

Dir Agri stresses widespread adoption of NPSS Mobile App for Digital Transformation

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Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah today stressed the widespread adoption of the NPSS Mobile Application, focusing on its practical implementation and strategies for enhancing user adoption, during a programme, held at the Directorate of Agriculture, Lal Mandi, Srinagar.

The programme was attended by officers and officials from across the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture Kashmir highlighted the importance of digital technologies in modernizing agricultural service delivery and ensuring greater transparency, efficiency, and accessibility for farmers. He emphasized that the NPSS Mobile Application has been developed as a vital digital platform to streamline various agricultural services and facilitate real-time data manage-



ment.

The Director urged field functionaries to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the application's features and ensure its effective implementation at the grassroots level. He stressed the need for creating awareness among farmers and stakeholders to maximize the benefits of the platform and accelerate its adoption across the Valley.

During the programme,

technical experts provided detailed demonstrations of the application, explaining its functionalities, operational procedures, and practical utility in day-to-day departmental activities. Participants were also given hands-on training to enhance their understanding of the platform and its field-level applications.

Interactive sessions were held to address queries and gather feedback from participants regarding the im-

plementation process. The suggestions and observations received during the programme will help further strengthen the application and improve user experience.

The programme concluded with a reaffirmation of the department's commitment to leveraging digital innovations for efficient service delivery and promoting technology-driven agricultural development in Jammu and Kashmir.

CKER intensifies crackdown against illicit cultivation of Narcotic Crops

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Central Kashmir Excise Range intensified its crackdown against the Illicit cultivation of Narcotic crops (Poppy) under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan and destroyed illegal poppy cultivation at multiple locations including Bugchil Khansahib, across the Srinagar-Budgam-Ganderbal Excise Range.

The drive was held in collaboration with Police, Revenue and Agriculture Department and the FIR was lodged under the relevant sections of NDPS Act at the concerned Police Stations.

All legal formalities including seizure, Sampling and destruction were reportedly completed on spot. FIR no 106/2026 under relevant sections 8/18 of NDPS Act has been registered at police station Khansahib, investigation



has been taken up.

This enforcement action exemplifies the commitment of the Excise Department

to curbing illegal activities and upholding the rule of law under the supervision of the Excise

Commissioner and the Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Kashmir.

Government College of Education holds Cycle Rally to promote sustainability

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NSS Wing of Government College of Education, in collaboration with the Physical Education Department and the College Wellness and Anti-Substance Cell (CWASC), organized a cycle rally on Thursday under the theme "Pedal Towards Sustainability" to promote environmental conservation and sustainable living.

The rally commenced from the college campus and concluded at Nishat Garden, covering a distance of approximately 11 kilometers. It was flagged off by Dr. Altaf Shah Syed in the presence of Dr. Syed Bilquees Aslam Shah, Daljeet Kour, Dr. Qazi Inam Saboor, faculty members, and students.

A total of 35 students enthusiastically participated in the event.

Dr. Seema Naz, Principal Government College of Education (IASE), congratulated the NSS Wing, the Physical Education Department, and CWASC for successfully organizing the programme.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Altaf Shah Syed, NSS Programme Officer said that the initiative aimed to promote environmental sustainability, encourage eco-friendly modes of transportation, and foster healthy lifestyles

among students and the wider community.

He emphasized that such activities help sensitize young people to environmental challenges and inspire them to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.

Dr. Syed Bilquees Aslam Shah Department of Education also highlighted the significance of the rally, stating that awareness-driven initiatives play a vital role in encouraging environmental responsibility and sustainable habits among students and society at large.

During the rally, participants carried placards and displayed messages emphasizing the importance of reducing carbon emissions, conserving natural resources, and protecting the environment. The organizers also underscored the benefits of cycling as an environmentally friendly mode of transport that helps reduce pollution, conserve energy, and improve physical well-being.

The event witnessed active participation from students and staff, reflecting the institution's commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable development. The rally concluded at Nishat Garden, where participants pledged to support green initiatives and contribute towards building a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future.

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: 100-Day Campaign continues across Pulwama

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Under the ongoing TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan – 100-Day Campaign, a series of health awareness, screening and outreach Shivirs were successfully conducted across various locations of District Pulwama by the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) Pulwama to strengthen tuberculosis screening, early detection and community awareness.

