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Rain Likely
In J&K On
Sept 27-28

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness generally cloudy weather with light rain and thundershowers at a few places on September 27-28, while light snowfall is possible over higher reaches, the Meteorological Centre Srinagar said on Friday.

The weather department said Saturday is likely to remain generally dry, while brief spells of rain, thunder and gusty winds are expected at a few places on Sunday and Monday.

It said September 29-30 is expected to remain generally dry, though brief spells of rain may occur at a few places.

Generally dry weather is forecast for October 1-2, while October 3-5 is likely to remain generally cloudy with light rain, thunder and gusty winds at a few places. Weather is expected to remain generally dry again on October 6-7.

The Met advised farmers that prevailing weather conditions are suitable for harvesting apples and paddy and carrying out other farm operations.

However, it advised farmers to ensure safe storage of harvested crops during September 27-28 in view of the possibility of rain and gusty winds.

Meanwhile, Srinagar recorded a maximum | [More on P6](#)

Statehood Resolution Triggers
Uproar, J&K Assembly Adjourned

House Sees Slogans, Clashes; Omar Accuses BJP of Avoiding Statehood Vote

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday moved a resolution in the Legislative Assembly seeking the immediate and urgent restoration of full statehood to the Union Territory, triggering a major uproar, slogan shouting and physical clashes between members.

The House was eventually adjourned for the day after BJP legislators protested against the reference to an earlier autonomy resolution in the fresh statehood resolution. The Speaker had initially adjourned the House for 30 minutes as members from the ruling and opposition benches confronted each other.

The resolution moved by Omar states: "In addition to the resolutions passed by this House on 26 June 2000 and 6 November 2024, the House calls upon the Government of India for the immediate and urgent restoration of



YOU SAW HOW THE BJP REACTED TO THIS. Because they simply do not want to vote on statehood. They want to back out of this vote under one pretext or another,"

of Jammu and Kashmir.

As soon as Omar tabled the fresh resolution, members of the treasury benches welcomed it by thumping their desks. BJP legislators, however, objected to the reference to the 2000 autonomy resolution and said they would not permit any discussion on autonomy in the House.

"We will not allow discussion on the issue of autonomy in the | [More on P6](#)

full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and resolves that this resolution be forwarded to the Government of India."

The reference to the June 26, 2000 resolution became the immediate

flashpoint. The resolution had been passed by the National Conference government headed by then Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and sought restoration of greater autonomy to Jammu

and Kashmir as it existed before August 9, 1953.

The Assembly had subsequently passed another resolution on November 6, 2024, seeking restoration of the erstwhile special status

Photo : Abid Bhat

50% OM Representation
Examined By Cabinet Panel

'Recommendations Approved by Council of Ministers, Sent to Competent Authority'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has said that the issue of ensuring 50 percent representation for Open Merit candidates in recruitment and admissions has been examined by a Cabinet Sub-Committee, whose recommendations were approved by the Council of Ministers and forwarded to the competent authority for consideration.

The government stated this in response to an un-starred question raised by Shopian MLA Shabir Ahmad Kulay, who sought to know whether the issue of reservation for Open Merit candidates in recruitment had been repeatedly raised in earlier sessions of the Legislative Assembly.

In response, the government said, "Yes, Sir."

On whether the government had examined a proposal to

ensure 50 percent representation for Open Merit candidates in accordance with applicable constitutional and judicial provisions, it said a Cabinet Sub-Committee was constituted vide Government Order No. 2061-JK (GAD) of 2024 dated December 10, 2024.

The committee examined the existing reservation structure in detail and submitted its report and recommendations to the Council of Ministers, the government said.

"The Council of Ministers approved the recommendations and forwarded the matter to the competent authority for consideration," it said.

Asked whether the proposal had been placed before the Lieutenant Governor for consideration and approval, the government said the position was "same as above".

On measures being taken to ensure a fair | [More on P6](#)

J&K Flash Floods Damage
Over 24,000 Houses, 5,000 Roads

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Srinagar: Flash floods and cloudbursts have damaged more than 24,000 residential structures, over 5,000 roads and nearly 1.1 lakh hectares of crop area across Jammu and Kashmir in last two years, according to government data tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

In a written reply to a starred question raised by MLA Shakti Raj Parihar (Doda West) during the ongoing autumn session, the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) said the figures covered damages reported during 2025-26 and 2026-27.

The Jammu division bore the brunt of the damage, with 23,470 residential structures, 5,084 roads and 3,670 water supply schemes reported affected.

Udhampur recorded the highest number of damaged



houses at 6,997, followed by Rajouri with 4,781 and Jammu with 2,718.

In the Kashmir division, 946 residential structures, 289 roads and 513 water supply schemes were damaged. Budgam and Pulwama were among the worst-affected districts, with 271 and 289 damaged houses respectively.

The agriculture sector also suffered extensive losses, with

99,300.29 hectares of crop area affected in Jammu division and 7,021.965 hectares in Kashmir division.

Kulgam reported the highest crop damage in Kashmir at 3,472 hectares, followed by Budgam with 1,764 hectares. Jammu district alone accounted for 30,728 hectares of affected crop area.

The disasters also resulted in the deaths | [More on P6](#)

Patnitop In Centre's
Global Tourism Plan: CM

Press Trust Of India

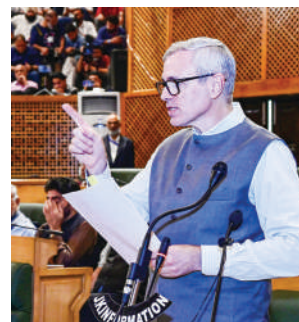
Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said Patnitop has been proposed for consideration under the Centre's Globally Competitive Tourism Destination Scheme.

Abdullah informed the Legislative Assembly that Patnitop has not been declared a world-class tourism destination by the Centre, but the government has proposed it for consideration under the scheme.

Replying to a question by Chenani MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia during the Question Hour of the ongoing autumn session, the chief minister said a preliminary survey to identify suitable land parcels, along with comprehensive stakeholder consultation conferences, had already been completed for the proposed initiative.

"The requisite ground data and basic details for the proposal are currently being compiled," he said.

On the revision of the Patnitop Development



Authority (PDA) Master Plan-2000, Abdullah said the Tourism Department had initiated the process for its comprehensive revision, along with the preparation of master plans for various development authorities, including the PDA.

He said the initiative seeks to address rapid urban growth, modern infrastructure requirements and sustainable spatial development, besides optimising land use, improving public amenities and establishing a clear roadmap for long-term development.

The chief minister said the request | [More on P6](#)

SIR Storm Hits EC: SC Plea Seeks CEC's Prosecution

Opposition demands action as NDA allies seek clarity; Left parties announce nationwide protests

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The controversy over the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls escalated sharply on Friday, with a petition in the Supreme Court seeking criminal prosecution of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and an independent probe into the alleged deletion of around 13 crore names from electoral rolls.

The plea, filed by advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi through advocate Chand Qureshi, challenges decisions, guidelines and software changes allegedly undertaken by Kumar without the concurrence of the other two Election Commissioners. It seeks that



such decisions be declared unconstitutional and void, along with restoration of the original statutory Form 6.

The petitioner has also sought an SIT or judicial inquiry, including a forensic audit of electoral databases, into the alleged deletion of

voters during the SIR exercise. The plea names Kumar, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner Maneesh Garg and ECI IT chief Seema Khanna among those against whom prosecution has been sought under provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

The legal challenge comes days after reports that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded objections on at least 14 occasions over decisions concerning SIR, including changes to Form 6 and the handling of electoral-roll data. The Election Commission has maintained that its final decisions, including those relating to SIR, were unanimous and that differences during internal deliberations are normal.

NDA Allies Join Call for Clarity

The controversy also put the ruling alliance under an unusual spotlight, with three NDA allies publicly asking the Election Commission | [More on P6](#)

HC Rejects ED Plea In
JKCA Fund Scam

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Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Friday rejected a plea by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking addition of charges related to receiving and concealing stolen property in the alleged Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) fund scam case.

Justice Sanjay Parihar, however, set aside the trial court's finding that the ED lacked locus standi to move the application, while holding that the agency's

substantive plea to invoke Sections 411 and 424 of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) was not supported by the material currently available.

The ED had challenged a March 22 order of the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CBI cases), which had dismissed its application seeking incorporation of the additional charges into the case being prosecuted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The agency had argued that although the CBI's primary chargesheet was filed under Sections 120-B, 406 and 409 of | [More on P6](#)

J&K Leads UTs
in Ayushman
Card Coverage

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has been recognised as the 'Best Performing Union Territory' for achieving saturation of front-line workers with Ayushman Cards under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

The award was presented to the State Health Agency (SHA), J&K, at Aarogya Manthan 2026 held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, as part of celebrations marking eight years of AB-PMJAY and five years of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Virender Kumar, Nodal Officer, SHA J&K, received the award on behalf | [More on P6](#)



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KU, JKAACL Sign MoU to Launch Diploma in Traditional & Professional Calligraphy

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The University of Kashmir (KU) and the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly offer a Diploma Programme in Traditional and Professional Calligraphy, aimed at promoting skill-based education in calligraphy and providing structured training in the region's traditional and contemporary calligraphic practices.

