

## Balvinder seeks transparency in river-bed material pricing in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Balvinder Singh, an RTI and social activist from Jammu and Kashmir, has demanded greater transparency from the Department of Geology & Mining regarding the pricing of river-bed materials, urging authorities to publicly display approved rates through print and electronic media.

In a statement issued here, Singh criticised the department for allegedly failing to make the notified rate list easily accessible to the public. He said the government is legally and morally bound to maintain transparency in the pricing of natural resources and called for immediate publication of rates at quarry sites as well as on official platforms.

Singh emphasised that the prices should be clearly



economically weaker sections. Highlighting the impact of rising construction costs, he said many families are finding it difficult to build even modest homes due to unchecked pricing of raw materials. He asserted that citizens have the right to access natural resources at government-approved rates and urged the department to enforce strict compliance.

The activist further called for the immediate publication and display of approved rates at quarry sites, crusher units and official websites, along with the establishment of a monitoring mechanism to prevent overcharging. He warned that if transparency measures are not implemented promptly, he may seek legal recourse before the competent authorities.

notified in volumetric measurements such as cubic feet or cubic metres instead of weight-based units, stating that volume-based rates are easier for consumers to understand and help prevent arbitrary pricing. He alleged that the absence of a prominently displayed rate schedule has allowed some building material suppliers and crusher owners to charge prices at their discretion, resulting in exploitation of consumers, particularly those from

## Need special package for reconstruction as rains, floods and snowfall hit basic infrastructure: Jasvir



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Jasvir Singh, DDC Member from Panchari-Moungri, while addressing a press conference in Udhampur, said that the recent rains, floods, and snowfall have caused widespread damage across the hilly areas of Udhampur district. He said that the condition of roads has deteriorated severely, making transportation extremely difficult and disrupting daily life and economic activities.

Singh said that Udhampur district is among the worst affected, where natural calamities have badly impacted agricul-

ture, horticulture, tourism, and road connectivity. "The tourism sector has suffered a major setback due to the poor condition of roads and limited access to scenic and pilgrimage destinations," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Government of India for their continued support but added that the financial assistance made available so far is not enough considering the magnitude of damage.

"Amid the ongoing Budget Sessions of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and the Parliament of India, I appeal to all Members of the Legislative Assembly from Udhampur district and the Member of Parliament representing Udhampur-Doda-Kathua to raise the demand for a special reconstruction and rehabilitation package from all concerned departments and ministries," Singh said.

He further emphasized the need for collective efforts by the District Administration, the Union Territory Government, and the Union Government to rebuild and revive the affected sectors.

"Agriculture, horticulture, tourism, and road infrastructure have been badly hit, and only coordinated action can help restore normalcy and support long-term development," he added.

## Jammu Division to run Special Holi Trains to New Delhi and Varanasi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Offering a festive gift to passengers ahead of Holi 2026, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has announced the operation of special reserved trains from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to New Delhi and Varanasi to facilitate smooth and convenient travel during the peak holiday rush.

According to railway officials, special train numbers 04081/04082 will operate between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and New Delhi. Train No. 04081 will run from New Delhi to Katra with 16 trips from February 21 to March 8, departing at 11:45 PM and arriving at 12:00 PM the next day. Train No. 04082 will operate from Katra to New Delhi with 16 trips from February 22 to March 9, departing at 9:20 pm and reaching at 10:00 am the following day. The trains will halt at major stations including Panipat, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu, and Udhampur.

Additionally, special train numbers 04603/04604 will run between Varanasi and Katra. Train No. 04603 will operate four trips from February 24 to March 8, departing Varanasi at 5:00 am and reaching Katra at 6:00 am the next day. Train No. 04604 will run four trips from February 22 to March 6, departing Katra at 6:15 PM and arriving in Varanasi at 7:00 PM the following day. En route, the trains will stop at key stations across Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, and Jammu & Kashmir.

