Yudhvir Sethi dedicates three floors of Community Hall worth Rs 70 lakh at Devi Dwara



MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi dedicating three floors of Community Hall at Devi Dwara in Ward No. 11.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a boost to community infrastructure, MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi today dedicated, ground, first and second floors, of the Community Hall at Devi Dwara in Ward No. 11.

The project, executed at a cost of nearly Rs 70 lakh, marks the fulfillment of a long-pending demand of the Dwara Mandir Committee and the local res-

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said that the construction of ground, first and second floors of the Community Hall was a longstanding demand of the temple committee and the people of the area, which has now been successfully fulfilled.

He stated that such com-

tant role in strengthening social bonding and providing a proper space for religious, cultural, and social activi-

"This Community Hall will serve the people for decades and will become a centre of unity and collective activities for the residents of Ward No. 11." he said.

Yudhvir Sethi expressed his gratitude to JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav for his cooperation and support in ensuring the timely execution of the project. He said that efficient coordination between elected representatives and the municipal administration is essential for delivering quality infrastructure to the public.

The MLA further assured munity assets play an impor- the people that his commitment to Jammu East remains focused on development, transparency, and fulfilling the genuine needs of the citizens. He added that efforts will continue to upgrade civic amenities, community facilities, and public infrastructure across the constituency.

Chairman of Devi Dwara Mandir Committee Vijay Saraf, President Ramesh Suri, and Cashier Krishan Lal Suri thanked Yudhvir Sethi for taking personal interest in the project and turning a long-pending demand into reality. They said that the Community Hall will greatly benefit devotees and residents alike.

Among those present on the occasion were AEE JMC Sahil Arora and several BJP leaders, including Mandal President Adarsh Jathiar, Kanta Gupta (Amma Ji), Sanjay Mahey, Anita Sharma, Ayodhya Manawa, Nath Gupta, Kartar Sharma, Kuldeep RajRajinder Sharma, Praveen Shashi Kapoor, Kerni. Sudhir Anand, Savita Anand, Anuradha Sharma, Indu Bala Gupta, Trilochan Dutt Dutta, Ajesh Gupta, Kamal Kishore Jain, Sanjeev Sharma, Sanjay Kohli, Amit Kumar Gupta, Rajesh Sharma, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Raman Kumar Gupta, Sanjeev Gupta, and many other prominent citizens and party workers.

President Shopkeepers Association urges youth to shun drugs

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Puneet Singh Jamwal, President of the Shopkeepers Association, Akhnoor Road, Jammu, has extended warm New Year greetings to the people on the eve of New Year 2026, wishing peace, prosperity and well-being for

In his message, Jamwal expressed deep condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in tragic incidents during 2025, including Pahalgam, the Devi Shrine tragedy and Operation



Sindoor. He said the sacrifices and losses would always be remembered and prayed for eternal peace to

the departed souls. Extending his good wish-

es, Jamwal said the New Year brings renewed hopes and fresh opportunities in life. He called upon citizens to work collectively for building a happier and healthier society and to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development and prosperity. Emphasising the role of youth, he urged them to shun drugs and channelize energy towards nation building.

He concluded by expressing hope that the New Year would bring joy, harmony and prosperity to everyone.

Jammu District Property Rates for 2026 notified

JAMMU: The District Valuation Committee, Jammu, has officially notified the rates of immovable property in Jammu District for the Calendar Year 2026.

The notified rates will be effective from December 31, 2026. Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Chairman of the District Valuation Committee, emphasized the adherence to these rates for all property-related transactions in the district.

"In exercise of the powers vested in me in terms of sub-rule (2) of Rule-4 of SRO-303 dated October 4, 2011 and SRO-379 dated December 22, 2011 of J&K Preparation and Revision of Market Value Guidelines Rules, 2011 read with SRO-221 of 2018 dated May 18, 2018 and SO-616 of 2022 dated November 21, 2022 issued by the Finance Department J&K Government, Jammu and also on the basis of the approval conveyed by the Divisional Valuation Board under Rule-3 of SRO-379 dated December 22, 2011 vide endorsement No. CSSJ/2025-26/865-66 dated December 30, 2025 the rates of the immovable property of Jammu District for the Calendar Year-2026 are notified notification," read notification issued by Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Chairman District Valuation Committee).

"It is further notified that in rural areas, the rates of the unirrigated land shall be applicable to the un-cultivable land and in urban area, where the nature of piece of land is not already classified as 'Residential' or 'Commercial', the rates of Residential or Commercial would be applicable to it depending upon the land use of the said land as defined in the Master Plan of the area," it stated and added, "The rates shall remain in force from January 1 to December 31, 2026.

Education Dept bids farewell to retiring officials

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of School Education bid a warm farewell to two of its dedicated staff members from Hr. Sec. School Paloura, who retired after rendering decades of distinguished service.

