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include advance identification and consolidation of vacancies, time-bound referral of requisitions to recruiting agencies, streamlining of procedural requirements, regular monitoring at the administrative level, and ensuring efficiency and transparency in recruitment process.

No power tariff...

Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC). He said the tariff is fixed strictly in accordance with the rationale and parameters laid down by the regulator.

The Chief Minister further clarified that Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses are not realised from consumers.

NH toll plazas...

Highway fee plaza operations, it said. The transition will help to enhance 'Ease of Commuting' for National Highway users by improving lane throughput, reducing congestion at fee plazas and bringing greater consistency and transparency in toll transactions.

In the past few years, over 98 per cent penetration of FASTag has significantly transformed toll collection practices in the country. At present, an overwhelming proportion of toll transactions are processed electronically through RFID-enabled FASTag affixed to vehicles, facilitating seamless and contactless movement across toll plazas.

In addition, UPI payment facilities have been operationalized at the National Highway toll plazas, ensuring availability of instant and accessible digital payment options for National Highway commuters nationwide.

As per National Highway fee rules, vehicles entering a fee plaza without a valid, functional FASTag are charged twice the applicable user fee, if the fee payment is made in cash. Whereas National Highway users who opt to pay via UPI are charged only 1.25 times of the user fee for the applicable vehicle category.

These initiatives have collectively advanced the objective of reducing dependency on cash transactions and digitizing the tolling framework.

Plaza-level assessments indicate that cash-based payments contribute to congestion, increased waiting times during peak traffic periods and transaction-related disputes.

A complete transition to digital only mode of payment will strengthen operational efficiency, improve traffic management, minimise delays and enhance overall National Highway user experience at over 1,150 fee plazas on various National Highways and Expressways in the country.

Major reshuffle in...

She shall also hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Information Department, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Yasha Mudgal, IAS (AGMUT: 2007), Commissioner/Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Cooperatives Department; Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS (AGMUT: 2009), Commissioner/Secretary, Science and Technology Department, as Commissioner/Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department; Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS (AGMUT: 2012), Secretary to the Government, Information Technology Department, shall also hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Public Grievances Department, in addition to his own duties.

Babila Rakwal, JKAS, Commissioner/Secretary, Cooperatives Department, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary, Science and Technology Department; Anjali Sehrawat, IAS (AGMUT: 2013), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission vice Khurshid Ahmad Shah, JKAS, who shall await further orders of posting in the GAD.

Nidhi Malik, IAS (AGMUT: 2013), Deputy Commissioner Reasi, has been transferred and posted as Inspector General of Registration, J&K vice. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, IRS (2014), who shall await further orders in the GAD.

Owais Ahmed, IAS (AGMUT: 2014), Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir, holding additional charge of the post of Special Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, has been transferred and posted as Director, Skill Development, J&K. He shall continue to hold the additional charge of the post of Special Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Dr. Sagar D Dattatray, IAS (AGMUT: 2014), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir; Athar Aamir Ul Shafi Khan, IAS (RJ: 2016), Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Budgam; Kumar Abhishek, IAS (AGMUT: 2016), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, Reasi; Akriti Sagar, IAS (AGMUT: 2016), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Managing Director, National Health Mission, J&K. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Special Secretary to the Government, Health & Medical Education Department, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, IAS (AGMUT: 2017), Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; Minga Sherpa, IAS (AGMUT: 2017), Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur vice Saloni Rai, IAS (AGMUT: 2016), who shall await further orders in the GAD.

Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, IAS (AM: 2017), Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla; Harvinder Singh, IAS (AGMUT: 2019), Deputy Commissioner, Doda, has been transferred and posted as Director, Employment, J&K. He shall also hold the charge of the posts of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth and Mission Director, Mission YUVA, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Shahzad Alam, IAS (AGMUT: 2019), Director, Employment, J&K, holding additional charge of the posts of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth and Mission Director, Mission YUVA and Director, Skill Development, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam; Krishan Lal, JKAS, Special Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Doda.

Assembly passes Rs...

Technology, Rs 543 crore for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, and Rs 37 crore for ARI & Training.

