Javid Dar inaugurates zonal workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The annual zonal workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of ICAR-ATARI, Zone-I for the year 2024-25 began on Monday at the Baba Jitto Auditorium, Shere-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Chatha.

The workshop was inaugurated by Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar.

The three day workshop, to be held from December 22 to 24, has brought together the key stakeholders of agricultural research and extension from across northern India to review performance, share best practices and chart future strategies for strengthening the farmer-centric extension services.

The inaugural function was held in presence of Dr. Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, New Delhi, as the guest of honour; Professor B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu; Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana and statutory officers of the University.

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, highlighted the pivotal role of KVKs as frontline extension institutions. He



Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar and other dignitaries at lamp lighting ceremony.

emphasized the importance of convergence between the research. extension and development departments for effective technology dissemination and farmer empowerment In his inaugural address Javid Ahmad Dar lauded the contribution of KVKs in transforming agriculture at the grassroots level. He stressed the need to strengthen farmer-centric extension services, promote diversification, value addition and agri-entrepreneurship and ensure timely dissemination of scientific innovations to farmers. He also appreciated the role of SKUAST-Jammu and ICAR-ATARI in fostering sustainable and inclusive agricultural development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister emphasized the urgent need to educate and sensitize the farmers about climate-related challenges and equip them with knowledge and skills to adopt climateresilient agricultural practices.

The Minister underscored that awareness, capacity building and timely advisory services through institutions like Krishi Vigyan Kendras are essential to help the farmers adapt to changing climatic conditions and ensure sustainable agricultural growth

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rajbir Singh highlighted the evolving role of KVKs in promoting climate-resilient agriculture, agrientrepreneurship, digital extension and skill development. He underscored the importance of outcomeoriented extension approaches and accountability mechanisms for achieving sustainable agricultural growth. In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. B. N. Tripathi stated that SKUAST-Jammu has been consistently strengthening

research-extension linkages through frontline demonstrations, on-farm trials and diagnostic services. He informed that the University has significantly expanded its national and international collaborations through MoUs. The University has recorded a steady increase in its Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) portfolio over the past three years, reflecting a strong emphasis on innovation and technology commercialization, he added. He also highlighted the University's active role in flagship programmes such as HADP and JKCIP, particularly in agri-niche crops, horticulture promotion, startup development and handholding of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Outlining the objectives of the workshop, Dr. Parvender Sheoran stated that ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana coordinates and supports 72 Krishi Vigyan Kendras across Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Dr. S. K. Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu, emphasized the need for strong integration between research and extension to address location-specific agricultural challenges.

During the function, seven publications were released and five FPOs/entrepreneurs were felicitated for their exemplary contributions to agricultural development.

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PHDCCI Jammu chairman meet Dy CM, submits memorandum for revival of industry & tourism



Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Region Chapter Rakesh Wazir meeting with Dy CM Surinder Choudhary.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI), Jammu Region Chapter and President of Hotel & Restaurant Association (HRA), Katra, Rakesh Wazir, today met Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Surinder Choudhary, who also holds the portfolio of Industries & Commerce, PWD, Mining. Labour & Employment, and Skill Development. During the meeting, Wazir submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting key challenges and suggesting measures for the revival and sustenance of trade, industry, and tourism in Jammu & Kashmir, with a focus on the Jammu region.

Choudhary assured the delegation that the government is committed to strengthening industry and tourism as engines of growth and employment and that every effort would be made to support these sectors. Wazir informed the Deputy CM that PHDCCI Jammu and HRA Katra had jointly prepared a comprehensive proposal seeking a rehabilitation and sustenance package for industries, including service and tourism sectors.

The memorandum highlighted several kev demands: extension of the New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS), which expired in September 2024; renovation and modernization of hotels; upgradation of industrial units; and incorporation of the "Substantial Expansion" provision of the Industrial Package 2017. Wazir also stressed prioritizing investments in tourism infrastructure, including large hotels, medical colleges, hotel

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management institutes, themebased restaurants, and promoting adventure, health, education, and pilgrimage tourism.

Further demands included extension of incentives to existing industries and hotels, GST reimbursement for hotels similar to manufacturing units, restoration of industrial power tariff benefits for hotels, and inclusion of tourism under the MSME

service category. Emphasizing pilgrimage tourism, Wazir proposed promoting destinations beyond Vaishno Devi, such as Shiv Khori, Patnitop, and Bhaderwah, along with beautification projects, light and sound shows at Katra, development of heritage sites. and industrial parks for nonpolluting, pilgrimage-linked industries. Deputy CM Choudhary listened to all concerns and assured sympathetic consideration, reaffirming the government's commitment to fostering sustainable economic revival.