The MoU was signed by Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal and JKAACL Secretary Smt. Harvinder Kour (JKAS) in the presence of senior officials and academic functionaries of both institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan said, "The programme will help place traditional calligraphic practices within a structured academic and skill-development framework, while also opening avenues for professional training."

Shri B. M. Sharma, IFS, Principal Secretary to the Gov-

ernment, Department of Culture, said that such MoUs have a long-term and lasting impact and added that the Department would explore further opportunities for collaboration with the University in other areas.

Dean Academic Affairs KU Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada and Registrar KU Prof. Naseer Iqbal highlighted the academic value of the collaboration and said the programme would provide students with structured training while connecting the University's academic framework with JKAACL's expertise and cultural resources.

The programme will be offered through the varsity's Shri Pran Krishan Kaul Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) in collaboration with JKAACL.

The two-year diploma programme will have an intake of 10 students per academic session, with eligibility for candidates who have passed 10+2 or an equivalent examination. Three months of academic instruction each year will be conducted at IMFA, while the remaining period dedicated to traditional calligraphy training will be held at JKAACL premises.

Mirwaiz Urges Faith, Patience & Goodwill amid Hardships

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday urged people to strengthen their faith in Allah, remain steadfast during difficult times and rid their hearts of hatred, bitterness and resentment towards one another.

Addressing the Friday congregation at the historic Jama Masjid Srinagar, Mirwaiz said believers should never lose hope in Allah's

mercy, wisdom and help, regardless of how challenging circumstances may appear.

"We must make our efforts, adopt all lawful means and then place our trust in Almighty Allah, for He alone is the One who creates the means, controls them and brings about their results," he said.

Mirwaiz said sincere reliance on Allah provides strength to the heart and hope during periods of uncertainty.

Yash Parimoo Pays Tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Yash Parimoo, District President Youth BJP Srinagar, paid heartfelt tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji on his birth anniversary and remembered his contribution to nation-building, organisational work and public service.

The programme was attended by Ashok Koul, Gen-

eral Secretary (Organisation), BJP J&K; Dr. Shahnaz Ganai, Vice President, BJP J&K; Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board; Altaf Thakur, BJP Spokesperson; Bilal Parray, All cell Co Convenor Shri Majid Khan, State General Secretary, BJYM; Er. Aijaz Hussain; Manzoor Bhat; Sahil Bashir; and other Morcha office-bearers and senior party workers.



27 AYUSH Medical Officers Inducted Into J&K Health Services in Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education Sakeena Itoo on Thursday distributed appointment orders among 27 newly appointed AYUSH Medical Officers, marking their formal induction into the government healthcare system in Jammu and Kashmir.

Congratulating the new appointees, the Minister said their entry into public healthcare was not merely a professional milestone but also an opportunity to serve people, particularly those living in rural, remote and underserved areas.

She called upon the Medical Officers to discharge their responsibilities with sincerity, professionalism, empathy and a strong commitment to public service.

"Healthcare is ultimately about

serving people with dignity and compassion. Every patient who approaches a healthcare institution places trust in the system and in the medical professional attending to them," Sakeena said, urging the newly appointed officers to maintain high standards of professional conduct.

Emphasising the importance of the Health Department in public welfare, the Minister said being a doctor was a noble profession and urged the appointees to understand the responsibility associated with their roles.

She stressed the need to strengthen healthcare delivery mechanisms at the grassroots level, particularly in rural, remote and far-flung areas. Effective public healthcare delivery, she said, required accessibility, accountability and a strong sense of responsibility among all functionaries.

Sakeena also highlighted the role of AYUSH systems in complementing

the existing healthcare framework and promoting preventive, promotive and holistic approaches to healthcare.

She called upon the newly appointed Medical Officers to utilise their professional expertise to provide quality AYUSH services and contribute towards strengthening healthcare infrastructure and delivery across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister further emphasised close coordination between the AYUSH Medical Officers, health institutions and field functionaries for efficient delivery of services and effective implementation of government health programmes.

She expressed confidence that the new appointees would perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and contribute to the government's efforts to ensure accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services for all sections of society.

SWD Srinagar Organizes Vocational Training Programme for Students

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Social Welfare Department, SANKALP-HEW Srinagar, organised a vocational training programme at Gandhi Memorial College, Shamswari, Srinagar, with the objective of sensitising and empowering students about various career opportunities, skill development avenues and employment prospects.

Resource person from the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship

Development Institute (JKEDI), Srinagar, participated in the programme and interacted with the students.

During the programme, the resource persons provided valuable information regarding vocational education, skill development, entrepreneurship, self-employment opportunities and various avenues available to young people for building sustainable careers. The students were also sensitised about the importance of acquiring market-oriented skills and making informed

career choices.

The interactive session provided an opportunity for the students to seek information and clarification regarding different training programmes, employment opportunities and entrepreneurship-related initiatives.

The Department reiterated its commitment towards creating awareness among students and youth about skill development and livelihood opportunities, thereby facilitating their socio-economic empowerment.

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open Tender	Gati Shakti Unit	Single Packet System	23.09.2026	01.10.2026	15.10.2026 11:30

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	OP-09-GSU-FZR-2026-27 Date: 23.09.2026	Civil works in c/wth execution of 05 Nos. Lifts at BDGM (02 Nos.) MCTM (03 Nos.) Railway Stations & Civil works in c/wth execution of 04 Nos. Escalators at MCTM (04 Nos.) Railway station under, Jammu division under Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme (ABSS)."

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
42324795.89/-	846500.00/-	60 Days	04 Months

Note1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
Open Tender Notice No:- OP-09-GSU-FZR-2026-27 Date: 25.09.20263341/2026

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acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with dosing date 19.10.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Works	Two Packet System	25.09.2026	05.10.2026	19.10.2026

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	49-2026-27 PTK-DRM-JAT	Provision of LHS 2.00 X 5.00 M X 5.00 M in lieu of LC no. B-58 at km 78/8-9 on the ASR-PTK section under ADEN/PTK

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
8,60,00,197.83	60 Days	09 Months

Note Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025 49-2026-27-PTK-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 19.10.2026)3352/2026

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SAD DEMISE
Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un
With profound sorrow, we announce the sad demise of
Syed Nabi Ahmad Andrabi.
Who left for heavenly Abode on 25th September 2026 after brief illness.
His congregational Fetch Khwani will be held on 28/09/2026 at 10.00 Am at our ancestral graveyard, Hamchi Syedpora Hazratnab.
Bereaved:
Andrabi Family
Syed Shuja Andrabi - 990666095
Syed Waseem Andrabi - 9419000159

Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
URBAN LOCAL BODIES KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE LANGATE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Contact Persons for Animal Birth Control(ABC) Programme and stray Dog Management in continuation of the directions issued by the Worthy Deputy Commissioner Kupwara regarding effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme and management of stray dogs within Municipal Committee Langate limits, the general public is hereby informed that the following officials / personnel have been designated as contact persons for matters relating to stray dog identification, rescue /capture, vaccination, sterilization, treatment and related assistance.

S.No	Name of Official	Designation	Contact no.
01	Shabir Maqbool Malik	Paravet (CPW)	9906500492
02	Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh	Dog Catcher	9541993886
03	Ajaz Ahmad Sheikh	Dog Catcher	9797142994

Public Cooperation Requested Members of the public are requested to contact the above mentioned persons for reporting: sick injured or aggressive stray dogs, stray dogs requiring vaccination or sterilization, cases requiring rescue/capture and veterinary attention: Any other matter related to the ABC programme and stray dog management within Municipal Committee Langate limits. The public is further requested not to undertake unauthorized catching, shifting, harming or mistreatment of stray animals and to cooperate with the designated personnel during ABC-related operations. All complaints /information may be communicated to the above contact persons for necessary action in coordination with the Animal Husbandry Department, Langate and other concerned authorities.

