

MY FRIEND, ABE SAN

Went too soon but his legacy will live on



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hinz Abe-an outstanding leader of Japan, a towering global statesman, and a great champion of India-Japan friendship - is not among us anymore. Japan and the world have lost a great visionary. And, I have lost a dear friend.

I first met him in 2007, during my visit to Japan as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Right from that first meeting, our friendship went beyond the trappings of office and the shackles of official protocol.

Our visit to Toji temple in Kyoto, our train journey on the Shinkansen, our visit to the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad, the Ganga Aarti in Kashi, the elaborate tea ceremony in Tokyo,

the list of our memorable interactions is indeed long.

And, I will always cherish the singular honour of having been invited to his family home in Yamanashi prefecture, nestled among the foothills of Mt. Fuji.

Even when he was not the Prime Minister of Japan between 2007 and 2012, and more recently after 2020, our personal bond remained as strong as ever.

Every meeting with Abe San was intellectually stimulating. He was always full of new ideas and invaluable insights on governance, economy, culture, foreign policy, and various other subjects.

His counsel inspired me in my economic choices for Gujarat. And, his support

was instrumental in building Gujarat's vibrant partnership with Japan.

Later on, it was my privilege to work with him to bring about an unprecedented transformation of the strategic partnership between India and Japan.

From a largely narrow, bilateral economic relationship, Abe San helped turn it into a broad, comprehensive one, which not only covered every field of national endeavour, but became pivotal for our two countries' and the region's security.

For him, this was one of the most consequential relationships for the people of our two countries and the world.

He was resolute in pursuing the civil nuclear agreement with India - a most difficult one

for his country - and decisive in offering the most generous terms for the High Speed Rail in India. As in most important milestones in independent India's journey, he ensured that Japan is there by side as New India accelerates its growth.

His contribution to India-Japan relations was richly recognised by the conferment upon him of the prestigious Padma Vibhushan in 2021.

Abe San had a deep insight into the complex and multiple transitions taking place in the world, the vision to be ahead of his time to see its impact on politics, society, economy and international relations, the wisdom to know the choices that were to be made, the capacity to

make clear and bold decisions even in the face of conventions and the rare ability to carry his people and the world with him. His far-reaching policies - Abenomics - reinvigorated the Japanese economy and re-ignited the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship of his people.

Among his greatest gifts to us and his most enduring legacy, and one for which the world will always be indebted, is his foresight in recognising the changing tides and gathering storm of our time and his leadership in responding to it. Long before others, he, in his seminal speech to the Indian Parliament in 2007, laid the ground for the emergence of the Indo Pacific region as a

contemporary political, strategic and economic reality - a region that will also shape the world in this century. And, he led from the front in building a framework and architecture for its stable and secure, peaceful and prosperous future, based on values that he deeply cherished - respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, adherence to international law and rules, peaceful conduct of international relations in a spirit of equality and shared prosperity through deeper economic engagement.

The Quad, the ASEAN-led forums, the Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative, the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure all

benefited from his contributions. Quietly and without fanfare, and overcoming scepticism abroad, he transformed Japan's strategic engagement, including in defence, connectivity, infrastructure and sustainability, across the Indo Pacific region. For that, the region is more optimistic about its destiny and the world more confident about its future.

During my Japan visit in May this year, I had the opportunity to meet Abe San, who had just taken over as the Chair of the Japan-India Association. He was his usual self - energetic, captivating, charismatic and very witty. He had innovative ideas on how to further strengthen the India-Japan

friendship. When I said goodbye to him that day, little did I imagine that it would be our final meeting.

I will always be indebted for his warmth and wisdom, grace and generosity, friendship and guidance, and I will miss him dearly.

We in India mourn his passing as one of our own, just as he embraced us with an open heart. He died doing what he loved the most - inspiring his people. His life may have been cut short tragically, but his legacy will endure forever.

I extend heart-felt condolences on behalf of the people of India and on my own behalf to the people of Japan, especially to Mrs. Akie Abe and his family. Om Shanti.

