

# JU organises lecture on "India-South Africa Relations: The Global South in times of Geo-Political Crises"

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JAMMU: The Department of Political Science, University of Jammu (JU), organized a special lecture on the theme "India-South Africa Relations: The Global South in Times of Geo-Political Crises." The lecture was delivered by Professor Anil Sooklal, High Commissioner of South Africa to India.

At the outset, Prof. Baljit Singh Mann, Head of the Department of Political Science, formally welcomed the distinguished guests including Professor Anil Sooklal, Dr. Nelista Sookhlal Singh, spouse of the High Commissioner, Cedrick Charles Crowley, Deputy High Commissioner of South Africa to India, and Professor Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies and Founder Director, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh, along with faculty members, research scholars and students.

Introducing the theme of the lecture, Prof. Mann highlighted the historical evolution of India-South Africa relations, explaining that the relationship can be understood through three phases-colonial, post-colonial and contemporary. He noted that both countries were once colonies of Great Britain and experienced institutionalized discrimination. He emphasized that Mahatma Gandhi played a crucial role in connecting the two nations, along with the contribution of the Indian diaspora in South Africa. Prof. Mann also observed that over time, relations between the two countries have expanded from bilateral cooperation to trilateral and multilateral engagements due to shared interests



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in areas such as international political economy, fair trade, maritime security and climate change.

He further highlighted that diplomatic relations between the two countries were formally established in 1993, later developing into a strategic partnership.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Anil Sooklal provided a historical overview and referred to the Berlin Conference of 1884, which divided Africa among European powers without African participation. He explained that after the abolition

of slavery in 1834, the system of indentured labour led to the migration of Indians from regions such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and later Gujarat to South Africa.

He also discussed the formation of the Natal Indian Congress by Mahatma Gandhi in 1894 and the African National Congress (ANC) by Nelson Mandela in 1912. He remarked that Gandhi's stay in South Africa deeply influenced African politics while shaping his own philosophy, stating that "Gandhi transformed South Africa and South Africa transformed Gandhi."

Professor Sooklal further noted that India was the first country to raise the issue of apartheid at the United Nations Organization (UNO). He highlighted that the idea of the Global South emerged from the Bandung Conference of 1955, which later led to the formation of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in 1961. Emphasizing contemporary geopolitical challenges, he stressed the need for India and South Africa to work together to strengthen the voice of the

Global South. Concluding his address, he drew parallels between India's concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and South Africa's philosophy of "Ubuntu," emphasizing collective responsibility in shaping a fair global order.

The lecture was presided over by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu. In her presidential remarks, she appreciated Professor Sooklal for strengthening diplomatic and academic ties between India and South Africa and expressed hope for future collaborations.

The event was attended by several faculty members including Prof. Lalit Sen from the Department of Computer Science, along with Professor Suneel Kumar, Dr. Ellora Puri, Dr. Mool Raj and Vishahjit Singh Chib, besides research scholars and students of the department. Dr. Harjit Singh presented the vote of thanks, while the proceedings of the event were conducted by Khushi Verma, a student of MA Semester IV of the Department of Political Science.

# JMC issues advisory for pet dog owners, directs mandatory registration

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has issued an advisory for all pet dog owners residing within its municipal limits regarding the mandatory registration of pet dogs in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 and the Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

The directions were issued by Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, who emphasized the need for responsible pet ownership and strict compliance with the rules to ensure public safety, proper management of the canine population and improved public health standards in the city.

All pet dog owners/keepers are required to register their pet dogs through the online portal [jamsugam.jk.gov.in](http://jamsugam.jk.gov.in). For any queries related to registration, pet owners may contact the AVO Section of JMC at 8716946717 / 9858022175 or email [awojme@gmail.com](mailto:awojme@gmail.com).

