

Jal Shakti PHE employees seek immediate action on pending wages, staff shortages

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association convened an executive body meeting at the PHE Complex in Udhampur under the leadership of Som Nath, District President of the Association and a senior trade union leader from Jammu Province. The meeting focused on the persistent neglect of daily wage workers' concerns by the government, especially regarding non-payment of wages, absence of regularization, and acute staff shortages in the department.

Som Nath, addressing the gathering, voiced serious concerns about the ongoing challenges faced by daily wagers. He condemned the government's indecisive and inconsistent approach towards policy-making for these workers.



Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association members during the meeting.

Although a committee had been established to review the issues of daily wagers, Nath pointed out that the committee has no role in resolving pending wage disbursements or in implementing the Minimum Wages Act, thereby rendering it ineffective.

A number of key demands were highlighted during

the meeting. First and foremost, the Association demanded the immediate regularization of CP, ITI, and land case workers who have completed more than seven years of service. These workers, they argued, should be regularized under SRO-64, and all pending documentation and formalities must be

completed promptly to ensure they receive timely payments and job security.

Another major issue raised was the release of pending wages. Daily wagers have not received wages for an alarming period of 65-70 months, dating back to 2014. The Association insisted that these dues be cleared immediately and with interest, particularly for those workers who retired after dedicating over 25 years of service to the department.

The implementation of the Minimum Wages Act was also strongly advocated. The Association criticized the significant wage disparity, pointing out that daily wagers in Jammu are paid a mere Rs. 311 per day-one of the lowest rates in the country. They

emphasized that while the Leh UT government had already enhanced wages for its workers, the same action is still pending in Jammu, despite similar needs and circumstances.

In his concluding remarks, Som Nath urged the government to immediately address these long-standing issues and ensure justice for the daily wage employees. He reiterated that no worker should be expected to shoulder the workload left behind by retired staff or newly launched projects without proper employment terms.

Several senior leaders including Vijay Kumar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Karan Singh, Mohan Singh, Puran Chand, Prabu Lal, Makhan Chand, Shambu Nath, and Tilk Raj Katoch were also present and supported the demands raised during the meeting.

SSP Doda visits far flung areas of Bhadarwah aiming to strengthen hinterland security grid

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DODA: SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta, along with other District officers including Addl. Superintendent of Police Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma SHO PS Bhaderwah Suresh Kumar carried out a public meeting with the locals of Panchayat Manthala, Bhaderwah. The meeting was attended by prominent local leaders including DDC Chairman Dhananther Singh, Ex. Serviceman president Raj Singh Charak, Sarpanches/Panches of the adjoining panchayats/villages falling in the area. It was highly appreciated by the locals for the steps taken by SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta to directly listen to the grievances of locals in the area.

While addressing the issues, the locals requested that regular training sessions may be imparted to VDG members to enhance their preparedness and response capabilities for the counter insurgencies and



SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta interacting with locals.

demanding to increase their honorarium in order to boost their morale. SSP Doda gave a patient hearing to each grievance and assured that the matters raised would be taken up with the higher authorities on priority. He also directed local police officials accompanying her to compile a detailed report and initiate necessary follow-up actions. The visit received a positive response from the local communities, who expressed gratitude towards Doda Police for reaching out

to them and acknowledging the efforts of VDGs. SSP Doda reaffirmed that the police department is committed to addressing the concerns of the locals as well as VDG members and will continue to strengthen coordination with grassroots security mechanisms. The SSP appreciated the VDG members' efforts in maintaining local security and encouraged continued collaboration. He also saw public Corporation in every sphere of policing in District Doda.

SMVDIME hosts CME session on Measuring Impact of Research

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: SMVDIME hosted a thought-provoking Continuing Medical Education (CME) session titled "Measuring the Impact of Research and the Evolution of Medicine in India." The event featured a keynote address by the esteemed Dr. K.K. Talwar, Former Director of PGIMER Chandigarh and Chairman, PSRI Heart Institute. Dr. Talwar, a luminary in cardiology and an Hon'ble Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, also chairs the Faculty Selection Committee at SMVDIME.