J&K Bank commissions 2 more ATMs in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its mission of extending world-class banking facilities to the people in Jammu, J&K Bank on Friday commissioned two ATMs; one each at Nagseni in Kishtwar and Ati in Rajouri.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar Ashok Sharma inaugurated the Teller Machine at Nagseni in the presence of Zonal Head Doda Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, while the ATM at Ati was inaugurated by the Bank's Zonal Head Rajouri Satish Kumar. Bank's valuable clients, elected local representatives, businessmen and other residents were also present at the inaugural functions.

While lauding the contribution of J&K Bank for providing the banking facilities especially in the far flung areas, Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma congratulated the locals for getting state-of-the-art banking facility.

On the occasion, Zonal Head Doda said, "J&K Bank is making all-out efforts to provide best banking services easily accessible to its customers irrespective of their locations and status." He also advised the staff to educate the locals about the bank's digital delivery channels like mobile banking application (M-PAY), Debit cards, Credit cards and Internet banking etc.

"Customer convenience is our priority and commissioning of ATM ahead of the holy festival of Eid is a step towards meeting immediate requirement of our customers", said Zonal Head Rajouri besides urging the public to make full use of the facilities and other services offered by the Bank.

Locals present at both the events appreciated the efforts of J&K Bank and expressed gratitude to the Bank's management for providing the ATM facility in their respective areas. The facility shall further strengthen the bonding of people with the bank, they said.



DC Kishtwar Ashok Sharma & Bank's zonal Head Rajouri Satish Kumar inaugurating J&K Bank ATMs.

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CANCELLATION
Due to poor response NIT No. 06 of 2022 Dated: 15-06-2022 issued under endorsement No. e-Tendering/DDA/682-90 Dated: 16-06-2022 is hereby cancelled and fresh tenders will be invited shortly.

No: E-Tendering/DDA/681-57
Dated: 06-07-2022

Sd/
Executive Engineer.
Dodhpatheri Dev Authority.

DC Jammu visits Pargwal; interacts with Revenue staff

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa, on Friday visited Tehsil Pargwal and took stock of various Revenue services being provided to the people.

She also enquired about the difficulties being faced by genera-

al public as well as revenue staff while delivering online services.

Tehsildar Pargwal, Manjeet Singh while briefing the Deputy Commissioner asserted that Tehsil Pargwal being situated at International Border lacks internet connectivity and the digital infrastructure needs to

be improved to deliver various online services which have been made mandatory with effect from 15 August 2022.

He further informed the Deputy Commissioner regarding the progress achieved under Swamitva, Digitization of Jamabandis, retrieval of State

Land and various other related services.

The Deputy Commissioner directed to prepare estimates for the renovation of Tehsil complex as well as Niabat & Patwarkhana offices, wherever required.

DC Jammu then visited the site of ongoing under-construc-

tion bridge Indri Sajwal (1,640-metre span double-lane bridge over the Chenab river in Sajwal). The project will provide an alternative route for the population of Sajwal and Indri Pattan villages.

With the completion of this bridge, the distance between Sajwal and Indri Pattan will be reduced to 5 km from present 47 kms.

The Deputy Commissioner Directed the Executive Engineer, PWD Sub Division Akhmoor as well Executing Agency to complete the project in a time bound manner.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE DIVISION REASI NOTICE INVITING TENDER

ENIT No: 44 of 2022-23 Dated 06-07-2022 issued under endorsement No. PHER/2582-2587 dated: - 06-07-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, REASI invite tenders by e-tendering mode on above / below percentage rate from approved and eligible Govt. contractors registered with J&K Govt./CPWD/MES and Railways etc. for the following works.

S. No.	Name of work	Estd. Cost	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money @ 2%	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Providing and Laying of Minor Distribution Lines and Installation of PSPs under WSS Khari Lair Dab (NABARD)	24.98	1000/-	49960/-	B & C	30 Days
2	Providing and Laying of Distribution System in Tanda under WSS Tanda (NABARD).	6.85	500/-	13700/-	C & D	30 Days
3	Providing Water Connection at Taxi Stand and Mahadev Bhawan Ransoo under WSS Ransoo (Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board under Deposit Contribution Work).	0.99	200/-	1980/-	D	15 Days

Position of AAA: - Accorded.