No: Mc/Lag/ABC/2026/790-92
DIPK-NB-1731/26**Dated:-25/09/2026**

Sd/-
Executive Officer
Municipal Committee
Langate

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS
SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

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13 Rabi-ul-Sani
1448

PRAYERS

FAJR	4: 57
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ASR	4: 42
Magrib	6: 28
ISHA	7: 48

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Tender No. : 251-Elect-T-09-2026-27
Name of work : Electrical work in c/w Provision of HT Ring main with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) for online monitoring and control of Power supply assets and other associate work over Firozpur.
App. Cost (in Rs.) : Rs. 5,41,70,238.65/-
Earnest Money (in Rs.) : Rs. 10,83,400.00
Completion Period : 06 Months
Opening of tender : 16.10.2026 after 15:00 Hrs.
Website Particulars : www.ireps.gov.in
No.: 251-Elect/T.Notice No.09-Elect/2026-27 Dated: 25.09.2026 3340/2026

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E-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025 51-2026-27-PLMX-DRM-JAT, 52-2026-27- JAT-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 19.10.2026) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date **19.10.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Two packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
25.09.2026	05.10.2026	19.10.2026

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	51-2026-27-PLMX-DRM-JAT	Repair the station approach road wall at NUPR, JMKR PHRH, JDNX an pTK-JDNX section in the jurisdiction of ADEN-PLMX

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1,81,91,661.69	60 Days	06 Months

2	52-2026-27-JAT-DRM-JAT	Flash butt welding in connection to to improvement to KTHU, BDHY, CHNR, GHGL, HRNR, SMBX, VJPJ, BBMN, and JAT station yards in the jurisdiction of Sr. ADEN/JAT
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Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
2,13,78,014.92	60 Days	09 Months

Note:- Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids.3334/2026

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Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Office of the Executive Engineer,
ED-2nd, Rajbagh, Srinagar

Near Silk Factory Rajbagh Srinagar
email: xened-2@jk.gov.inemail: xened-2@jk.gov.in

Extension Notice No.1

Due to poor response, the last date for submission of e-bid in respect of this office's e-NIT No. ED-II/14 of 2026-27; Dated: 31/08/26 issued vide this office endorsement No. ED-II/TS/9736-42; Dated: 31/08/26, having Tender ID : 2026_PDD_322982_1 for "Maintenance & Repairs of LT AB cable system Under (Capex 2026-27 PDDSS2627100227) by way of Maintannace and repairs of 630 KVA Thakur Sub station 1st and installation of New LT DB/ Replacement of Damaged LT DB" is hereby now extended with the details enumerated below :

Last Date for receipt of e-Bids online (Extended)	03-10-2026; 04:00 PM
Bid Opening Date (Extended)	05-10-2026; 02:30 PM

However, the rest of the terms and conditions as laid down in the e-NIT shall remain the same.

Executive Engineer
KPDC, ED-2nd,Rajbagh
Srinagar

No:ED-II/TS/11605-11
DIPK-NB-1720/26
Dated: 25/09/26

TET or Transition?

Jammu and Kashmir’s teachers need a fair transition to new professional standards without compromising the quality of education.



Dr S. Bashir Ahmad Veeri

The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly’s resolution urging the Union Government to amend Section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, and exempt teachers appointed before January 1, 2019, from the Teacher Eligibility Test raises a question that goes beyond service conditions.

At its core is a difficult policy challenge: how can an education system protect every child’s right to quality education while treating fairly teachers who entered service under a different legal and regulatory framework?

The Supreme Court’s judgment in Anjuman Ishaat-e-Taleem Trust v. State of Maharashtra, delivered on September 1, 2025, placed quality education at the centre of the TET requirement.

The Court held that TET is a mandatory eligibility requirement for in-service teachers covered by the RTE Act, including for continuation in service and promotion. It linked the requirement to the constitutional guarantee of education under Article 21-A.

A subsequent judgment on May 29, 2026, also needs attention.

While dismissing review petitions against the earlier ruling, the Court recognised the practical consequences for schools and children and extended the period for acquiring TET from two years to three years, until August 31, 2028. It also directed the competent authorities to endeavour to conduct TET preferably twice a year.

The RTE Act did not apply to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir before the constitutional and legal changes of 2019. With the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the exclusion of Jammu and Kashmir from the RTE framework ended on October 31, 2019. The Union Ministry of Education has also recorded that the RTE Act and the NCTE Act became applicable to the newly constituted Union Territory after reorganisation.

That chronology matters.

Teachers recruited before the transition entered government service under the rules then in force. Many now



The real question is not TET or no TET. It is how a common national standard can coexist with credible, evidence-based recognition of professional competence.

have a decade or more of classroom experience. Their appointments did not bypass a TET requirement. TET simply was not part of the regulatory framework under which they were selected.

The issue, therefore, is not whether professional standards are necessary. They are. The harder question is whether a single examination should serve as the sole contemporary test of competence for teachers who entered service under an earlier regime.

TET has a legitimate purpose. The National Council for Teacher Education describes it as an eligibility criterion for elementary-school teachers and has established national guidelines to create a common benchmark.

At the same time, the wider professional framework has moved beyond a single examination. The NCTE’s National Professional Standards for Teachers recognise competencies at different stages of a teacher’s career, including teaching practice, professional development, accountability and career progression.

That broader framework points towards a possible middle path.

For future recruitment, TET can remain an essential threshold. But for teachers appointed under earlier rules, policymakers could consider a legally

sustainable transition combining competency assessments, bridge courses, pedagogical training, subject-specific evaluations, classroom observation, professional portfolios and records of satisfactory performance.

Such a framework would not treat experience as an automatic substitute for competence. It would also avoid disregarding years of professional practice simply because they began before the current regulatory regime.

The Assembly’s resolution need not be framed as a choice between teachers and children. Its legitimate policy question is whether the law can recognise Jammu and Kashmir’s distinctive legal transition while preserving the quality standards demanded by the Constitution.

Any accommodation, however, must remain consistent with the Supreme Court’s judgments. The Court has rejected the argument that long service alone extinguishes the TET requirement.

At the same time, its decision to extend the compliance period shows that educational continuity and the practical consequences of implementation can be taken into account.

The objective, therefore, should be neither unconditional exemption nor mechanical compliance. It should be a professional system in which teachers are demonstrably equipped to teach effectively, children receive quality education, and legitimate expectations created under an earlier legal regime are addressed through a fair and credible transition.

For Jammu and Kashmir, this is an opportunity to pursue a carefully designed statutory solution rather than seek a simple exception.

The real question is not TET or no TET. It is how a common national standard can coexist with credible, evidence-based recognition of professional competence.

That would place both teacher and child within the same framework: one that demands accountability, recognises competence, respects lawful service and protects the educational future of every child.

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A Valley of Smoke

The chinar leaves are falling, but across the valley they are being burned instead of composted, adding to a growing winter pollution crisis.



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

The chinar leaf falls in a particular fashion, spinning once before it settles, and by late September the pavements of Srinagar are covered with them, red and brown and curling at the edges.

This has been the visual signature of Kashmiri autumn for generations. Now it comes with a smell that has nothing to do with the season.

Walk through any mohalla between October and December and the smoke finds you before the leaves do, rising from small piles set alight by sweepers, orchardists, and ordinary residents who have never been told, or never believed, that this habit is killing them.

Last winter, the Air Quality Index in Srinagar and Baramulla crossed 250, a level at which breathing the outside air does measurable harm to the heart and lungs. The government’s own account of the same period reads very differently.

In July, Union Environment Minister Bhupinder Yadav told Parliament that particulate pollution in Srinagar had fallen by nearly 40 percent under the National Clean Air Programme, with PM10 levels dropping from a baseline of 132 micrograms per cubic metre to 80. Jammu, he said, improved by close to 29 percent.

Jammu and Kashmir has received Rs 223.70 crore under that programme since 2019, all of it through the Centre’s Control of Pollution scheme, since the Finance Commission’s separate challenge fund is reserved for cities with populations above a million.

The trouble is that the season in which these measurements were likely taken is not the season in which Kashmiris are actually choking.

PM10 readings tend to be lowest in spring and summer, when the air is washed by rain and warmed enough that nobody needs a fire. The real test comes when the leaves fall, firewood goes into the stove, twigs and dead wood are turned into charcoal, and trees stripped bare stop performing the daily work of photosynthesis that once helped clean the air above the city.

A report that flatters the government in July says almost nothing about what happens to a grandmother’s lungs in November.

The National Clean Air Survey for 2026, the Swachh Vayu Survekshan, tells the harder story.

Srinagar has fallen to 26th place among 39 Indian cities with populations over ten lakh. In 2023, it stood at 4th, held up as a model. The city now scores 162.6 points, trailing even Delhi, whose toxic winters are a national byword, at 21st with 172. Lucknow tops the list, followed by Indore, Jabalpur, and Bhopal.

Somewhere in that three-year slide from 4th to 26th, someone should be asked what changed, and why a government report delivered the same month could describe a 40 percent improvement.

Part of the answer is structural. Srinagar has no functioning mechanised road sweeping, no system for

processing construction and demolition debris, and a growing number of unregistered vehicles and illegal stone crushers adding their own dust to the air.

But the piece within easiest reach of a fix is also the most stubborn: the open burning of municipal solid waste and dry leaves, done by residents and, just as often, by the sanitation staff paid to clean the city.

Apple orchardists across the valley burn pruned branches and fallen leaves as a matter of routine, unaware or unconcerned that they are producing black carbon, the soot that settles not only in human airways but on the glaciers that feed Kashmir’s rivers.

Former SKIMS director Dr Parvez Koul said in 2023 that roughly 10,000 people die every year in the Kashmir valley because of air pollution, much of it traceable to this type of burning.

That number rarely enters the debate when officials discuss NCAP funding or survey rankings, perhaps because it cannot be presented as progress.

Its real cost is seen in hospital wards, in older residents struggling to breathe through winter, and in children whose coughs last long after the season ends.

None of this needs new technology. Shredded leaves and pruned branches become compost, not smoke, if municipal bodies and orchardists are shown how and made to do it.

Deputy Commissioners have the authority to



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convene the agriculture, horticulture, police, and revenue departments alongside orchard associations, numbardars, and chowkidars, and to issue an outright ban on burning before the leaves finish falling this year.

