

NATF Tiranga rally traverses Pir Panjal, spreads message of national unity and patriotism

Two-day rally from Jammu to Sharda Sharif pays tribute to martyrs at Balidan Stambh; around 100 people join NATF at Thanna Mandi
JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
THANAMANDI, AUG 17:

Carrying a powerful message of patriotism, national unity, respect for the Tricolour and dedication towards the nation, the National Anti-Terrorist Front (NATF) organised a grand two-day Tiranga Rally that traversed several parts of the Pir Panjal region and concluded at Sharda Sharif with the National Anthem. The historic rally commenced from Jammu and passed through Sunderbani, Nowshera, Rajouri and Thanna Mandi before reaching Sharda Sharif, where the two-day programme concluded. The rally was led by NATF National Chairman Vishal Chopra, while the entire programme was organised under the leadership of Pir Panjal President Arshad Nawaz Khan.

The NATF national team, state body and various district-level representatives received warm and enthusiastic welcomes from people at different locations. The first major welcome was accorded at Sunderbani, followed by receptions at Nowshera and Rajouri. In Rajouri, a solemn tribute ceremony was organised at the Balidan Stambh, where NATF leaders and members paid heartfelt homage to brave soldiers and martyrs who sacrificed their lives in defence of the nation. With the Tricolour held high and patriotic slogans echoing through the area, the rally proceeded from the Balidan Stambh towards Thanna Mandi, carrying the message of sacrifice, patriotism and national unity. On reaching Thanna Mandi, the NATF national team and state body received an overwhelming welcome from local residents. A special programme was organised at Royal Furniture House, Thanna Mandi, where prominent citizens, youth and members of the public participated with great enthusiasm. Those present included NATF



National Chairman Vishal Chopra, National Media Advisor Abhishek Kapoor, National Joint Secretary Anshuman Chopra, National Executive Member Nigam Chopra, Chief Spokesperson Harish Raina, State Secretary Rabia Khajuria, State Joint Secretary Baldeep Kour, Rajouri President Sanjeev Manghu, Rajouri Working President Anshuman Chopra, Rajouri Youth President Himanshu, Sunderbani President Sanjay Sharma, Nowshera General Secretary Balkrishan Sharma, Tarun Khajuria and others.

The dignitaries and NATF representatives were honoured with garlands and traditional shawls as a mark of respect and appreciation. Prominent citizens of the area, including District Vice President, Pir Panjal, Mumtaz Hussain Khan; District Secretary, Pir Panjal, Shaafat Ali; Ab Gani Shah Sahib, Maqbool Raina, Javid Khan, Sabri, Maneer Khan, Shakeel Khan, Zahid Khan and Kamlak, were also present during the programme. The programme was formally conducted by Pir Panjal President Arshad Nawaz Khan, who commenced the proceedings with Vande Mataram. Addressing the gathering, Arshad Nawaz Khan

delivered a strong message of national unity and brotherhood, stating that the greatest strength of India lies in its unity and diversity.

He emphasised the message, “We are all Indians, and the nation comes first.” He said that the Tricolour is not merely a flag but a symbol of the honour, pride and glory of India. He called upon people from every section of society to come together to strengthen national unity, brotherhood and the integrity of the country.

Arshad Nawaz Khan also expressed gratitude to the people of Thanna Mandi for their overwhelming love, support and hospitality towards the NATF team. Addressing the gathering, NATF National Chairman Vishal Chopra said that the Tricolour represents national pride and has the power to unite millions of Indians under one identity. He stated that “Our first identity is that of an Indian, and nothing can be greater than the national interest.” Vishal Chopra said that the objective of the NATF Tiranga Rally was not to create any division but to strengthen the spirit of national unity, integrity, brotherhood and patriotism across the region. Paying tribute to the martyrs at Balidan Stambh, he said

that the sacrifices of brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation can never be forgotten. He appreciated the people of Thanna Mandi for their tremendous enthusiasm and said that the brotherhood witnessed during the programme was a powerful example of how the Tricolour can unite people beyond all differences.