To further promote pilgrimage tourism, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has also introduced a full-fare tourist train (No. 00913) from Pratapnagar, Gujarat to Katra via

Amritsar. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said the special trains aim to ease festival congestion and enhance passengers' chances of securing confirmed tickets. Tickets can be booked via the IRCTC website, mobile app, or through NTES and helpline 139.

## DSWO Reasi inaugurates Skill Development Programme on Traditional Products and Handicrafts for Minority Community under BBBP



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: The Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (UMEED), organised a Skill Development Training Programme on "Traditional Products and Handicrafts" wherein the skill of making Chabri, Binna, home decor and allied products from local grass shall be imparted to the trainees from the minority community under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme at Village Dasanoo, Panchayat Panassa.

The event was inaugurated by District Social Welfare Officer, Reasi, Sachin Sharma, and was attended by 25 members who will participate in the 10-day training programme.

While inaugurating the programme, DSWO Reasi emphasized the significance of preserving and promoting traditional crafts like Chhabri Bina while empow-

ering women through skill development and by making them self-reliant. He highlighted that such trainings play a vital role in promoting self-employment and economic independence among women, particularly from minority communities.

He also stressed that such initiatives under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao contribute to holistic development of women by enhancing their confidence and decision-making abilities.

He further added that the aim of the programme is to equip participants with practical skills in preparing traditional handicraft products, enabling them to generate income and contribute to their family as well as society.

DSWO encouraged the trainees to make optimum use of the training and transform the acquired skills into entrepreneurial opportunities.

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## WR to introduce 12 more AC local trains and 3 Non AC train Services from Feb 19

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Western Railway has announced the introduction of 12 additional AC local train services and 3 new Non-AC local services on the Mumbai Suburban network with effect from 19th February, 2026. With this augmentation, the total number of services operated by Western Railway will increase from 1410 to 1414.

The Mumbai Suburban network of Western Railway continues to strengthen passenger services in response to growing commuter demand. Recognising the increasing preference for air-conditioned travel, while also ensuring affordable options remain available for the masses, Western Railway has adopted a balanced and inclusive approach to enhance the overall commuting experience. The additional services are expected to help ease overcrowding and provide greater comfort to passengers. According to a press release issued by the Public Relations Department of Western Railway, out of the 12 AC local services being introduced, 11 will replace existing Non-AC services, while one will operate as a new AC service. In addition, three new Non-AC services are also being introduced. With this increase, the total number of AC services will rise from 121 to 133. The number of AC services operating on Saturdays and Sundays will see a significant jump from 77 to 106, further improving weekend travel comfort and capacity.

Additionally, a slow local service presently operating between Bhayandar and Bandra will now originate from Virar, enhancing connectivity and providing added convenience to commuters along the route.

This initiative reflects Western Railway's continued commitment to delivering safer, efficient, and passenger-friendly services across Mumbai's lifeline suburban network.

ticipants about various financial schemes available to help them to start self-employment ventures, assuring them of support from the department in securing forward-backward linkages with financial institutions.

District Programme Manager, JKRLM, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, highlighting the importance of such initiatives for building a sustain-

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On eve of Maha Shiv Ratri to be celebrated on 15.02.2026, a Shoba Yatra is to be taken out on 14.02.2026 in Jammu City at 3:00 PM and it will pass through the following routes: -

**SHOBA YATRA ROUTE: -**  
"RANBIRESHWAR TEMPLE WILL PASS THROUGH INDIRA CHOWK- HARI MARKET- SHRI RAGHUNATH BAZAR - BHARAT MATA CHOWK - OLD HOSPITAL ROAD- PURANI MANDI - LINK ROAD - JAIN BAZAR- CHOWK CHABUTRA - PACCA DANGA- MOTI BAZAR- PARADE CHOWK AND THE YATRA WILL CULMINATE BACK AT SHRI RANBIRESHWAR TEMPLE AT SHALAMAR ROAD."

There shall be some traffic restrictions on the above-mentioned route from 1000 hrs keeping in view of traffic pressure. The public in general is requested to cooperate with the traffic Police and to avoid movement on the routes mentioned above during the Shobha Yatra.

