

Full Court Reference held to bid farewell to Justice Javed Iqbal Wani

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 23: A Full Court Reference was held in the Court Room of the Chief Justice at the Srinagar Wing of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to bid farewell to Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on demitting office upon attaining the age of superannuation.

The Full Court Reference was convened in accordance with the long-standing conventions and institutional traditions of the High Court. The Reference was attended by Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajesh Oswal, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani, Justice Sanjay Parihar, and Justice Shahzad Azeem along with the spouses of the Judges of the High Court.

The proceedings were also attended by former Chief Justices and former Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh; senior officers of the civil administration and police, including the Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs; Senior Additional Advocate General; Deputy Solicitors General of India at Jammu and Srinagar; the President, Kashmir Advocates



Association, Srinagar; Senior Advocates; Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Judicial Officers; officers of the Registry; and family members of Justice Javed Iqbal Wani. Besides, officers and officials and Advocates of the High Court from Jammu Wing joined the proceedings through virtual mode.

The farewell address was delivered by Mohsin Qadri, Senior Additional Advocate General, who lauded the dedication, judicial acumen and steadfast commitment of Justice Wani to uphold the rule of law. He observed that the tenure of Justice Wani as a Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was marked by judicial prudence, fairness and a deep sense of justice, with particular emphasis on ensuring access to justice for the poor and the marginalized. She described

Justice Wani as a gentleman par excellence and highlighted his positive approach, institutional contributions and respectful conduct towards members of the Bar.

President, Kashmir Advocates Association, Srinagar, Advocate Waseem Gull in his farewell address, commended the distinguished judicial service rendered by Justice Javed Iqbal Wani and highlighted his unwavering commitment to fairness, justice and constitutional values. The Chief Justice, in his address, highlighted Justice Wani's academic excellence, professional integrity and balanced judicial temperament, noting his dedication both at the Bar and on the Bench. His tenure was marked by discipline and clarity of thought earning him respect across the legal fraternity. The Court also acknowledged the

invaluable support of his family throughout his judicial journey and extended its heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for his health, happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, in his response, expressed profound gratitude to the Chief Justice, brother and sister Judges, members of the Bar, Judicial Officers, officers of the Registry and Court staff for their cooperation and support throughout his tenure. He emphasized that effective dispensation of justice is possible only through harmonious cooperation between the Bench and the Bar. He also appreciated the legal acumen, professional competence and commitment of the advocates of the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and placed on record his appreciation for the dedication and assistance

Mega Aadhaar MBU drive 2.0 launched across J&K

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JAMMU, MARCH 23: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), in association with the Information Technology Department, J&K and Project Samagra Shiksha, School Education Department, J&K has launched Mega Aadhaar Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) drive 2.0 across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The drive has commenced from March 23, 2026 in winter zone schools while for schools in summer zones, it will begin from April 1, 2026 onwards. This large-scale initiative aims to cover 2,382 identified schools and provide Aadhaar biometric update services to over 2 lakh students of Jammu & Kashmir within school premises.

This initiative builds upon the success of the earlier MBU drive conducted from September to 31st December 2025, during which approximately 1.5 lakh students successfully updated their biometrics. Despite this progress, around 3.5 lakh children still require



mandatory biometric updates, necessitating the continuation of the mission mode approach.

Earlier, UIDAI had rolled out the mission mode MBU drive for school children in September 2025 following a successful technological integration with the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) application of the Union Department of School Education and Literacy. This integration enabled real-time visibility of the biometric update status of students at the school level, facilitating identification of children due for updates and enabling targeted camps within school premises.

Updating biometric details in children's Aadhaar is crucial to

ensure seamless authentication while availing benefits under various government schemes, scholarships and services. It also plays an important role in enabling hassle-free registration for competitive and university entrance examinations such as NEET, JEE, and CUET. UIDAI and Information Technology Department J&K has urged the parents and guardians to remain in close coordination with the school authorities to stay informed about the scheduled dates of Aadhaar update camps in their respective schools. They are also advised to ensure that the details in school records and Aadhaar are exactly matched to avoid any discrepancies while carrying out authentication.