Funds upwards of Rs 126 crore, Rs 680 crore, and Rs 189 crore were sanctioned for Transport, Youth Services and Sports, and Science and Technology departments.

Sharma said the ARI & Training Department was driving a "whole-of-government" approach through digital initiatives, including a single-window online portal for recruitment rules and an online NDC system, significantly reducing paperwork and processing time.

On food security, the minister said J-K had emerged as a

national leader in reforming the public distribution system by fully adopting the SMART PDS framework.

He informed the House that 16.4 lakh households comprising 67.39 lakh members were covered under the NFSA and continue to receive free foodgrains under PMGKAY.

Sharma said the Union Territory had achieved 100 per cent automation of fair price shops, benefitting over 1.02 crore of its residents, and was moving towards advanced biometric-enabled PoS machines, which would make J-K the first UT to transition to the L1 level under smart PDS.

He also announced plans to introduce pulses, edible oil and millets through fair price shops and to establish a State Food Commission for effective NFSA implementation.

On digital governance, the minister said the IT Department was strengthening infrastructure and service delivery through expanded online services, establishment of IT parks in Jammu and Srinagar; augmentation of the State Data Centre and adoption of a hybrid cloud model. Integration of BHASHINI to enable multilingual access to government platforms was also underway, he added. Sharma said the government was moving towards faceless and paperless services, doorstep delivery of driving licences, electronic vehicle fitness testing and implementation of a vehicle scrapping policy. He said 200 new buses would be added to the fleet and green mobility initiatives would be scaled up while safeguarding the livelihoods of local transporters. The minister said over 7,500 government buildings had been solarised, small hydropower projects were being expanded and major science infrastructure projects, including regional science centres and biotechnology parks, were nearing completion.

BJP MLA calls...

facilities such as indoor stadiums, volleyball courts, and grounds for football and cricket in the Nagrota constituency. She insisted that local athletes, many of whom have represented the country at various levels, should receive infrastructure support, medical assistance, training resources, and scholarships.

Stressing the need to advance AI recognition in Jammu and Kashmir based on core principles such as fairness, accountability, national data sovereignty, accessibility and validity, Rana noted that AI must serve public welfare and benefit every section of society.

"As the country rapidly contributes to the use and development of AI, Jammu and Kashmir must also match the pace to prepare its youth for AI-driven industrialisation and applications," she said.

Rana emphasised that institutions like the Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET) in Nagrota constituency should expand AI-related skills and subjects to enable students to develop AI applications and build careers in the sector.

She also called for a review of ongoing and proposed IT projects in the Union Territory to incorporate AI components and ensure that projects do not become obsolete due to fast-changing technology.

"AI has the potential to make healthcare and education more affordable and accessible, but added that AI upskilling would soon become essential for employment opportunities," Rana said.

Additionally, she highlighted the importance of improving transportation and last-mile connectivity while integrating AI across various sectors. She pointed out that several areas in her constituency, such as Sopka, Dhoomi Marjali, TRT Nagrota, Gehari, Danu Bagani, Angor, Katal Batal, and Dhumuni Seri Panchayat, lack adequate transport services.

Rana proposed the establishment of an Automated Transport System (ATS) in every constituency and suggested implementing app-based systems to inform commuters about bus arrival times, which would help reduce delays and save time. Emphasising India's progress in AI, Rana mentioned that indigenous large language models, such as Sarvam, have excelled on global standards. She noted that while companies like OpenAI have attracted funding of around USD 11 billion, comparable models have been developed in India at significantly lower costs. Urging the government to prioritise AI and related applications, she said empowering youth in the sector would ensure Jammu and Kashmir's meaningful contribution to the evolving AI landscape.

Northern Army Commander...

technologies, ensuring they remain formidable in action and mission-ready in defence of the nation," the Northern Command said.

Kashmir sees warmest...

city recorded the maximum of 20.1 degrees Celsius on Thursday, 9.7 degrees above the seasonal normal, the officials said.

They said it was the highest maximum temperature in the month of February since 2016. On February 24, 2016, the city had recorded a high of 20.6 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg saw the day temperature rise to 11.4 degrees Celsius, 9.9 degrees above the normal.

