

# World under threat of war, only dialogue can lead to solutions: VP Radhakrishnan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGPUR: The world is under the threat of war and only dialogue can lead to solutions, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan said on Saturday.



being regional. We are being original," he asserted.

Each language carries its own heritage, yet they together create a collective cultural harmony that defines India, the Vice President opined.

"There is no God bigger than Bharat Mata," he said.

Radhakrishnan said he recently released the updated translated version of the Constitution in Tamil and Gujarati and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking the initiative to make it available in so many languages.

"For the first time, the Constitution has been made available in languages like Dogri, Santhali, and many others. The Union government is making several efforts to protect and promote the linguistic diversity of Bharat," he said.

Commenting on the ongoing Budget Session of Parliament, Radhakrishnan, also the chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, said he was happy to see constructive debates in the House.

"We may have differences of opinion but it is not to have conflict but to find final conclusions and to achieve solutions. The ultimate aim is to lead dialogues to conclusion. Such debates and dialogues with a purpose can help us realise the goal of Viksit Bharat. This is the duty of every parliamentarian," Radhakrishnan asserted.

The Vice President said those taking part in the Youth Parliament must use the platform to learn the values that shape a vibrant and strong nation.

"The world is watching India keenly. India is also watching them," he told the students taking part, adding that they were the "amrit generation" that will see the Tricolour flying high in a fully developed nation by 2047.

He said the goal of Viksit Bharat cannot be achieved with borrowed ideas.

"We must innovate from our roots, think in our native scripts, and lead the world with the confidence of our

own identity," he told those taking part in the Youth Parliament.

Informing that it was his first official visit to Maharashtra after he became Vice President, Radhakrishnan, a former governor of the state, called Nagpur as a place of great significance in the national consciousness since it is birthplace of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

"It was here in this historic city that Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar laid the foundation of the Sangh in 1925 on the auspicious occasion of Vijaydashami. What began as a small but very important initiative has, over the decades, grown into a vast movement dedicated to the service of the nation," he said.

Radhakrishnan said his association with the organisation had instilled in him the spirit of selfless service with regards to responsibilities given to him.

"The centenary year celebration (of RSS) is a reminder that when a small seed of dedication to 'Rashtra Pratham Nation First' is sown, it grows like a banyan tree that shelters the entire country," the Vice President said.

# Justice Nagarathna calls for creation of judicial reforms commission to reduce pendency in courts

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BENGALURU: Justice B V Nagarathna of the Supreme Court on Saturday called for the creation of a judicial reforms commission to reduce mounting pendency in the courts, saying systemic incentives across stakeholders were contributing to delays in justice delivery.

She was speaking at the Supreme Court Bar Association's (SCBA) first National Conference on the theme "Reimagining judicial governance: strengthening institutions for democratic justice" here.

Nagarathna, who was part of the panel session addressing "From Pendency to Prompt Justice: Rethinking Justice Delivery in Indian Courts," said, this reforms commission must have membership not only from the judiciary of the Supreme Court, the High Court, as well as the District judiciary, but also have members from the Bar, Attorney General, Solicitor General, and also certain members representing the Bar at the institutional level, such as the Bar President, and from the government side to enable an inter-institutional dialogue on reducing pendency. She reflected that, from the point of view of various stakeholders, a litigant gains from the status quo, to

proceed to prolong proceedings. "A lawyer or an advocate loves adjournments and postponement because he/she benefits from per appearance and extended timelines. A government department reduces bureaucratic risk by appealing rather than accepting defeat.

"A judge, and particularly a trial judge, is always acting with caution because he/she is confronted with appellate reversal, and therefore he/she prefers procedural caution rather than having an aggressive docket control. Each of these decisions is individually rational, but how does it help the system? It is only leading to systemic delay," she added.

In order to break this equilibrium, Justice Nagarathna said that what is required is institutional interventions through a judicial commission to reduce pendency, rather than merely exhorting better conduct from judges, adherence to procedural timelines, asking advocates not to seek adjournments, urging the government to reduce litigation, or expecting courts to function round the clock and judges not to take leave.

On pendency, the judge questioned the inclusion of defective filings in court statistics, suggesting that such cases should not be counted until they are pro-

cedurally ready for hearing. She also underlined the role of the government as the "largest generator of litigation", noting that officials tend to file appeals to avoid scrutiny, even in cases where disputes could be settled earlier. This, she said, results in cases travelling through multiple judicial levels unnecessarily.

"The government publicly expresses concern about judicial backlog, while simultaneously feeding that backlog through relentless litigation," she observed.

Justice Nagarathna further claimed judicial capacity is constrained by inadequate public investment, including delays in appointment of judges, lack of infrastructure and insufficient use of technology.

Among the measures suggested, she called for improved case management, curbs on unnecessary adjournments, adoption of technology, prioritisation of cases, promotion of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and creation of specialised benches.