Div Com inaugurates Gyan Bharatam Workshop & National Survey of Manuscripts in Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, MARCH 23: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg today inaugurated a three-day Gyan Bharatam Workshop & National Survey of Manuscripts at Indian IIM, Sanat Nagar, Srinagar. The workshop is being organized by the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K to promote identification, preservation, conservation, and digitization of centuries-old manuscripts across Jammu & Kashmir. Addressing the participants, the Divisional Commissioner underscored the importance of public participation in safeguarding manuscript heritage. He emphasized that the mission adopts a "Har Ghar Dastak" approach to reach custodians and ensure documentation of valuable manuscripts.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, he said the Gyan Bharatam Mission aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to preserve and document India's rich intellectual and cultural legacy. The Director, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha stated that the workshop aims to sensitize and train District Level Committees in manuscript identification and provide practical training on the use of the Gyan Bharatam Mission mobile application for field surveys.

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awareness about the importance of manuscript preservation and digitization as part of the broader knowledge ecosystem. The Gyan Bharatam App, launched by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is being used to monitor progress, with regular review at the PMO level. Sidha informed that manuscripts will remain with their custodians, while experts will assist in assessing their nature, category, and physical condition. "The department will undertake digitization free of cost", he said and appealed private collectors to actively scripts.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) MAHORE
SHORT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
e-NIT No: -EE/PMGSY/M/19 of 2025-26 Dated: - 23-03-2026
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Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division Mahore on behalf of The Government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, invites e-tenders on %age Above/Excess (+) OR %age Below/ Less (-) basis (i.e., on Percentage-Rate Basis) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt, CPWD, Railways or equivalent and other State Govt.'s for each of the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Tentative Adv. amt on the basis of previous year exp. (Rs in lacs)	Cost of doc. (Rs in lacs)	Earnest Money (2% of adv amt)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of contractor
1	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Kanthan to Sawalakote Part I Stage II Length 21.250 kms. Package No JK14-636. 2. Kanthan to Sawalakote Part II Stage II Length 17.00 kms. Package No JK14-637. 3. Reasi Arnas KM 12 to Panthol Stage II Length 3.250 kms. Package No JK14-294. 4. Reasi Arnas KM 28 to Surman Stage II Length 8.00 kms. Package No JK14-633. 5. Salal to Bangteer Stage II Length 2.100 kms. Package No JK14-634. Total Length: - 51.600 Kms	15.00	600/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
2	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Arnas to Chillad Part I Stage I Length 4.00 kms. Package No JK14-726. 2. Arnas to Chillad Part II Stage II Length 11.00 kms. Package No JK14- 631. 3. Arnas to Chillad Part III Stage II Length 13.500 kms. Package No JK14-630. Total Length: - 28.500 Kms	10.00	600/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
3	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Dhyangarh to Dharan Stage II Length 4.000 kms. Package No JK14-626. 2. Panasa to Parankote Part I, Stage II, Length 20.600 kms. Package No JK14-635. 3. Panasa to Parankote Part II, Stage I & II Combine, Length 5.500 kms. Package No JK14-704. 4. Arnas to Kanota Stage II Length 10.590 kms. Package No JK14-625. 5. Mari to Dhakikote Part II, Stage I, Length 32.200 Kms, Package No JK14-560 Total Length: - 72.890 Kms	20.00	800/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
4	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Arnas to Thakrote Upgradation Length 9.200 kms. Package No JK14-731. 2. Gundri to Panasa Stage II Length 9.900 kms. Package No JK14-290. 3. Garhi to Jij Bagli Stage II Length 18.750 kms. Package No JK14-295. Total Length: - 37.850 Kms	10.00	600/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
5	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Perthkote to Chidhar Stage II Length 11.200 kms. Package No JK14-632. 2. Gund to Juida Upper Stage II Length 22.000 kms. Package No JK14-213. 3. Dharmari to Hariwala (Upp) Length 20.200 Kms, Package No JK20-3009. Total Length: - 53.400 Kms	15.00	600/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
6	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Lancha to Hariwala Stage II Length 8.000 kms. Package No JK14-641. 2. Budhan to Lancha Stage II Length 10.000 kms. Package No JK14-642. 3. Budhan to Thuroo Back Upgradation Length 8.425 kms. Package No JK14- 738. 4. Chaklass to Dharian Stage II Length 5.500 kms. Package No JK14-638. 5. Chaklass to Pari Stage II Length 12.000 kms. Package No JK14-292. 6. Budhan to Karamkatha Stage II Length 11.000 kms. Package No JK14- 639. Total Length: 54.925 Kms	15.00	600/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
7	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on emergency basis (i.e) by way of clearance of Snow/slips likely to occur during financial year 2026-27 on:- 1. Shajroo to Mullas Stage II Length 5.000 kms. Package No JK14-650. 2. Shajroo to Chakrass Stage II Length 10.700 kms. Package No JK14-288. 3. Kund to Cherral Stage II Length 7.700 kms. Package No JK14-646. 4. Kansoli to Sowab Stage II Length 12.000 kms. Package No JK14-643. 5. Mahore to Malla Upgradation Length 5.000 kms. Package No JK14-686. 6. Mahore to Sildhar Stage II Length 10.000 kms. Package No JK14-289. 7. Chitabass to Sildhar Stage II Length 6.000 kms. Package No JK14-640. Total Length: 56.400 Kms	16.00	800/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)
8	Restoration of roads under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Mahore on Emergency basis (Motorable Path only) by way of clearance of	20.00	800/-	2%	1 day	Any Registered contractor with State PWID/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works. (Class A, B, C, D)

