



Shimla, July 4 (UNI) Himachal Pradesh has launched the next phase of rural sanitation under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), with around 7,000 villages set to benefit from a scientific faecal sludge management initiative through co-treatment facilities at existing Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). A government spokesperson of the Rural Development Department said on Saturday that after successfully achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, the state has shifted its focus to ensuring the safe collection, transportation, treatment and scientific disposal of faecal sludge generated

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The initiative is being implemented jointly by the Rural Development Department and the Jal Shakti Department through the development of faecal sludge co-treatment facilities at identified STPs across the state.

The spokesperson said that most rural households in Himachal Pradesh depend on septic tanks or single pits for the collection of toilet waste. Over time, these systems accumulate faecal sludge, which, if not periodically removed and scientifically treated, is often discharged into open areas, drains, streams, rivers or forests.

Such indiscriminate disposal contaminates water sources and increases the risk of water-borne diseases, including diarrhoea, cholera and typhoid, posing serious threats to public health and the environment, he added.

To address these

Given Himachal Pradesh's mountainous terrain, extensive forest cover, limited availability of suitable land and the high cost of constructing and maintaining standalone Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs), the state has opted for a co-treatment model based on technical recommendations of the WASH Institute, which is providing technical support under the Liquid Waste Management programme.

Under this model, essential infrastructure is being created at existing STPs to receive sludge extracted from septic tanks. The collected sludge will be treated scientifically along

To oversee the programme, a State Level Approval Committee (SLAC), headed by the Secretary, Rural Development Department, has been constituted to examine technical feasibility, including treatment capacity of STPs, estimated quantity of faecal sludge, project cost and other engineering parameters before granting approval.

He said the committee has so far approved 30 co-treatment projects across the state. The Rural Development Department has released around Rs 15 crore to the Jal Shakti Department for their implementation, while a Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed between the two departments to

Construction of faecal sludge co-treatment facilities has already commenced at the STPs in Palampur and Sundernagar, with nearby rural areas beginning to benefit from the initiative. The state government has set a target of operationalising co-treatment facilities at all approved STPs by March 31, 2027. Once completed, the programme is expected to ensure safe and scientific management of faecal sludge across thousands of villages, while protecting water resources, improving public health, promoting environmental conservation and strengthening rural sanitation. The spokesperson said that after attaining ODF status, the state's next objective is to establish a safe and sustainable faecal sludge management system to secure long-term protection of public health, water resources and the environment.

In a first, Ladakh deploys 100 ex-servicemen to protect fragile ecosystem

Srinagar, July 4 (UNI) : In a first-of-its-kind initiative to protect Ladakh's fragile ecosystem, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday inducted 100 ex-servicemen into the newly created Environment Protection Force (EPF) to curb illegal off-roading and safeguard ecologically sensitive areas. The EPF personnel, comprising ex-servicemen from the Army, paramilitary forces, and Ladakh Scouts, will be deployed across ecologically sensitive areas of the union Territory to maintain strict checks on rising incidents of illegal off-roading, threatening the wildlife and harming the delicate ecology of Ladakh, officials said.

To strengthen the EPE, these ex-servicemen have been authorised to issue on-the-spot challans for any such violation within their designated areas.

The unique initiative has been launched in response to the growing incidents of illegal off-roading, unauthorised camping inside protected areas, disturbance to wildlife and pollution in Ladakh's ecologically sensitive landscapes. The deployment of ex-servicemen is aimed at strengthening the enforcement mechanism against violations of environment and wildlife laws.

The Environment Protection Force has been specifically entrusted with preventing violations

inside protected wildlife areas like stalking and causing disturbance to wildlife, littering, using single-use plastic, throwing plastic waste in the open and other environmentally harmful activities.

Besides strengthening environmental enforcement, the initiative also serves as a meaningful rehabilitation measure for ex-servicemen by providing them an opportunity to continue serving society after retirement. Each member of the Environment Protection Force will receive a fixed monthly remuneration of Rs 25,000 while being deployed in and around their native or designated areas, enabling effective monitoring through their familiarity with the local terrain. LG Saxena observed that Ladakh possesses one of the world's most fragile high-altitude ecosystems and is home to several endangered wildlife species that require the highest level of protection. He stated that increasing tourism must go hand in hand with environmental responsibility and that the Environment Protection Force would play a pivotal role in maintaining a balance between human activities and ecological conservation, while guiding people to promote responsible tourism in Ladakh.

"The Environment Protection Force brings together the discipline, integrity and commitment

of our ex-servicemen to protect this fragile ecosystem. I am confident that they will not only prevent violations of environmental and wildlife

laws but also become ambassadors of cleanliness, biodiversity conservation and responsible tourism across Ladakh," LG Saxena said.