Awareness campaigns through religious and social organisations can do part of the work. Penalties for those who ignore the ban can do the rest.

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Israel’s Lesson for Kashmir

Israel turned early capital into universities, research and high-tech exports. J&K has invested heavily in infrastructure but still captures too little value from its own resources.



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Jammu and Kashmir holds an estimated 20,000 megawatts of hydropower potential, with about 16,475 MW already identified on paper.

Historically, the region has harnessed only around 2,693 MW of it, close to 16 percent.

The rivers that could power cold stores, food-processing units and hospitals at affordable rates instead produce electricity that often returns to the valley at high prices.

This single fact, a resource-rich region renting back its own resource, lies at the center of why Jammu and Kashmir has not become what its comparisons suggest it should have.

Israel was born in 1948 with 806,000 people, no domestic oil, a currency nobody wanted and rationing so tight that eggs and sugar were distributed by coupon through much of the 1950s.

Jammu and Kashmir entered the same decade with conflict, difficult terrain and its own unresolved uncertainties.

Today, Israel has grown to roughly 10.15 million people and an economy of about \$610.8 billion, close to 50 to 51 lakh crore.

J&K, with a larger population of 13 to 14 million, produces a gross state product of only 2.86 to 2.88 lakh crore, making Israel’s economy nearly eighteen times bigger with fewer citizens to divide it among.

Per person, Israel earns close to 50 lakh a year. J&K’s per-capita income sits at 1,68,243, a difference of roughly thirty times.

J&K’s real growth rate, 5.82 percent in 2025-26, actually outpaces Israel’s 2.9 percent, but a smaller economy growing faster than a much larger one narrows almost none of the actual distance, because percentages compound on entirely different bases.

None of this erases what Delhi has invested.

The Union Budget 2025-26 allocated 41,000.07 crore to J&K, the bulk of it, 40,619.30 crore, as Central assistance to close the region’s resource gap, alongside disaster-fund and infrastructure support.

Add Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the Prime Minister’s Development Package, and total expected support approached 54,522 crore, against a J&K budget of 1,12,310 crore that includes roughly 79,703 crore in revenue spending and about 31,905 crore raised through the region’s own taxes.

Roads, tunnels, rail links and housing have followed.

The support is real, but what has not followed at the same pace is a system built to compound that support into income that keeps growing after the grant is spent.

Israel treated its early foreign capital, including German reparations that began arriving in 1952, as seed money for institutions rather than consumption.

It built Technion, Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and Ben-Gurion University, and by 2022 was spending 7.5 percent of GDP on education, about 2.9 lakh crore, and 6.1 percent on civilian research, roughly



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2.33 lakh crore, numbers the OECD ranks among the world’s highest.

J&K has no comparable research-spending figure in its own accounts, because it has no comparable system generating one.

The contrast is clear in what the two economies export. Israel’s high-tech sector produced about 19.7 percent of GDP in 2023, output worth roughly 7.45 lakh crore, using only 11.5 percent of the workforce. High-tech exports reached about \$85 billion in 2025, near 7 lakh crore and 58 percent of everything Israel sells to the world, a figure more than double J&K’s entire economy.

J&K’s own output leans the other way: services account for about 61 percent of gross value added, industry for roughly 18.5 percent, agriculture for about 20 percent, employing large numbers of people while returning modest income per worker.

The region welcomed 1.78 crore tourists in 2025, including 36,000 from abroad, but urban unemployment stood at 11 percent that same year, a contradiction that only makes sense once you ask not how many visitors came, but how much of what they spent actually stayed.

Kashmir’s saffron, walnuts and Pashmina face the identical problem as its water: raw value leaving before it becomes local income.

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The Republic That Built Empires It Never Ruled

Spain and Portugal are remembered for the oceans they crossed, but the workshops, charts and pens that made the crossing possible belonged to Venice.



Naveed Qazi

Eighteen men came home. Of the roughly 270 who left Spain with Ferdinand Magellan in 1519 to sail around the world, most died of scurvy, starvation, mutiny or the sea itself.

Antonio Pigafetta was one of the eighteen, and he was not Spanish. He was a Venetian scholar who had talked his way onto the voyage out of curiosity. He spent the three years writing down what he saw: the stars over the Pacific, the words of peoples no European had met, the slow collapse of a crew reduced to eating sawdust and rat.

When Spain wanted to tell the world it had circled the globe, it needed his notebook to do it.

The nation that completed the feat did not write its own definitive account of it. A Venetian pen did.

That detail is easy to treat as a footnote, but it is closer to a key.

Spain's Age of Discovery is told as an Iberian story, conquistadors and caravels, a nation reaching outward on its own genius and nerve. Beneath that telling sits a silent dependency.

Venice, a republic with no Atlantic coastline and no colonies of its own, supplied the scholarship,

the shipyards and the maps that let Iberia's ambitions become fact.

Empire is remembered as a matter of will. It was also a matter of borrowed tools.

Consider the Arsenal of Venice, the largest industrial site in Europe long before anyone spoke of an industrial revolution. Its workers built galleys on something close to an assembly line, standardising hulls and rigging so that ships could be produced fast and repaired faster.

Among its designs was the galleass, a vessel that married a galley's speed with a galleon's cannon and cargo space. Spain took the idea.

By 1588, when the Armada sailed against England, Venetian ship-building logic sat inside Spanish hulls. The Armada failed, scattered by weather and English guns, but the failure does not erase the debt. Spain had gone to war with England using a naval architecture it had learned, rather than invented.

Ships still need somewhere to go. Venetian cartographers had spent centuries drawing Portolan charts, working maps stitched with rhumb lines that let a captain plot a bearing between one port and the next.

These were instruments, refined by generations of Mediterranean commerce, and Spanish pilots at the Casa de la Contratación leaned on them heavily. Venetian presses then printed these maps in numbers no single court could match, sending accurate geography out over Europe's ports.

The compass point in a Spanish captain's hand had, more often than official memory likes to admit, been set by a Venetian draftsman.

Portugal's dependence ran just



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as deep. In 1457, King Afonso V commissioned the Venetian monk Fra Mauro to build a world map, and the result became one of the most advanced pieces of geography its century produced, folding Mediterranean knowledge into Portuguese ambition.

Lisbon kept commissioning Venetian and Florentine cosmographers to refine what its sailors thought they knew about the world's edges. Even the commerce itself bent toward Venetian involvement: merchants and financiers from the republic helped move

Portuguese sugar and enslaved people between the Atlantic and Mediterranean economies, stitching two systems of profit into one.

Historians have called Venice and Portugal a single "line of tradition" running from the medieval Mediterranean into the modern

ocean.

None of this diminishes what Iberian sailors did. Crossing an unmapped sea in a wooden hull is not a small act because someone else drew the chart. What it does is complicate the story Spain and Portugal told about themselves, and that later generations retold uncritically: a story of solitary national triumph, competition as the whole explanation.

The record says otherwise. It says exchange, apprenticeship, borrowed instruments and hired minds moved alongside the flags.

There is a harder question inside this history, one that reaches past the sixteenth century.

Pigafetta's journal shows that the account of an achievement can outlast the achievement's authors, that whoever writes the record holds a power equal to whoever performed the deed.

Spain's shipwrights show that borrowing a design well can matter as much as inventing one. Venice's mapmakers show that whoever controls accurate information about the world holds something closer to leverage than to service.

None of these lessons remained in the sixteenth century. They only changed their instruments.

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The History of a Muslim Divide

Kodra travels from early Islamic conflicts to Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Western mosques to examine how old disputes became enduring identities.



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A fortress, a handful of travelers and a long argument about faith.

That is where Rashid Shaz begins *Kodra: A Shia-Sunni Odyssey: Travels Through a Fractured Faith*, and it is an arresting choice.

Kodra, associated with soothsaying and insight, becomes less a destination than a vantage point from which centuries of Muslim history can be examined. Its walls hold debates about Karbala, Siffin, leadership, technology, capitalism, hadith and the future of the ummah.

The people gathered there seem to bring whole traditions with them.

There is the zealot, the sceptic, the nostalgic traditionalist, the technophile and the disillusioned activist. They argue, remember, challenge and defend. Through them, Shaz turns theological disputes into something physical and immediate.

History is no longer a distant sequence of dates. It becomes something people inhabit.

That is the central achievement of *Kodra*.

Shaz sees the Shia-Sunni divide as a living inheritance, sustained by stories, political interests, religious authority and memories that have acquired the force of doctrine.

The book, published by Peace India International in Jamia Nagar, New Delhi, in 2024, runs to 278 pages and costs Rs 900. It grows out of Shaz's original Urdu travelogue and travels through geography, theology and history with the freedom of a writer who does not want to remain inside

one literary form. Its prose moves between narrative and philosophy, bringing dense religious questions into the setting of journeys, landscapes and imagined exchanges.

That form suits Shaz's purpose.

He is an Urdu prose stylist with a taste for confrontation. His writing has the force of someone turning an object over in his hands, examining the underside after everyone else has admired the surface. The English translation has the difficult task of preserving that quality while making his arguments accessible beyond Urdu-reading circles.