One of the major highlights of the programme was the joining of around 100 local people into the NATF organisation. The new members expressed their commitment to the ideals of national unity, patriotism and service to the nation. Those who joined included Israr Ahmed, Shafeeq, Maqbool, Salman, Javid, Imran, Shanty, Shakeel, Javid Dar, Qayoom, Noman, Awais, Aslam, Asif Qasim, Shahzad Khan, Tariq, Sajid, Amjed, Rahil Abbas and Shakoor, along with many others.

The newly joined members pledged to work towards strengthening national unity, respecting the Tricolour and placing the interests of the nation above all else. After the grand programme at Thanna Mandi, the Tiranga Rally continued towards Sharda Sharif, where the two-day journey concluded with a strong message of patriotism and unity. The programme concluded with the National Anthem, paying respect to the nation and the Tricolour. The two-day NATF Tiranga Rally, which travelled from Jammu through Sunderbani, Nowshera, Rajouri and Thanna Mandi to Sharda Sharif, created a strong wave of patriotism and national unity across the Pir Panjal region. The rally conveyed a clear message of “Nation First — India Above All”, while highlighting the spirit of unity, brotherhood, respect for the Tricolour and remembrance of the brave martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

JIAR celebrates Charak Jayanti, pays tribute to legacy of Ayurveda

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, AUG 17:

Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research (JIAR), under the Department of Samhita Siddhanta Evam Sanskrit, celebrated Charak Jayanti with enthusiasm on August 17, paying tribute to Acharya Charak and his enduring contribution to the science and tradition of Ayurveda. The programme was graced by Guest of Honour Dr. Kashmir Singh Manhas along with dignitaries from Vishwa Ayurveda Parishad. The guests were warmly welcomed by JIAR management, including CEO Mrs. Japna Sharma, CEO & Principal Dr. Nitin Mahajan, Director Academics Dr. Vikas Gupta, Vice Principal Dr. Manu Sharma, and organisers from the Department of Samhita Siddhanta & Sanskrit. The programme commenced with Dhanvantri Vandana, followed by Shloka recitation, creating a traditional and spiritually enriching atmosphere. A presentation on the life, teachings and contribution of Acharya Charak was also delivered by Dr. Arsheya, PG Scholar, highlighting the continuing relevance of Ayurvedic principles in contemporary healthcare. The dignitaries addressed the gathering and extended their greetings on the occasion, emphasising the importance of preserving, promoting and advancing India's ancient knowledge systems while ensuring their meaningful relevance in the modern era. The celebration provided students and faculty members an opportunity to reflect upon the foundational principles of Ayurveda and the profound contribution of Acharya Charak to medical knowledge, clinical practice and holistic healthcare. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Lakshmi Sameer Mahajan, Associate Professor, who expressed gratitude to the Guest of Honour, dignitaries, management, faculty members, students and organisers for their valuable presence and contribution to the successful celebration. The event underscored JIAR's commitment to promoting awareness of India's rich Ayurvedic heritage and inspiring the younger generation to carry forward the knowledge and values associated with this traditional system of medicine.

Shopian Police seize seven vehicles in illegal mining crackdown; three FIRs registered

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
SHOPIAN, AUG 17:

Continuing its sustained crackdown on illegal mining, Shopian Police seized six tractors and one tipper allegedly involved in the unauthorised extraction and transportation of minerals from different areas of the district and registered three FIRs at the respective police stations. During routine patrolling, a police party from Police Station Shopian seized a tractor and a tipper allegedly found engaged in the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals without mandatory permission. In this regard, FIR No. 163/2026 under relevant provisions of law has been registered and investigation initiated. In a similar action, a police party from Police Station Heerpora intercepted and seized two tractors allegedly carrying mining material without valid royalty documents. FIR No. 80/2026 under relevant sections of law has been registered, and further investigation is underway. In another action, a police party from Police Station Imamsahib intercepted and seized three tractors allegedly found involved in illegal mining activities without the mandatory permissions. FIR No. 54/2026 under relevant provisions of law has been registered, and investigation has been initiated. Shopian Police reiterated its firm commitment to protecting the district's natural resources and taking strict legal action against individuals involved in illegal mining activities. The general public has been urged to cooperate with the police and report any such unlawful activities. Police assured that the identity of informants would be kept strictly confidential.

