

Islamic University of Science and Technology Kashmir

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Expression of Interest (EOI) for Supply of Local and National Newspapers for the FY-2025-26

The Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), invites applications for "Expression of Interest" (EOI) from reputed and authorized newspaper vendors/agencies/suppliers interested in supplying local and national newspapers to Rumi library for the FY-2025-26 in a sealed envelope affixed with a revenue stamp of Rs. Two (Rs. 2.00). The submission requirements and terms & conditions (Annexure-II), undertaking (Annexure-III) and the proforma for the rates of newspapers to be supplied (Annexure-III) can be obtained from the office of the Rumi library or can be downloaded from the official website of IUST at https://iust.ac.in/.

The sealed envelope, complete in all respects, superscribing *Expression of Interest for Newspapers-2025-26* should be submitted in the library office during office hours by or before 17th October 2025.

Sd/-University Librarian

No.: IUST/Lib/EOI/25/573

Date: 29.09.2025

Annexure-I

Submission Requirements:

Interested newspaper vendors/agencies/suppliers must submit the following documents along with the application of EOI:

- 1. Cover letter expressing interest in the supply of newspapers.
- 2. Company profile, including legal name, registered address, and contact details.
- 3. List of newspapers available for supply along with their rates (subscription charges per copy/per month).
- 4. Copies of GST, PAN, and relevant licenses.
- 5. Experience certificates/work orders from previous clients.
- 6. Declaration regarding non-blacklisting.

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the supply of newspapers must be submitted in the prescribed format within the stipulated timeframe. The submitted EOIs shall be opened in the presence of the members of the Departmental Purchase and Technical Committee (DPTC) of Rumi Library.
- 2. The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be accompanied by an undertaking on affidavit or non-judicial stamp paper, as specified in Annexure-II.
- 3. The discount rates on the Maximum Retail Price (M.R.P.) of newspapers shall be taken into consideration. However, in the absence of quoted or available discount rates, the printed rates shall be deemed applicable for payment purposes.
- 4. In the event of a revision in the price of any newspaper during the supply period, the printed price on the respective newspaper shall be deemed valid for payment.
- 5. Any application received after the stipulated due date and time shall be summarily rejected.
- 6. The University Librarian reserves the unconditional right to reject any or all applications without being obligated to provide justification.
- 7. The vendor/agent/supplier shall bear all expenses related to the delivery of newspapers to the office of Rumi Library. No freight charges shall be reimbursed by the library, except for agreed-upon service/delivery charges.
- 8. Newspapers must be delivered to Rumi Library by **09:00 a.m. daily**, including weekends and public holidays, and must reach on the **same date of publication**. However, national/international newspapers received in J&K on the following day of publication shall be exempted from this requirement.
- 9. The vendor/agent/supplier shall ensure that all newspapers supplied are in good condition, free from damage or misprints. In case of damaged supplies, the cost recovery shall be adjusted from the vendor's outstanding payments or pending bills.
- 10. The vendor/agent/supplier shall submit invoices of supply of previous months within **ten (10) days** of the subsequent calendar month. No claims for interest on delayed payments shall be entertained by the library.
- 11. For any information or clarification, the vendor may contact the library office only on working days (Monday to Friday) during official working hours.
- 12. The opening date for the Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be determined solely by the University Librarian, IUST.

- 13. The University Librarian reserves the right to omit any items from the annexed newspaper list, even after the successful bidding/allotment of work.
- 14. The number of newspaper copies supplied may be increased or decreased based on the requirements of the library.
- 15. The vendor/agent/supplier must be a registered supplier and authorized newspaper distributor.
- 16. The agency/vendor must not have been blacklisted by any government or private institution.
- 17. The contract shall be valid for an **initial term of one (1) year** and may be extended, subject to the approval of the competent authority, satisfactory performance and mutual agreement.
- 18. In the event of any dispute arising under this contract, the same shall fall exclusively under the jurisdiction of the **Srinagar courts**. Any conflicting jurisdiction mentioned in the EOI or bills shall be null and void.