The journey eventually leads back to the first great fractures. Siffin and Nahrawan, followed by Karbala, occupy a large place in the book because Shaz sees these events as political struggles that acquired increasingly permanent theological meanings.

Competing memories transformed historical actors into symbols. One community's hero became another community's villain. The old political battlefield survived as a religious map.

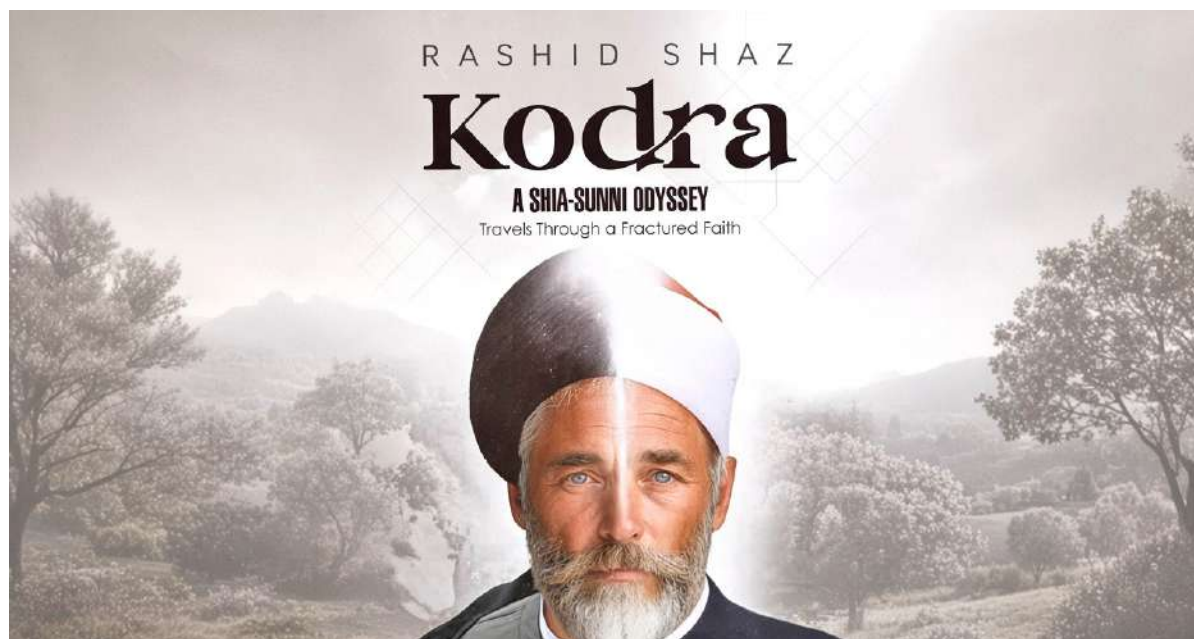
That map has not remained confined to history books. Shaz connects it to the rivalry between Iran and Saudi Arabia, where sectarian identities have also functioned within contests for regional influence.

The argument then moves towards the Arab Spring, its collapse into what Shaz calls an "Arab Winter," and the rise of ISIS and sectarian militias.

His larger concern is the ease with which inherited grievances can be converted into political instruments. Once companions of the Prophet become permanent objects of competing reverence and condemnation, shared historical memory becomes difficult to construct.

The past begins dictating the boundaries of the present.

The Bosnia section gives the argument an unexpected setting. Here Shaz looks at Muslims emerging from genocide and war, only to encounter competing religious influences arriving from Qom and Riyadh. Students returning from seminaries brought theological frameworks with



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them. Polemical literature followed. Accusations of unbelief and deviation entered a society already scarred by violence.

Bosnia becomes one of the book's sharpest examples because sectarianism appears alongside another force: capitalism.

Shaz writes about consumerism, inequality and the erosion of communal bonds while tracing the religious competition taking place around it.

His Bosnia is therefore neither an isolated theological case nor a simple story of foreign influence. It is a society trying to rebuild itself while different ideas of Muslim identity

compete for space.

The same tension appears in Shaz's discussion of Muslims in Western societies.

Even where Muslims confront suspicion from outside their communities, disputes can emerge inside mosques over boards, jurisprudential schools and competing versions of religious authority. Political and clerical actors, he argues, can selectively invoke hadith to support particular positions.

The book then descends deeper into Muslim intellectual history.

The Mongol sack of Baghdad and the destruction of books become part

of Shaz's account of a civilisation losing space for independent scholarship. He connects that destruction with a later decline in *ijtihad*, as inherited interpretations acquired an authority that made questioning increasingly difficult.

Sectarian slogans hardened, while personal interpretations took on the weight of religious decrees.

Shaz's most provocative challenge comes when he turns to Karbala itself. He does not deny its tragedy, but questions the layers of narration that accumulated around it and the use of embellished hadith reports to keep communities fixed within

opposing emotional camps. Siffin and Nahrawan receive similar scrutiny.

His answer is stark: abandon sectarian labels and return to the Quran as the common scriptural foundation.

That proposition explains much of the hostility surrounding Shaz's work.

The source material describes him as an iconoclastic thinker who has challenged inherited theology and the authority of traditional ulema. Critics have branded him a blasphemer or deviant. His work's concentration in Urdu has given him both protection from a wider polemical storm and a serious limitation in reaching readers beyond South Asia.

Kodra changes that equation through translation. It takes a South Asian Muslim critique of sectarianism into a wider literary space.

The book is not without weaknesses. Its historical reconstructions sometimes leave questions that call for fuller examination, and its ambitious movement between travelogue, theology and philosophy can demand patience. But its audacity is also its reason for being read.

Kodra is finally less interested in deciding which inherited camp possesses the correct memory than in asking why Muslims continue to inherit the camps themselves.

The fortress becomes an apt place for that argument.

People sit within its walls discussing battles that happened centuries ago, while the consequences of those battles continue to appear in politics, institutions, mosques and communal identities.

Shaz asks what might happen if the walls themselves became the subject of inquiry.

That is where *Kodra* leaves its reader, with an unsettling possibility.

The deepest sectarian inheritance may not be the memory of Karbala, Siffin or Nahrawan. It may be the habit of treating those memories as permanent boundaries of faith.

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Iran Sets Terms to Reopen Hormuz in 7 Days

Agencies

Dubai: Iran has offered to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and resume talks on its nuclear programme in seven days if the United States lifts its naval blockade, waives sanctions on Iranian oil sales and observes a ceasefire that would include Lebanon.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi detailed the proposal in a private gathering on Thursday on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, according to one attendee.

Trita Parsi, executive vice president of the Quincy Institute think tank, who attended, said Araghchi suggested that a speedy agreement would help US President Donald Trump ahead of November's midterm elections.

There was no immediate comment from Iran's UN mission or other Iranian officials.

The proposal strongly resembles the so-called Memorandum of Understanding reached in June, but with an accelerated timetable. The earlier agreement, which had called for a



60-day interim period, quickly collapsed as Iran resumed attacks on shipping in the strait.

Trump has said he is in no rush to reach a deal, even as high oil prices fuel inflation and exacerbate cost of living concerns. On the Iranian side, there are questions as to whether the hard-liners who dominate the security forces will accept compromises championed by relative moderates, like President Masoud Pezeshkian.

"If Trump calculates this arrangement is worthwhile and can bring political benefit before the midterms and reduce gas prices, perhaps we'll see flexibility not

seen in previous weeks," Parsi said. But he noted "deep suspicion," especially around the prospect of Iran merely buying time to get out more of its oil and ease its economic pain.

In the latest sign of diplomatic movement, Pezeshkian hosted the prime minister of Qatar early Friday. Qatar has served as a key mediator, including during hours of indirect Iranian-US talks at the UN this week.

It was not clear how long Pezeshkian and Araghchi would stay in the US after Pezeshkian addressed the annual UN gathering of world leaders on Wednesday.

Delegates Walk Out as Netanyahu Addresses UN

Agencies

United Nations: Israel's increasingly isolated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took centre stage at the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, defending his decision to attack Iran as an easy one.

Hamas said it was ready to move forward on a Gaza peace agreement, while a top European Union official said only a small amount of the funds needed to rebuild the Gaza Strip has been collected.

Here is a look at the latest news from the Middle East. More coverage of the UN General Assembly is available here.

Netanyahu calls claims of Gaza genocide the lie of the century

Allegations of Israeli genocide in Gaza are "the biggest lie of the century," Netanyahu told world leaders in a defiant speech before the UN General Assembly.

Netanyahu's appearance in the hall was met with a mix of cheers, boos and mass walkouts. Scores of delegates



trooped out and a majority of seats sat empty as he spoke.

"If there are any other moral cowards who have not yet left the hall, please do so now," Netanyahu said.

His voice rising in emphasis, Netanyahu said attacking Iran "was one of the easiest decisions I've ever had to make" and denounced as "moral cowards" delegates who walked out of the hall.

Abbas addresses UN by video

after visa is denied

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was forced to address the UN in a prerecorded video after the United States again denied him a visa to attend the General Assembly.

The 90-year-old leader's popularity at home and relevance abroad have both waned. But in his remarks, Abbas made clear he did not intend to quietly accept being sidelined.