The Shivirs were held in the villages of Samboora, Lelhar, Banderpora Chirat, Gundbal, Dusoo, Chandhara and Letpora. In addition, screening and awareness camps were organised at various healthcare institutions, including NTPHC Koil, HWC Payer and Nowhard, to ensure wider outreach and coverage of vulnerable populations.

During the Shivirs, active TB screening services were provided to the local population. Hand-held portable chest X-ray facilities were utilized to facilitate on-the-spot screening and timely identification of presump-



tive TB cases for further diagnostic evaluation and treatment.

Furthermore, during the shivirs, Healthcare teams also conducted extensive awareness and sensitiza-

tion activities, educating community members about the symptoms of tuberculosis, preventive measures, the importance of early diagnosis and adherence to treatment.

The Health Department has urged the general public to extend full cooperation to the screening teams and seek timely medical consultation in case of any TB-related symptoms.

State Taxes Commissioner reviews Kashmir division's tax compliance, enforcement measures

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Commissioner, State Taxes Department, P.K. Bhat, today chaired a review meeting of the State Taxes Department, Kashmir, to assess the progress of tax compliance, enforcement, and revenue monitoring across the division.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Kashmir, Parveez Ahmad Raina, along with State Taxes officers from all circles of the Kashmir Division.

During the meeting, the Commissioner reviewed the action taken report on cases identified through BISAG, audit cases, and the demand raised and realised for the year 2021-22. He also took stock of action initiated against non-filers, taxpayers who have received TDS payments but have not filed tax returns, scrutiny cases assigned for the year 2022-23, scrutiny of credit flow, and follow-up on notices issued by the



department.

The review further covered action taken against taxpayers whose registrations have been cancelled, as well as those who have filed R1 and passed credit but have not filed GSTR-3B. The Commissioner also directed special focus on circles with a predominant hotel industry, keeping in view the revival in tourism activity, so as to check any possible revenue leakages and ensure proper tax compliance.

Commissioner P.K. Bhat emphasized the need to leverage technological tools such as PRIME, BISAG, and BIFA for more effective tax compliance, detection of irregularities, prevention of fraud, and promotion of fair trade practices. He underscored that the department must continue to strengthen enforcement mechanisms while ensuring taxpayer facilitation and accountability.

In his concluding remarks, the Additional

Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the officers and urged all circles to intensify follow-up action, dispose of pending cases in a time-bound manner, and maintain a proactive approach toward revenue realization and compliance enforcement. He stressed the importance of coordinated field action, regular monitoring, and close attention to sectors with higher compliance sensitivity to further improve departmental performance.

DC Budgam visits Markazi Imambara Yousuf Abad Bemina

BUDGAM, JUNE 04: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today visited Markazi Imambada Yousuf Abad, Bemina, to review the arrangements being put in place for the smooth observance of the ensuing holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram

During the visit, the DC inspected the facilities available at the Imambara and interacted with local residents, religious leaders, and members of the management committee to assess their requirements and concerns ahead of the month.

The local representatives projected several demands and issues which included repair and restoration of damaged stretches on the Mirgund Bemina Road, ensuring uninterrupted power supply with adequate backup arrangements, augmentation of potable water supply, strengthening of medical facilities, and development of a dedicated parking space at the Imambara to facilitate devotees and visitors.

During the visit the DC directed the concerned departments to take all necessary measures to ensure seamless arrangements



during Muharram-ul-Haram.

He instructed the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department to examine and address the damaged road stretches on priority.

He also emphasized the need for a comprehensive traffic management plan to ensure the convenience of mourners.

The DC further directed the Power Development Department (PDD) to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply and adequate backup arrangements during religious gatherings.

He also instructed the Jal Shakti Department to maintain regular and sufficient water supply throughout the Muharram days. Regarding healthcare services, the DC di-

rected the Health Department to ensure the availability of medical teams, ambulances, and essential healthcare facilities during major congregations.

He also assured the local representatives that the proposal for development of parking facilities at the Imambada would be examined and taken up with the concerned authorities.

The DC stressed the importance of close coordination among all line departments and directed officers to complete all necessary arrangements well in advance.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the District Administration has already initiated advance preparations for the smooth and peaceful ob-

servance of Muharram-ul-Haram across the district. He informed that necessary directions have been issued well in advance to all concerned departments to ensure adequate arrangements and essential facilities for mourners, including power and water supply, healthcare services, sanitation, traffic management, and other public utilities.

Besides, Joint Director Planning Budgam, Javaid Ahmad Najar; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Budgam; Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Shakti and PDD, representative of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, officers from the concerned departments, were present during visit of the DC.