In his keynote, Dr. Talwar highlighted India's significant strides in medicine, referencing breakthroughs such as the indigenous COVID-19 vaccines and the Chitra Heart Valve. He emphasized the urgent need to strengthen the nation's research ecosystem through enhanced collaboration, robust methodologies, research training, and publication of high-quality scientific work. He encouraged young faculty to actively pursue impactful research.

The session included an insightful presentation by Dr. Ankita Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine, who presented a comprehensive overview of heart failure. Dr. Talwar complemented the session with his clinical and research insights, particularly in cardiac transplantation and indigenous medical innovations.

The CME began with a welcome address by the Executive Director, who congratulated Dr. Talwar on his recent Shrine Board appointment and highlighted the achievements of SMVDIME in last 6 month and thanked SMVDSB for generous support in establishment of centre of excellence. He informed that 29 CMEs have conducted till date and many research collaborations and under way. The event saw active participation from the faculty of SMVDIME and its associated hospital, SMVD College of Nursing, and final-year nursing students.

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New Era in Education in Bishnah: MLA inaugurates school development projects worth Rs 4.65 cr

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BISHNAH: In a major step towards strengthening the educational infrastructure in the Bishnah Assembly constituency, MLA Rajeev Bhagat inaugurated several key school development projects on Saturday. The initiative aims to uplift the standard of education in the region and ensure modern facilities for both students and teachers in government schools.

As part of this effort, MLA Bhagat inaugurated newly constructed school buildings at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Arnia, and GHSS Allah. In addition, he laid the foundation stone for a new two-storey building at GHSS Treva. The total estimated expenditure on these projects is approximately Rs 4.65 crore.

The inauguration ceremony saw the presence of Block Development



MLA Rajeev Bhagat inaugurating development project.

Officer (BDO) Arnia, Tehsildar Arnia, senior officials from PWD and R&B departments and a large number of local residents and officials.

Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, MLA Rajeev Bhagat stated "My vision has always been to make the Bishnah constituency a model in the field of education.

Today marks a significant step in that direc-

tion. I want government school students to have access to all the essential facilities they need for quality education, just like private institutions. Teachers should also be equipped with everything they require to provide effective education. Once these projects are completed, a new educational revolution will take shape in the region, benefiting every student and teacher."

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Subject: Written Examination for the post of Lab Assistant, (Culture Department) held on 13.03.2025- Revised/Final Answer Key regarding.

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the Written Examination for the post of Lab Assistant (Culture Department) advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 under Item No. 61, on **13.03.2025**.

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board notified Provisional Answer Key vide Notice No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/11/2025-03 (7655961) Dated: 13.03.2025, in respect of examination to the said post and the same was uploaded on the official website of JKSSB (www.jkssb.nic.in) for information of the candidates and seeking of objections/representations on the prescribed proforma, if any, from the candidates; and

Whereas, in response to aforesaid notice, **05 (five) objections** were received in respect of **05 (five) unique questions** within the stipulated time; and

Whereas, the objections were examined by the subject matter experts (SMEs) and based on the opinion of the SMEs, the Revised/Final Answer Key in respect of written examination held for the post of Lab Assistant (Culture Department) has been finalized.

Now, therefore, in view of the above, the Revised/Final Answer Key is hereby notified as under in respect of questions which have been challenged.

Post Name	Text Booklet Series Question ID				Change in Answer Key	
	A	B	C	D	Previous correct option ID	New correct option ID
Lab Assistant (Culture Department)	21	111	81	51	B	D
	46	16	106	76	C	No Change
	49	19	109	79	B	No Change
	77	47	17	107	B	No Change
	107	77	47	17	A	No Change

Further, such candidate(s) who deposited amount @ Rs. 200/- per question and whose objection(s) is found genuine/correct as per revised/final answer key, will get the refund in their bank accounts provided to the Board.

Note: No further claims in respect of Final Answer Key shall be entertained by JKSSB through any mode.

Sd/-
No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/11/2025-03 (7655961)
Dated: 23.05.2025
DIP/J-1466/25
Dated:- 24/05/2025

(Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board

PMFME workshop organised at Kaldi Suglar in Udhampur district

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: A workshop on PMFME scheme was organised, on Saturday, at village Kaldi Suglar, block Jaganu in Udhampur district by Area Marketing Office, Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Udhampur.