"We will not leave our

homeland. We will not accept displacement. And we will not allow anyone to decide our future on our behalf," Abbas said.

Though world leaders have repeatedly invoked the plight of Palestinians in speeches throughout the week, Abbas urged the international community to take more tangible action against Israel.

It was the second straight year Abbas was denied a visa. (AP)

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Statehood Resolution

House," BJP MLA R S Pathania said.

BJP members entered the Well of the House, raised slogans and tore copies of the resolution. The protests were followed by heated exchanges between members of the BJP and the ruling National Conference and Congress.

The disruption later escalated into physical altercations. BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa was marshalled out of the House amid the continuing commotion.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather repeatedly appealed to the legislators to return to their seats and allow proceedings to continue. With the appeals going unheeded, he first adjourned the House for 30 minutes. When the House resumed, the protests continued.

Omar Accuses BJP of Avoiding Vote

Speaking to reporters after the initial adjournment, Omar Abdullah accused BJP MLAs of creating a ruckus to avoid voting on the statehood resolution.

"You saw how the BJP reacted to this. Because they simply do not want to vote on statehood. They want to back out of this vote under one pretext or another," Omar said.

He stressed that the House was not being asked to vote on Article 370, special status or autonomy.

"Today, no one is asking them to vote on Article 370... or special status or autonomy. We are asking for a vote from the BJP solely and exclusively on statehood, and they are not ready," he said.

Omar said the earlier resolutions remained part of the Assembly's record and that mentioning them in the new resolution did not dilute or replace them.

He said the reference had been deliberately included to prevent anyone from later claiming that the National Conference government had abandoned its earlier positions.

"If we hadn't initially written it, some of our friends might have said, we have abandoned the rest, and come to just statehood," he said. According to Omar, the new resolution "neither abrogates them, nor subjugates them, nor ignores them."

'Show Me One Anti-National Word'

The Chief Minister also rejected the BJP's allegation that the resolution was "anti-national" and challenged the Opposition to identify any such language in the text.

"We are simply saying that the Centre must immediately restore full and complete statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Show me one anti-national word used in this resolution," he said.

The BJP had also questioned the procedure adopted in introducing the resolution. BJP members alleged that Assembly rules were violated as Omar read out the resolution before formally tabling it.

BJP members maintained that they would not allow any discussion on autonomy or Article 370.

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma later told reporters outside the House that the BJP would not allow a debate or admission on autonomy or Article 370.

Omar Recalls Statehood 'Promise'

While introducing the resolution, Omar said restoration of statehood had been presented as the third stage of a process that included delimitation and elections.

"A promise was made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. A promise was made in Parliament, a promise in the Supreme Court, and a promise in various public forums, that a three-step process would be implemented: first delimitation, then elections, and then statehood," he said.

Omar said delimitation had taken place and elections had subsequently been held, but statehood had not been restored.

He said the government had repeatedly reminded the Centre about the commitment but that the promise remained unfulfilled.

"We have been waiting. In public and private meetings and every forum, we made the Government of India remember that you had made a promise with the people of J&K but it is not being fulfilled," Omar said.

He also referred to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's earlier association with the statehood commitment, saying Modi had described it as "Modi's promise".

Omar questioned why the commitment had not yet been fulfilled.

'We Want Full Statehood'

The Chief Minister also rejected speculation about a possible partial restoration of statehood.

"This is what we hear every now and then: we will get half a state, we will get a quarter state, we will get a state without law and order. Sir, we don't want that kind of state. We were promised a full state, and we want the full state back," Omar said.

He said the statehood issue should not be viewed as belonging to either the treasury benches or the Opposition.

"The statehood is not for treasury benches or opposition benches or of this House, the statehood is for the entire J&K," he said.

Omar Challenges BJP to Vote

Omar urged the BJP's 29 legislators to participate in the debate and make their position clear through their votes.

"Don't abstain, don't walk out, don't create a ruckus, cast your vote! If you support statehood, vote 'yes'; if you oppose statehood, vote 'no'. Let the people know," he said.

He also pointed out that BJP legislators had contested the elections while speaking about statehood.

"You constantly remind us of our manifesto, yet you don't remember your own," Omar said, urging the BJP members to raise their objections inside the House rather than disrupt proceedings.

Government Ready for Debate

Responding to BJP demands for a discussion on the performance of the Omar Abdullah government, the Chief Minister said he was prepared to face a debate on the government's record over the past two years.

"I am ready. Bring the discussion on Monday; whatever our performance has been over the past two years, we will place everything before the House," he said.

Omar said the government would also explain the difficulties and challenges it had faced during the period.

He said the discussion could be followed by a vote on the statehood resolution and its transmission to the Centre.

Defending the wording of the resolution, Omar said the reference to the 2000 and 2024 resolutions was necessary because the government did not want its latest move to be interpreted as abandoning its earlier positions.

The 2000 resolution was passed by the Farooq Abdullah-led NC government and sought greater autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir. The 2024 resolution, passed after the restoration of an elected Assembly, sought restoration of the special status that existed before the August 2019 constitutional changes.

The new resolution does not itself seek a vote on either autonomy or Article 370. Its operative demand is for the immediate restoration of full statehood and forwarding of the resolution to the Government of India.

Slogans and Counter-Slogans

The protests continued after the House resumed.

BJP members raised slogans including "autonomy resolution nahin chalega" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", while members of the NC and Congress raised counter-slogans demanding restoration of statehood.

PDP members also displayed placards demanding restoration of Article 370.

Minister Sakina Itoo questioned the BJP members during the exchanges, asking under which law Article 370 and statehood had been taken away.

BJP members again entered the Well and raised slogans, including "anti-national agenda nahin chalega".

The confrontation continued despite repeated appeals from the Speaker.

House Adjourned

As the situation remained unsettled, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather adjourned the House. The statehood resolution is expected to come up for discussion on Monday.

The day's proceedings therefore ended without the Assembly voting on the resolution.

The immediate political divide in the House centred not on the operative demand for restoration of statehood alone, but on the inclusion of references to the 2000 autonomy resolution and the 2024 special-status resolution. The ruling side maintained that the references preserved the Assembly's earlier positions, while the BJP said it would not permit discussion on autonomy or Article 370.

J&K Okays Free

The government said detailed modalities for implementation of the scheme would be issued separately after vetting and approval by the competent authority.

Rain Likely

temperature of 27.9 degrees Celsius on Friday, 0.9 degrees above normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 12.4 degrees Celsius, 1.4 degrees above normal.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 26.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 9.4 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded 22.6 degrees Celsius and 7.4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 28.8 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius. Kokernag recorded 25.6 degrees Celsius and 9.2 degrees Celsius, while Gulmarg recorded 18.4 degrees Celsius and 5.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 31.9 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 22.6 degrees Celsius.

Katra recorded a maximum of 29.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 19.4 degrees Celsius, while Banihal recorded 26.6 degrees Celsius and 10.6 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Batote recorded a maximum temperature of 25.3 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 14.3 degrees Celsius, while Bhadarwah recorded 26 degrees Celsius and 9.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

No rainfall was recorded at Srinagar, Qazigund, Pahalgam, Kupwara, Kokernag, Gulmarg, Banihal, Batote, Katra or Bhadarwah between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. Jammu recorded 1 mm of rainfall during the period.

Patnitop In Centre's

for proposal, as finalised by the steering committee constituted by the government, had been floated for engaging a consultancy agency to prepare the master plan.

On construction norms for hilly areas, Abdullah said these were proposed to be reviewed wherever required during the preparation or revision of the master plans.

The review would take into account local terrain, geological and structural safety considerations, environmental sensitivity, carrying capacity, infrastructure requirements and tourism potential, he said.

Regarding the proposed revision of Building Operation and Construction Authority (BOCA) norms for commercial buildings within the PDA jurisdiction, the chief minister said any modification in construction norms, zoning regulations, land-use classification or other planning parameters would be considered in accordance with prevailing laws, rules and applicable planning and building regulations.

Such changes would be made after due assessment and consultation with concerned stakeholders, he said.

J&K Flash Floods

of 5,207 livestock in Jammu division and 37 in Kashmir division, the government said.

On restoration, the government said roads and water supply schemes damaged during 2025-26 had been temporarily restored, while permanent restoration work was underway.

For 2026-27, affected infrastructure has been partially restored, with permanent restoration work in progress across the affected districts.

The government said no special financial package or relief had been sanctioned specifically for rehabilitation. However, relief admissible under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms was being provided to affected persons.

The reply also said the Chief Minister had provided assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for structural damages.

In Kishtwar, Rs 1 lakh each was disbursed to 16 families whose houses were damaged in the Chishoti cloudburst during 2025-26, while Rs 25,000 each was provided to three families whose houses suffered partial damage.

For 2026-27, Rs 108 lakh was released to 87 beneficiaries in Poonch and Rs 281 lakh to 377 beneficiaries in Rajouri under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

50% OM Representation

and equitable balance between reserved and Open Merit categories in recruitment and admissions, the government said, "Appropriate measures are being taken."

It said the Cabinet Sub-Committee was constituted to address grievances raised by different stakeholders and rationalise reservation quotas across all categories.