Youth dies in road accident in Achabal, Anantnag

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
ANANTNAG, AUG 17:

A 26-year-old youth died in a road accident at Thajiwar, Achabal, in Anantnag district on Sunday. Officials said that the deceased has been identified as Owais Ahmad Shah, son of Mohammad Yaseen Shah, resident of Shipora, Anantnag. Officials said the injured youth was shifted to Government Medical College, Anantnag, for treatment, where doctors declared him brought dead. Police have taken cognizance of the incident, and further investigation has been initiated.

Dr Rohit Koul conferred prestigious Mahatma Gandhi National Service Award 2026

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, AUG 17:

In a momentous celebration of dedicated humanitarian service, ethical leadership, and grassroots transformation, Dr. Rohit Koul, Director & CEO of the People's Hut Foundation, has officially been conferred the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi National Service Award 2026. The distinguished national honor recognizes Dr. Koul's visionary leadership, exemplary community welfare initiatives, and enduring commitment to fostering positive socioeconomic progress across marginalized and underserved communities.

The formal Award of Appreciation was officially presented on August 16, 2026, by Er. Pradeep Kumar Sharma, Founder and Director Jeevan Jagriti Seva Sansthan. The award commends Dr. Koul's tireless

dedication to the betterment of society, highlighting his strategic role in driving meaningful social responsibility, public welfare campaigns, and comprehensive grassroots development programs.

According to the official citation, the recognition honors Dr. Koul's proactive efforts in advancing community welfare, creating equitable opportunities, and building sustainable, self-reliant ecosystems.

His work reflects the core philosophies and enduring ideals of Mahatma Gandhi—centering on compassionate service, inclusive growth, and selfless contribution toward social upliftment. The award committee lauded his humanitarian efforts as a beacon of inspiration for changemakers and civic leaders nationwide.

Under Dr. Koul's leadership, the People's Hut

Foundation has continually expanded its footprint, implementing high-impact community-driven projects aimed at social welfare, capacity building, and sustainable livelihood generation. His forward-looking approach has bridged critical gaps in community support systems, fostering resilient networks that empower individuals to become active participants in nation-building. Expressing gratitude upon receiving the award, Dr. Rohit Koul dedicated the honor to the grassroots workers, volunteers, and communities collaborating with the People's Hut Foundation. The accolade serves as a significant milestone, reaffirming the organization's overarching mission to champion inclusive growth, social justice, and impactful humanitarian service on a national scale.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL
DIVISION JAMMU
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Short Term)

MHJD/e-NIT 157 of 2026-27
Dated: 12.08.2026
Due : 22.08.2026

On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

S. No	Description of work	Project Authority	Estt	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	Operationalization of 02 no. Lifts (20 passenger and 06 passenger) at SDH, Koth Bhalwal, Jammu.	Director Health Services Jammu	1.26 LACS	Rs 3000.00 in the shape of CDR/FDR/TO R valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer MH Division Jammu	Rs 200.00 in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal. OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account No. 0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Jammu Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu Branch Code:0097 IFSC CODE: JAKA0THALL MICR CODE: 180051025	20 days	Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" similar nature of work

THE NIT CONSISTING OF Qualifying INFORMATION, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.jktenders.gov.in.

