

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## CS calls for ambitious implementation of Agri Credit Schemes across J&K

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JAMMU, JUNE 05

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting of the Agriculture Production Department (APD) to assess the implementation and progress of various agricultural credit schemes being extended across the districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, APD, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma; Managing Director, HADP; Directors of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture and Fisheries from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, while Deputy Commissioners participated through video conferencing.

Reviewing the performance of different credit-linked schemes, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for giving a major push to agricultural financing, observing that accessible and affordable credit remains the most effective means of unlocking the vast potential of the agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

He called upon the district administrations and banking institutions to pursue these schemes with greater ambition and commitment so that eligible farmers, entrepreneurs and producer groups are able to derive maximum benefit from them.

Highlighting the significance of the Kisan Credit



Card (KCC) scheme, Dulloo stressed the need for saturation of KCC coverage, timely renewal of existing accounts and prompt disbursement of repayment incentives to eligible farmers in accordance with the scheme guidelines.

He directed the concerned departments and banks to undertake extensive awareness campaigns regarding the incentives available under the scheme and the conditions required for availing them, enabling farmers to fully leverage the benefits of this credit scheme.

The Chief Secretary also called for expediting onboarding under the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) in areas where digitization of land records has been completed. He further directed the concerned authorities to ensure that these records remain updated in tandem with the ongoing generation of Farmer IDs across the districts.

Emphasizing the role of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in strengthen-

ing rural economies, Dulloo underscored the need for systematic capacity building of FPOs to make them credit-worthy and financially sustainable. He asked the department to designate mentors from among its trainers for handholding and guiding FPOs in enhancing their productivity and institutional capacities in line with banking requirements and credit norms.

The Chief Secretary reviewed district-wise and scheme-wise performance and urged districts to identify areas where progress remained below expectations and undertake focused interventions to improve outcomes and emerge as leading performers.

The meeting also reviewed the performance of Agricultural Term Loans and the activities generating the highest demand among applicants. The Chief Secretary directed banks to provide granular activity-wise data regarding the sectors attracting maximum credit demand and explore the

possibility of incorporating such activities under the Mission YUVA framework as well.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, APD, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma presented a comprehensive overview of the agricultural credit ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the uptake of various schemes among eligible beneficiaries, discussed the challenges being faced and outlined the roadmap for achieving the desired outcomes.

During the meeting, it was informed that Jammu and Kashmir presently has around 11.57 lakh active KCC account holders, of whom nearly 3.5 lakh farmers availed the prompt repayment incentive during the previous financial year. It was further revealed that 7.99 lakh beneficiaries have been provided smart cards, while 41 per cent coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was achieved during the Kharif season.

Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agency to expedite the remaining work and ensure completion within the revised timeline while maintaining the highest standards of quality.

She emphasized that the facility will significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities and improve access to quality healthcare services for the people of the district.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Maqbool, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Bandipora, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Malla, representatives of NHM, officials of HSCC, and other concerned officers.



Officials informed the Deputy Commissioner that around 80 per cent of the work has been completed. It was further informed that the project, which was originally scheduled for completion in April 2026, is now ex-

pected to be completed by July 2026. The construction work is being executed by HSCC.

Highlighting the importance of the laboratory in strengthening healthcare services in the district, the

## DC Bandipora visits District Hospital

**BANDIPORA, JUNE 05:** Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Friday visited District Hospital Bandipora to review the progress of the under-construction Public Health Integrated Laboratory being established at an estimated cost of approximately Rs 80 lakh under the National Health Mission (NHM).

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various components of the project and assessed the pace and quality of the ongoing construction works. She was briefed by the concerned officials about the status of the project and the facilities being developed under it.

## DC Kathua reviews implementation of PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Kumar today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of registrations under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana and review measures to maximize coverage of eligible persons across the district.

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) is a union government-backed voluntary pension scheme for workers in the unorganized sector. It provides a guaranteed monthly pension of ₹3,000 to eligible workers upon reaching the age of 60, along with family pension benefits for their spouse in the event of death. At the outset, Assistant Labour Commissioner Piyusha Khajuria briefed the meeting on the registration status and progress achieved under the scheme. The meeting reviewed the enrolment of unorganised



sector workers under the pension scheme and discussed strategies for ensuring wider coverage of eligible beneficiaries in the 18-40 years age group.