The government reiterated that the committee had examined the existing reservation structure and submitted its recommendations to the Council of Ministers, which subsequently approved them and forwarded the matter to the competent authority.

The reply did not disclose the details of the Cabinet Sub-Committee's recommendations or specify a timeline for a final decision on the proposal.

J&K Leads UTs

of the agency from Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials of the Union Health Ministry, National Health Authority and other dignitaries.

According to officials, the recognition was the result of the collective efforts of SHA J&K, Chief Medical Officers, district teams, frontline health workers and field functionaries across the Union Territory.

Their efforts at the district and grassroots levels helped ensure that frontline workers were covered with Ayushman Cards and could access the benefits available under the scheme.

The State Health Agency said the recognition would provide further momentum to its efforts to strengthen AB-PMJAY SEHAT and expand the reach of the scheme across Jammu and Kashmir.

HC Rejects ED

the RPC, material gathered during the investigation disclosed sufficient grounds to frame charges under Sections 411 and 424 as well.

The High Court, however, observed that the allegations arising from the CBI chargesheet were essentially based on alleged criminal misappropriation and breach of trust.

"The material presently available does not disclose a distinct receipt or retention of stolen property by the respondents in the capacity contemplated by that provision," the court said.

It further observed that the alleged acts formed part of the principal transaction involving conspiracy, misappropriation and criminal breach of trust.

The court said mere movement of funds through different bank accounts in furtherance of an alleged conspiracy could not, by itself, justify addition of a charge under Section 411 RPC.

At the same time, the High Court clarified that the ED was within its rights to bring alleged omissions to the trial court's notice after setting aside the finding that it lacked locus standi.

The court also said the rejection of the ED's plea would not prevent the trial court from exercising its powers under Section 216 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to alter or add charges if fresh evidence emerges during the trial.

"Should any material emerge during the course of trial which prima facie discloses commission of an offence under sections 411 or 424 of the RPC, or any other penal provision, it shall remain open to the trial court to exercise its power of alteration or addition of charge, strictly in accordance with law," the order said. The ED case stems from an FIR registered

by the CBI against former office-bearers of the JKCA, including former general secretary Mohammed Saleem Khan and treasurer Ahsan Ahmad Mirza.

The CBI filed a chargesheet in 2018 against former chief minister and JKCA president Farooq Abdullah, Khan, Mirza, former treasurer Mir Manzoor Gazanfer Ali and former accountants Bashir Ahmad Misgar and Gulzar Ahmad Beigh.

The CBI alleged misappropriation of JKCA funds amounting to Rs 43.69 crore from grants provided by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for promotion of cricket in the erstwhile state between 2002 and 2011.

According to the ED, its investigation found that the JKCA received Rs 94.06 crore from the BCCI through three bank accounts between financial years 2005-06 and 2011-12, up to December 2011.

In February 2020, the ED attached assets worth Rs 2.6 crore belonging to Mirza and Gazanfer, alleging that Mirza transferred substantial amounts into his personal bank accounts, from where the funds were allegedly transferred elsewhere or withdrawn in cash.

The agency alleged that Rs 1.31 crore of the laundered amount was received by Gazanfer, who was a member of the JKCA finance committee between 2006 and 2009.

The ED further alleged that Mirza and Gazanfer opened a joint personal bank account with Jammu and Kashmir Bank into which JKCA funds were transferred.

The agency alleged that the funds were subsequently withdrawn in cash or transferred to other accounts, including an account linked to Mirza's firm.

According to the ED, Mirza remained an authorised signatory on JKCA bank accounts from 2004 until March 2012. In 2011, he was elected JKCA general secretary, while Farooq Abdullah was its president.

SIR Storm Hits EC

to explain the reported differences.

LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan said the issue could affect public confidence in the electoral system and urged the EC to address the concerns forcefully. TDP leader Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu and Rashtriya Lok Morcha chief Upendra Kushwaha also called for greater transparency and clarification.

The Election Commission, meanwhile, has said that differing views among commissioners are part of the deliberative process and that its official decisions carry legal sanction.

Prominent Voters Get SIR Notices

Meanwhile, the SIR exercise in Delhi has thrown up another unusual twist, with several prominent personalities—including BJP veteran L K Advani, former vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal—receiving notices over discrepancies in their electoral records.

Officials said field verification has since been carried out in most such cases and the names have been reserved for inclusion in the final electoral roll scheduled to be published on November 4.

More than 97 lakh electors figure in Delhi's draft roll, while around 33.13 lakh voters were identified for notices over discrepancies in their enumeration forms, according to officials.

Left Announces Street Battle

Adding to the pressure, five Left parties—the CPI(M), CPI, CPI(ML)-Liberation, RSP and All India Forward Bloc—have demanded Kumar's removal and a halt to the SIR exercise.

The parties have announced week-long protests across the country from September 26 to October 2, demanding restoration of voting rights for those they allege have been wrongly excluded from electoral rolls and measures to protect the independence and credibility of the Election Commission.

The widening controversy now spans the Supreme Court, the Election Commission, ruling-alliance partners and opposition parties, with questions over the SIR process becoming an increasingly prominent issue in the national debate over electoral rolls.

Staff Shortage Hits Some J&K Healthcare Institutions: Govt

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has acknowledged a shortage of medical and paramedical staff in certain healthcare institutions across the Union Territory, while maintaining that health services are functioning smoothly.

The Health and Medical Education Department, as reported by KNO, stated this in a written reply to a starred question raised by MLA Hazratbal Salman Ali Sagar regarding the shortage of doctors and other medical staff.

The department said the

extent of the shortage varies from institution to institution depending on sanctioned strength, existing vacancies, functional requirements and service delivery needs. It added that the manpower position is being continuously monitored to ensure optimum utilisation of available human resources.

"Wherever required, the available Medical/Paramedical manpower is rationally deployed and adjusted among healthcare institutions," the department said, adding that patient load, functional requirements, institutional needs and availability of specialised services are taken into consideration.

J&K Bank Signs MoU With Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Strengthening its institutional engagement across Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Rajouri, aimed at enhancing banking convenience and facilitating efficient, technology-enabled financial services for the Uni-

versity's staff and students.

The MoU was signed in presence of BGSBU Vice Chancellor Prof. Jawaidd Iqbal and Registrar Ravi Kumar Sihag (IAS). Bank's DGM & Zonal Head (Rajouri) Rajeev Kumar Digra, AGM & Cluster Head (Rajouri) Ashish Jamwal, BGSBU CP & AO Qamar Rehman and Branch Head (BGSBU) Ashok Rotra were also present on the occasion.

Peer Ki Gali, Sadhna Tunnel Alignments Under Finalisation: Govt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has said that the alignment finalisation for the proposed Peer Ki Gali and Sadhna tunnels is currently underway, while the Singphora-Vailoo tunnel project has reached the bidding stage.

The government made the disclosure in response to an unstarred question raised by MLA Irfan Hafiz Lone regarding the status of proposed tunnel projects and measures being taken to ensure their timely execution.

According to the reply submitted by the Public Works (R&B) Department, the proposed Peer Ki Gali tunnel on the Mughal Road has an approximate length of 8.51 kilometres and is being executed by Project BEACON.

The department said the alignment finalisation process is in progress. It added that compliance with observations made by the Additional Director General (Tunnel), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), during a site visit from June 17 to 19, 2026, was furnished to the ministry on September 9.

"Approval awaited. DPR will be prepared after approval of the alignment. Actual timeline shall be decided after approval of DPR from MoRTH," the government said.

The proposed Sadhna Tunnel on the Kupwara-Karnah road, with an approximate length of 7.82 kilometres, is also being executed by Project BEACON.

The government said the alignment of the tunnel is under finalisation and compliance with the observations raised by the ADG



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(Tunnel), MoRTH, during the June 17-19 site visit was submitted to the ministry on September 9.

As in the case of Peer Ki Gali, the government said approval of the alignment was awaited, following which the Detailed Project Report (DPR) would be prepared. The actual execution timeline would be determined after the DPR receives approval from MoRTH.

On the proposed Singphora-Vailoo tunnel, which is approximately 10 kilometres long, the government said the project is presently at the bidding stage. The stipulated completion period for the project is 60 months from the appointed date.

The government also provided updates on several road projects proposed in and around the Gulmarg and Baramulla areas.

It said the DPR for the Baba Reshi-Gulmarg Road, from Chontwari via Baba Reshi to Gulmarg, has been prepared at an estimated cost of Rs 4,034.25 lakh. The DPR was prepared in compliance with directions issued by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during a review of District Baramulla on October 14, 2025.

However, the proposed align-

ment passes through dense forest areas and requires forest clearance besides assured funding, the government said. Regarding the Hajibal-Gratbal-Daji-Baba Reshi Road, the government said the road has been macadamised during the current financial year under the Cities and Towns Programme.

The DPR for the proposed Cherry Valley Road, meanwhile, would be prepared after assured funding and forest clearance are secured.

