

# JKPC appeals PM for decisive action against fake media persons, blackmailers

**TARIQ BHAT**  
JAMMU: Taking serious note of reports indicating that certain individuals masquerading as editors and allegedly running media organizations in Jammu and Kashmir are allegedly engaged in defamation and blackmail, specifically targeting government officials, Jammu Kashmir Press Corps (JKPC) on Thursday requested the Prime Minister to take swift and decisive action against these blackmailers.

"As the largest and only registered journalist association in Jammu and Kashmir JKPC is deeply troubled by these developments and request the Prime Minister to take swift and decisive action against these blackmailers", the JKPC said in an appeal to the Prime Minister.

"It is imperative that such individuals are held accountable for their actions to prevent further degradation of the media's credibility in J&K. Only through stringent measures can we ensure that the press remains a force for truth and accountability, rather than a tool for personal vendettas and corrupt practices. JKPC has also

resolved to send the letters containing names of alleged blackmailer editors and fake media houses to the Prime Minister Office, Home Minister's Office and to the Chairperson of Press Council of India", the appeal mentions, adding this behavior undermines ongoing efforts to promote transparency and fairness within the region's press.

"Journalists have long been regarded as the custodians of public interest, playing a crucial role in bridging the gap between the government and the people. Their responsibility to highlight the issues faced by ordinary citizens and to raise awareness about government schemes and steps aimed at public welfare is an essential pillar of democracy. However, in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the media's role has been compromised by unethical practices that undermine the very values that they are supposed to uphold.

Prior to 2019, a few number of media organizations in J&K, specifically a select few newspapers, had monopolized the journalistic fraternity and were involved in fanning radicalisation and terrorism. These enti-

ties were also engaged in blackmailing various government departments, including the J&K Information Department. This unethical behavior damaged the integrity of journalism in the region, as the media became a tool for personal gain rather than serving its intended role as a watchdog for society. Fortunately, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi post-2019, significant reforms were introduced to address this issue.

The media sector, particularly newspaper organizations, underwent a much-needed overhaul. For the past five years, a sense of fairness and transparency returned in the distribution of government advertisements, with the J&K Information Department ensuring that all newspapers received their rightful share based on merit, rather than through coercion or manipulation.

However, troubling reports have surfaced in recent weeks. It appears that some of the same unscrupulous elements within the media fraternity, known for blackmailing, are once again resorting to

blackmail tactics. These individuals, often referred to as the "black sheep" within the newspaper community, are allegedly pressuring government officials in the J&K Information Department.

These individuals have not only tarnished the reputation of the entire journalistic community in Kashmir, but they have also weaponized their newspapers as tools for defamation and blackmail. Targeting officials from various government departments, particularly those within the J&K Information Department, these newspaper owners are accused of launching personal attacks, going so far as to malign the private lives of these officials.

What is particularly concerning is the involvement of these so-called journalists and editors who are facing criminal cases and previously booked under PSA, in using their influence with newly elected legislators to further their vested interests. This misuse of political connections undermines the transparency of government operations, causing significant harm to both the personal and professional

lives of their victims. The resurgence of such unethical behavior has reportedly led to a climate of fear, as innocent individuals are being blackmailed under the guise of journalism. Most of these Litho newspapers are printing 50-100 copies to mislead the government. Journalism serves as a pillar of democracy, entrusted with delivering truth and upholding the public's right to know.

However, the profession is increasingly tainted by those who exploit it for personal gain, blackmailing individuals and institutions under the guise of "reporting." Such unethical practices not only degrade the integrity of journalism but also defame the hardworking, honest journalists dedicated to the craft.

"It is time we, as a united body of ethical journalists, take a firm stand. Rather than allowing the corrupt few to tarnish our collective credibility, we must expose those who misuse journalism for blackmail or extortion, naming and shaming them and their organizations. By shedding light on their wrongdoings, we can protect the integrity of our profession and rebuild public trust", the JKPC added.

# J&K Journalists delegation visit NSTI Vidyanagar



Delegation members during visit to NSTI Vidyanagar.

**SANJAY SHARMA**  
HYDERABAD/JAMMU: A team of journalists from Jammu & Kashmir, along with Gayatri, Media Communication Officer from the Press Information Bureau, Telangana, visited the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) at Vidyanagar.