TENDER NOTICE	
On behalf of The President of India, Sr. Division Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad Invites Open Tenders for the following works through E-Procurement up to 11.30 Hours of Dated. 24.07.2026	
Sl. No.: 1.	Tender No.: Y - SG - 3240-27-1 Tender Dated: 02.07.2026
Name of the work: Hyderabad Division) 1) SSE/P way/ NZB Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 2) SSE/ P.way/ UMRI Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 3) SSE/ P.way/ WDR Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 4) SSE/ P.way/ MED Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 5) SSE/ P.way/ KCG Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related Yard improvement & up gradation works at various yards, 6) SSE/ P.way/ SHNR Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 7) SSE/ P.way/ MBNR Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 8) SSE/ P.way/ GWD Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 9) SSE/ P.way/ KRNT Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards, 10) SC-DHNE (SL)-CTRP(1.00 TkM & TRP(1-1.700 TkM), 11) SC-DHNE - TWSS + WCMSG- 27 Sets, FS + CS + CMSC-10 Sets, 12) JKM-BDHN (SL) - CTRP(1 - 12.000 TkM), 13) MUE - SC - FS + TWSS + WCMSG - 48, TWSS + WCMSG - 62, FS + CS + CMSC - 7, CS + CMSC - 8, MOB - Sididpet (CS + CMSC - 2 & 4) MUE-SC (SL) - TRAP(1 - 12.000 TkM). Site location arrangements. Tender value (Rs): 7094831.00 EMD (Rs.): 1419000.00	
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Tender No. Brief Description	
LH265680A	24 Pin Heavy duty Connector
LH265696	EOT Crane Lot 10
32614105	Set of control ARM Support
32614103A	Brake support for FIAT Bogie
Note: Due dates of Tender Opening	
Sl. No. 1 & 2 dt. 21.07.2026, Sl. No. 03 dt. 22.07.2026, Sl. No. 04 dt. 17.08.2026	
Corrigendum	
1)Tender Notice No.10/2026 dt. 05.06.2026 Tender No.3261092 due on 02.07.2026 may be read as Due DT. 16.07.2026.	
2)Tender Notice No.11/2026 dt. 12.06.2026 Tender No.3261169S due on 02.07.2026 may be read as Due DT. 14.07.2026.	
3)Tender Notice No.11/2026 dt. 12.06.2026 Tender No.3261136 due on 02.07.2026 may be read as Due DT. 20.07.2026.	
4)Tender Notice No.11/2026 dt. 12.06.2026 Tender No.3261639 due on 06.07.2026 may be read as Due DT. 21.07.2026.	
5)Tender Notice No. 09/2026 dt. 29.05.2026 Tender No.32621237 due on 29.06.2026 may be read as Due DT. 15.07.2026.	
6)Tender Notice No. 09/2026 dt. 29.05.2026 Tender No.3262618 due on 01.07.2026 may be read as Due DT. 14.07.2026.	
7)Tender Notice No. 10/2026 dt. 05.06.2026 Tender No.3262631due on 30.06.2026 may be read as Due DT. 17.07.2026.	
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Sl.No.: 1.	Tender No.: N/E/29/TD/Tender/09/2026-27, dt: 06.07.2026.
Description of works: Nanded Division- Proposed interlocking of LC No. 33 between ADB-PMKT, LC 74 between RDU-Jalna stations and LC 155 at km. 901U+7 between Bolda - Sirli Replacement of 48 tonnage in existing OHLE in connection to Non-OHE to OHE on all pin lines at NED, PAU, J. ADB and AWB stations. Completion Period: 12 Month. Approx. Value (Rs.) : 19,89,754.60 Bid Security (Rs.): 39,80,00,00. Date of closing -28.07.2026 at 11.00 hrs.	
Sl.No.: 2.	Tender No.: N/E/29/TD/Tender/09/2026-27, dt: 07.07.2026.
Description of works: Nanded Division- Upgrade of OHE/PSI Infrastructure to improve reliability and safety in division 1) Provision of 7 mm dropper in critical locations in place of 5 mm dropper 2) Replacement of insulators in existing OHLE by porcelain insulators in non-polluted areas and replacement of porcelain insulator to composite insulator in polluted areas 3) Replacement of galvanized iron wire by anti-creep wire of Cadmium copper catenary wire in polluted zones. Completion Period: 12 Months. Approx. Value (Rs.) : 99,66,725.00 Bid Security (Rs.): 19,00,00,00. Date of closing -28.07.2026 at 11.00 hrs.	
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