

# JU's 'Display Your Talent 2024-Ravi Zone' inaugurated at Kathua Campus

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: In alignment with the visionary initiative of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu to connect cultural events more closely with students, the 'Display Your Talent 2024 - Ravi Zone' was officially inaugurated today. The event was organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu in collaboration with Kathua Campus, University of Jammu. This vibrant cultural festival spans a total of three days from Nov 19 to 21, 2024. Over the course of the events, students from ten Colleges of Ravi Zone will showcase their creativity through 23 competitions across 27 categories, including music,



Organisers along with winner students during the event.

dance, literary arts, fine arts, and theatre. This highly anticipated inaugural Display Your Talent event kicked off today with great enthusiasm and fervor, welcoming guests and participants from all corners of the Ravi Zone. In the inaugural event, Prof. Parkash

Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and key dignitaries in attendance included Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, Dr. Pritam Singh, Associate Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Nisha Kapoor and Dr. Tsering Yangzom,

Members, Campus Cultural Committee, University of Jammu, Dr. Sourabh I/e Head MCA, Mr. Amit Sharma Asstt. Professor MCA, Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, Asstt. Registrar, Kathua Campus, Faculty Members from different Degree Colleges of Ravi Zone, staff and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Parkash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, highlighted how such platforms play a crucial role in nurturing creativity, fostering talent, and providing individuals with the opportunity to showcase their skills to a wider audience. Earlier, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, rector kathua campus, expressed his delight in hosting such a dynamic gathering.

The first day of Display Your Talent at Ravi Zone witnessed an impressive display of talent, with students participating in a wide array of competitions. These included Group Song (Indian), Light Vocal Solo, Folk Instrumental Solo, Collage, Cartooning, Poster Making, Photography and Installation.

## Handicrafts Deptt organises awareness camp, workshop for artisans



Deptt officials along with participants during the programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The Department of Handicrafts, Udhampur, successfully organized an awareness camp and workshop for artisans specializing in Sozni and Phulkari crafts. The event aimed to enhance the skills of local artisans by introducing them to contemporary designs developed by the School of Design (SOD). Artisans were also made aware of various government schemes available to support their craft and livelihood. To provide hands-on assistance, a trainer from SOD was present to guide artisans on implementing the new designs effectively. Assistant Director Ujwal Singh Sambhal addressed the artisans and provided a detailed briefing on the range of schemes offered by the Department of Handicrafts. These schemes aim to uplift the artisans by providing financial

assistance, training programs, and market linkages. He emphasized the department's commitment to promoting traditional crafts and ensuring artisans remain competitive in today's market. In addition to the workshop, artisans were distributed pamphlets detailing the department's schemes and new design templates to help them innovate their craftwork. The initiative was well-received by the local artisan community, who expressed gratitude for the guidance and support extended by the department. This workshop is part of an ongoing effort to preserve and promote the rich heritage of Sozni and Phulkari crafts while equipping artisans with the tools to expand their reach and thrive in the modern economy. AHTO Nishant katoch and Vikas Thakur along with all staff of handicraft department were present.

## Jashn-e-Mehfil: A Musical Extravaganza to illuminate Poonch today

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: The border town of Poonch along the Line of Control is all set to reverberate with the harmonious melodies of 'Jashn-e-Mehfil', a grand musical gala that promises an unforgettable evening of cultural and artistic brilliance. The event, taking place from 1200 hrs onwards at Pritam Stadium on 20 Nov 2024 is part of the Poonch Day Celebrations, commemorating the historic milestone that symbolizes unity, resilience, and the vibrant heritage of the region. Headlining the event is none other than the renowned musical maestro, Kabul Bukhari, whose soulful performances have captured hearts across the nation. Joining him are exceptionally talented local artists Mohd Nazir, an

exceptionally gifted singer who is visually impaired from birth, Liyaqat Ali and Murshad G duo, Khurshed Rather and Rameez Rather, who will showcase the rich and diverse cultural tapestry of Poonch, blending traditional melodies in Gojri and Pahadi with contemporary styles. The evening promises to be a celebration of music, culture, and unity, and calling together people from all walks of life to join and rejoice in the spirit of togetherness. From mesmerizing Sufi tunes to captivating folk performances, 'Jashn-e-Mehfil' will spotlight the artistic talents of the region while honoring its rich legacy. Mark your calendars and join us for a night of music, unity, and celebration that will leave a lasting impression on your hearts and minds.