The Area Marketing Officer Udhampur is the District Nodal Officer for the PMFME scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Government of India for Udhampur district.

A number of SHG members, farmers and unemployed youth from Kaldi Suglar and adjoining villages, apart from a number of experts, participated in the workshop.

Anuj Verma, Area Marketing Officer Udhampur, Dr. Munish Sharma Senior Scientist SKUAST-J, Pankaj Sharma Manager PNB Udhampur, Shiny Sharma DRP PMFME, Ankur Sharma AEO Ghordi, Prakash Sharma farmer/ social activist, Rekha Sharma,



Rukhsana, PMFME beneficiaries from Udhampur Rohit Salaria, Sunil Kumar & Bishan Dass, Kamal Kishor AGMO Udhampur and Ab Kabir Wani MI were present on the occasion. Anuj Verma AMO Udhampur and other speakers from different departments briefed the audience about PMFME scheme, The Government of India scheme being implemented by the J&K Agriculture Production Department in J&K envisage 35% subsidy, easy bank finance, help in Documentation/ preparation of DPR and complete hand holding including branding & marketing.

Anuj Verma emphasized the people to take advantage of the PMFME scheme and be part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat movement launched by the Prime Minister of India.

Dr. Munish Sharma Senior Scientist KVK informed the gathering that the Central and the UT governments have announced a number of schemes for farmers, unemployed youth and SHG females with subsidy up to ninety percent.

He asked farmers and SHG members to take benefits of Government schemes in toto and embark on the path of Prime Minister Sankalp of

Viksit Bharat. Farmers were asked to adopt the latest technologies as well as techniques like crop diversification, Market diversification, grading & packaging, storage & processing so as to get good returns of their produce. Other speakers also briefed the audience about salient features of the PMFME scheme.

The PMFME beneficiaries narrated their success stories. They were also honoured and presented with mementos by the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department. The welcome address and vote of thanks were presented by Kamal Kishore AGMO.

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NOTICE

Subject: Rescheduling of Driving Test-regarding.

It is hereby notified for the information of the candidates listed in Annexure (A) to this notice who were not allowed to appear in the driving test for the post of Driver (Home Department) on their scheduled date due to photograph mismatch in their Admit Cards. Now, the driving test of the candidates shall be held on 26-05-2025(Monday) at the same venue as allotted previously. The candidates are advised to submit the necessary affidavit duly sworn in before the 1st class Magistrate.

Further the Admit cards already issued for the driving test shall remain valid for the rescheduled test on 26-05-2025.

Annexure (A)						
S. no.	Name of the Candidate.	Advertisement No.	Item no.	Application No.	Roll.no.	Name of the post.
1	Asif Ahmad Khan	01 Of 2025	01	2501100001335	200021848	Driver Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory)
2	Ghulam Mustafa Wani	01 of 2025	01	2501100001348	200020097	Driver Home Department (J&K Forensic Science Laboratory)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No.JDA/II/e-NIT/2025-26/10 Dated 23-05-2025

Executive Engineer, JDA Division No. II, Jammu on behalf of Vice Chairman, JDA, invites tenders by e-tendering on item Rate from Registered "Security Agencies" having a Pasara license for the service whose particulars are given below:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Contract Time	Class of Contractor
1	Annual Contract for Deployment of Security Personnel for watch and ward at different location under the jurisdiction of JDA Division No.II, Jammu.	To be quoted by the contractor inclusive of EPF, ESIC, EDL & Vendor Margin	100000/-	Rs.1500/- Non-refundable	One Year	Registered "Security Agencies" having a pasara license.

- Date of Publishing: 23-05-2025.
- The Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 23-05-2025 (1800 Hrs) to 12-06-2025 (1600 Hrs)
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 23-05-2025 (1800 Hrs) to 12-06-2025 (1600 Hrs)
 - The bids received will be opened on 13-06-2025 (1400 Hrs)
 - The complete bidding process will be on line.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
- The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.

DIP/J-648-P/25
Dated:- 24/05/2025

Sd/-
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