

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## DAJ reviews implementation of HADP, Apiculture, Mushroom Development

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Director Agriculture Jammu (DAJ) Anil Gupta today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of HADP, CAPEX and CSS schemes, besides reviewing the physical and financial progress under the Apiculture Development Scheme and Mushroom Development Scheme.

The meeting, convened at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, was attended physically by SMS (RL) Krishan Kant, Accounts Officer Vriti Uppal; Mushroom Development Officer Jammu Raghubir Pal Kochar; Spawn Production Officer Ashu Kakoria; Assistant Entomologist Harvinder Singh and officers from CSS and Planning Sections, while all Chief Agriculture Officers and District Officers dealing with Mushroom and Apiculture Schemes of Jammu Division participated through video conferencing.

The Director reviewed district-wise action plans,



achievements and allotments under HADP, CSS and CAPEX schemes. He directed the concerned officers to strengthen the Demonstration Cum Training Centres (DCTCs) and keep the Public Sector controlled condition cropping units fully functional for the benefit of mushroom growers.

Emphasizing capacity building and farmer outreach, Anil Gupta instructed officers to organize regular training programmes to promote investment in Mushroom and Apiculture sectors. "The field functionaries shall motivate more farmers towards mushroom cultivation and promote the

production of Dhingri (Oyster) and Milky Mushroom along with Button Mushroom to diversify production and enhance farmers' income," he stressed.

Assessing the progress made in the Apiculture sector, the Director stressed the importance of extending full support to beekeepers during the migration process.

The Director emphasized close monitoring of all developmental activities and called upon officers to work with dedication and commitment for the successful implementation of government schemes aimed at boosting agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu Division.

### HC announces eid holiday on May 28

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The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has declared May 28 as a holiday on account of Eid-ul-Azha.

According to an order issued by the office of Registrar General, the holiday will be observed for the high court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The order stated that September 19 would be observed as a working day in lieu of the eid holiday.

## DC Kathua inspects lodgement centres in Hiranagar

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today conducted an inspection of designated lodgement centres in Hiranagar Sub Division to review the civic amenities and arrangements put in place for accommodating pilgrims in case of any contingency during the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SSP Mohita Sharma, ADC Vishavjeet Singh and local SDM Phulail Singh, besides other concerned officers.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the facilities being made available at the lodgement centres including sanitation, drinking water supply, electricity, bedding arrangements, cleanliness, medical support, security measures and other essential amenities.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure that all requisite facilities are kept in a state of readiness and that proper coordination is maintained



among departments for smooth management of any emergent situation during the Yatra period.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the impor-

tance of maintaining hygiene, uninterrupted power and water supply, adequate lighting and proper security arrangements at all designated centres. He also in-

structed the officers to ensure timely completion of any pending works and keep sufficient manpower available for operational preparedness.

## R&R Commissioner (M) reviews annual budgetary provisions for Migrant Camps

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The annual budgetary provisions (2026-027) for works and services to be implemented by different government departments in the Kashmiri migrant camps were today discussed here at a meeting chaired by Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K, Dr. Arvind Karwani.

The meeting undertook a comprehensive review of basic amenities in the migrant camps. The progress of integration of migrant ration cards into the NFSA database, distribution of ration as per the Special Relief Ration Scheme notified by the Government recently and extension of social sector schemes to the eligible migrant beneficiaries was also reviewed.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Relief, Assistant Commissioners Relief, Chief Accounts Officer Relief Organization and nodal officers from Department of Culture, Employment, Skill Development, Youth Services & Sports, Health, School Education, PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti, JPDCL,



H&UDD, UEED, FCS&CA Department, Social Welfare Department, Employment Department, JAKeGA, Rural Development Department and Floriculture. The Principals of Migrant Schools and In-charge Sub-District Hospital Jagti etc also attended the meeting.

The Commissioner reviewed the status of basic amenities like safe drinking water, power supply and sanitation in the camps. He instructed the officers of the Jal Shakti Department to take all requisite measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the migrant camps and press adequate water tanker supply in the operation to supplement the water shortage

in summers. The JPDCL was asked to explore the possibility of a dedicated feeder line for Mini-Township Jagti. Jammu Municipal Corporation was asked to put additional manpower in place to augment sanitation services.

JAKeGA was asked to install solar lights at the identified additional locations. The Health Department was asked to deploy doctors on rotation to the migrant camps and make the dispensaries fully functional with provision of ambulances. All departments were asked to organize awareness/facilitation camps to generate awareness in the migrant camps and prominent non-camp areas about various Gov-

ernment schemes /services being offered by them.

The Deputy Commissioner Relief and Assistant Commissioners Relief were asked to conduct weekly visits to the camps assigned to them as per the roster of duty and take stock of all development works/problems of migrants, including grievances related to immovable properties in Kashmir Valley.