The delegation was warmly received by S. Priya, Principal of NSTI (Women), and N.S. Bannibagi, Principal of NSTI (Ramanthapur). They provided an overview of the various courses offered, including CITS, CTS, and AVTS, at the three institutes in Vidyanagar, Ramanthapur, and the women's institute. The visit showcased the efforts of the Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDE) Telangana in promoting skill development and vocational training. RDSDE oversees multiple NSTIs in the region,

offering a wide range of courses under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS), ensuring hands-on training in diverse trades. A notable initiative is their mid-day meal program for trainees, supported by ECI's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) to train retiring and retired Armed Forces personnel in fields like Automobile Technology and Drone Pilot training.

The journalists toured specialized labs at NSTI (Women), which is dedicated to empowering women through skill development. The institute offers long-term and short-term courses in trades such as Fashion Designing, Cosmetology, IT, and AI Programming, aimed at helping women become market-

ready professionals. The journalists engaged with faculty and trainees, learning about the practical, hands-on training provided. Workshops in Turner, Fitter, Machinist, Automobile, and 3D Printing were also visited, highlighting the advanced facilities available for trainees.

The focus on women's training and empowerment aligns with national priorities for economic growth. NSTI's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and employability was evident, and the visiting journalists were impressed with the diverse courses and modern equipment. They expressed admiration for the institute's efforts to enhance skills and boost employment prospects for trainees.

NSTI Telangana's pioneering initiatives, including its collaborations with industry leaders like Nippon Paints and Asian Paints, reinforce its dedication to innovative skill development.

# Jugal inaugurates PM Vishwakarma Exhibition cum Trade Fair



MP Jugal Kishore lighting the ceremonial lamp.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: MSME-Development Facilitation Office, Jammu the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector for Jammu & Kashmir. Exhibition cum Trade Fair on PM Vishwakarma for artisans registered under the scheme is being organized by MSME-DFO Jammu at Gandhinagar Market / Gole Market Jammu from Oct 24 to 29, 2024. The exhibition was inaugurated by Jugal Kishore, MP. During the inaugural address, MP elaborated the benefits of the scheme in detail and praised the performance of districts Jammu and Budgam. Awards were given to Dr. Arun Kumar Manhas Director Industries &

Commerce Govt. of J&K for the nodal department in making J&K No.3 in training performance in the country.

Valluru Babu ISDS Joint Director, MSDE, Govt. of India, Jammu, Rohit Kumar, Chief Manager UTLCB J&K bank, Virendra Manyal, Member Secretary District Implementation Committee received the award for making Jammu District under top 10 districts of India in Training under PM Vishwakarma & Mujeeb Beigh, Dy. Director for District Budgam. This programme is organized as per the directions of G. Velladurai IEDS Joint Director. The exhibition is being organized for improving the marketing potential of J&K's talented Viswakarmas. The stalls are offered free of

cost to the artisans along with reimbursements for their accommodation and other charges limiting to Rs.5750/- per artisan. Vikram Randhawa, MLA, Bahu, Dist Jammu participated as Guest of Honor and spoke on the Occasion and motivated the artisans to make benefit of the exhibition. He has mentioned Jammu and Kashmir has moved in the implementation and has been a role model to other states and UTs for the remaining parts of the Country.

Various dignitaries from adjoining districts including GM, DIC, Udampur and GM DIC, Kathua, DGM, SIDBI, Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHD participated in the programme. DK Tyaghi, Asst Director from MSME DFO Jammu co-ordinated the exhibition.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of the J&K Waqf Board on Thursday laid foundation for the new grand mosque in the campus of Jenab Sahib Saura in Srinagar. This mosque will be a high tech construction with very high standards. The layout of the mosque was finalised by J&K Waqf Board in consultation with the local people. Dr Andrabi later visited Dargah Hazratbal & laid the foundation for new Sanitary Complex for females in the Campus.

Dr Darakhshan was accompanied by the Tehsildar & Executive Magistrate of the Board Ishtiyaq Mohiuddin, Executive Engineer Tariq



Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board laying foundation of Sanitary Complex at Srinagar.

Kaloo. Dr Andrabi addressed a gathering of locals in Jinab Sahib Saura after the foundation laying ceremony and thanked the people for their support to the Board in paving the

way for this new construction. "The very old mosque here was not safe and on the demand of the people of the area, the new mosque lay out was finalised and approved. I am happy that

in the presence of the local representatives, we have begun the work today", said Andrabi. She said that transparency in the Board has led to a continuous infrastructure development

at all shrines in the UT for the past two and a half years, all out of the finances of the Board. After foundation laying ceremony at Dargah Hazratbal, Andrabi spoke to the media and said that the new Sanitary Complex will be dedicated to females and it will overcome the shortage of sanitary facilities for females at the shrine. Dr Darakhshan said that both the projects will be completed within the given time frame. She later chaired a meeting of the Waqf Board Staff to discuss the future projects and the progress on their execution. "Transparency in the Board has fetched magical results, evident at the ground", said Darakhshan Andrabi.