**DIVERSIONS: -**

- Library Chowk:** -The PSV's and four wheelers coming from various routes shall be diverted from Library Chowk towards Vigilance Rotary via Civil Secretariat
- Govt. Degree College for Women Parade:** - The vehicles coming for Vigilance Rotary via fly over shall be diverted towards Library Chowk.
- Directorate AYUSH:** - The movement of all the vehicles coming from Vigilance Rotary towards Indira Chowk shall be diverted from Directorate AYUSH towards flyover and shall remain restricted towards Indira Chowk as per ground requirement.
- Ranbireswar Mandir Chowk:** - All the Vehicles coming from Indira chowk towards Shalamar Chowk shall be diverted from Café Coffee Day near Ranbireswar Temple Rotary towards MLA Hostel.
- Sundhar Singh Gurdwara Chowk:** Vehicles Coming from Vivekananda Chowk towards Raghunath Mandir shall be diverted from Sundhar Singh Gurdwara Cut towards Residency Road.
- Panjtirthi:** Vehicles Coming from Panjtirthi towards Chowk Chabutra shall be restricted during the movement of Yatra in Chowk Chabutra side.

Inconvenience to General Public is regretted. For any traffic related assistance, People can contact us on following numbers: -

TCU Jammu: 0191-2459048, 94191-47732.

**DIP/J-11497/25 Dt. 13-02-26**  
No: -TPOJ/PA/Rel/26/3994-96  
Dated: 17.02.2026

(Akhil Bhasin, JKPS)  
Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
Traffic City Jammu.

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC), Poonch Power Development Department**  
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**SHORT TERM NOTICE**  
e-NIT No: 27 of 2026 Dated: 11.02.2026

**1. INVITATION:-**  
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division JPDC Poonch hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for below mentioned work under UT Capex-2025-26.

S. No	Name of Work	Period of Completion	Status of Funds
1	Creation of 100 KVA S/Stn. at Base Stage Banola Elchi	20 Days	Available

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below: Special condition 1:- It is mandatory to mention the name of work, e-NIT No, and name of contractor on Treasury Challan. The Date on the Treasury Challan/Bank Draft must be after e-NIT. Polish Date (must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission end date).

2. The date of Earnest Money i.e 2% in shape of CDR, FDR, must be between the date of start of bid and Bid submission end date) pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division JPDC Poonch.

3. The bidder has mandatory upload scan copy of GST Registration & Latest clearance Certificate Form GSTR-3B of last Month/Quarterly.

4. The date of the Additional Performance Security i.e balance in shape of CDR, FDR, BG should be after the opening date of Financial Bid pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division JPDC Poonch.

Additional Performance Security for Unbalanced bidder. The successful bidder L1 shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG before award of contract in case the bid of the successful bidder is found to be unbalanced and the following scale shall apply there to.

S. No.	Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz Adversited cost on account of Low Rate	Additional Performance Security
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	15% upto and including 20% below	5% of the Adversited Cost.
3	20% upto and including 25% below	10% of the Adversited Cost.
4	25% upto and including 30% below	15% of the Adversited Cost.
5	30% upto more below	20% of the Adversited Cost.

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	11.02.2026; 11:00 AM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	18.02.2026; 04:00 PM
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	11.02.2026; 11:00 AM
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	18.02.2026; 04:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD Instrument (End) date & time	19.02.2026 up to 04:00 PM
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	20.02.2026; 11:00 AM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division JPDC Poonch
I	Estimated Cost	9,87,000/-
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000 (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.19740/-

3. The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank pledged to Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division JPDC Poonch, payable at Poonch. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division JPDC Poonch and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.

4. Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDC.

No/EDP:4338-41  
Dated: 11.02.2026

**DIP/J-3858-P/25 Dt. 13-02-26**  
Executive Engineer  
Electric Division JPDC  
Poonch

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**Subject:** Final Selection List for the post of Rent Collector Tourism Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 202 dated 27-07-2022, under Item No. 123.