Dr. Karwani emphasised upon all the officers to ensure due adherence to the directions issued by the General Administration Department, regarding responsibilities of Transit Migrant Camps at Jammu and Kashmir assigned to various Government departments.

## Director FCS&CA inspects flour, oil Mills Warns strict action against violators

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A team of the FCS&CA Department, headed by the Director Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive inspection of flour mills at Gangyal engaged in grinding wheat into Atta under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

The inspection was aimed at reviewing the grinding process, quality standards, hygiene and sanitation conditions, packaging, stock position and timely dispatch of Atta to the departmental stores for further distribution among the consumers. The Mills inspected included Upkar Flour Mill, Mahajan Flour Mill, Jammu Flour Mill, National Flour Mill and Bhagwati Flour Mill.

During the inspection, the Director emphasized the importance of maintaining prescribed quality parameters and ensuring transparency and efficiency in the supply chain so that quality food grains and Atta are made available to beneficiaries without any interruption.



He also directed the concerned officials and mill operators for proper stacking of wheat and Atta, to take preventive measures for pest control, to strictly adhere to the guidelines and standards laid down by the Department. A random check of weight at Flour Mill, Upkar Flour Mill and Jammu Flour Mill, found some bags underweight for which the Director issued

on spot instructions for improvement & warned for strict action in future. Meanwhile an action has been ordered against the Supervisor FCS&CA.

To ensure Protection of Consumer Affairs, the Director also inspected JK Oil Mill at Gangyal to see the quality control measures, packaging and labelling etc. The Director inspected each section of the Mill. On

random checking variations were found in the weight of packaged containers. The Director directed to convey the observations to the Legal Metrology Department for action & follow up.

The Director stressed upon the mill operator to maintain Hygiene, quality and standards in the production process to provide safe and quality edible oil products to consumers.

## CEO conducts surprise inspection of Schools in Zone Thathri

**DODA, MAY 19:** Chief Education Officer Bhusan Kumar Pathak conducted a surprise inspection of the educational institutions in Zone Thathri today to assess the academic environment and overall functioning of schools.

The CEO inspected academic activities and provision of infrastructure including accommodation, civic amenities, staff position at Government High School Thaleela; Government High School Poneja and PM Shri GHSS Chiralla.

During his visit to High School Thaleela, he directed the Planning Section to coordinate with the executing agencies for the early handover of the newly constructed school building after the overall condition of the institution was found unsatisfactory. The CEO issued on-the-spot directions to the teaching staff to improve the teaching-learning process and ensure a conducive academic environment.

Member Legislative Assembly Daleep Singh Parihar joined the CEO during



the latter's visit to PM Shri GHSS Chiralla. They interacted with staff and students, listened to their concerns and assured necessary support for addressing genuine issues.

The visit concluded at GHSS Bhella, where the CEO inspected the Girls' Hostel and interacted with the girl students to inquire about the facilities available in the Hostel.

## Census 2027: Self-Enumeration process picks up pace across Kathua

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The Self Enumeration under Census 2027 has gained momentum across Kathua District as the public participation in the process is picking up pace.

Member Legislative Assembly Jasrota Rajeev Jasrota and MLA Kathua Dr. Bharat Bhusan today completed their self-enumeration, reaffirming their support towards the nationwide exercise aimed at ensuring accurate and inclusive population data collection.

The self-enumeration process of MLA Kathua was carried out in the presence of ADDC Surinder Mohan Sharma at his residence. The district administration team provided detailed assistance regarding the step-by-step digital procedure.

Similarly, Tehsildar Kathua Vikram Kumar



alongwith his team assisted MLA Jasrota Rajeev Jasrota in the smooth completion of the self-enumeration process.

Speaking on the occasion, the legislators appealed to the people to actively participate in the self-enumeration process, terming it an important exercise for effective planning and developmental policymaking in the country. They urged citizens to utilise the digital platform and complete the process from the comfort of their homes within the stipulated

timeline. The elected representatives appreciated the efforts of the District Administration Kathua in spreading awareness and facilitating the public regarding the self-enumeration process under Census 2027.

Meanwhile, the Charge Officers across the district are organising a series of awareness sessions, public outreach programmes and special camps to educate the masses about the importance, procedure and benefits of self-enumeration. The

officers are sensitising people at Panchayat, ward and village levels and encouraging maximum public participation to ensure comprehensive and accurate coverage under Census 2027.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma said that the Self Enumeration process under Census 2027 is receiving encouraging public response across the district. He appealed to the citizens to actively participate in the exercise and complete self enumeration within the notified timeline. He further stated that the district administration has put in place dedicated teams, awareness camps and facilitation mechanisms to assist the public and ensure maximum participation in the nationwide exercise, which forms the foundation for effective planning and inclusive development.