

# Col Mahan advocates better road connectivity for remote areas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: In a major step towards addressing long-standing connectivity issues in remote areas, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, visited the far-flung Panchayat of Godal, spanning approximately 10 km. This initiative aims to provide a much-needed durable fair-weather road for the region, fulfilling the long-pending demand of the local residents.



Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua during visit to Godal Panchayat.

sought consensus from the residents to voluntarily donate land for the successful execution of the project. Speaking on the occasion, Col Mahan Singh reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring road connectivity for remote and isolated habitations, which he termed as a fundamental necessity for development. He assured the villagers that their grievances

regarding lack of infrastructure, basic amenities, and mobility constraints would be addressed at the earliest. The DDC Chairman emphasized that road connectivity would open doors to better healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, ultimately improving the quality of life for the residents of Godal Panchayat. During his visit, Col Mahan

Singh also attentively listened to the day-to-day challenges faced by the locals, promising to take up their concerns with the concerned authorities. The villagers expressed their gratitude for his proactive approach and dedication to their welfare. Accompanying the DDC Chairman on the visit were Rajinder Singh, Sarpanch Godal, along with prominent locals including Ashok Singh, Deewan Chand, Parkash Chand, and several other well-known figures from the region.

Col Mahan Singh reiterated that under his leadership, the district administration remains committed to bridging the gap between remote communities and mainstream development, ensuring that every citizen benefits from progressive governance and infrastructural advancements.

# Growing drug crisis remains one of J&K's most pressing issues: Kesri



Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri addressing media persons.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ARNIA: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri on Sunday claimed that despite various strides, the growing drug crisis remains one of the J&K's most pressing issues. Addressing meeting of party leaders in Arnia on Sunday, Kesri observed that the porous borders and Jammu and Kashmir's strategic location have made it a key transit point for narcotics smuggling into India. Though significant progress has been made in tackling the problem, the region con-

tinues to face challenges due to the widespread availability and abuse of drugs, added Kesri. Kesri however appreciated rise in conviction rates and the aggressive seizure of illegal assets marking a pivotal step in curbing the drug menace. Law enforcement agencies are now showing renewed determination in their multi-pronged approach to combat the illicit narcotics trade in the region. The conviction rate for drug peddlers in Jammu and Kashmir has soared to 54 per cent in 2024, signal-

ing a significant breakthrough in the region's fight against drug trafficking, added Kesri. Kesri claimed that this achievement comes as the Jammu and Kashmir Police, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, have ramped up efforts to target both drug peddlers and the financial networks fueling the illicit trade. In 2024, illegal assets worth Rs 12.04 crore were attached, with properties valued at Rs 50 crore also undergoing attachment procedures, Kesri said. This is part of a

broader crackdown on the financial structures sustaining the narcotics trade. Kesri further said that Shiv Sena Hindustan has been vocal about demanding strict action against drugs trafficking. He demanded that there should be zero tolerance for drug trade in any form in J&K. He also demanded strict action against those involved in the drug trade, including the removal of 'paan' shops near schools and colleges. To combat this issue, the government has launched initiatives like the "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan" (NMBA) and established de-addiction centers and rehabilitation facilities. However, the challenge remains daunting and a more comprehensive approach is needed to address the root causes of drug abuse and provide adequate support to those affected, added Kesri.

## Army organises medical patrol for local youth

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: In a humanitarian effort, Army conducted a medical patrol in Katanar and Mangota, Rajouri District. The initiative aimed to extend medical services to needy individuals in remote areas, providing them with basic medical treatment at their doorstep. A total of 35 civilians benefited from the medical patrol, which is part of the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to support local communities. By offering medical aid to those living in areas far from medical facilities, the Indian Army seeks to build trust and strengthen its bond with the local population. The medical patrol is a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to serving the nation and supporting local communities, particularly in remote and inaccessible areas. The initiative has been well-received by the local population, who appreciate the Indian Army's efforts in providing medical aid and support.

## Awareness programme on drug abuse, new criminal laws conducted

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: As part of its ongoing efforts to combat drug abuse and raise awareness among the youth about new criminal laws, the District Police Poonch today organized a comprehensive Awareness Programme at the village Hari Buddha Mandi, district Poonch. The programme was conducted by DySP Hqrs Poonch along with SHO Mandi which aimed at educating locals about the harmful effects of drugs and the importance of leading a drug-free life and to make them aware about three new criminal laws. The people were educated and deliberated regarding the changes in the new laws, and highlighted various keys features and new provisions of laws, especially those related to citizens friendly measures such as zero FIR and e-FIR, introduction of community services as a new form of punishment, more lenient treatment of first time offenders, introduction on organised



Police officers along with youth during the event.

crime and cyber crime, new penalties, scientific approach towards evidence collection and admissibility of digital records etc. By providing people with the necessary knowledge and resources, we hope to empower them to make informed decisions and stay away from substance abuse," said the Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch. The District Police Poonch aims to continue its outreach efforts by visiting

other villages in the region and collaborating with local communities to strengthen the fight against drug abuse and also made them aware about their rights in new laws. The District Police urges locals to actively participate in the ongoing awareness campaign and help create a healthier and drug free society in Poonch. In the end the participants were also advised to respect the law and also aware their family members about new laws.