Emphasising the importance of social security for unorganised workers, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to intensify awareness and registration drives and ensure saturation of eligible beneficiaries. He stressed coordinated field-level efforts to maximise enrolment under

the scheme. The Deputy Commissioner directed the respective departments to facilitate registration of Anganwadi workers and helpers, eligible industrial workers, drivers, cleaners and other transport sector workers. He further instructed the Assistant Commissioner Development to ensure coverage of MGN-REGA workers, while the Health and School Education Departments were asked to facilitate enrolment of ASHA and Mid-Day Meal workers, respec-

tively. The Handicrafts, Handloom and NRLM functionaries were also directed to identify and register eligible artisans, weavers and self-help group members.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon all stakeholders to work in mission mode for achieving maximum coverage. He also directed the concerned officers to regularly monitor progress and submit periodic reports on registrations achieved in their respective sectors.

## World Environment Day: J&K Police conducts Plantation Drives across J&K

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To mark World Environment Day and as part of the nationwide plantation campaign launched under the leadership of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India, Jammu and Kashmir Police organized a large-scale tree plantation drive across its establishments throughout the Union Territory.

As part of the initiative, Director General of Police, Shri Nalin Prabhat, inaugurated a plantation drive in South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

At Police Headquarters, Srinagar, the plantation programme was led by Special Director General of Police Shri S.J.M. Gillani in the presence of ADGP Headquarters Shri M.K. Sinha, DIGs Shri Mubassir



Latifi and Shri J.S. Johar, along with AIGs, officers, and staff members. During the programme, nearly 100 saplings of various species were planted within the Police Headquarters premises. Similar plantation drives

were carried out at all Zonal, Range, District, Unit, and Wing Headquarters across the Union Territory. Heads of the respective formations personally led the initiatives and encouraged officers and personnel to actively

participate in environmental conservation efforts.

The drive reflects J&K Police's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and contributing to a greener and healthier future.

## NHPC celebrates World Environment Day

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Shri Bhupender Gupta, CMD, NHPC, led the World Environment Day celebrations in NHPC, on 05.06.2026 at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad by planting a sapling and launching a plantation drive.

The event was organized as part of NHPC's nationwide observance of World Environment Day across its Corporate Office, Regional Offices, Power Stations, Projects and other units, reaffirming the organization's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Gupta emphasized the need for collective action towards environmental conservation and urged everyone to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. He highlighted the importance of



preserving ecological balance and conserving natural resources for future generations. He further underscored the significance of environmental stewardship and called upon em-

ployees to actively contribute towards building a cleaner, greener and more sustainable future.

Senior officers and employees participated enthusiastically in the pro-

gramme and planted saplings within the office premises, reaffirming NHPC's unwavering commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development.

## SMVDSB Observes 100-Day Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, World Environment Day

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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) in alignment with the vision of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT and Chairman, SMVDSB today marked the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan and commemorated World Environment Day through a series of awareness, wellness and community outreach programmes organized across its various establishments.

The initiatives were aimed at promoting a drug-free society, encouraging healthy lifestyles and fostering environmental consciousness. The day's activities also included yoga sessions, a health awareness talk and a CPR awareness programme, focusing on physical well-being, preventive healthcare and emergency response preparedness.

As part of the programme, Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB along with other dignitaries flagged off an Anti-Drug Awareness Rally which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty from SMVDCoN and DPS, healthcare professionals, Shrine Board officials and representatives of



law enforcement agencies to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote healthy living.

Carrying banners and placards bearing impactful anti-drug messages, participants sensitized the public about the adverse effects of substance abuse and advocated the adoption of healthy and responsible lifestyles. The rally served as a powerful platform for community engagement and collective action, reinforcing the message of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and encouraging citizens, particularly the youth, to shun drugs and actively contribute towards building a healthier, safer and more responsible society.

An awareness exhibition and felicitation ceremony were also organized at the Atrium of SMVDNSH, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts among institutions, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies and the community in addressing the challenge of substance abuse.

Also on the occasion, to mark World Environment Day, a plantation drive was conducted at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra, as part of the Shrine Board's sustained commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development. The dignitaries planted Rudraksh saplings, symbolizing a collective pledge to preserve ecologi-

cal balance and nurture a greener, healthier and more sustainable future for generations to come.

Among the distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion were Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG, Udhampur-Reasi Range; Shri Alok Kumar Maurya, Addl. CEO, SMVDSB; Shri Mukund Tibrewal, SSP Reasi; Shri Pardeep Goswami, Commandant, CRPF; Shri Satish Kumar Sharma, Jt. CEO, SMVDSB; Shri Pawan Kumar, FA/CAO, SMVDSB; Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME; Dr. M.M. Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVDNSH and Shri Vinay Khajuria, ACF, SMVDSB.