Kunti Devi, Laboratory

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Assistant concluded her illustrious career after serving the department for 27 years. Her commitment to academic excellence and support to sci-

ence education has left a last-

ing impact on the institution. Rama Rani, Teacher, retired after 25 years of devoted service. She has been admired for her teaching skills, guidance to students and contribution to the holistic development of the school

community. On this occasion, colleagues and students expressed heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions. The school administration acknowledged their dedication, sincerity and professionalism, wishing them good health and happiness in the vears ahead.

IMC revives traditional pond in ward No. 55

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To contain declining groundwater levels and the gradual disappearance of traditional water bodies, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has launched a focused drive for the rejuvenation and restoration of old ponds across the city.

Under the initiative, the project 'Rejuvenation of Water Body (Pond) near Chenab College, Ward No. 55" has been successfully executed by the Corporation.

The pond has been rejuvenated using bioremediation techniques, resulting in a marked improvement in water quality. A major achievement of the project is the curbing of encroachments.

Through restoration and proper demarcation of the pond area, illegal dumping and unauthorized occupation of public land have been effectively stopped, thereby safeguarding the natural drainage system and preserving the integrity of the water body.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav stated that the rejuvenation of urban water bodies is a key priority of JMC's environmental

sustainability campaign. He emphasized that such projects not only help in groundwater recharge and water conservation but also restore the ecological and social value of neglected public assets. He further added that JMC is committed to scaling up similar interventions across the city to strengthen climate resilience and ensure longterm water security for future generations.

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER. SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION, JAMMU.



E-Auction Extension Notice
The approval date of Auction ID: 2025_JK_54is hereby extended due to low response of bidders in e-Auction Notice invited by Social Forestry Division, JammuVide No:79-86/DFO/SF/J dated 26/12/2025 extended up to 02.01.2026 (04:30 PM).

Description Auction ID: 2025_JK_54 of 147 No's eAuction Trees of Standing Forestry Division Jammu No: 79-86/DFO/SF/J dated 26/12/2025 is hereby Extended.

No. 95-101/DFO/SF/J Dated 30.12.2025

DIP/J-9624/25

Dated:- 31/12/2025

Divisional Forest Officer. Social Forestry Division, Jammu.

Land

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(INR)

Un-irrigated 500000/-



OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR LAND ACQUISITION (SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE), CHENANI

Subject:- Final Award under Section 23 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR)Act 2013, read with Rule32 of The Jammu and Kashmir Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement(Social Impact Assessment and consent) Rules 2023, for the land measuring 01 Kanal 03 M situated at village Sudhmahadev, Tehsil Chenani and District Udhampur is acquired for public purpose, namely, for Construction of "Niabat Building at Sudhmahadev"; Detail of Land Acquisition Case

S.No	Deta	I of land acquisition	ı case: -				
1	Indenting Department:	Revenue					
2	Purpose of land acquisition	Construction ofNiaba	it Building at Sudhmah	adev			
3	Location of the Project	Village: Sudhmahadev	Tehsil:Chenani	District: Udhampur			
4	Total area proposed for acquisition	01 Kanal 03 M		0.007.6			
5	Notification issued under section 11 (1) of the (RFCTLARR) Act, bearing No.						
6	Notification issued under section 19 of the (RFCTLARR) Act, bearing No.	ACRU/LA/2025-26/608	5-13 dated 18-10-2025				
7	Notification issued under section 21of the (RFCTLARR) Act, bearing No.	SDM/C/2025-26/83-	·91 dated 12-11-202	5			

1. Preliminary Proceedings:

As per the directions vide letter No. REV-LIT/336/2022(200845) dated 23-12-2024 recived from Govt. fo J&K , Revenue Department , Civil Secretariat Jammu and in compliance to the directions issued by Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh dated 02-04-2024 in OWP No. 2/13 case titled Asha V/S State and the indent placed vide No. DCU/NSQ/2024 25/925-31 dated 30-12-2024 by the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur for the acquisi aforesaid land.

Accordingly, the Revenue Department prepared Revenue papers and a Map of the identified land measuring 01K-03M situated at village Sudhmahadev, Tehsil Chenani & District Udhampur.