It was the highest ever day temperature in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, and equalled the all-time February record set on February 11, 1993.

Other weather stations across the Kashmir valley also recorded the day temperature above the normal, the officials said.

Independent weather forecaster, Faizan Arif, said the heat spell in the valley was just getting started.

"As predicted earlier, a few temperature records have already been broken.

But this does not mark the end of the heat spell. In fact, it has only just begun. Several more records are likely to be challenged in the coming days," Arif said.

He said February this year is on track to turn out as one of the warmest on record for Jammu and Kashmir.

The Meteorological Department has said February would most likely remain dry as there was no forecast of any major rain/snow spell till the month end.

The MeT officials said Kashmir is currently 56 per cent rainfall deficit, while Jammu was 35 per cent.

The weather is likely to remain largely dry till February end with a possibility of light rain/snow at isolated places on 27-28, they said.

The MeT Officials said there would be a further rise in the minimum as well as the maximum temperature at most places in Kashmir during the next seven days.

Modi holds roundtable...

and more," he said. During his meeting with leaders from Liechtenstein, led by Alois, Modi said he discussed the strong potential of economic linkages between the two nations, particularly after the India-EU FTA, and cooperation in areas such as innovation, technology, skilling, research and development and more.

The prime minister also held a meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, during which they discussed making AI all-inclusive and how the UN can play a constructive role in this endeavour.

"Reiterated India's support towards any effort aimed at harnessing AI for a better planet. We also exchanged perspectives on UN reforms, especially giving a greater voice to the Global South," Modi said.

More than 100 government representatives, including over 20 heads of state and government, and around 60 ministers and vice-ministers, have attended the AI Impact Summit.

4 women among 5 missing persons traced, reunited with families

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Police on Friday traced five missing persons including 4 women and reunited them with their families.

A missing report regarding a woman resident of Gursai Nallah, was lodged at Police Station Gursai on 31 Jan 2026 Immediately after registration of the missing report, police initiated sustained efforts to trace the missing lady, including verification of possible locations and continuous follow-up. As a result of these efforts, she was successfully traced today.

After her recovery, all required legal and procedural formalities were completed in accordance with law. Subsequently, she was safely handed over to her legal heirs. With her safe recovery and reunification, the missing report has been closed accordingly. Another, a missing report regarding Basharat Hussain, son of

Mohd Sadiq, resident of Shahpur, Poonch, was lodged at Police Station Poonch on 17 Oct 2025.

Upon receipt of the report, police swung into action and initiated a systematic search, including verification of possible locations and continuous follow-up. Due to the sustained and coordinated efforts of the police, the missing person was successfully traced and recovered on 20 Feb 2026 by a police party of BPP Bandi Chechian.

After his recovery, all necessary legal and procedural formalities were completed in accordance with established norms. Subsequently, Basharat Hussain was safely handed over to his legal heirs, ensuring his well-being and safety.

In another case, Information was received at Police Post Pargwal regarding a missing lady (name withheld), resident of Pindi Phakwari, Pargwal. Accordingly, a missing report

was entered at Police Post Pargwal on 07-02-2026. Acting swiftly, a police team led by the In-Charge Police Post Pargwal made sustained and dedicated efforts and, with the help of technical assistance and human intelligence, successfully traced the missing lady.

Similarly, a missing report of another lady (name withheld), resident of Ward No. 08, Khour, was entered at Police Station Khour on 14-02-2026. Acting promptly, a police party of Police Station Khour also made consistent efforts and successfully traced the missing lady.

After completing all legal formalities, both ladies were safely handed over to their respective family members,

and the missing reports were accordingly closed.

On 12-02-2026, a missing complaint was lodged at Police Station Domana regarding a missing lady (name withheld), resident of Purkho Camp, who had reportedly gone missing from her residence on 11-02-2026.

Acting promptly on the report, a police team of Police Station Domana initiated sustained efforts to trace the missing lady. Through consistent search and verification, the said lady was successfully traced out.