## Drug Control Officer Ramban conducts inspection of medical shops

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL: In line with the directives of the State Drugs Controller and the District Administration, Drug Control Officer Ramban, Imtiyaz Ahmad, conducted inspections of medical shops across various villages in Banihal, including Bankoot, Kaskoot, Nowgam, Chereel, and Banihal Town. The inspection aimed to ensure compliance with regulations regarding the installation of CCTV cameras, implementation of computerized billing systems, and maintenance of psychotropic drug records. During the inspections, two medical shops were closed down for failing to comply with the provisions



Drug Control Officer Ramban, Imtiyaz Ahmad, conducting inspection of a medical shop.

of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and were instructed to adhere to the prescribed norms. The inspecting team verified that all other medical establishments had

installed CCTV cameras and adopted computerized billing systems as mandated. The Drug Control Officer emphasized the importance of actively monitoring

CCTV footage to ensure these systems effectively deter any malpractice. The implementation of these measures is expected to enhance transparency in transactions, improve inventory management, and reinforce accountability within the district's pharmaceutical sector. The proactive approach of the Drug Control Department will remain continuous in the district to safeguard public health and promote ethical practices in the pharmaceutical trade. The department will continue to regulate and monitor pharmaceutical activities to prevent the misuse or unauthorized distribution of drugs, ensuring the well-being of the public.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT JAMMU  
WP(CrL) No. 5/2025  
CM No. 445/2025  
Ex Serviceman Subedar Suresh Kumar and Anr.  
Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)  
Through: Mr. K. Nirmal Kotwal, Advocate  
Vs  
Respondent(s)  
UT of J&K and Ors.  
Through:  
Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHD. YOUSUF WANI, JUDGE  
ORDER  
03.02.2025  
Issue notice to the respondents in the main petition as well as in CM, returnable within four weeks for filing their response/objections, subject to taking steps within two weeks.  
Heard learned counsel for the petitioners in respect of his prayer for grant of interim relief and considered his submissions.  
List on 26.03.2025.  
In the meanwhile, respondent No. 3 is directed to facilitate the collection of CCTV Footage/videos of the Police Station, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu of the night of 13th January starting from 10:00 PM to 11:59 PM and 14th of January from 12:00 an till 6:00 PM.  
Sd/-  
(Mohd. Yousuf Wani)  
Judge

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR POUNI (REASI)  
(Email: tehsildarpouni@gmail.com)  
Zameela W/o Mohd Qausim R/o Kotla, Tehsil Pouni, District Reasi.  
(Applicant)  
V/S  
1. U.T of J&K through SHO P/s Ransoo. 2. Block Development Officer, Pouni.  
(Non Applicant)  
Notice to Public at large  
Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in the court for seeking direction to the non-applicant for registration of date of birth of applicant's Daughter.  
S. No. Name under registration Father's Name Mother's Name Place of Birth D.O.B  
1. Seria Akhter Mohd Qausim Zameela At Home (Kotla) 14-07-2007  
Whereas through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, anyone has any objection/s in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of date of birth of applicant's Daughter by the non-applicant he/she they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days after date of publication of this notice failing which proceedings shall be initiated under law. If the date fixed is decided as holiday, the matter will be taken up on next working day.  
Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 05-02-2025.  
Sd/-  
No:Teh/P/BD/24-25/196 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
Dated: 05-02-2025 Tehsildar Pouni (Reasi)

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
JAMMU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIVISION NO.I, JAMMU  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT No. JDA-I/2024-25/e-NIT/83 Dated 07.02.2025  
Executive Engineer JDA Division No.I for and on behalf of the Vice Chairman, Jammu Development authority, Jammu e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments, for the following work :-  
S. No. Name of Work Name of Division Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs) Cost of document (in Rs.) Earnest Money Time Allowed for complete on Time and date of opening of tender Class of Contractor  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
1 AMC (with Material) including Routine Service of water filter purifiers & repair of water cooler & refrigerators installed at Bahu Plaza Complex, RBI Park, Vikas Bhawan, JDA's Guest House & Division Office-I, (2nd Time) JDA Division No.I Rate to be quoted by contractor Rs.200/- Rs 2500/- 365 Days (1400 Hrs) on or after 15.02.2025 Registered Electrical Contractor / Authorize d service centers having experience in similar nature of work.  
Position of AAA :- Accorded  
Position of Funds :- Available  
Technical Sanction:- Accorded  
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :  
1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice 07.02.2025  
2 Period of downloading of bidding documents From 07.02.2025 1800 to 15.02.2025 1300 Hrs  
3 Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting Nil  
4 Bid submission Start Date 07.02.2025 1800 Hrs  
5 Bid Submission End Date 15.02.2025 up to 1300 Hrs  
6 Date & time of opening of Technical Bids 15.02.2025 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer JDA Division No.I (Online)  
7 Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed  
1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt as per annexure favoring Vice Chairman, JDA Jammu uploading a copy of bank receipt. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, and bid security (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR/FDR/ BG pledged in favor of Executive Engineer JDA Division I and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer JDA Division No.I, RHC Jammu at the time of award of contract.  
No :- JDA-I/ 875--885  
Dated :-07-02-2025  
DIP/J-3851-P/24  
Dated:- 09/02/2025  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
JDA Division No I  
Jammu

UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, POONCH  
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Telephone No. 01965295733  
"Nothing like Voting, I Vote for Sure" Estd:- 2012  
Subject: Engagement of Guest Faculty in Government Polytechnic College, Poonch.  
ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE  
Applications are invited from the eligible candidates who are domicile of UT of J&K for the engagement as Guest Lecturer purely on need basis for Academic Session May-June 2025 as per the details below  
S.No. Branch/ Discipline Minimum Qualification  
1 Mathematics Master's degree in Mathematics from recognized University/Institute.  
2 Electrical Engg. B.E/B.Tech in Electrical Engg. from recognized University/Institute.  
3 Electronics & Communication Engg. B.E/B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engg. from recognized University/Institute.  
4 Civil Engg. B.E/B.Tech in Civil Engg. from recognized University/Institute(CAD knowing).  
The application along with self attested copies of documents should reach the office of undersigned by or before 20-02-2025 up to 04:00 PM.  
Terms & Conditions  
1. The engagement shall be purely on need basis for the Session May-June 2025 only or till the faculty is provided by The Director, Skill Development Department, J&K whichever is earlier.  
2. The selected candidates shall be paid @ Rs 750/- per hour subject to a maximum of Rs 20,000/- per month as per the guest lecture norms.  
3. The candidates shall be engaged as per the merit list prepared by the selection committee and further approved by The Director Skill Development Deptt, J&K. The criteria for preparation of merit list shall be as under:  
A. 80 points for basic qualification.(pro- rata basis)  
B. 05 points for higher qualification  
C. 05 points for GATE/NET/SET.  
D. 05 points for teaching experience (Polytechnic Diploma level or Higher Level) pro-rata basis.  
(01 point for each academic year.)  
E. 05 points for interaction with the concerned candidate.  
4. The Selected Candidates shall submit an undertaking/affidavit duly authenticated by the First Class Magistrate before joining indicating clearly that he/she shall not claim for continuation/regularization of his /her services after completion of May-June 2025 session and shall follow the rules and regulations of the Institute.  
No: GPCP/2024-25/F-27/1100-1101  
Dated: 07-02-2025  
DIP/J-9973/24  
Dated:- 09/02/2025  
Application Form for Engagement as Guest Lecturer for the Academic Session May-June 2025  
Post Applied for: Branch of Engineering/Humanities applied for  
1) Name (Block letters): Gender (Male/Female)  
2) Marital Status: Married/Unmarried  
3) Father's Name: 4) Mother's Name:  
(Please write your name as well as names of your father & mother as per Degree/DMC your qualifying examination)  
5) Date of Birth:  
6) Address for Correspondence (including Pin Code):  
7) Mobile No: Email:  
8) Educational qualification (Attach self-attested copies of relevant Certificates)  
S. No. Examination Passed with Branch Branch/ Discipline University Year of Passing Maximum Marks Marks obtained %age Marks Obtained  
1 10th  
2 Degree in Engineering/Humanities  
3 Post Graduation  
4 Higher Qualification if any  
9) Relevant Teaching experience (in chronological order) after acquiring entry qualification (attach authentic/self-attested certificates on letter head of the Organization bearing number and date)  
S. No. Name of Institute/ Organization & Address Period (with date) Experience Designation Nature of Duties  
From To  
1  
2  
3  
Total Experience = Years Months as on 31-01-2025  
1. I certify that the entries made by me in this form are correct to the best of my knowledge and I have not suppressed any information in any manner.  
2. I agree to observe and abide by all the rules & regulations of the Department of Skill Development that may be laid down from time to time during the period of my engagement if selected and render my services to the entire satisfaction of the Institution authorities and shall not associate myself with any activity prejudicial to the discipline of the Institute.  
3. I understand that my engagement as guest faculty is purely on need basis for academic session May-June 2025 or till the faculty provided by the Director Skill Department J&K, whichever is earlier and I shall not claim my absorption in the Department on the basis of this engagement.  
4. I solicit to undertake the aforementioned statement in an Affidavit, if I am engaged in the Polytechnic.  
Signature of Applicant