SIA Exemption:-After the approval of Competent Authority, i.e., the District Collector cum SIA Exemption:-After the approval of Competent Authority, i.e., the District Collector cum Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, this Collectorate constituted a committee vide No. SDM/C/2024-25/1212 dated 11-02-2025 for conduct of preliminary enquiry under the chairmanship of Tehsildar Chenani for the acquisition of land in question. The committee so constituted visited the spot and submitted a report vide No. 1221/OQ dated 25-02-20258, further reported that no involuntary displacement of persons and neither any adverse impact is caused nor any rehabilitation is required due to acquisition of aforesaid land. Preliminary Notification: — A Notification under Section 11 of the RFCTLARR Act 2013 was issued by this Collectorate vide No. STM/C/2024-25/1265-76. dated 25-

2013 was issued by this Collectorate vide No. SDM/C/2024-25/1265-76 dated 25 02-2025. The Notification was served upon the land owners, interested persons and the indenting Department, who were asked to file their objections, if any, within 60

days from the date of issuance / publication of the Notification. The notice was published in local dailies, posted at conspicuous places like Patwar Khana and Panchayat Ghar of the concerned village, published in the Govt. Gazette, and uploaded on the NIC website of District Udhampur for public information. However, no such objection/objections has/have been received by this Collectorate in response to the above quoted notification dated 25-02-2025.

The Particulars of the land as per authenticated Revenue record/Field book as mentioned in

S.	Name of	Name	Name	ry Land Khas			•	Kind of	Trees				Structures				
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1	Girdhari n Lal, Ashwan i Kumar sons in equal 12 share MStBhajnu Devi, Mst Neelam Devi drts, MstKoushal aya Devi wd/o Amar Nath in equal 3 share out of 1/3 rd, Sham Lal son 5 share Mst. Neelam, Mst Sushma dtrsMst Gryanoo Devi Mylo Chunni Lal in equal 3 share out of 1/3 rd Sushma dtrsMst Sushma dtrsMst Sushma dtrsMst Sushma dtrsMst Sushma dtrsMst Sushma Chunni Lal in equal 3 share out of 1/3 rd Bimal Kumar, Vidhya Sagar, Puran Pal sons in equal 24 shares, Mst Taro Devi, MstPunu Devi dtsMst Swarna Devi dtsMst	Makboza Mehkma- Mal	Makboz a Mehkm a- Mal	47	1	3	0	GM building NaibatšiPat war Khanna	NI	Ni I	. Ni	NI I	NI	0.776			

Brahman Badyal R/o

Khasra No.	Type of Land		Area		State Land in	Mode of	
		Kanal	Maria	Sarsai	Possession of	Transfer of state Land	
NI	NI	Nil	NI	NI	NI	NI	
NI.	Nil	NI	NI	NI	NI.	NI.	
		Table-	III: Fores	t Land			
Khasra No.	Type of Land		Area		Forest Land in	Mode of Transfer	
		Kanal	Maria	Sarsai	Possession of	of Forest Land	
	Nil Nil	No. No.	Nil			Nil Nil	

This Collectorate requested the appropriate Authority (Deputy Commiss 2025-26/836-40 dated 11-10-2025, to issue a declaration under section 19 of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 stating that the land measuring 01K-03M at SudhmahadevTehsil Chenani and District Udhampur, is required for the Construction of Niabat Building at Sudhmahadev Tehsil Chenani & District Udhampur. In response to the request, the appropriate Authority issued declaration under section 19 vide No. ACRU/LA/2025-26/606-13 dated 18-10-2025, with direction to follow all the provisions of the RFCTLARR Act 2013, LB-10 of 1980, and any

2. Notification under Section 21 of the (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013: SDM/C/2025-26/83-91 dated 12-11-2025. All stakeholders, landowners and interested persons were invited to file their objections, if any, within 30 days from the date of publication of

the notice, i.e. on or before 11-12-2025. The notice was widely publicized as per the provisions of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013. No objection(s) has/have received in this Collectorate in response to the above said notification dated 12-11-2025. 3. Basis of Determination of the Market Value: As per Section 26 of the RFCTLARR Act 2013, the Collector shall adopt the following criteria to

assess and determine the award of land. (a) The Market value, if any, specified in the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (2 of 1899) for the
registration of sale deeds or agreements to sell, in the area where the land is situated.
 (b) The average sale price of similar type of land situated in the nearest village or vicinity area. ited amount of compensation as agreed under sub section 2 of section 2 in the case of acquisition of land for private companies or public private partnership projects

The market value of the land has been assessed and proposed as per the stamps duty rates

notified by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur vide Notification No.DCU/SQ/SDR/2024-25/1043-67 dated: 28-12-2024 for the year 2025, (the year of section 11 notification).

whichever is higher.

ation of Market Value of the land

67 dated 28-12-2024 Multiplication Factor: -As per the notification issued by the Revenue Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir vide No. Rev/LAJK/254/2020 dated 26-08-2020, the multiplication factor for rural areas is 2.00 (Two).

6. Value of Assets attached to the land: - Nil

Stamp duty notification No.& Name of the Tehsil

DCU/SQ/SDR/2024-25/1043- Sudhmahadev Chenani

Village

New last Date of Approval

02-01-2026 upto 04:30 PM.

Date for the year 2025

7. Solatium: -

As per the provisions of section 30 of the RFCTLARR Act 2013, "Solatium" amount equivalent to one hundred percent of the compensation amount has been imposed to arrive at the final award. It is clarified that solatium amount shall be in addition to the compensation payable to any person whose land has been acquired.