No: DIP/J-8217/26
Dated: 17-08-2026

Sd/-
(Er. Vishal Verma)
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospital Division
Jammu

Police bust gambling racket in Anantnag, five held

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
Srinagar, Aug 17:

Continuing its drive against social evils and illegal activities, J&K Police in Anantnag have busted a gambling racket by arresting five persons and recovering stake money from their possession. Acting on reliable information regarding gambling activities at Dohd Kol Nad, Baghdar, a police party conducted a raid at the specified location and apprehended five persons from the spot. The apprehended persons

have been identified as Basit Muzaffar, son of Muzaffar Ahmad, resident of D.H. Pora, Kulgam; Aashiq Hussain, son of Gh. Rasool, resident of Nai Basti, Anantnag; Irshad Ahmad Bhat, son of Nazir Ahmad, resident of Nathpora, Khanabal; Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, son of Mohd. Afzal Wani, resident of Monghall, Anantnag; and Riyal Ahmad Reshi, son of Gh. Nabi Reshi, resident of Achabal, Anantnag. During the raid, stake money amounting to

₹22,500 was recovered and seized from their possession. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 268/2026 under Section 13 of the Gambling Act has been registered at Police Station Anantnag, and further investigation has been taken up. J&K Police reiterated that persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt with strictly as per law. The general public has been requested to share information regarding criminal activities in their neighbourhoods with the local police units.



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KHOUR
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Short e-NIT No.27of 2026-2027/Khour Dated 13-08-2026

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State / Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contract or
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Development of Playfield at Mallah, Zone Chowki Choura. (Under UT Capex Budget 2026-27) (I st Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Khour	140.49	3000/-	2,80,980 /-	05 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 25-08-2026	"A"
2	Construction of 16m vented culvert connecting Romali to Thum Naryani. (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27) (I st Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Khour	70.00	1500/-	1,40,000 /-	04 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 25-08-2026	"A"

Position of AAA : Accorded
Position of Technical Sanction : Sanction

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-08-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14-08-2026 to 23-08-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	17-08-2026 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour
4	Bid submission Start Date	14-08-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	24-08-2026 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	25-08-2026 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) division Khour
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Special Condition :-
(i) Security deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 05 days of issuance of LOA, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommended contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
(ii) The contractor shall initiate the work within 07 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the concerned Executive Engineer shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz. forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the BID document and recommended contractor for blacklisting.
(iii) The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in BID document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
(iv) As per Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar's Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025 and Director Finance PW (R&B) Department Civil Secretariat J&K Jammu/Srinagar's letter No. ACCT/68/2025-05 dated 23-07-2025, further endorsed by the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Zone Jammu's No CEJ/ACCTs/1380-1401 dated 30-07-2025 "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department / Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder

1. **Cost of Tender Documents:-** Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 (Revenue) mentioning therein the name of work / e-NIT No. pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour (Tender Inviting Authority) as the cost of the tender document. Any deviation in the specified amount, the bid shall be rejected outrightly. The cost of Tender Document is non-refundable.
NOTE:- In case of consecutive calls for same work due to poor response/any reason thereof, the Treasury Challan (TC) used by bidder in preceding e-NIT invited for same work shall be accepted Provided there is mention of Preceding calls in the TC.

1.1 **Earnest Money Deposit / Bids Security:-** At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload Earnest Money / bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour.

1.2 Bid securities of the unsuccessful bidders shall be released only after the submission of Treasury Challan Bid securities of the unsuccessful bidders should be returned to them at the earliest after expiry of the final bid validity and latest on or before the 30th day after the award of the contract.

1.3 The Earnest Money/Bid Security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a performance Security.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per schedule. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour**. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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

5. **The earnest money shall be forfeited, If :-**
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.
6. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

7. The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour and upload the same to treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Khour and Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized between the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid.

9. Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

No :EE/PWD/KHR/2094-96 Dated :13-08-2026.

No: DIP/J-8242/26
Dated: 17-08-2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Khour