On the Dandmuh-Sattrissan Road, the government said the Kalantra-Dandmoh Sattrissan Nagbal road, measuring around 10 kilometres, has an estimated cost of Rs 15 crore. The project has been prioritised under the Central Road Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) 2026-27 and forwarded to the Government of India for approval. Sanction is awaited.

On the status of the Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA), the government said the agency is currently undertaking financial closure of the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), which was physically completed on August 31, 2026. (with KNO inputs)

Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 Early Deals Go Live

SRINAGAR: Amazon India has announced the launch of Early Deals for the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026, offering discounts across smartphones, electronics, fashion, beauty, home and kitchen appliances, automobiles and everyday essentials ahead of the main festive sale beginning October 8.

The company said customers can access deals on lakhs of products, with SBI Credit and Debit Card users eligible for a 10 per cent instant discount on transactions and EMI purchases. Prime members can avail additional benefits during the festive shopping period.

Amazon Pay is also offering a range of rewards. Prime members using the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card can earn unlimited five per cent cashback, while non-Prime members can earn three per cent cashback. Amazon Pay Later customers can avail 10 per cent cashback on select purchases and Pay in 3 interest-free EMIs on cart values of ₹1,500 and above.

The company said Amazon Now has expanded rapidly and now offers delivery within minutes across more than 65 Indian cities and towns. More than one million products are available for same-day delivery, while over four million products can be delivered the next day.

Amazon is also highlighting AI-powered shopping tools during the sale. Its Rufus assistant enables customers to search for products using natural-language prompts, while Lens AI allows shoppers to identify products by taking a photograph. Rufus also offers price-history tracking over 30 to 90 days and price alerts.

Among the Early Deals, customers can find the OnePlus N6x at ₹18,499, OnePlus Watch 2R at ₹9,999 and Apple MacBook Neo at ₹71,990. Other offers include Sony Alpha ILCE-6700 at ₹1,25,990 and Marshall Acton III speakers at ₹27,999.

Home and appliance deals include LG 55-inch Smart TV at ₹45,990, Samsung 653-litre smart refrigerator at ₹82,990 and Bosch 8-kg front-load washing machine at ₹31,490.

Amazon said fashion and beauty products from several leading brands are available at discounts of up to 80 per cent, while select automotive products, kitchen appliances and home-improvement products are also being offered at reduced prices.

Amazon Bazaar is offering discounts of up to 70 per cent on budget-oriented fashion, beauty, kitchen and home products.

The Amazon Great Indian Festival officially begins on October 8, with Early Deals already available on Amazon.in.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION SOPORE KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

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NIT NO.STDS/ 17 of 2026-27

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dated: 24/09/2026

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), the Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division Sopore, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid B-Class Civil Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM, as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules of SBD forming part of this document. The detail of works is as under

1	Name of the Work	Construction of Control Room Building for 3x1 MVA Receiving Station for Associated Hospital of GMC Handwara including allied Civil works
2	Estimated Cost(in Lakhs)	30.71
3	Cost of tender document in Rs. (Non- refundable)	₹ 1100/-
4	Cost of EMD @2% in Rs.	₹ 61,420/-

Critical Dates

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document/ Sale of Bid Document (Start) / Clarifications start date	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 24th September, 2026; 04:00 PM
B	Clarifications end date / e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	28 th September, 2026; 10:00 AM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)/ e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)/ Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date	19 th October, 2026; 02:00 PM
D	Online Technical and Commercial e-Bid opening date & Time	21 st October, 2026; 03:00 PM
E	Financial Bid opening	After completion of process of evaluation of Technical & commercial Bids
F	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER STD SOPORE

All other details viz. Eligibility Criteria, Terms & Conditions, Schedules are mentioned in the SBD forming the part of the document.

No: STDS/TS/ 1015-18

Dated: 24/09/2026

DIPK-NB-1717-26

DT: 25/09/2026

Sd/
Executive Engineer, KPDCL
Sub Transmission Division
Sopore

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with Revenue Stamp of Rs. 5/- are invited from the registered/ approved/authorized dealers/suppliers/firms for supply of the following Essential Dental IOPAR & OPG Films required for day to day smooth running of the Hospital on the terms & Conditions mentioned below.

S. No.	Name of the item
01	X-ray OPG Films (8x10) Inches for care stream dry view 5700 laser imager
02	IOPAR X-Ray films

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Sealed tenders accompanied with CDR/FDR worth Rs.7500/- (Rupees Seven Thousand five Hundred only) pledged to Accounts Officer, GDC&H Srinagar should reach to the office of the undersigned within 7 days from the publication in the daily newspaper up to (01.00 PM).
- The rates quoted for the items with all specifications must be typed without any cuttings/corrections and shall be inclusive of all taxes/charges whatsoever and FOR stores GDC&H Srinagar.
- The tenders received after the prescribed date and time will not be entertained.
- The sealed tenders /bids so received shall be opened on the same day in the office chamber of the Medical Superintendent, Govt. Dental College, & Hospital, Srinagar or any other date convenient to the committee constituted for the purpose.
- In case any of the representatives intends to be present, he/she will be allowed only after having the authorization from the tenderer duly signed/stamped.
- The successful bidder/Firm(s) shall have to supply the ordered item within (07) days from the date of issuance of supply order as the items are being of urgent nature.
- The tender shall remain valid for three (03) months from the date of finalization of tenders or till the supplies are received through JKMSCL whichever is earlier. The items floated in this tender notice are not available at present with J&KMSCL & NOC has also been obtained from J&KMSCL.
- The product specification of the above required items are not available at present on GeM portal due to repairs of category as GeM AR&PTS certificates generated from Gem Portal.
- The participating firm/Bidder has to provide a copy of the PAN card, Aadhar card, GST details and bank account details of the firm.
- The tenderers shall have to deposit the sample of quoted items.
- The committee shall have the right to reject any / all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

No: GDC/Pur/2026/2138-43

Date: 25-09-2026

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DT: 25/09/2026

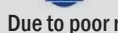
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EXTENSION NOTICE NO. 1



Due to poor response, the last date for submission of e-bid in respect of this office's e-NIT No. ED-II/16 of 2026-27; Dated: 31/08/26 issued vide this office endorsement No. ED-II/TS/9716-23; Dated: 31/08/26, having Tender ID : 2026_PDD_322922_1 for "Annual Maintenance Rate Contract (AMRC) for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of HT/LT Line Materials, Sub-Station works, Streetlighting etc in the jurisdiction of KPDCL, Rajbagh for the period September 2026 to August 2027 or till Finalization of next rate contract" is hereby now extended with the details enumerated below :

Last Date for receipt of e-Bids online (Extended)	03-10-2026; 04:00 PM
Bid Opening Date (Extended)	05-10-2026; 02:30 PM

However, the rest of the terms and conditions as laid down in the e-NIT shall remain the same.

No.:ED-II/TS/11612-21

Dated: 24/09/26

DIPK-NB-1721-26

DT: 25/09/2026

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Executive Engineer
KPDCL, ED-2nd, Rajbagh
Srinagar

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

FRESH NIT No- 117 of RnB-Sopore of 2026-2027 e-tendering DATED: 24.09.2026 (3rd call).

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following works:

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. cost	Cost of Tender Documents In Rupees	E/ Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M. H of Account	Position of TS
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
1	Upgradation of link roads of Duroo Mundji Boitangoo and allied links.	29.319	1100/-	58640/	365 days	30.09. 2026	AAY/ BEE	Road Sector (Capx Budget 2026-27)	EE/R&B/ Sopore 72 of 2026-27 dated: 19.08.2026
2	Upgradation of link roads of Nowpora	24.27	800/-	48540/	365 days	30.09. 2026	BEE/ CEE	Road Sector (Capx Budget 2026-27)	EE/R&B/ Sopore 75 of 2026-27 dated: 20.08.2026

Project Authority: PWD (R&B) North Kmr.

Position of funds: Available

Position of AA: 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 detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	24 .09.2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	24.09.2026 to 30.09.2026
3	Bid Submission start date	24.09.2026
4	Bid submission End date	30.09.2026 (4.00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bides (online)	30.09.2026 4:30 PM) in the office of Ex. Engineer R&B Division. Sopore

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) with NIT No. Name of work and S.No. deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore . Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/ bid security of 2% will be released after submission of a performance security of 5% of the quoted cost which will be released after completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

- Geotag Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided.

All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per e-NIT No.03 of 2026-27 & NIT No: 81,84,85 and 86 of 2026-27 and NIT-No:104 of 2026-27.

If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected out rightly.

- If the Contractor breaches the contract, the Department reserves the right to award the remaining work to new bidders at the defaulting contractor's expense immediately after the notice of breach has been served on the defaulter. In the event of a breach of contract by the Contractor, the Performance Security will be forfeited along with the termination of contract termination. Furthermore, the defaulting contractor will be barred from participating in future from participating in R&B Department in Bidding Processes for a period of one year. Any Subsequent Breach shall result in process of irrevocable cancellation of Registration.

- The bidder must be registered on JKPWDOMS portal, while participating in the tendering process it should be ensured that all bank account of contractors mapped on JKPWDOMS must be linked with PAN No, GST No and ADHAAR No as per the circular instructions issued by the Finance Department.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT,

No 8240-49
Dated: 24.09.2026.

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