While issuing the advisory, Dr. Gaurav Chaudhary, Animal Welfare Officer, Jammu Municipal Corporation and Dr. Divya Sharma VAS Jammu Municipal Corporation stated that registration of pet dogs is essential to maintain proper records, ensure timely vaccination and promote responsible pet ownership. They appealed to all pet dog owners to comply with the guidelines and cooperate with the Municipal Corporation in maintaining sanitation and public safety. As per the advisory, pet dogs must not be allowed to roam freely in public streets or public places. Dogs should always be taken out on a leash or chain and ferocious breeds must be properly muzzled while being taken outside. Pet owners must ensure adequate space,

accommodation, food and medical treatment for their pets. Officials of the registering authority may inspect the dog premises at reasonable times to verify the health status and registration documents. A valid Anti-Rabies Vaccination Certificate is mandatory for registration. In case a vaccinated dog is bitten by a rabies-suspected dog, the owner must ensure proper post-bite vaccination and inform the Veterinary Services Wing of JMC, failing which the registration may be cancelled. Pet owners must ensure that their dogs do not contribute to the growth of the canine population and must get their pets sterilized (neutered/spayed). Owners are also responsible for deworming, immunization and sterilization of their dogs. In case of change of ownership, fresh registration is required. The owner shall be responsible for all the actions of the dog, including any public nuisance or harm caused to anyone. Pet owners must ensure that their dogs do not defecate in residential areas, parks, streets, or other public places and they must arrange to remove the excreta immediately.

Owners are advised to avoid keeping aggressive breeds such as Pitbull, Rottweiler, American Pitbull, etc. without proper training and handling. The advisory also directs all pet dog owners residing within JMC limits to complete registration within one month from the date of publication of the advisory, failing which legal action including confiscation of the pet dog and imposition of fines or challans up to Rs. 5000 may be initiated by JMC authorities.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation has further informed that free Anti-Rabies vaccination will be provided to all registered pet dogs at various animal centres of JMC.

# Rajesh Gupta criticises Centre's edible oil aid to Bangladesh

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JAMMU: Rajesh Gupta, leader of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, on Monday strongly criticised Prime Minister over the decision of the Government of India to send 5,000 tonnes of edible oil as assistance to Bangladesh.

In a statement, Gupta acknowledged that humanitarian aid is a noble gesture but stressed that the government must first address the hardships of its own citizens. "Charity begins at home, and unfortunately the present government seems to have forgotten this basic principle," he said. He expressed concern over rising prices of essential commodities, including cooking oil, noting that sending large quantities abroad raises questions about government priorities. Referring to recent tensions in Bangladesh, Gupta said the safety and welfare of Indian citizens should come first. He accused the government of prioritising international praise over domestic needs, asserting that India's foremost responsibility is to its own people.



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# DST iTBI, IIM Jammu hosts Women Leadership Dialogue, launches Stree Shakti Book



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JAMMU: The DST iTBI at the Indian Institute of Management Jammu, under the aegis of the IIM Jammu Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Skill Development (FEISD), organized the Women Leadership Dialogue: From Empowerment to Impact at Manthan Auditorium. The programme brought together women leaders, entrepreneurs, academicians, policymakers and institutional stakeholders to discuss women empowerment, leadership and inclusive development. The event was presided over by B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The programme was graced by Ritu Singh, Founding Chairperson of FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir Ladakh, Director of Hari Nivas Hotel and Resorts and Pro Vice Chairperson of Delhi Public School Jammu; Rekha Mody, Founder and President of Stree Shakti; Neerja, Co-lead, Women Leaders Conclave; Shubhra Sharma, Mission Director, Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission; Sapna Kotwal, JKAS, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People; and Sunaina Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Directorate of Tourism Jammu and Kashmir; Raman Gupta, Managing Director of PANS & POTS CO Group, also attended. Among others present were Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, and Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson, Anandam - IIM Jammu. A highlight of the event was the launch of the Stree Shakti book Women Leaders Conclave, unveiled by Prof. B. S. Sahay and Dr. Ritu Singh in the presence of Rekha Mody, Neerja, Shubhra