# Beopar Mandal delegation calls on DC Rajouri



Delegation members calling on DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A delegation of Beopar Mandal Rajouri called on District Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, to discuss pressing issues affecting our community and local businesses.

A key focus of the meeting was the growing concern over drug-related problems in the area. The Deputy

Commissioner acknowledged the seriousness of this issue and assured the delegation that efforts would be made to address it promptly.

The discussion also covered other critical topics impacting trade and commerce in Rajouri. The DC expressed commitment to working collaboratively with the community to implement effective solutions.

# Army organises Pir Panjal Youth Festival

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Army is organizing the Pir Panjal Youth Festival in the Budhal area of the Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir. The festival, which commenced on October 22, 2024, will conclude with the final events on October 25, 2024.

The aim of the festival is to engage and inspire the local youth by offering them a platform to showcase their talents. Various competitions have been organized, where students from govern-

ment and private schools, along with those from GDC Budhal, are actively participating.

The festival includes a wide array of activities, allowing students to display their performances in different categories. Dance, Singing, Drawing and kabaddi tournament. The Pir Panjal Youth Festival has drawn considerable attention from the local community, fostering a spirit of unity and enthusiasm among the youth of the region.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION BAGLIHAR**  
**HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT CHANDERKOTE**  
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No.: MECH/BHEP/1138-13  
Dt: 22.10.2024

**eNTT No. 13 of 2024-25 Dated 22-10-2024 Due On: 14.11.2024**

For and on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu Kashmir Power Development Corporation, sealed e-Tenders in 2 covers are invited from OEM, or their Authorised Representatives/ Reputed Firms/ Contractors/ Workshops Holders for the work as detailed in the "SCOPE OF WORK" annexed hereunder:

S. No.	Particulars	Estimated value of contract	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money Deposit	Last Date of receipt of online Bid	Date of opening of online technical Bid	Completion Time Period
1	"Procurement of Portable trolley mounted Diesel Engine operated 70 HP dewatering pump with flexible rubber hose pipe for emergency dewatering of drainage sump at Dam"	Rs 29.42 lakhs	Rs 1,500/-	Rs 60,000/-	14.11.2024	15.11.2024	45 days

**Status of Funds: Available.**  
**CEC/T.S: Accorded**

- The tender document for the above Job can be seen/downloaded from website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 22.10.2024 (18:00 hrs) to 14.11.2024 (14:00 hrs).
- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 25.10.2024 (14:00 Hrs) to 14.11.2024 (16:00 hrs) The uploaded bids on the web site will be opened on 15.11.2024 at 16:00 Hrs in the office of Superintendent Engineer (Elect.), BHEP Chanderkote in presence of bidders who wish to attend. In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Complete bidding process will be on line. Price bid & as well as pre-qualification documents not to be submitted in physical form. However the same shall be obtained by the Department JKPC management from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bid. The bidder will be out rightly rejected if any discrepancy is observed in the uploaded documents & the hard copies submitted by the bidder.
- As per the guidelines of J&K Finance Department, Cost of tender document to be paid in the shape of E-Challan/ Treasury Challan/Retecot only in favor of Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, BHEP, Chanderkote. The prospective bidders will have to upload the copy of the same online, while submitting the online technical bid.
- Bids are to be accompanied by bid security deposit (EMD) amounting to Rs 60,000.00/- only in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG duly pledged in favor of Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, BHEP, Chanderkote. The bidders are required to upload scanned copy of EMD along with 1st Cover (Cover 'A') of the tender/bid document. Tenders of the bidders which are found without proof of EMD as prescribed shall not qualify for opening of their price bids (BOQ). The E-Challan copy, EMD, pre-qualification / technical bid documents shall be submitted online only on or before due date / time of submission of bid. The e-bids not accompanied with the Tender Document Cost and EMD of requisite amount shall be out rightly rejected.
- The bank details for E-challan/online payment of tender fee are listed as under:
  - Account Name: Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, BHEP, Chanderkote.
  - Account No.: 0240010200000002
  - Bank Name :J&K Bank, Chanderkote
  - IFSC Code:JAKAOCHNDAR
  - MICR Code:182051303
- JKPC will not be responsible for any delay due to any reason. The JKPC management reserves the right to cancel the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reason.

