

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Dir Agri participates in Regional Meeting of Northern States on Rabi Price Policy



**JAMMU, MAY 13:** Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu Anil Gupta today participated in the One Day Regional Meeting of Northern States convened to discuss Rabi Price Policy for the 2027-28 marketing season. The meeting was held at Krishi Bhawan, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

The meeting was organised by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and

Prices (CACP), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to deliberate upon the price policy for the upcoming Rabi marketing season 2027-28 with a focus on ensuring fair remuneration to farmers and strengthening agricultural marketing mechanisms across Northern States. Representatives and senior officers from various states participated in the meeting and shared their views and recommendations.

During the meeting, Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta represented the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and actively par-

ticipated in the discussions related to procurement arrangements, crop pricing and farmers' welfare measures. He highlighted the importance of ensuring timely and effective procurement operations for safeguarding the interests of farmers.

Anil Gupta emphasized the need for direct procurement of wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) so that farmers receive the notified Minimum Support Price (MSP) without inconvenience. He also stressed the establishment of adequate procurement mandis equipped with es-

sential infrastructure including storage facilities and availability of gunny bags to prevent distress sale of agricultural produce during the procurement season.

During the deliberations, emphasis was also laid on implementation of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism for ensuring transparent and timely payments directly into the accounts of farmers during the Rabi Marketing Season 2027-28.

Anil Gupta further informed the house that the Agriculture Department Jammu & Kashmir is actively promoting oilseeds, pulses and natural farming practices alongside traditional crops to encourage crop diversification, improve soil health and enhance farmers' income. He also highlighted various initiatives being undertaken by the department for sustainable agricultural development in the Union Territory.

The meeting concluded with detailed discussions and exchange of suggestions among participating states for formulation of recommendations on Rabi Price Policy for the marketing season 2027-28.

## DC Samba chairs Outreach Programme at Chachwal under Vibrant Village Programme-II



**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 13**

Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today chaired an Outreach Programme-cum-Block Diwas at border village Chachwal, Block Rajpura under the Vibrant Village Programme-II (VVP-II) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

During the programme, the Deputy Commissioner

held a detailed review meeting with the line departments to assess the existing infrastructure and identify the infrastructural gaps in the border village. The local residents projected wide range of demands and issues pertaining to basic amenities and developmental requirements of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the grievances and aspirations of the locals. He directed the concerned de-

partments to take immediate necessary action for prompt redressal of the issues raised during the programme.

Emphasizing the significance of Vibrant Village Programme-II, the DC stressed upon the need for active participation of locals, youth, Self Help Groups (SHGs) and former PRI members in suggesting impactful projects for the socio-economic development of the area. She encouraged the public to

work in close coordination with the administration for transforming village Chachwal into a vibrant and self-reliant border village.

The Deputy Commissioner also sensitized the locals to various beneficiary-oriented government schemes and advised them to register for the same to avail benefits aimed at improving their livelihood and living standards.

Further, the designated Village Nodal Officer was directed to maintain close coordination with the local inhabitants and border guarding forces for preparation of the Village Action Plan for village Chachwal under the Vibrant Village Programme-II.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Kasturi Lal; SDM Ghagwal KJS Bali; Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers, Tehsildar Rajpura and officers of the concerned stakeholder departments.

## Yasha Mudgal reviews Capex Budget 2026-27 for Cooperative Department

**JAMMU, MAY 13:** Commissioner Secretary Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, today chaired a meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review and finalize the Capex Budget proposals for the financial year 2026-27 pertaining to the Cooperative Department.

The meeting was attended by Director Finance, Cooperative Department, Rashim Deepika and other senior officers of the Department.

During the meeting, the Director Finance briefed regarding the proposed Capex Budget allocations for 2026-27 under various sectors and schemes of the department. The proposals covered ongoing works, proposed new projects, infrastructural upgradation, modernization initiatives and other development projects aimed at strengthening the cooperative sector



across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A comprehensive review of the ongoing schemes, infrastructure projects, financial performance and administrative functioning of various cooperative institutions was also undertaken during the meeting.

Stressing the need for optimum and judicious utilization of Capex funds in a transparent and time-bound manner, Yasha Mudgal observed that the Capex Budget should focus on creation of durable assets, strengthening institutional infrastructure and

enhancing service delivery mechanisms within the cooperative sector.

Expressing concern over the department's expenditure performance during the previous financial year, which stood at only 58 percent, Yasha Mudgal directed the officers to adopt a result-oriented approach and work tirelessly to achieve at least 80 percent expenditure during the next six months.

The Commissioner Secretary emphasized that special focus must be laid on improving the service delivery, enhancing trans-

parency and ensuring effective implementation of government programmes for the benefit of farmers, artisans, women self-help groups and other stakeholders associated with the cooperative sector.

Emphasizing the need for result-oriented planning, Yasha Mudgal directed the officers to prioritize need-based projects having tangible public benefit and long-term developmental impact. She underscored that all proposals should be realistic, implementable and aligned with the broader objectives of cooperative growth and socio-economic development.

While reviewing the physical and financial progress of ongoing works, she directed that all projects having more than 70 percent physical progress must be completed both physically and financially before June 2026.