Sharma, Sapna Kotwal, Sunaina Mehta, Muqbil Burhan and Shyam Narayan Lal. Addressing the gathering, Ritu Singh described Jammu and Kashmir as a land of Shakti and stressed that grassroots leadership, self-help groups, financial literacy and entrepreneurship are key to women empowerment. She also announced CSR support of Rs 5 lakh for women-led initiatives. Prof. B. S. Sahay highlighted the vision of Narendra Modi and the concept of Paneh Pran, emphasizing inclusive growth and women empowerment. He cited initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Sukanya Samridhi Yojana. He also spoke about institutional initiatives such as the Centre for Innovation and Transformation in Governance and the Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Skill Development and proposed an International Women Leadership Summit at IIM Jammu. Speakers including Mitali Gupta, Gayatri Jamwal, Rosina Afzal, Aruna Thakur, Palki Sharma, Pragya Khanna, Anupama Arora, Rajni Bala, Shilpa Handoo, Vasundhara Dubey, Saisha Gupta, Sarika Chopra, Nirmala Mahana, Sonali Jamwal, Praguni Sanotra, Tamana Salathia, Priyanka Sharma, Nidhi Verma, Gauri Deoli, Shalini Sharma, Neena, Meenakshi Salathia and Meeta Gupta also participated.

The programme was attended by Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, and coordinated by the DST iTBI team including Kamav Padha, Dr. Druvi Sharma and Anjali Goswami. The dialogue reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to promoting women entrepreneurship, innovation and inclusive development.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION NAGROTA								
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER								
Short e-NIT No. 91 of 2025-2026/Nagrota Dated 09-03-2026								
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-								
S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete e-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Minor Repair at High School Nagrota (Boys). (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	1.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
2	Construction of Boys Toilet at HS Katal Batal. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	4.68	600	2% of Advertised Cost	01 Months	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
3	Construction of Minor Repair at Higher Secondary School Khana Chargal. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	1.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
4	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Kah Pohita. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	7.64	1500	2% of Advertised Cost	45 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
5	Construction of Minor Repair at Govt. High School Agore. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	1.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
6	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Jindrah. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	7.64	600	2% of Advertised Cost	45 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
7	Construction of Minor Repair at Govt. High School Gharota. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	1.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
8	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Gundla. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	7.64	600	2% of Advertised Cost	45 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
9	Construction of Minor Repair at High School Gurba Brahmana. (RMSA) (Under PM SHRI Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	1.00	600	2% of Advertised Cost	15 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
10	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Surinsar. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	3.82	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
11	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Marh. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	3.82	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
12	Construction of Boys Toilet at HSS Kandoli Nagrota. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	3.82	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
13	Construction of Boys Toilet at Girls Primary School Dharmal. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
14	Construction of Boys Toilet at MS Majcen. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
15	Construction of Boys Toilet at MS Dhoon. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
16	Construction of Boys Toilet at High School Chak Larga. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.35	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
17	Construction of Boys Toilet at Girls M.S Sandrote. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
18	Construction of Boys Toilet at Girls M.S Chibba. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class

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19	Construction of Boys Toilet at GMS Grand. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
20	Construction of Boys Toilet at MS Jhakhar. (Under Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.37	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
21	Construction of Boys Toilet at High School Kandoli Nagrota (Boys) (Under PM SHRI Samagra Shiksha PAB 2025-26 Zone Damsal Distt. Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	2.35	600	2% of Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
22	Construction of Additional Classrooms at Girls Primary School Patoli Brahmana (Girls). (Under PAB-2025-26 District-Jammu).	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	10.42	600	2% of Advertised Cost	60 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A, B, C & D Class
23	Balance work for Construction of 10 Nos Class Rooms at Higher Secondary School Khanna Chargal zone Gandhi Nagar District Jammu Under Capex 20218-19) (G+1) Frame Structure.	PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota	52.30	1500	2% of Advertised Cost	90 Days	(1330 Hrs) on or after 25-03-2026	A Class

Position of AAA: 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	13-03-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13-03-2026 to 24-03-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota
4	Bid submission Start Date	13-03-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	24-03-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	25-03-2026 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota. The CDR/FDR/BG. The date of earnest money/Bid Security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota at the time of allotment.
  - The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
  - The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message to their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
  - The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
  - The earnest money shall be forfeited, If :-  
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.  
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CE/J/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.
  - Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.  
6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.  
6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.  
6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.  
6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.  
6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.  
7. The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH - 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Nagrota and correctness of information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized before the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid.
  - Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
  - Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

No :- EE/ND/2025-26/10312-20

Dated :- 09-03-2026

DIP/J-12835/25 Dt. 16-03-26

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PWD (R&B) Division  
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