to spread awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and to encourage people, especially the youth, to adopt a healthy and disciplined lifestyle.

The rally was flagged off from Kameshwar Temple, Akhnor by Mahamandeshwar Rameshwar Dass Ji Maharaj, who blessed the initiative and appreciated the efforts being made to eradicate the menace of drugs from society.



The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of youths, social organizations, volunteers, and members of the general public. The event was also attended by MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, who appreciated the proactive efforts of the administration and police.

He emphasized that col-

lective responsibility and awareness are essential to eliminate drug abuse from society.

Also present on the occasion were SP Rural Ravinder Singh, SDM Akhnor Mukhtar Ahmed, SDPO Akhnor Varinder Gupta, dsp traffic rural tilak Bhardwaj and SHO Akhnor Rajesh Jasrotia, who

reiterated their commitment to intensifying awareness drives and strengthening enforcement against drug-related activities in the region. Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the serious social, economic, and health consequences of drug addiction and urged parents, teachers, and community leaders to actively guide the youth.

Citizens were also encouraged to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in reporting any drug-related activities.

The rally passed through major areas of Akhnor town, spreading strong messages like "Say No to Drugs" and "Choose Life, Not Addiction." Participants carried placards and raised slogans to sensitize the public. This initiative reflects

the firm resolve of the administration and society to combat drug abuse through awareness, unity, and strict action against offenders.

The event concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to work towards making Akhnor a drug-free and healthy society.

## NOTICE

I, Ashish Masih Sahota S/o Rinku Masih R/o Nanawal Jinder, Gurdaspur, Punjab, do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my aadhar card bearing no. 5275 9513 9425 as **Ashish instead of correct name is Ashish Masih Sahota.** Anybody have any objection in this regard may contact to the concerned authority within a week of this publication.


## DC reviews progress of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in Udhampur

**UDHAMPUR:** Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa Tuesday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.


During the meeting, attended by officers, vendors and representatives for the agencies associated with the scheme, the Executive Engineer JPDCL presented a detailed overview of the scheme's implementation. He apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the total number of applications received- the cases having allotted vendors, the number of pending applications and the installations completed so far.

While reviewing the progress, the DC sought comprehensive feedback on the challenges being faced in the execution of the scheme. He emphasized the need to launch an extensive door-to-door awareness campaign to sensitize the public about the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

Stressing effective coordination, the Deputy Commissioner directed JPDCL and empanelled vendors to work in close collaboration to bridge the gap between applications received and pending installations. He further instructed all concerned officers and vendors to intensify awareness activities to encourage maximum public participation in this flagship scheme.



**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL CIRCLE, JAMMU**



**Extension Corrigendum 2**

**Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Onsite Oxygen Generation Plants 03 nos. of 750 LPM Capacity each and operational charges for 07 years along with allied infrastructure installed at Associated Hospital of Govt Medical College Kathua.

**Tender ID:** 2026\_PWDJK\_307447\_1

**Reference:** e-NIT No MHCJ/Tech/e-NIT/ 2026-27/01 dated 07/04/2026 due on 27/04/2026

Due to poor response the e-NIT No MHCJ/Tech/e-NIT/ 2026-27/01 dated 07/04/2026 due on 27/04/2026 issued for the work "Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Onsite Oxygen Generation Plants 03 nos. of 750 LPM Capacity each and operational charges for 07 years along with allied infrastructure installed at Associated Hospital of Govt Medical College Kathua" is hereby extended up to 11/05/2026 till 2.00 pm and shall be opened on 12/05/2026 at 2:00 pm. The revised critical dates can be seen/ downloaded from the J&K Govt. website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

**Rest all other terms and conditions of e-NIT shall remain the same.**

No. MHCJ/Tech/321-23  
**Dated:** - 04-05-2026

**Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer  
Mechanical & Hospital Circle  
Jammu**

**DIP/J-1616/26**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We, the following persons intend to register a non-profitable society under the name and style "Shanti Stupa Society, Leh UT Ladakh" with the Registered address of Society at "Leh" with the Registrar of Societies, Union territory of Ladakh, under the Societies Registration Act 1860.

S. No	Name with parentage of the members of Governing body with complete address, Tehsil, District, UT/State, Phone No. & Email ID (if any)	Present Occupation	Designation in the Society
1	Ishey Tondup S/o Late Sonam Tashi R/o Chanspa, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: lededirector@gmail.com Mob: 9419178705	Retired Education Officer	President
2	Sonam Nurboo S/o Late Sonam Stobgays R/o Shengkanpa, Norgyishing, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: sonam.nurboo@rediffmail.com Mob: 9419219230	Retired Govt Employee	Vice President
3	Tsering Samphel S/o Late Sonam Wangyal R/o Khakshal, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: samphelsering46@gmail.com Mob: 9906986660	Social Activist	General Secretary
4	Tsering Chopsel S/o Sonam Gangdup R/o Sankar, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: choephelkanji@gmail.com Mob: 9419178740	Retired Govt. Employee	Treasurer
5	Lobzang Tsewang S/o Lobzang Lundup R/o Yurtung, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: lobzangtsewang222@gmail.com Mob: 950929088	Retired Govt. Employee	Joint Secretary
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7	Ishey Skalzang S/o Rinchen Skalzang R/o Samba, Chanspa, Leh Tehsil Leh Distt Leh Email: skalzangang43@gmail.com Mob: 9906989964	Farmer	Joint Advisor