## Mock Exercise on Disaster Preparedness conducted at District Police Line Rajouri

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A comprehensive mock exercise on disaster preparedness was conducted today at the District Police Line, Rajouri, under the guidance of Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Khajuria - the Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). Emphasizing the importance of inter-departmental coordination in managing disasters, the ADC highlighted the need for regular training and preparedness to mitigate the impact of calamities. The exercise was conducted by the 13 Battalion National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) under the leader-



ADC Rajiv Khajuria and others during the programme.

ship of Assistant Commandant Parveen Singh Charak. The program included demonstrations and hands-on training on Safety measures during earthquakes, Firefighting techniques, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), School safety programs, Collapsed

Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR), Medical First Response (MFR), Rope rafting, Use of specialized disaster management equipment. The event witnessed active participation from various departments, schools, and organizations, ensuring a collaborative approach to disaster management. Officers present at the mock exercise included: Assistant Director, Forest Protection Force, Assistant Director, Fire and Emergency Services, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Executive Engineer, JPDCL, Executive Engineer, I&FC, Deputy Superintendent of Police, SDRF (Civil Defence/Home Guard), Chief Warden, Civil Defence. Additionally, students and teachers from various institutions, including ANMT Health School (Jawahar Nagar), Police Public School (Rajouri), and Government Boys Higher Secondary School (Rajouri), participated in the event.

Representatives from the Health Department, Sheep Husbandry Department, and Animal Husbandry Department were also present, alongside officers from the 225 Field Regiment of the Indian Army and personnel from the Police Line, Rajouri. The exercise served as a critical platform for enhancing disaster response capabilities and raising awareness about safety protocols among citizens and officials alike. Speaking at the event, ADC Rajouri appreciated the efforts of NDRF and all stakeholders, urging continued vigilance and preparedness in the face of potential disasters.

## Jugal reviews developmental activities in District Samba



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing DISHA meeting at Samba.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Jammu-Samba-Reasi constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting here in the Conference Hall of the District Administrative Complex Samba. The meeting was convened to evaluate the implementation and

progress of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and other ongoing development projects in Samba district. Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma presented a detailed review of the achievements under different CSS initiatives and highlighted significant progress in projects like the National Highway, Delhi-A m r i t s a r - K a t r a Expressway and other key developmental works being executed in the district. In attendance were DDC Chairperson Keshav Dutt Sharma; MLA Vijaypur, Chander Prakash Ganga; MLA Samba, Surjit Singh Salathia; MLA Rangarh, Devinder Kumar Manyal; SSP Samba, Virender Singh Manhas; ADDC Champa Devi; ADC Jagdish Singh, and other senior officers from district and sectoral departments. The MP, while conducting

a comprehensive assessment, emphasized the need for timely service delivery to beneficiaries, urging the officials to expedite pending projects and adopt a collaborative approach with focus on inter-departmental coordination to resolve challenges. He emphasized on use of modern technology for optimal utilisation of resources to avoid delays and maximize efficiency. MP Jugal Kishore Sharma directed officials to prioritize the resolution of issues raised by elected public representatives, which would help build trust and improve governance outcomes. In his concluding remarks, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma reiterated the importance of achieving project deadlines and meeting developmental targets to ensure Samba remains on the path toward holistic development.

## Municipal Council conducts surprise market inspection in Udhampur town

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A surprise market inspection was conducted in Udhampur town by a joint team of officers from the Revenue, Police and Municipal Council departments, led by Rajinder Kumar Dagra, Executive Officer Municipal Council Udhampur. The drive was aimed at addressing illegal encroachments in market areas, ensuring smooth

During the inspection, several cases of public area encroachments were identified. The enforcement teams recovered Rs.13,800 fine from the violators. The EO MC emphasized the critical importance of maintaining discipline in public spaces and directed the enforcement teams to take stringent action against habitual offenders. The Municipal Council has issued a public appeal



Rajinder Kumar Dagra, EO Municipal Council Udhampur during the drive.

pedestrian and vehicular traffic and maintaining order in the bustling town.

urging shopkeepers, vendors and other stakeholders to adhere strictly to municipal guidelines.

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**CORRIGENDUM**  
Subject: - Extension of dates of e-Nit No. 06 of 2024-25 dated 02.11.2024

Due to poor response of bidders, the dates of above cited e-Nit No. are hereby extended and the new dates of submitting and opening of bids is as under

Bid Submission End Date	22.11.2024, 1800 Hrs
Date of opening of Technical Bid (online)	23.11.2024, 1200 Hrs

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website: - [www.iktenders.gov.in](http://www.iktenders.gov.in)  
No. 687-93/PO/MFP/2024-25  
Dated: 18.11.2024  
**DIP/J-7080/24**  
Dated:- 19/11/2024

Sd/-  
(Shahzad Choudhary) JKFS  
Project Officer  
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**Jammu & Kashmir State**  
**Industrial Development Corporation Limited**  
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**Short Term Notice Inviting Tender**  
FRESH E-NIT No: 04 of 2024-25 Dt: 18.11.2024

For and On behalf of Managing Director, J&K SIDCO, the tenders are invited in double cover system by E-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractor Registered with U.T of J&K Govt. PWD/CPWD, MES & Railway of the following work:- The Cost of tender Documents should be directly deposited in the J&K Bank Branch Samba SB A/C No: 058704050000002 IFSC Code: JAKAOIFSMB and the proper receipt of the Bank must be uploaded with the other relevant/required documents on website. The tender shall be treated as cancelled if the bank receipt shall not be available with the uploaded documents.