Position of funds: - BUDGETED

1. Date of Publishing 07/07/2022
2. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 07/07/2022 from 16:00 (Hrs)
3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 07/07/2022 (17:00 Hrs) to 13/07/2022 (1300 Hrs).
4. The complete bidding process will be online.
5. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 13/07/2022 (1300 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI
6. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and Earnest Money Deposit as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table payable at Reasi pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI Earnest money deposit (EMD) will have to be in form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 90 days. The cost of downloaded tender documents in the form of E-Challan, Treasury challan /Receipt under MH-0215 - WSS (Revenue Head. EMD @ 2% shall be released on receipt of performance security @ 3% from the successful bidder which shall be released after completion of the defect liability period of the work.
7. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division REASI and shall be communicated separately.

8. The irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee @ 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/ irrevocable Bank Guarantee shall have to be submitted before award of contract duly pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division REASI valid upto 30 days beyond the expire of defect liability period.
9. The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in on or before [13/07/2022 upto 13.00Hrs] The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.
10. Bids shall be received "on line" on or before [13/07/2022 upto 13.00Hrs]. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper user Id.

DIP/J-4757/22
Dated:- 08/07/2022

Signed for and on behalf of
the LT. GOVERNOR OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Division
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAMMU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIVISION NO. I RHC, JAMMU FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. JDA-1/2022-23/e-NIT/55 Dated 07.07.2022

Executive Engineer, JDA Division No. I, Jammu on behalf of Vice Chairman, JDA, invites tenders by e-tendering on item Rate from the **CENTRAL/STATE GOVERNMENT APPROVED FIRMS/REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** the works 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	Operation and maintenance of electrical system 2 x 1.5 MVA Sub Stations including H.T cables from four pole structure to H.T panels to transformers, control room, panels transformer with load tap changer bus trucking, H.T, L.T capacitors, AV panels with battery bank L.T cables from control room to A1,A2 Shopping Complex at Bahu Plaza Rail Head Complex, Jammu.	To be quoted by the contractor	30,000/-	Rs.1000/-	One year	Registered "A" class Electrical Contractors/ Central/State Govt. approved Firms
2	Operation and maintenance of electrical system of 4x630 KVA Sub Station including control room, panels, transformers with on load tap changers, H.T bus bar system, L.T capacitors, L.T cables from control room to B1 B2 shopping complex at Bahu Plaza Rail Head Complex.					
3	Maintenance of 4 No. D.G sets i.e. 1 set of 62.5 KVA at Bahu Plaza, 1 set of 62.5 KVA at Vikas Bhawan, 1 set of 25 KVA at Pragati Bhawan, and 1 set of 25 KVA JDA Division No. 1 RHC, Jammu.					

1. Date of Publishing 07.07.2022
2. The Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 07.07.2022 (1800 Hrs) to 18.07.2022 (1300 Hrs).
3. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 07.07.2022 (1800 Hrs) to 18.07.2022 (1300 Hrs.).
- a. The bids received will be opened on 18.07.2022 (1400 Hrs).
- b. The complete bidding process will be on line.
4. 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.
5. The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
6. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender document in form of Bank Receipt (Proforma enclosed) with other tender documents of NIT as specified payable in favour of **Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, Jammu** and **Bid security (EMD)** will have to be in form of CDR / FDR pledged in favour of **Executive Engineer, JDA Division No. I Rail Head Complex, Jammu**.
7. Submission of hard copies for all the bidders are not required only L-1 (successful bidder) shall submit the hard copies after opening of financial bid.

No.: JDA-1/557-565
Dated 07.07.2022

DIP/J-1755-P/22
Dated:- 08/07/2022

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
JDA Division No. 1
Jammu