

VC SKUAST-K calls for intelligence-driven prediction based pest management

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, today underscored the urgent need for India to transition from reactive pest control measures to an intelligence-driven, predictive plant health management system to safeguard the nation's agricultural economy.

He delivered this message during his keynote address on the opening day of the National Conference on 'Innovations in Plant Health Management for Resilient Agriculture and Agri-Export Promotion'.

The three-day event, organised by the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) from February 26-28, 2026, brought together the nation's leading scientists and policymakers to address a rapidly shifting biological risk landscape.

During his address, Prof Ganai highlighted that while India celebrates



record-breaking production, exceeding 330 million tonnes of food grains and 369 million tonnes in horticulture, a significant portion of this progress is being eroded by pests and diseases. He noted that global scientific estimates suggest 20% to 40% of crops are lost annually to biological stresses. Even by conservative domestic estimates, these losses represent significant economic and ecological costs, including

wasted irrigation water, fertilizers, energy, and farmer effort. Vice Chancellor warned that traditional plant protection systems, often based on fixed spray schedules, are no longer sufficient to combat threats that are becoming faster, more mobile, and increasingly resistant to conventional chemical controls.

Prof Ganai called for the full operationalisation of the National Integrated Plant Health Intelligence

Mission (NIPHM) to modernise India's plant health defenses. He proposed a transition to data-driven surveillance, risk-based advisories, and targeted interventions. This vision includes the development of a digital pest surveillance grid using smart traps, the adoption of precision technologies like drones, and the integration of climate-linked forecasting models to anticipate pest emergence.

PLAN Foundation Distributes Disaster Relief Kits to 5,000 Families in J&K

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In the wake of recent heavy rains and landslides that caused widespread loss of life and property in Jammu and Reasi districts, PLAN Foundation has stepped forward to provide immediate relief to affected families.

Fulfilling its social responsibility, the organisation is distributing disaster relief kits to 5,000 families across the two districts. Of these, 3,400 families are from Jammu district and 1,600 from Reasi district. The relief kits contain essential daily-use items aimed at supporting families as they cope with the aftermath of the natural calamity.

It is pertinent to mention that PLAN Foundation recently established its state unit in Jammu to strengthen its outreach and humanitarian initiatives in the region. State Unit Con-



venor Mr. Ved expressed special gratitude to Ms. Promila Sharma, Executive Director of the Foundation, for spearheading the humanitarian effort and for her continued guidance and support to the newly formed state unit.

He also acknowledged the

contribution of Mr. Jitendra Sharma, State Engagement Officer, National Skill Development Corporation, whose efforts facilitated the collaboration with Ameri-care Foundation. The partnership enabled the timely delivery of relief kits to the affected families.

Reiterating its commitment, the Foundation stated that it will continue to extend assistance in disaster-hit areas and work towards the rehabilitation and empowerment of vulnerable communities, standing firmly with them in times of crisis.

Kathua Admin organises Recreational-cum-Medical Camp for senior citizens

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District Administration Kathua, in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, today organised a one-day Recreational-cum-Medical Camp for senior citizens under the National Action Plan for Senior Citizens here at Government Degree College for Women.

Member Legislative Assembly Kathua Dr. Bharat

Bhushan was the chief guest, while Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma was the guest of honour.

The programme commenced with lighting of the traditional lamp by the guests.

The College Principal, District Social Welfare Officer, faculty members, doctors, paramedical staff and a large number of senior citizens participated in the initiative.

On the occasion, 100 tracksuits and 100 umbrel-

las were distributed among the senior citizens by the Chief guest and the Deputy Commissioner. A film show was also organised for the recreation of elderly participants, which was widely appreciated.

A team of ISM/ AYUSH doctors conducted the health check-up and distributed free medicines among the beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kathua appreciated the efforts of the District Administration for

organising such welfare-oriented programmes for senior citizens.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua informed that similar recreational and medical camps have been organised across other sub-divisions of the district to ensure the well-being of senior citizens.

He emphasised that caring for the elderly is a collective responsibility of society and called for continued community support towards their welfare.

ACS reviews infrastructure status, operational performance of PDD

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Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Power Development Department (PDD), Ashwani Kumar, who recently took charge of the department, kicked off his tenure with a thorough review of all sectors, holding a series of meetings.

He held detailed interactions with the officers and staff and took stock of the infrastructure status and operational performance of the power sector.

The meetings were attended by the Managing Directors of all the Corporations, Director Finance, Director Planning, Chief Engineers, Chief Electrical Inspector and other senior officers of the department.

With regard to power sup-

ply, it was informed that the department has successfully met a peak demand of 3350 MW during the current winter season, which is 7 per cent higher than the peak demand met last year. An average demand of 2600 MW is also being consistently met.

The ACS was briefed about the sources from which J&K receives power. He stressed the need to ensure regular and uninterrupted power supply during the Iftar and Sehri periods. He directed for avoiding the unscheduled power cuts, if any. He also emphasized for establishment of a robust load monitoring mechanism, reduction of energy losses and strengthening of consumer grievance redressal systems.

The ACS emphasized for

early roll out of smart meters under the Smart Metering Programme, prioritizing installation in commercial and industrial sector and on distribution transformers. He directed the engineers to adopt an inclusive approach to integrate all connected components, noting that this reform would not only improve power supply but also enhance the financial sustainability of the sector.

Ashwani Kumar also reviewed major transmission projects across J&K and their timelines, which are expected to address the peak demand requirements of both the regions, summer in Jammu and winter in Kashmir. He stated that proposal for funding under central sector schemes or UT budget shall be pursued expeditiously. He directed that

technical and infrastructure centric interventions are required to be fast tracked to address the low voltage issues in certain areas.