Note: Before Participating in Tendering Process Kindly Go Through the Conditions of The ENIT Minutely.

- Bidding Documents consisting of qualifying information, eligible criteria, BOQ, set of terms and conditions of the contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.pmgstyendersilk.gov.in.
- The important dates and time are as under:-

Sr.	Date of issue of tender notice	23.03.2026 (09:00 AM)
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23.03.2026 (09:00 AM) to 31.03.2026 (06:00 PM)
3.	Pre Bid Meeting	23.03.2026 (11:00 AM) at Office of the Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division Mahore
3.	Bid submission start date	23.03.2026 (06:00 PM)
4.	Bid submission end date	31.03.2026 (6.00 PM)
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	01-04-2026 (04:00 PM)
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after Technical Bid evaluation is completed

- It will be mandatory and binding on the contractor to start the work within 04 Hours intimation from the Engineer- In-Charge of the area. As the works are of emergent nature, the intimation can be given by SMS/Phone Call/Whatsapp on Mobile No. which is required to be mentioned on document uploaded with the documents. If the Mobile Number is not mentioned, his Bid will be considered as non-responsive.
- Photographs by angle camera of pre - during and after (Post) restoration process of all the activities at least three photographs per stretch restored should be maintained by the Contractor purely at his responsibility in liaison with the Engineer in-charge without which no payment will be regularized and paid. The set of all the requisite photographs stretch wise will have to be enclosed with the payment Bill. Additionally, three sets of photocopies of photographs (pre - during and after (Post)) shall be submitted by the Contractor at the time of payment.
- The Roads to be restored during winter season are under construction at various stages by the original contractors of PMGSY and as such during the restoration process by Snow clearance, slips Material lying if any on the roads of original Contractors should not be damaged for which due care should be taken otherwise the same shall be recoverable.
- In case the contractor does not start the work within the stipulated time, the department will be at liberty to get the work done from any other contractor / peace worker at the risk and cost of the contractor.

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Date: Mar 23 2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PMGSY Division
Mahore