The meeting concluded on an optimistic note, with industry representatives hopeful that timely policy measures would boost growth, employment, and tourism in the Union Territory.



Vice President Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Guru being felicitated at a Mahajan Parivar Samalen function organised by Mahajan Sabha Chandigarh.

MVD intensifies traffic enforcement drive

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In pursuance to the directions of the Secretary to Transport Government Jammu & Department Kashmir, the Motor Vehicles Department (Enforcement Wing) has launched a special traffic enforcement drive across the Union Territory to curb traffic violations and enhance road safety

The drive, being conducted

Multi-Disciplinary Committee on Traffic Management System in Jammu and Srinagar, focuses particularly on habitual offenders and serious traffic violators Enforcement teams have intensified checking at strategic locations and are taking strict action under the

Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Reiterating a zero-tolerance policy towards traffic viola-Transport Department stated that such special enforcement drives will continue in the larger interest of public safety. Citizens have been urged to strictly follow traffic rules and cooperate with enforcement agencies to make roads safer.

419 licences revoked, 469 suspended in last 3 weeks

During the last three weeks of December 2025, a large number of violators were booked for offences including over-speeding, wrong-side driving, overloading, driving

without a helmet or seat belt, illegal halting, juvenile driving and other violations. As a result, 469 driving licences were suspended, while 419 licences were revoked or disqualified. Additionally, 1,024 cancellation notices were issued to driving licence holders involved in NDPS-related cases, habitual traffic violations and other serious

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"The objective of the special enforcement drive is not merely to penalise violators, but to save precious human lives by promoting strict adherence to traffic laws," an official of the Transport Department said

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Notice for engagement of Honorary Visiting Specialists Notice for engagement of Honorary Visiting Specialists at Northern Ra

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Detailed terms and conditions governing the engagement is available on Northe Railway website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

Those interested doctors can submit their Bio-Data along with their professional work experience, option regarding 2 Hours/6 days/week and contact details to Chie Medical Superintendent, Northern Railway, Divisional Hospital, Firozpur-152001 (Punjab) up to 13.00 Hrs on 22.1.2026

No. 40-Med/HVS/FZR Dated: 22.12.25 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION KATHUA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No. 38 of 2025-26 Dated: 19/12/2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Kathua, by e-tendering mode on percentage rates at par, above below of J&K UT Standard Schedule of Rates 2022 from eligible contractors of class mentioned against each work herein having registration of J&K UT CPWD/ MES and Railways for the following works. The Contractor has to quote rate on a percentage at par, above of below of SSR 2022 of J&K UT mainly items of chapter water supply and in chapter of SSR 2022 of J&K UT only Estimate Cost of Earnest Time Class of Bid

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| 1 | Installation of water point at Ramkot, Nagrota, Phinter, Billawar Town, Challan, Mandli Gurah and Dramani of Billawar constituency under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 5.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 30 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 2 | Construction of protection work at dugwell station at harnota and kohag under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 7.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 40 days | .VB. | 90 days |
| 3 | Protection Work at dugwell station Kandharnoo under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 4.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 30 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 4 | Construction of protection work at dugwell station at Kishanpur under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 4.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 30 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 5 | Repair/restoration of gravity main from machadi to Sukrala at different places under was Sukral under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 2.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 25 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 6 | Repair/restoration of rising main from Ramgarh to dhralta under WSS Pallan Dhralta under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 4.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 30 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 7 | Construction of pannel shed at borewell station Tharakalwal-B, Sialna and Harnota under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 2.50 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 25 days | -CD- | 90 days |
| 8 | Improvement of Distribution System at Ward No.3 near Shiv Temple Mohalla Phinter and Ward No. 9 Dewal under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 4.00 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 30 days | -C" -D" | 90 days |
| 9 | Providing, Laying and Fitting of G.I Pipe for providing drinking water facility to Kendriya Vidhyalaya Ramkot under Constituency Development Scheme(CDS) | 2.50 | 200/ | 2% of the advertised cost | 25 days | .VB. | 90 days |

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2. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.infrom 13.00 hours on 19/12/2025 to 26/12/2025 up to 16.00 Hrs)

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a. The complete bidding process will be on line.

b. Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PHE Division Kathua on 27-12-2025 at 13.00 Hrs.

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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited EPC (Engineering

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