**DIP/2437-P/24**  
**Dated: 24-10-2024**

**Sd/-**  
**Executive Engineer,**  
**Mechanical Division SHEP**  
**Chanderkote**

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE**  
**DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU**  
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**LOOK OUT NOTICE**

SP City North, Jammu intimated that on 16.10.2024 head of the unknown infant child was found near Gujjar Nagar cremation ground and shifted to GMCH Jammu for identification. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 59/2024 U/S 94 BNS of P/S Peermitha.

As such, for the identification of an-known head of the infant information is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification / Public in general, having any clue related to the head of the infant, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

**Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-**

- DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
- SSP Jammu Mail I.D : [sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in](mailto:sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in)
- PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000
- SP City North : 0191-2547038
- SDPO City North : 0191-2566621
- SHO P/S Peermitha : 0191-2560100

**No. 92611-14/DPOJ**  
**Date:-23-10-2024**  
**DIP/J-6120/24**  
**Dated: 24-10-2024**

**Sd/-**  
**For Sr. Superintendent of Police,**  
**Jammu**

**IN THE COURT OF L. D PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, RAJOURI**  
Present: **Rajeev Gupta**  
Tufail Hussain S/o Mohd Ismail R/o Kotli Kalaban , Tehsil Manjakote, District Rajouri. **Petitioner**

**V/S**

**Respondents**

1. Public at large

**In the matter of:-** Petition for appointment of petitioner as legal guardian of minor namely Samiya Kossar D/o Tufail Hussain.

And

**In the matter of:-**

**Notice to General Public.**

Whereas the petitioner referred herein above have filed a petitioner under Guardian and Ward Act for appointment of guardian of minor namely Samiya Kossar daughter of Tufail Hussain.

Hence, through this publication, the public at large is hereby informed through this notice to appear in this Court on 15-11-2024 and file the objections if any with regard to appointment of petitioner as legal guardian of minor failing which after the expiry of the period of Notice, no objection shall be entertained.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 10th of Oct. 2024 at Rajouri.

**Sd/-**  
**Rajeev Gupta**  
**Pr. District Judge**  
**Rajouri**

**IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, JAMMU.**

1. Ramesh Kumar, Age : 65 years S/o Late Sh. Hukam Chand  
R/o H.No.868, Krishna Nagar, Jammu. 2. Deepak Mahajan / Age : 37 years S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o H.No.868, Krishna Nagar, Jammu. 3. Mohi Mahajan/Gupta / Age : 34 years S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o H.No.868, Krishna Nagar, Jammu. ... Caveators/Applicants

**Versus**

**Non-Caveator/Non-Applicant**

**Public at Large.**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Caveat Petition  
May it please Your Lordships,  
The caveators above named most respectfully submits as under:-

1. That the caveators-applicants apprehend that the non-caveator/non-applicant who are some unknown persons and hell bent to cause harm to the applicants may file suit or any other proceedings before this Hon'ble Court, against the applicants-caveators and may even pray for ad-interim ex-parte order or some other interim directions against the applicants-caveators. In case an ex-parte interim order is passed in the absence of the applicants, the applicants would be put to an irreparable loss and injury. In this view of the matter, it would be in the interest of justice to provide an opportunity of being heard to the applicants before any ex-parte interim order in any of the proceedings proposed to be filed by the non-applicant/anyone from general public, is passed. A copy of the caveat petition has been got published in a daily newspaper namely " " as well and the newspaper is also annexed herewith.

In view of the submissions made herein above, it is, therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to provide an opportunity of being heard to the caveators- applicants before passing any ex-parte interim directions in the suit or any other proceedings proposed to be filed by the non-applicant/non-caveator/anyone from general public before this Hon'ble Court in the interest of justice.

Dated: .10.2024 Caveators/ Applicants through Counsel  
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**OFFICE ORDER**

Adverstiment notice issued vide No-DSHO/Tech/2024-25/3122-31 Dated-21.10.2024 has been withdrawn by this office.

**No:-DSHOJ/Tech/2024-25/3162-67** **Sd/-**  
**Dated:- 22/10/2024** **(Dr. Javed Iqbal Mir)**  
**DIP/J-6064/24** **District Sheep Husbandry Officer,**  
**Dated: 24-10-2024** **Jammu**