

# CLUJ signs MoU with Employability.life to establish future of work lab

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** In a significant step towards enhancing global career readiness among students, the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Employability.life, a wholly owned subsidiary of Federation University Australia. The collaboration aims to establish a Future of Work Lab that will equip students with internationally recognised micro credentials and practical skills required for the evolving global workforce. Through this partnership, students of Cluster University of Jammu will gain exposure to industry-aligned, work-simulated projects (XPro) across diverse domains such as Management, Commerce,



CLUJ faculty after signing MoU with Employability.life representatives.

Biotechnology, Cyber technology, and Artificial Intelligence. The initiative will provide learners with an opportunity to engage in experiential learning environments that mirror real-world industry challenges. As part of the programme, students will also receive international micro credentials from Federation University Australia, along with a Workplace Readiness Profile and Score. These credentials will enable them to showcase their employability potential on global platforms while preparing for sustainable and future-oriented careers. Speaking on the occasion, K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, in a statement remarked that, "this partnership with Employability.life aligns with our vision of integrating innovation and practical exposure into higher education. It will open new global opportunities for our learners and help them develop future-ready skills through real-world experiential learning." Commenting on the collaboration, Raja Dasgupta, CEO of Employability.life, added that at Employability.life, our mission is to bridge the gap between education and the evolving demands of the global workforce. This partnership with Cluster University of Jammu will allow learners to experience industry-relevant, work-simulated learning while earning internationally recognised microcredentials from Federation University Australia. Together, we aim to prepare students for successful careers in the digital economy. The collaboration is expected to strengthen industry-academia linkages and enhance employability prospects for students by aligning academic learning with global workplace expectations.

# DC Kishtwar reviews progress under UT Capex 2025-26

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting through virtual mode to assess the progress of the developmental works being executed under the UT Capex Plan 2025-26 across the district. The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening administrative functioning and improving public service delivery across the district. The projects discussed included the construction of Tehsil Office Machail, Tehsil Office Mughal Maidan, SDM Office Marwah, Tehsil Office Drabshalla and Naibat Offices at Palmar, Dool,



Dedpeth and Sarool along with several other important developmental initiatives. He directed the Sub-Divisional Magistrates and Tehsildars to closely monitor the performance of executing agencies and ensure that the pace of work on ongoing projects is accelerated. He expressed displeasure over slow pace of work on some projects and directed to take stringent

action against executing agencies responsible for the delay. The Deputy Commissioner also directed all concerned officers to remain stationed at Sub Division Marwah. "Every officer and official must stay at their respective offices, especially in the far-flung areas of Sub-Division Marwah and Sub-Division Paddar, failing which strict action will be taken against them," he cautioned. Further, the Deputy Commissioner directed all the concerned executing agencies to complete all works by March 31, 2026. The meeting was attended by all concerned SDMs, Tehsildars, Executive Engineers, Accounts Officer DC Office Kishtwar and other officers.

# Workshop on 'Guidelines for the Fourth-Year UG Programme' held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Office of the Dean Research Studies, Cluster University of Jammu on Friday organized a one-day hybrid mode workshop on the topic "Guidelines for the Fourth-Year UG Programme: Academic Excellence, Research Integrity and Innovation." Over 300 individuals from different institutions participated in the Workshop. The sessions were marked by healthy and interactive discussions. The objective of the workshop was to impart orientation and capacity building to the principals of Higher Education Institutions, faculty members, staff and students in accordance with the Four-Year Research Dissertation Programme at the undergraduate level as envisaged in NEP 2020. Cluster University of Jammu has introduced the four-year Research Programme for the academic session 2022-2026. The key focus of the workshop was to emphasize holistic, multidisciplinary and experiential learning aimed at promoting advanced studies, professional careers and meaningful societal contributions by students through research at the undergraduate level. The workshop was organized under the leadership of Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, the varsity's Vice Chancellor, who also



graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his interactive lecture, he provided valuable insights into the implementation of research at the undergraduate level and highlighted how it can bring significant academic and societal transformation. He also assured all possible support from the Varsity for the successful implementation of the programme. The Guest of Honor, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, in his address, congratulated the Office of the Dean Research Studies, Cluster University Jammu, for taking the initiative to formulate guidelines for undergraduate research and for organizing the workshop aimed at capacity building of stakeholders and target groups. Dean Research Studies Dr. Satinder Kaur, in her welcome address and keynote speech, thanked the Vice Chancellor and the Director Colleges for their support and guidance in framing the guidelines and facilitating their implementation. She elaborately discussed the eligibility criteria, research supervision, dissertation format, composition of various committees at the institutional level, research monitoring, ethics and integrity. The resource persons included Prof. J. N. Baliya, Central University of Jammu, who spoke on "Optimizing Research Mentorship at Higher Education Institutions in Social Sciences"; Prof. R. K. Sharma, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, who delivered a talk on "Integrating Research and Research Ethics in Undergraduate Education";

and Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean, School of Languages, Central University of Jammu, who spoke on "Research in Literary Studies: Approaches and Methods." The Principal of the host college, Dr. Kulvinder Kour; personally supervised the programme. Among others present were members of the advisory committee, Ankur Mahajan, Registrar; all Deans and the FA/CAO; Members of the organizing committee; and Principals of constituent colleges, including Dr. Kulvinder Kour; GCW Gandhi Nagar; Dr. Sunil Gupta, SPMR College of Commerce; Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, GGM Science College; Prof. Arehana Koul, MAM College and Dr. Jyoti Parihar, GCOE Jammu. The proceedings were coordinated by Dr. Avtar Changotra, Assistant Dean Research Studies. The workshop was also coordinated by Prof. Amjad Bhatti (Technical In-charge) along with Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Roomi Rani, Prof. Shally Gupta, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Ankush Badyal, Paras, Jyoti Sharma and Manohar Lal of Cluster University of Jammu. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Vijender Kumar, Associate Professor; GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR:** The Department of Agriculture Kishtwar organized live streaming of the release of 22nd installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, at the national event held in Assam. The event, held at the office of Chief Agriculture Officer, witnessed active participation from the farming community and officials of the Agriculture Department. The programme was graced by the Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma, who attended as the chief guest. While addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of government initiatives aimed at strengthening the financial stability of farmers and encouraged farmers to take full advantage of schemes launched for their welfare. The CAO Kushal Chandel informed that around 25,000 farmers of District Kishtwar

have benefitted under the PM-KISAN scheme and an amount of approximately ₹5 crore has been disbursed directly into the bank accounts of farmers through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode under the 22nd installment. More than 100 farmers from different parts of the district participated in the event and watched the live telecast of the Prime Minister's address. The farmers appreciated the continued support being provided under the PM-KISAN scheme.

# Agriculture Department Kishtwar organizes live streaming of PM-KISAN installment release

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 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\_Sig\_JAT\_34\_25\_26 Closing Date/Time: 06/04/2026 15:00Hrs. 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		Works	
Contract Type	Name of Work	DATE Time of Uploading Tender	Period of Completion
	Sectional Signal Maintenance Contract (SSMC) for the sections of Sr.DSTE/JAT for one year	06/04/2026 15:00	12/03/2026 17:54
Tender Closing Date Time	9993579.13	Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	23/03/2026
Advertised Value (Rs.)	199900.00	Period of Completion	12 Months
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Notice No: 433_Sig_JAT_34_25_26		
			852/2026

Serving Customers With A Smile

# "Shri Shyam Collection" showroom opened in Sarwal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The grand opening ceremony of the new showroom "Shri Shyam Collection" was held on Friday in Sarwal, here. Several prominent personalities from the city, social workers, and members of the business community were present on the occasion. The Chief Guest of the event was Ravinder Singh (State Sentinel), & Vishal Chopra National Chairman-National Anti-Terrorism Front (NATF), India



NATF Chairman Vishal Chopra alongwith others at opening ceremony.

attended the ceremony. Representatives from All NATF Gen Secretary & India Young Blood Organization, Varinder Mahajan, General Secretary of the Indonesia Friendship Society Jammu & Kashmir, Mrs. India Dynamic, NATF and Mrs. Jammu & Kashmir Baldeep Kaur, Rabia Khajuria State Secretary Natf and BJP Mahila Moreha Mandal President & NATF Aarti Khajuria were also present as special guests.