Any objection in this regard from any person(s) may sent in writing/in person/through authorized representative to the Director, Industries, UT Ladakh/ Registrar of Societies, UT Ladakh (Address: District Industries Centre Complex, Skampari, Leh/Office of the General Manager, DIC Leh /Kargil as the case may be) within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Objections may also be sent via email at [directorindustriesladakh@gmail.com](mailto:directorindustriesladakh@gmail.com), Contact No. 01982-415869 or to the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Leh/Kargil either in person or through registered post or via e-mail at [dicleh2013@gmail.com](mailto:dicleh2013@gmail.com) or [kargilindustries@gmail.com](mailto:kargilindustries@gmail.com).

**President**

**Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission corporation Ltd.  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRANSMISSION LINE  
MAINTENANCE DIVISION-I, JKPTCL, JANIPUR, JAMMU**

,Telephone : (0191) 2536504  
No. : TLMD-I/J/311-13  
Date: 02.05.2026

**EXTENTION NOTICE -1**

Due to poor response for e-NIT No: TLMD-I/J/03 of 2026-27 dated: 10-04-2026 floated by this office under endorsement no.: TLMD-I/J/113-16 dated: 10/04/2026, for the work of " Supply, erection and testing at site buffer of 16/20MVA ONAN-ONAF, 132/33KV three-Phase Power Transformers with OLTC, SCADA Compatible, RTCC, NIPFES, HV & LV Connectors and other required accessories and fitting and maintenance free automatic breathers with online DGA monitoring kit, online dehydration kit with mandatory current density for HV-LV winding not more than 2.4A/sq.mm and core flux density not more than 1.5T for JKPTCL, Jammu".


The dates for downloading & submission of tender are further extended as under:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Bidding Document	The Bidding Document can be downloaded from <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> upto 14-05-2026 (12:00 Hrs )
B	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	14-05-2026 (13:00 Hrs).
C	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	15-05-2026 at 54:00 Hrs
D	Venue for opening of technical & commercial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, JKPTCL, Jammu, Pin Code – 180007.


**All other terms & conditions of the above tender shall remain the same**

**DIP/J-500-P/26**

**Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
TLMD-I, JKPTCL, Jammu**



**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH.  
GROUND WATER DRILLING DIVISION, JAMMU**



**NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No. GWD/JJM/20 of 2026-27 Dated:04.05.2026**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu invites e-tenders on item rate basis from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums of all classes, required to be registered with Jal Shakti (PHE) Department of UT of J&K apart from registration with JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other State / UT Government for "Construction of 250 Dia. Production tube Wells by any suitable method (Reverse/Direct/Dual Rotary) using Mud-Rotary Drilling Rig for 01 Water Supply Scheme (01 no. Tube well) of District Jammu of JAMMU Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)". The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz. Cover 1 consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2 shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Tender fee In INR	EMD	Estimated Cost	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	6
I	Construction of 250 mm Dia. Production Tube Wells by any suitable method (Reverse/Direct/Dual rotary) using Mud-Rotary Drilling Rig for 01 Water Supply Scheme (01 no. Tube well) of District Jammu of JAMMU Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)"	1000/-	Rs. 0.50 Lac	As per Appendix "E"	180 days	As per bid document.

**Position of funds: Available Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division Jammu.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Jammu.

**Critical Dates:**

i	Publish Date	04.05.2026
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	04.05.2026
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	06.05.2026 (11:00 AM)
iv	Bid submission start date	06.05.2026 (5:00 PM onwards)
v	Bid submission end date	21.05.2026 (6:00 PM)
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	23.05.2026 (3:00 PM onwards)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- The pre-bid meeting shall held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu through virtual/online mode.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu.
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and EMD as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu.
  - EMD to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu. EMD will be in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bid. No exemption of EMD, of any kind shall be considered.
  - The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR /e-challan/ Receipt under Major Head, MH:0215 in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu or by online payment via NEFT/RTGS as detailed below:-  
A/c Name : Chief Account Officer, PHE Jammu.  
: J & K Bank Ltd.  
AccountNo:0097010100002093  
IFSC :JAKA0TNHALL  
Branch: Town Hall Jammu
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan/NEFT, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications. In the terms and conditions of the bid, the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

No: GWD/JJM/693-705  
 Dated: 04.05.2026

**Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (M) GWD Division  
Jammu**

**DIP/J-1596/26**