After completing all legal formalities, the lady was safely handed over to her legal heirs, and the missing report was accordingly closed.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No: 433_TELE_JAT_29_25_26		Date:- 20.02.2026	
Sr. DSTE/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on https://www.ireps.gov.in against Tender Notice no. 433_TELE_JAT_29_25_26 Closing Date/Time 16.03.2026 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.			
NIT HEADER			
Contract Type	Works		
Name of work	Replacement of old Exchange with Server based IP based exchange at stations over Jammu Division of North Railway		
Tender Closing Date/Time	16.03.2026 15:00	Date/Time of Uploading Tender	20.02.2026 16:35
Advertised Value (Rs.)	19404770.92	Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	02.03.2026
Earnest Money (Rs.)	247000.00	Period of Completion	4 Months
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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025 77-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT, 78-2025-26-JAT-DRM-JAT, 79-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT & 90-2025-26-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 13.03.2026) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 13.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.			
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System/Two Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time	
19.01.2026	27.02.2026	13.03.2026	
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1.	77-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT	Provision of 01 nos. 225KLC RCC OH water tank at Dasua (DZA) Railway Colony Under ADEN-PTK.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer Period of completion
		9728591.08	60 Days 06 Months
2.	78-2025-26-JAT-DRM-JAT	Special repair and Maintenance of the service buildings and station buildings in the section of SSE/W/KTHU under ADEN-JAT	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer Period of completion
		5794804.31	60 Days 06 Months
3.	79-2025-26-PTK-DRM-JAT	Special repair and Maintenance of the service buildings in the section of SSE/W/PLMX under ADEN/PLMX.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer Period of completion
		8817204.63	60 Days 06 Months
4.	90-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Hiring of Rental contract for GPS tracking devices over JAT Division for Monitoring, Keyman & Patrolmen for Three Years.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer Period of completion
		2362383.08	60 Days 36 Months
NOTE: Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids.			
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IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT JUDICIAL MOBILE MAGISTRATE (TRAFFIC), KATHUA

Present: Poonam Gupta
JO Code JK00258

UT of J&K through P/S Kathua Vs. Nemo

In the matter of: Complaint under Section 457 CrPC

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, two vehicles 1. Motorcycle Hero Splendor bearing Registration No. JK08J-0997 and 2. Motorcycle Hero Passion Pro bearing Registration No. JK08L-7982, seized by Police of Police Station Kathua under Section 102 CrPC.

Whereas, proceedings under section 457 CrPC in respect of the above said seized vehicles is pending in this court. Therefore, through the medium of this proclamation, general public is informed that if any person, has any right or claim over the above said vehicles, he/she/they may appear in person or through a counsel in this court and establish his/her/their claim within a period of 6 months from the date of publication of this proclamation, failing which appropriate orders for disposal of the above said vehicles shall be passed under law.

Issued under my hand and seal of this office today on 10th of February, 2026.

(Poonam Gupta)
District Judicial Mobile Magistrate (Traffic)
Kathua

No:51/APP Dt. 13-02-26
DIP/J-11836/25 Dt. 20-02-26

Tender Bulletin

National Testing Agency

(An autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India), First Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi 110020 Phone: 011 69095250 Website www.nta.ac.in mail: procurement@nta.ac.in

Two Bid system (Tech. & Fin) Tenders are invited online on behalf of NTA from the eligible and experienced Agencies/PSUs/firms for the followings various activities in connection with the forthcoming NEET(UG) 2026 Exam.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs.)	Last Date of Submission
1	GeM/2026/B/7238608	CCTV Surveillance	Rs.25.00Crores	Rs. 25 Lakh	08 th March 2026
2	GeM/2026/B/7240881	Frisking & Crowd Control	RS.7.00Crores	Rs. 7 lakh	7 th March 2026
3	GeM/2026/B/7238683	Control Biometric (Aadhar based)	Rs.15 Crores	Rs. 15 lakh	7 th March 2026

Tender Form available at www.gem.gov.in & link available on NTA's website www.nta.ac.in Submission through e-Tendering on GeM portal only

CBC 21354/12/0009/2526 Sd/Director/ Procurement