During the ceremony, the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests jointly inaugurated the new showroom and congratulated the showroom owners and said that the opening of this new outlet will provide people in the area with a modern and better variety of premium women's apparel. They also stated that the establishment of new business ventures not only promotes local trade but also creates new employment opportunities for the youth. Shri Shyam Collection will offer a wide range of premium ladies' garments, including export surplus collections and the latest fashion trends. The collection will be available for both retail and wholesale customers. The organizers expressed their gratitude to all the guests and attendees and stated that they will always strive to provide their customers with high-quality products and the latest fashion trends. The success of the event was made possible with the special contribution of the Kalki Movement team, including Deepak Singh, Sapna Hindu, Mamta Devi, Sushma Sharma, Antu Kotwal, Monu Parashar, and Sunny Sharma, who were specially thanked by the organizers.

# Kissan Goshti on commercial floriculture held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**REASI:** A one-day Kissan Goshti on Commercial Floriculture was organized at Kotli Monotripan by the Department of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ATMA at Panchayat Kotli Monotripan, Block Katra, District Reasi. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of farmers who evinced keen interest in adopting floriculture as a sustainable income-generating activity. The event was attended by Scientist, KVK Reasi Dr. Sanjay Kaushal; Landscape Officer Vikrant Kumar Sharma and Assistant Floriculture Officer, Udhampur/Reasi Pawan Kumar. The programme was conducted under the overall guidance of Director Floriculture, Vivek Modi and supervision of Landscape Officer Vikrant Kumar Sharma. While addressing the gathering, Vikrant Kumar Sharma assured farmers of full support from the department, including technical guidance and financial assistance under various government schemes.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed Single Packet applications for prescribed for the under noted railway stations STBA (Station Ticket Booking Agent) work over Firozpur Division of Northern Railway:-

S.N.	Station Name	Station Code	Category of Station	EMD Required (in Rs.)	Tender Form Cost (in Rs.)	Period of Contract
1	Baddowal	BWZ	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
2	Banga	BXB	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
3	Chaherru	CEU	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
4	Chaunkiman	CKM	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
5	Gidder Pindi	GOD	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
6	Hamira	HMR	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
7	Jandiala	JNL	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
8	Khojewala	KWJ	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
9	Laddowal	LDW	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
10	Nasrala	NAS	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
11	Roman Albel Singh	RLS	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
12	Suchipind	SCPD	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
13	Suranussi	SRX	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
14	Tangra	TRA	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
15	Golehwala	GHA	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
16	Mullanpur	MLX	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
17	Ferozeshah	PHS	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
18	Kathunangal	KNG	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
19	Mahalam	MFM	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
20	Bhaglanwala	BGNT	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
21	Coraya	GRY	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
22	Bilga	BZG	NSG-6	2000/-	1180/-	Three years
23	Goneana Bhai Jagta	GNA	NSG-5	5000/-	1180/-	Three years
24	Lohian Khas	LNK	NSG-5	5000/-	1180/-	Three years

Bids applications for STBA work will be received only in Sealed Packet in Commercial Branch, DRM Office, Firozpur Cantt. between 10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on 08.04.2026 (Wednesday). For further details please visit Northern Railway's website: [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in). No.: MC/47000/STBA/Policy/2022 Dated: 13.03.2026 858/2026

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**AUCTION NOTICE**  
 Owing to non-payment of outstanding Vehicle loan at J&K Bank Branch Office Samote by the below named borrowers, the Bank has seized the Vehicles in terms of SARFAESI Act, 2002, which are parked at Zonal Office Rajouri. The description and details of the vehicles are given hereunder:

Name of the borrower	Registrati on No. of vehicle	Maker Name	Model	Minimum Reserve Price(Excluding GST)	Earnest money 10% of the Reserve Price.
Mrs. Fozia Anjum W/O Zahid Ahmed R/o Fazlabad, Tehsil Surankote District Poonch, J&K(UT)	JK12C-7548	Bus (Tempo Traveller)	Force Motors Limited Engine No. D71036853CHASSIS NO. MC1E4CH4SRP075169	Rs.9,29,475/-	Rs.92,947.50/-
Mrs. Ishmat Nayazi W/O Shafiq Hussain R/o Village Kotan Dharamsal, Tehsil Mendhar District Poonch, J&K(UT)	JK12C-7475	BUS (Tempo Traveller)	Force Motors Limited Engine No. D710366068CHASSIS NO. MC1E4CGA3RP075060	Rs.11,49,795/-	Rs.1,14,979.50/-
Mrs. Ruhkhar Kossar W/O Zaheer Ahmed R/o Village Fazlabad, Tehsil Surankote District Poonch, J&K(UT)	JK12C-7487	BUS (Tempo Traveller)	Force Motors Limited Engine No. D71036334CHASSIS NO. MC1E4CH4SRP075126	Rs.9,88,000/-	Rs.98,800.00/-
Ms. Shameem Akhter D/O Mohd Din R/o Fazlabad, Tehsil Surankote District Poonch, J&K(UT)	JK12C-7587	BUS (Tempo Traveller)	Force Motors Limited Engine No. D71036796CHASSIS NO. MC1E4CH4SRP075171	Rs.9,98,325/-	Rs.99,832.50/-

The Bank has decided to put the said vehicles to auction on "as is what is", "as is where is" and "whatever there is" basis. The Vehicles are available for inspection on any working day between 16.03.2026 to 24.03.2026 at Zonal Office Rajouri. Interested parties desirous to inspect the vehicles can contact IAPM Department Zonal Office Rajouri, Mobile no-9419100408& Branch Manager Samote Contact No 9419125199. Sealed quotations affixed with two rupees stamp are invited from the interested parties for the purchase of said vehicles to be accompanied by Call Deposit Receipt/ Earnest money @ 10% of Reserve Price Pledged to "The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd" which can be deposited on any working day with the undersigned on or before 24.03.2026 before 2.00 PM at IAPM Department Zonal Office Rajouri. The interested party may apply for single or multiple vehicles. The sealed quotations will be opened on 24.03.2026 at 3.00 P.M. at the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders who choose to remain present on the given day & time and they will be given an opportunity of inter-se bidding to improve the offer & highest bidder shall be declared as successful bid subject to his bid accepted by undersigned. The highest bidder should pay an amount equal to 25% (including the EMD amount) of sale price on the same day but not later than next day of auction, as the case may be. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the entire qualified auction amount plus Applicable GST within 07 days. The auctioned vehicle referred here in above have to be lifted latest by 31.03.2026. The Call Deposit Receipts deposited shall be refunded to unsuccessful bidders without any interest. In the event of any default in payment of any of these amounts, or if the sale is not completed by reason of any default on the part of the successful bidder, the Bank shall be at liberty to forfeit all the moneys paid till then by the successful bidder and vehicle shall again be put for resale in absolute discretion of the undersigned. The Bank reserves the right to Withdraw/Cancel/Postpone the Bid/Auction of the vehicle at any time/stage without assigning any reason thereof and shall not entertain any claim/liability of any other person of whatsoever nature. All attendant charges/dues/taxes including transfer of ownership/permits etc. shall have to be borne by the successful bidder and will be the exclusive responsibility of the buyer.

Place:Rajourin Charge  
 Dated: 12.03.2026  
 DIP/J-4309-P/25  
 Dated: 13-03-2026

Sd/-  
 IAPMD Zonal Office Rajouri

# NORTHERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender

Dy. CEE/GSU/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date 07.04.2026 at 15:00 Hrs only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & time for submission of tender	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
27-TRD-GSU-T-110-2026-27	TRD work in c/w creation of infrastructure at Ludhiana out pit for scheduled/unscheduled inspection of ELS/LDH based Electric locos.	1,17,00532.07P	NIL	Up to 07.04.2026 15:00 Hrs.	2,08,500.0/-	12 Months	07.04.2026 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

**Note: #**  
 Tender (s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway. No:-27-TRD-GSU-T-110-2026-27 Dated:-13.03.2026 851/2026

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