She also urged advocates to adhere to professional and ethical standards, litigants to avoid frivolous appeals, and the government to adopt a practical litigation policy and ensure timely funding and appointments in the judiciary.

including women workers." The PCI emphasised that the right to work is a constitutional right and stands in solidarity with the affected journalists. They maintained that the authorities should have exercised restraint, especially since the journalists had informed them that the management had not yet communicated the need to vacate the premises after the court order.

"PCI urges the authorities to take prompt action against whoever was responsible for such misconduct, as it would help instil confidence within the journalist fraternity that the right to work of the press is an important part of a democracy," the statement said.

The UNI premises were sealed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs/ Land and Development Office (L&DO) on Friday following a high court order -- a move the media organisation termed as an "unprecedented atrocity" and "attack on freedom of media".

# Indigenous bullet train: Experts welcome move but urge feasibility tests before scale-up

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: While welcoming the move to indigenously develop bullet trains capable of a maximum speed of 250 kmph, experts have also cautioned the Railway Ministry that scaling up production before testing the prototype could be risky.

Their cautionary note follows reports that the Ministry will soon award a tender for more trains.

In a push to the 'Made-In-India' initiatives, the Ministry in 2024 awarded a contract to Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) to develop one pair of 250 kmph bullet trains by 2027.

The Ministry recently informed a parliamentary panel that the first pair of Bharat-made Bullet Trains, named B28, will operate on the 508-km-long Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor. Its first phase is expected to open in August 2027 on a 97-km stretch from Surat to Vapi.

The corridor is being constructed with financial assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to operate Japanese-made 320 km/h bullet trains using Japanese signalling technology.

The Ministry defended its decisions before the parliamentary panel, stating that because obtaining Japanese-made trains presents challenges, it decided to develop indigenous trains with a 250 kmph speed capacity in the first phase, later improving them to 320 or 350 kmph.

Elaborating on the challenges, officials said that Japan offered more advanced E10 Shinkansen

trains instead of their earlier proposal of E5 Shinkansen trains, which are currently no longer in production in Japan.

"As per the Japanese proposal, E10 Shinkansen trains are expected to be introduced in Japan by the early 2030s and thereafter, making necessary design changes to suit Indian climatic conditions, the same is expected to be offered for trial on the MAHSR corridor by 2032. This will delay the start of the whole project; hence, the Ministry decided to go for indigenous B28 trains," a senior railway official said.

The Ministry further awarded a contract to Siemens in 2025 to install a signalling system for B28 trains.

Now, amid reports that the Ministry might award a tender to BEML to develop over a dozen more B28 trains, a section of infrastructure experts, while appreciating the significant completion of work at the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Corridor, red-flagged the decision to scale up production. "If you look at the history of manufacturing locomotives in India, you will find that we first imported locomotives, then got the technology transferred here and started our production," said Subodh Jain, former Member, Engineering, Railway Board.

He added, "Till now, we have indigenously developed locomotives with a running capacity of 180 kmph. So, going for a 250 kmph train mandates a feasibility test of the prototype."

# PCI condemns 'manhandling' of UNI journalists during sealing of premises

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Press Club of India (PCI) on Saturday expressed deep shock and condemnation regarding the alleged "manhandling" of journalists during the sealing of the United News of India (UNI) premises by authorities following a high court order.

In a statement, the PCI said that several journalists at the news agency claimed they were physically removed by the Delhi Police and CRPF personnel from their workplace "by use of force", and were not even allowed to collect their personal belongings.

"The PCI expresses deep shock at the manhandling of journalists while at work at the United News of India premises at 9, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, by police last evening following a court order regarding a land dispute," the PCI said.

The PCI also condemned in the "strongest possible" terms the "highhandedness unleashed on the journalists,

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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER TOWN PLANNING ORGANISATION JAMMU

HUD-TP00CTP/J43/2024(C.No.7516321) Dated: 18 -03-2026

Subject: Publication of Corrigendum to Public Auction Notice regarding disposal of unseverable items  
The corrigendum may kindly be read as under for publication:  
"The time mentioned in the Public Auction Notice dated 17-03-2026 may be read as: 12:30 PM instead of 12:30 AM.  
All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged."