**Notification No. 07 - Selection of 2026**  
Dated 11th of February, 2026

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, vide Indent N TSM-Exst/124/2021 Dated 06-04-2022, received 01 Post of Rent Collector in Tourism Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.7.2022, under Item N 123 as per the following category-wise break up:

Cadre of the post	Pay Level	OH	SC	ST	OSC	ALC/IB	RBA	PSP	EWS	TOTAL
Division Jammu	2	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01

Whereas, the requisite qualification for selection against the post, as per the Indent, is given as under:

**"Matriculate or its equivalent qualification from a recognized Institute".**

whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board, accordingly, conducted an (OM) based written examination for the post of Rent Collector on 06.02.2025. Based on the performance of the candidates in the exam, the Board, vide Notification No. JKSS COED/EXAM(UT)/6/2025-06 (7644391) dated 16.04.2025, published the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates; and

whereas, after the publication of Result/Score-sheet, the candidates, fall under the consideration zone, were called for Document Verification vide Notification N JKSSB-COE/EXAM(UT)/7/2025-03 (7646318) dated 30.04.2025, at both Jammu & Srinagar on 07.05.2025, followed by supplementary DV on 18.06.2025; and

whereas, vide Office Order No 221-SSB of 2025, dated 14.07.2025, a Selection Committee was constituted for preparing the Selection List for (01) one post of Rent Collector in Tourism Department; and

whereas, the said Selection Committee, upon careful scrutiny of the Indents/advertisements, prepared the Provisional Selection List for the 01 Post |

accordance with the Merit/ Eligibility and preference of the candidates as per the extant rules and same was placed in the board in its 326<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 18.11.2025, which after due deliberations and consideration of the matter, approved its notification and the same was notified vide notification No. JKSSB-Scry/17/2025-06 (E-7731495) dated 04.12.2025, seeking objections from the candidates within a period of 10 days from the date of issuance of the notification; and

whereas, no representation/ objection was received in the board in this regard; and

whereas, the proposal for notifying the Final Selection List for the aforesaid 01 post of Rent Collector in Tourism Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022, as prepared by the concerned selection committee, was placed in the Board in its 337<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.02.2026, which after due deliberation on various aspects related to the instant selection approved its notification.

Now, therefore, the Final Selection List of the candidate for 01 post of Rent Collector, Tourism department advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022, is hereby notified as "Annexure-A" to this Notification. It is further notified that:

- This Final Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in the competent court of law.
- This shall also be subject to the outcome of any pending inquiry, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Final Selection List.
- The formal recommendation to the concerned Indenting Department shall be forwarded separately.
- The Selection of the candidate has been made on the basis of Self-declaration/ certificates submitted by him and if at any stage, it comes to light that he has submitted false information or has secured selection on the basis of fake documents/ certificates, the selection shall be liable to cancellation at any stage.

**By Order,** (Atul Kumar), JKAS Secretary  
No. JKSSB-Scry/ 7/2025-06 (E-7731495)  
Dated 12.02.2026

**DIP/J-11473/25 Dt. 13-02-26**  
J&K Services Selection Board

**Annexure-A of Notification No: JKSSB-Scry/17/2025-06 (E-7731495) Dated: 12.02.2026**

Final Selection List for the post of Rent Collector, Division Cadre, Jammu, Tourism Department, Advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022, Item No. 123

Selection List under OM Category													
Sr. No	DV. No.	Roll No	Candidates Name	Fathers Name	DoB	Category	Total Score	Selection Category	Address	Qualification	Year of Passing	Name of Institute	REMARKS/DEFICIENCY
1	01-39U	1220130	VISHU RAJA PARTAP SINGH	SARAV SINGH	20/06/2002	RBA	107.00	OM/RBA	South, Tridwan, Kathua-184152	10th	2017	CISE	
Waiting List under OM Category													
1	01-39U	1220375	MUNESH SINGH	SUDAGAR SINGH	30/07/1995	OH	104.00	OH	Chak Gorayan, Arnia Jammu-181131	10th	2012	CISE	