Regarding the power generation sector, the ACS was briefed about the progress of four major hydroelectric projects, Pakal Dul, Kiru, Kwar and Ratle.

Power Shutdown by KPDC

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Salia Tap line will be observed due to which power supply to Salia, Hapatnard, Nagbal and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 01 PM on 28 February 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Cheshmashah-TRC-Nedous line will be observed due to which power supply to Dal area will be affected from 08 AM to 02 PM on 01 March 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Cheshmashah-TRC line and 33 kV Cheshmashah-Centaur-Buchwara line will be observed due to which power supply to TRC 05-Dal, F#1-Zabaran Park, F#2-Rajbhawan, F#3-Centaur Hotel, F#4-SKICC, BUC01-Nehru Park, BUC02-Dalgate and BUC03-Dal will be affected from 10 AM to 11 AM and 04 PM to 05 PM on 02 March 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Alusteng-Nagbal line will be observed due to which power supply to Fatehpura, Gadoora, Tulbagh, Chunduna, Shairpathri adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 12 noon on 01 March 2026.

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION AKHNOOR

FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 80 of 2025-26 Dated 26-02-2026

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	Advertised Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Boundary Wall, Gate and repair of PHC Kathar Block Chowki Choura (Under District Capex Budget 2025-26 Health Component) (2nd t call)	14.41	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	03 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 18-03-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"
2	CONSTRUCTION OF SECONDARY BOYS TOILET AT HS KOTLI TANDA DIV AKHNOOR DISTRICT JAMMU UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA during 2023-24 (3rd t Call)	2.34	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Months	1400 Hrs) on or after 18-03-2026	"A" "B" "C" & "D"

Position of AAA : **Accorded**
Position of TS : **Sanctioned**

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 :

Special Condition :-
(i) Security deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommended contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26-02-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27-02-2026 to 16-03-2026, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	05-03-2026 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
4	Bid submission Start Date	27-02-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	16-03-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	18-03-2026 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

(ii) The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the concerned Executive Engineer shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz. forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the BID document and recommended contractor for blacklisting.

(iii) The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.

(iv) As per Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu/Srinagar's Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025 and Director Finance PWD (R&B) Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu/Srinagar's letter No. ACCT/68/2025-05 dated 23-07-2025, further endorsed by the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Zone Jammu's No CEJ/ACcts/1380-1401 dated 30-07-2025 "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department / Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor 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 Akhnoor. 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 Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor at the time of allotment.

2. 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.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site 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 Akhnoor. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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

5. 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.

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

6. 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 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 approving 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.

No :- 8092-8104/Div.Akhnoor
Dated :- 26-02-2026

Sd/
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Akhnoor

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PATNITOP DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, KUD

E-NIT NO: 16 - PDA OF 2026 DATED: 24 .02.2026
SHORT TERM NOTICE

On behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, Kud invites Rate Contract e-tenders from Firms/Agencies registered with Government for executing a rate contract for providing of Unskilled Manpower (Security personnel, Sweepers, etc.) of different categories to Patnitop Development Authority purely on requirement basis mainly for security of Infrastructure created under PMDP at Mantalai. The manpower may also be required for providing services in other areas within the jurisdiction of Patnitop Development Authority and can be requisitioned from the selected Agency/Firms as and when required.

S. No.	Name of Work	Cost of document (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Who can apply
1	Rate Contract for providing of Un-skilled Manpower (Security, Sweepers) etc. to Patnitop Development Authority).	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 61500.00 CDR/FDR	Firms/Agencies registered with Government having valid GST No.

- The bidding document can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> on 26.02.2026 to 05.03.2026.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 26.02.2026 to 05.03.2026 upto 4.30 PM.
- Technical Bids of bidders shall be opened online in the office of Director Tourism, Jammu on 06.03.2026 at 11.00 AM. If the office happens to be closed on the date on account of holiday, opening of the bids as specified, the tender document bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Complete Bid Document can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents containing qualifying criteria for bidder, terms and conditions and other details.
- Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, Kud reserves the right to reject any tender or any part of the tender without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

No. PDA/Adm-602/2338-43
Dated:24.02.2026

Sd/
Chief Executive Officer,
Patnitop Development Authority

DIP/J-4082-P/25. Dated: 26-02-2026

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANS.LINE MAINTT DIVISION-I (JKPTCL) JANIPUR JAMMU.

EXTENSION NOTICE NO. 1

Due to poor response against e-NIT No. TLMD-I/J/10 of 2025-26 dated: 03/02/2026 floated by this office vide endorsement No. TLMD-I/J/2631-34 Dated: 03/02/2026 for the work of "Design Engineering, Manufacture, testing at manufacturer's work, packing and forwarding, insurance, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new 50MVA,132/33KV Power Transformer along with NIFPS and allied equipments for replacement of 50 MVA 132/33KV Power Transformer at 132/33 KV Grid Station Janipur". The last date for submission of e-bids is extended as per details given below:

e-Bid Submission last date	07/03/2026(1200Hrs)
Commercial & Technical e-Bid opening date & time	09/03/2026 (1400Hrs)

All other terms and conditions of the tender document will remain the same.

No: TLMD-I/J/2907-08
Dated: 25/02/2026

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
Trans. Line Maintt. Div-I,
JKPTCL, Janipur, Jammu.

DIP/J-4113-P/25. Dated: 27-02-2026

DIP/J-12160/25. Dated: 27-02-2026