Sd/-  
(Jagdish Raj Hans)  
Chief Town Planner  
Jammu

DIP/J-12987/25  
Dated: 21.03.2026



## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION REASI

No: EER/2025-26/9819-9823  
Date: 18/03/2026

M/s Proch India Infra Pvt. Ltd.  
Managing Director. Sh. Ajeet Sharma,  
S/o Sh. Rattan Lal  
Geeta Nagar, Reasi  
Subject: Construction of Road from Jeri to Gungus under NABARD RIDF-XVIII  
Reference:

1. This office Notice No. 2400-02 dated 24/07/2025  
2. Notice-I issued by Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Sub-Division Pouni  
Whereas, the work namely "Construction of Road from Jeri to Gungus under NABARD RIDF-XVIII" was allotted to your firm vide Superintending Engineer's allotment No. SEU/2022-23/6776-78 dated 08/08/2022 with a stipulated completion period 02 years.  
Whereas, despite the lapse of more than three (03) years and seven (07) months from the date of commencement, the progress achieved is only up to WMM stage up to Km 5th, and thereafter the work has remained completely stalled for the past two (02) months without any justified or tenable reason.  
Whereas, despite repeated notices issued by this office under the references cited above, along with continuous telephonic instructions from the field functionaries, you have failed to resume the work and have exhibited gross negligence, lack of professionalism, and complete disregard towards your contractual obligations, thereby causing undue delay and serious inconvenience to the general public.  
Whereas, you had personally assured the undersigned that Bituminous (BT) work would be executed during the first week of March, 2026; however, as reported by the Assistant Executive Engineer and field staff, no tangible progress has been achieved at your end to date. Furthermore, the funds released for the current financial year are now at imminent risk of lapse solely due to your continued inaction and failure to adhere to your commitments.  
Whereas, the Worthy Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), PW(R&B) Department, while reviewing the progress of NABARD projects on 27/02/2026, expressed serious displeasure over the slow pace of works and directed the Department to ensure completion of all NABARD RIDF projects by the end of March, 2026.  
Now, therefore, through this Final Notice (also being issued through print media), you are hereby directed to resume the work immediately, Deploy adequate manpower, machinery, and resources, and Demonstrate substantial and measurable progress within three (03) days from the date of issuance of this notice and ensure completion of the BT work without any further delay, strictly within the stipulated timeframe.  
Failing which, it shall be presumed that you are unwilling and incapable of executing the work and this office shall be constrained to initiate strict action under the relevant provisions of the contract agreement, including but not limited to rescinding/termination of the contract forthwith, Forfeiture of CDR/Security Deposit, Execution of the balance work at your risk and cost, and Recommendation for debarment/blacklisting of your firm from participation in departmental works for a period as per rules in force.  
This may be treated as your Final Notice.

DIP/J-12986/25  
Dated: 21.03.2026

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
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## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION R.S.PURA SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. DRSP/147 of 2025-26 Dated 16-03-2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir-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 (in Lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Lane/Drain from the H/o Ashwani Kumar to H/o Varinder Singh at W.no. 01, Bishnah. (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.23	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
2	Construction of Lane/Drain opposite Gulshan Chappal House in W.no. 01 Bishnah (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.59	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
3	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Braham Dutt to the H/o Yashpal at W.no. 3, Bishnah. (Under F C Grant 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.84	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
4	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Basant Ram to H/o Sardari Lal in W.no. 12, Bishnah. (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.87	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
5	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Ravi Kumar upto the H/o Ravi Dass, Lucky Vihar in W.no. 02, Bishnah. (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	1.88	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
6	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Siva Ram to H/o Shambhu Nah Khajuria in W.no. 06, Bishnah. (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	7.65	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	45 Days	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
7	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Ravi Verma to the H/o Verma Sr at W.no. 03, Bishnah (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	8.84	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	02 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
8	Construction of Lane/Drain from Main road opp. Shiv mandir Bye Pass Road to onwards in W. no. 03, Bishnah. (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	9.57	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	02 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class
9	Construction of Lane/Drain from H/o Jagdev Saini upto the H/o Sh. Jai Krishan in W. no. 03 Bishnah (Under FC Grant for the year 2025-26)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	13.81	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 28-03-2026	'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class

Position of AAA :- S.No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&9 Accorded by Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu's vide order No: 332-DULBJ of 2026 Dated: 20/02/2026  
Position of TS :- S.No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&9 Accorded by Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division R.S.Pura's vide order No: 87 of March 2026 Dated: 03 of March 2026.

Project Authority :- S.No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&9(Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu)  
Major Head of Account :- S.No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&9(Under Capex Budget FC Grant for the F.Y. 2025-26)  
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> per below schedule :

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division R S Pura through

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-03-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 16-03-2026 to 27-03-2026
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	18-03-2026 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura
4	Bid submission Start Date	16-03-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	27-03-2026 upto 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-03-2026 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Treasury, indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) and Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura. The CDR/FDR/BG 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 L1 be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura at the time of allotment.  
2. The date of Treasury Challan, Earnest Money/Bid Security must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End Date. However, if the tender for the same work has been re-invited after 1st or More calls, the bidders who have already bid for that work can re-use the same Treasury Challan/Earnest Money/Bid Security in the successive calls for the said work.

3. 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 bidders need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender documents. 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.

4. 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 on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. 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 issuance 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/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.  
7.1 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.

7.2 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

7.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

7.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

7.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

No :-  
Dated :-  
DIP/J-12983/25  
Dated: 21.03.2026

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Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division  
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