8. Additional amount @12%:-

As per section 30 of the RFCTLARR Act 2013, in addition to the market value of the land provided under section 26, an amount calculated at the rate of (12%) twelve percent per annum on such market value shall be awarded for the period commencing from the date of publication of the Social Impact Assessment Study under section 2 of section 4, till the date of the Collector's Award or the date of taking possession of the land, whichever is earlier.

9. Award Summary:-

S No.	Description(Baryal) 01K-3M (Sudhmahadev) Naibat Building	Amount (In Rupees)			
1	Basic Market Value of the land in accordance with sub section 01 of section 26, read with Sub section 3 of section 26 and section 28 of the Act e. (500000/K) stamp duty rates 2024	Rs. 575000/-			
2	Value after applying multiplication factor 2.0 (Two) in terms of sub section 2 of section 26 of the Act (step 1 X 2.0)	Rs 1150000/-			
3	Solatium@100% in terms of Section 30 (1)	Rs. 1150000/-			
4	Total Value of the Land Without Interest	Rs. 2300000/-			
5	Additional Amount (interest component) @12% per annum on the market value determined under SIA exemption date (under section 30(3) (25-02-2025sec 11) 309days ie. Till 31-12-25 (Rs. 756/day)				
6	Damages under Section 28 of the Act	Nil			
7	Total Amount of Compensation of land	Rs. 2533604/-			
8	Total Value of Structures	Nil			
9	Value of Fruit Bearing Trees	Nil			
10	Value of Non-Fruit Trees	Nil			
11	Total Value of the Assets	Nil			
12	Solatium 100% on the Value of the Assets	Nil			
13	Total Value of the Assets Without Interest	Nil			
14	Total Value of the Assets	Nil			
15	Total Value of the Land and Assets	Rs. 2533604/-			
- 6	(7+14)				
16	Administrative Cost @2.5%	Rs 63340/-			
17	Total Amount of Final award	Rs. 25,96,944/-			

The Particulars of the land and the amount of compensation, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the (RFCTLARR) Act 2013, The Jammu and Kashmir Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Social Impact Assessment and Consent) Rules 2023, are attached as Annexure "A".

11. Possession of the Land:-

The land is already in possession of the Indenting department.

12. Mode of Payment: -

The payment will be made to the land owners and interested persons according to their share as per the Revenue record at the time of notification u/s 11, read with Section 21. In the event of the death of any owner, the compensation would be paid to the legal heir of the deceased as decided by the Competent Authority. If any mutation is registered during the process of acquisition, the record will be updated. Additionally any outstanding Loan/Mortgage/charge amount against any land under acquisition will result withholding of the compensation until the production of a clearance certificate/no dues/Non-Encumbrance Certificate from the concerned Bank/institution/society etc. In cases where a dispute regarding the ownership/entitlement of compensation arises, the compensation will be withheld until resolution by the Competent Court of Law. The compensation shall be paid through DBT/RTGS/PFMS after necessary deductions under the Income Tax Law. Any clerical error detected after the announcement of the Award shall be corrected by a corrigendum to the Award. Any overpayment to the landowners shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue under the provisions of the J&K Land Revenue Act Svt. 1996. The compensation for structures and trees shall be disbursed to the beneficiaries only after the receipt of the Title Certificate and Demolition Certificate from the competent Authority.

13. Vesting of Ownership in the Central Government: -

The ownership of the acquired land, as mentioned in the Notification U/s 21 of The Jammu and Kashmir Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013, shall vest absolutely in the Government of India, free from all encumbrances. The acquiring department/user agencies shall ensure that the Record of Rights and all relevant documents relating to the ownership/occupancy of the said land are updated via mutation as per existing laws to show the transfer of the land in the name of "The President of India" through Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department Jammu.

14. Announcement of Award: -

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, by virtue of section 23 read with section 30 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and section 32 of the Jammu and Kashmir Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Social Impact Assessment and consent) Rules, 2023, I, Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, JKAS, Collector land Acquisition, (SDM) Chenani, do hereby pass an Final Award Rs25,96,944/-(Twenty five lac ninety six thousand nine hundred and forty four only) for land measuring 01kanal 03 Marla situated at village Sudhmahadev, Tehsil Chenani District Udhampur for Construction of Niabat Building at Sudhmahadev as per the details

Notice of this award be given to the land owners/interested persons by publishing the same in the Government gazette, newspapers, official website of the district and also publish the same on the notice Board of this Collectorate, Office of Tehsildar Chenani, Panchayat Ghar, Patwar Khana and other prominent places as per the provisions laid down in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013.

DIP/J-3247-P/25 Dated:- 31/12/2025

Sd/-Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, JKAS Collector Land Acquisition (SDM)