Annexure-II

UNDERTAKING FOR NEWSPAPERS SUPPLY TO RUMI LIBRARY

The Vendor/Agent/Supplier [Full Legal Name] of [Registered Business Address] (hereinafter referred to as "the Vendor") hereby covenants and undertakes to strictly adhere to the following terms and conditions governing the supply of newspapers to Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science & Technology:

- 1. The Vendor shall fully comply with all terms and conditions specified in Annexure-I to this Agreement regarding newspaper supply/subscription services.
- 2. The Vendor shall ensure daily delivery of all newspapers to Rumi Library by 09:00 hours, including weekends and public holidays. All newspapers shall be delivered on their date of publication, however, that national and international newspapers distributed in Jammu & Kashmir may be delivered on the day following the date of publication.
- 3. The Vendor shall supply newspapers strictly as per the Library's purchase orders, and payment shall be made only for duly delivered and ordered items.
- 4. The Vendor shall immediately notify the office of Rumi Library in writing of:
 - (a) Any discrepancies in newspaper supply.
 - (b) Any inability to meet delivery timelines.
- 5. The Vendor shall provide immediate written notice to the Library upon becoming aware of any publisher's discontinuation of newspaper publication.
- 6. The Vendor shall promptly notify the Library in writing of any publisher-initiated price revisions during the contract period.
- 7. The Vendor shall submit itemized invoices of supply of previous months in standard format within ten (10) days of the subsequent calendar month. No interest or additional charges shall be claimable for any payment delays by the Library.
- 8. All newspapers shall be supplied in good condition, free from damage or printing defects. The Library shall have the right to deduct the cost of any damaged supplies from the Vendor's outstanding payments.
- 9. If the University Librarian determines any month's delivery service to be unsatisfactory, only fifty percent (50%) of that month's service charges shall become payable.
- 10. The Library reserves the right to modify order quantities as per its operational requirements, with reasonable notice to the Vendor.
- 11. All disputes arising under this Agreement shall be exclusively determined by the University Librarian, whose decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

| EXECUTED on this day of | 2025, by | the | duly | authorized | vendor/ |
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| representative of the Vendor. | | | | | |
| [Vendor's Authorized Signatory] | | | | | |
| (Name & Designation) | | | | | |
| (Company Seal) | | | | | |

Annexure-III

Proforma for the Rates of Newspapers to be Supplied to Rumi Library

| S. No. | Title of Newspaper | Unit Price | Quantity |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1 | Greater Kashmir (English) | | |
| 2 | Rising Kashmir (English) | | |
| 3 | Kashmir Uzma (Urdu) | | |
| 4 | Srinagar Times (English) | | |
| 5 | Tameel-Irshad (Urdu) | | |
| 6 | Aaftab (Urdu) | | |
| 7 | Kashmir Age (English) | | |
| 8 | The Hindu (English) | | |
| 9 | The Hindu In School | | |
| 10 | Hindustan Times (English) | | |
| 11 | The Economic Times (English) | | |
| 12 | The Times of India (English) | | |
| 13 | Indian Express (English) | | |
| 14 | Business Standard (English) | | |
| 15 | Kashmir Life (English) | | |
| 16 | The Mirror of Kashmir (English) | | |
| 17 | Asian Express (English) | | |
| 18 | Kashmir Times (English) | | |
| 19 | Srinagar Times (Urdu) | | |
| 20 | News Point (English) | | |
| 21 | Deccan Chronicle (English) | | |
| 22 | The Telegraph (English) | | |
| 23 | Mint (English) | | |
| 24 | DNA (Daily News & Analysis) (English) | | |
| 25 | The Statesman (English) | | |
| 26 | Deccan Herald (English) | | |
| 27 | The Tribune (English) | | |
| 28 | The Pioneer (English) | | |
| 29 | Srinagar Mail (Urdu) | | |
| 30 | Afaaq (Urdu) | | |
| 31 | Vyeth (Urdu) | | |
| 32 | Wattan (Urdu) | | |
| 33 | Alsafa News (Urdu) | | |
| 34 | Indian Times (Urdu) | | |
| 35 | Chattan (Urdu) | | |
| 36 | Roshni (Urdu) | | |
| 37 | Morning Times (Urdu) | | |
| 38 | Kashmir Monitor (English) | | |
| 39 | Kashmir Images (English) | | |
| 40 | Asian Mail (Urdu) | | |

| Monthy delivery charges j | for supply of Newspapers to Rumi Library, IUST: |
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| In figures: | In words: |

Note: Islamic University of Science & Technology reserves the right to modify or cancel this EOI at any stage without any prior notice.