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of tender document (in Rs.)	Time for Completion	Class of Contractor	Opening Authority
1.	Providing of Road Side Greenery and Social Forestry at Industrial Estate Rakh Amb Tali District Samba Ph-III (Under MSME)	11.67	23340.00	2000.00	30 days	A,B,C & D	XEN

**Relevant Information**

1. Position of approval : (Under MSME)
2. Position of Funds : Demanded
3. Position of T.S : Accorded.
4. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, tender notice, specifications, bill of quantities (B. O. Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and any other information included Corrigendum/Addenda etc. can be seen/downloaded from the Department Website: [www.iktenders.gov.in](http://www.iktenders.gov.in) from 23-11-2024 to 29-11-2024 upto 04:00 PM.
5. Critical Dates:
 

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	18-11-2024
2. Period of Downloading of bidding documents	23-11-2024 (10:00 AM)
3. Bid Submission Start date (Online)	23-11-2024 (12:00 AM)
4. Bid Submission End date (Online)	29-11-2024 (Upto 04:00 PM)
5. Date and time of opening of Technical Bid (online)	30-11-2024 (1:00 PM)

**DIP/J-2884-P/24**  
Dated:- 19/11/2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ARNIA**  
**Public Notice -2**

**Subject: Declaration of Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+) Status**  
In alignment with the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and adhering to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, the Municipal Committee Arnia of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu, hereby declares the city/town as Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+).

**Key Achievements:**

1. **Sanitation Infrastructure:**
  - All households within the municipal limits have access to functional toilets.
  - Adequate community and public toilets are available, especially in high-footfall areas, ensuring accessibility for all citizens.
2. **Maintenance and Cleanliness:**
  - Regular cleaning and maintenance schedules are established for all public and community toilets.
  - Provision of necessary amenities such as water supply, lighting, and hygiene supplies is ensured.
3. **Solid and Liquid Waste Management:**
  - Effective systems are in place for the collection, segregation, transportation, and scientific disposal of solid waste.
  - Mechanisms for the proper management of liquid waste, including grey water, are operational.
4. **Behavioural Change and Public Awareness:**
  - Continuous Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities are conducted to promote hygienic practices among residents.
  - Active involvement of community-based organizations, self-help groups, and educational institutions in sanitation initiatives.
5. **Monitoring and Sustainability:**
  - Implementation of a robust monitoring framework to ensure adherence to ODF+ protocols.
  - Establishment of grievance redressal mechanisms to address sanitation-related issues promptly.

**Supporting Declarations:**  
In accordance with the ODF+ protocol, the following supporting declarations have been obtained and are maintained on record:

1. **Ward-Level Declarations:**
  - Each Ward Councillor/Ex-Councillor has submitted a declaration affirming that their respective ward meets all ODF+ criteria.
2. **Educational Institutions:**
  - All schools within the ULB jurisdiction have provided declarations stating that students and staff have access to functional and well-maintained toilets at school and home.
3. **Self-Help Groups (SHGs):**
  - Active SHGs have declared that all members and their families have access to and are using functional toilets.

**Public Notice-3**  
**Subject: Implementation of User Charges for Community and Public Toilets in Municipal Arnia**

**Introduction:**  
In alignment with the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and to ensure the sustainability and maintenance of sanitation facilities, **Municipal Committee, Arnia** has instituted a user charge system for all community and public toilets within its jurisdiction. This initiative aims to provide high-quality sanitation services to residents and visitors while maintaining the financial viability of these facilities.

**Notification of User Charges:**  
Effective from [01.04.2025], the following user charges have been implemented:

- **Public Toilets:**
  - Usage Fee: ₹5 per use
- **Community Toilets:**
  - Usage Fee: ₹5 per use

These charges are in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO)

**Implementation and Enforcement:**

- **Collection Mechanism:**
  - Designated attendants are responsible for collecting user fees and issuing receipts for each transaction.
  - Monthly passes are available for purchase at the **Municipal Committee Arnia/Designated Centers**.
- **Monitoring and Compliance:**
  - Regular audits are conducted to ensure proper fee collection and maintenance of facilities.
  - Feedback mechanisms are in place to address user grievances and suggestions.

Sd/-  
Executive Officer  
Municipal Committee  
Arnia

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