## Govt would provide additional food grains during Eid, Muharram festivities: Satish

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 13**

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today chaired a review meeting to assess the preparedness and ensure seamless availability of essential commodities and public services ahead of the forthcoming Eid and Muharram observance across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by MLA Zaidal Tanvir Sadiq, Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat, VCLCA, MD RTC, RTO Kashmir, Senior officers of the administration, officers of the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, representatives of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), Legal Metrology Organization (LMO), Food Safety Department, PDD, R&B, PHE, SMC, district administration and other concerned agencies.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed the importance of maintaining uninterrupted supply of essential commodities. He directed the concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure that the public does not face any inconvenience during the festive period.



The Minister directed that adequate stock of food grains and other essential commodities under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and FCI be maintained at all depots and distribution points across Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that timely distribution and proper monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to avoid any shortage or disruption in supply.

Satish Sharma further stated that an additional quota of food grains would be made available in view of the increased demand during Eid and Muharram festivities so that people across Jammu and Kashmir receive adequate supplies without any inconvenience.

Reviewing the availability of LPG, the Minister instructed Oil Marketing Companies and allied agencies to ensure sufficient stock of both domestic and commercial LPG cylinders. He further directed the agencies to streamline the supply chain and distribution process to effectively meet the increased demand

during the festive season.

The Minister also instructed the concerned authorities to explore the possibility of reducing the waiting period for booking and refilling domestic LPG cylinders in order to facilitate consumers during Eid and Muharram.

Directing for strict vigilance in markets, Satish Sharma asked the concerned enforcement agencies to undertake regular market checking drives across Jammu and Kashmir. He instructed the Food Safety Department and Legal Metrology Organization to intensify inspections to curb overpricing, hoarding, black marketing, and sale of substandard goods, while ensuring strict action against violators.

The Minister also directed the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Lakes Conservation and Management Authority to undertake extensive cleanliness drives in their respective jurisdictions in view of the forthcoming religious occasions.

Further, the Minister di-

rected the Power Development Department (PDD) and Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water so that people do not face any inconvenience during Eid and Muharram.

Speaking during the meeting, Tanvir Sadiq emphasized the need for coordinated field-level monitoring to ensure that the benefits of government arrangements reach people effectively during the festive period. He stressed that special attention should be given to areas witnessing large public gatherings and religious congregations so that adequate civic amenities and essential supplies remain available at all times.

Tanvir Sadiq also called for enhanced sanitation measures, proper street lighting and improved water and electricity supply in areas associated with Eid and Muharram gatherings. He urged all departments to remain responsive to public grievances and ensure prompt redressal of issues during the upcoming religious occasions.

The Minister further directed officers to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities in accordance with anticipated demand and past consumption trends so that the public does not face any difficulty during the upcoming religious occasions.

## DC Rajouri holds Mega Outreach Camp at Kotedhera; Assures time-bound redressal of public issues

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, MAY 13**

To strengthen public outreach and ensure responsive governance at the grassroots level, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today conducted a public outreach camp at Kotedhera area of Block Rajouri, where he listened to public grievances and reviewed the developmental requirements of the area.

The outreach programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, who apprised the Deputy Commissioner of various issues concerning road connectivity, power supply, drinking water, education and rural infrastructure.

Among the major issues projected by the public were shortage of staff in educational institutions, scarcity of electricity poles, poor condition of roads—particularly Khormang to Sokargali road and Kotedhera to Khurad road—shortage of teaching staff at GHS Khurad and GHSS Sankari, inadequate drinking water



supply, slow progress of works under Jal Jeevan Mission and inclusion of left-out eligible beneficiaries under PMAY. The locals also demanded repair and upgradation of internal roads including Thudi to Kotedhera road and highlighted other civic concerns requiring immediate attention. The concerned officers present on the occasion responded to the grievances on the spot and assured the public that all genuine issues would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

While interacting with the public, the Deputy Commis-

sioner reiterated the administration's commitment towards transparent, accountable and people-centric governance. He directed all officers to proactively resolve public issues and ensure efficient delivery of services at the grassroots level.

Emphasizing the need for safeguarding public assets and improving monitoring mechanisms, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned departments to install CCTV cameras at all pumping stations within two months to curb theft and ensure better supervision. He also directed the

Executive Engineer PDD to replace all wooden electricity poles with new poles under the RDSS scheme in a phased manner to strengthen the power infrastructure in the area.

The Deputy Commissioner further sensitized the people about various social security schemes being implemented under the "Jan Suraksha" initiative, including Atal Pension Yojana (APY), PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and urged eligible beneficiaries to take advantage of these welfare schemes.

## Advisor to CM calls on Javed Rana; discusses J&K's development priorities

**SRINAGAR, MAY 13:** Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, today called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar and held discussions on a range of development issues concerning the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The two exchanged views on accelerating development across various sectors and deliberated upon measures to further strengthen public service delivery and



administrative responsiveness in the UT. They reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people and stressed that develop-

mental initiatives must reach every section of society, particularly those in remote and underserved areas.

Both emphasized that the

administration remains firmly focused on translating policy intent into ground-level outcomes. They said that sustained coordination among the departments and leadership would be key to achieve the development aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Similarly, several delegations also called on the Minister at his office chamber and apprised him of various issues and demands pertaining to their respective departments and communities.