

CRS implementation reviewed at Doda

DDC stresses mass public mobilization for timely registration

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District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting of the District Level Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee to review the implementation of the Civil Registration System (CRS) for Birth and Death Registration in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Programme Officer ICDS, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO), Chief Education Officer (CEO), Block Medical Officers (BMOs), Block Development Officers (BDOs), Executive Officers of Municipality and other concerned officers.

The District Statistics & Evaluation Officer delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of the Central Registration System (CRS). The presentation covered the registration process, prescribed timelines for birth and death registration, digitization of old birth and death records and issues re-



lated to delayed registration.

Reviewing the implementation, the DDC emphasized the importance of creating widespread public awareness regarding the timely registration of births and deaths. He directed the concerned departments to intensify awareness campaigns to encourage timely registration of birth and death.

The DDC also stressed the need to digitize old birth and death records at the earliest to facilitate easy access to certificates through

the online system. He called for strengthening coordination among all stakeholder departments to ensure effective implementation of the Central Registration System.

Highlighting the importance of citizen-centric service delivery, the DDC directed the concerned officers to make the registration process more active, transparent and public-friendly.

He instructed that no unnecessary hurdles should be faced by the public while obtaining birth and death

certificates and that all genuine cases should be processed promptly in accordance with the prescribed norms.

Furthermore, various bottlenecks and issues in the implementation of the Civil Registration System were discussed during the meeting. The DDC directed the concerned officers to resolve these issues, improve coordination among departments, simplify the registration process and ensure timely and hassle-free registration of births and deaths across the district.

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The Committee constituted to finalize the procurement, landed and sale rates of Toria (all varieties) and open-pollinated vegetable seeds for Rabi 2026-27, along with the sale rates of potato seed tubers met here today.

Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu Anil Gupta chaired the meeting held at Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Sanjay Anand; Chief Scientist, Plant Breeding & Genetics, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Parveen Singh; Professor, Department of Vegetable Science and Floriculture, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Anil Bhushan; Nodal Officer (Seed), SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Vijay Bharti; Potato Development Officer, Ravi Sharma; Divisional Seed Certification Officer, Nirmal Prakash Sharma, besides other committee members attended the



meeting. Director Agriculture, Kashmir Sartaj Ahmad Shah, participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Committee held detailed deliberations on the prevailing procurement and landed costs of different seed categories and examined the rates proposed for the forthcoming Rabi season. The discussions focused on ensuring timely availability of quality seed material at appropriate rates to farmers across the Jammu Division.

The Director stressed the need to ensure timely availability of high-quality vegetable and potato seeds to

farmers.

"Open-pollinated varieties, hybrid vegetable seeds shall also be included in the procurement plan, with hybrid seeds comprising more than 25 percent of the total supply," he directed. He further directed the officials of the Vegetable Improvement Scheme (VIS), Jammu, to collect district-wise seed demand from all Chief Agriculture Officers, clearly indicating the major crops and varieties required, so that procurement could be planned in accordance with field-level requirements.

Anil Gupta also called for strict adherence to the mandated cropping pattern at departmental farms and emphasized that production and procurement planning should remain aligned with the actual requirements of farmers.

Highlighting the emerging trend of urban farming, the Director suggested inclusion of vegetable seed mini-kits in the procurement plan to facilitate urban growers and encourage vegetable cultivation in urban and peri-urban areas.

After detailed deliberations, the committee finalized the procurement rates for seeds of major vegetable crops and potato seed tubers for the forthcoming Rabi season.

The exercise is aimed at ensuring transparent and rational fixation of seed rates, timely availability of quality planting material and effective implementation of the Rabi season seed distribution programme, thereby facilitating farmers in making timely arrangements for sowing.

Enforcement of food safety measures being stepped up in Kishtwar

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A meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Food Safety and Healthy Diets was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma here in the Meeting Hall, New DC Office Complex.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the measures in place to ensure the availability of quality food to the public and the effective implementation and monitoring of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

At the outset, the DC took a comprehensive review of the functioning and achievements of the Food Safety Department, including the activities carried out. A detailed discussion was held on issues related to food safety standards, hygiene practices and compliance by Food Business Operators (FBOs) in the district.

The meeting was apprised of the current status of food safety measures in the district and the proactive steps undertaken by the



department to ensure the supply of safe and healthy food to the public.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Food Safety Department to ensure 100% installation of glass frames in all mutton and chicken shops by FBOs to enhance hygiene conditions. The Department was asked to conduct special drives to check the quality of milk, milk products, chicken, mutton, poultry and other items on a regular basis. Directions were issued to ensure registration of all food business establishments in the district.

Additionally, the DC emphasized conducting intensive awareness programmes to familiarize the FBOs, including ICDS and MDM workers, regarding fortified food and mandatory registration under the Food Safety and Standards Act. He also directed the CEO and PO ICDS and set a 5-day deadline for the submission of lists of ICDS and MDM workers.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed strict enforcement of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and directed officers to take legal action against

FBOs found violating the Act, especially in relation to milk and milk products, honey and ghee.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the DO, Drugs & Food Control Department, to organise a License Registration Mela at Sub-Division Paddar.

The Food Safety Department, Kishtwar, apprised the Deputy Commissioner that 4 milk samples collected within District Kishtwar had failed. The DC directed the department to impose heavy penalties for violations related to milk and milk products.

DC Kishtwar reviews preparations for Phase-II of Census 2027

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 07: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma, who is also the Principal Census Officer, today chaired a meeting of the District Coordination Committee, Charge Officers and Sub-Divisional Census Officers to review and finalize preparations for the Population Enumeration (Phase-II) of Census 2027.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the successful completion of the House Listing Operation (HLO) and emphasized that Population Enumeration is a crucial phase of the Census. He directed the Charge Officers to ensure 100% accurate, complete and error-free enumeration, with zero omission and zero duplication of households or individuals.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the rationalization of House Listing Blocks (HLBs), wherein only those HLBs having a



population exceeding the prescribed norm would be reorganized as per Census guidelines. The Deputy Commissioner/Principal Census Officer directed the Charge Officers to complete the exercise within the stipulated timeline and submit the final manpower requirement. The Charge Officers were asked to immediately update the details of Enumerators and Supervisors on the Population Enumeration Portal. Stress was laid on timely updating of maps,

HLB boundaries and other portal-related activities to ensure seamless field operations.

The meeting also finalized the training schedule for District Coordination Committee members, Charge Officers, Sub-Divisional Census Officers, Charge Clerks, Field Trainers, Enumerators and Supervisors. It was informed that Self Enumeration shall be conducted from 17th to 31st August 2026, while Population Enumeration

will be undertaken from 1st to 30th September 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the officers to ensure wide publicity of Self Enumeration, facilitate citizens requiring assistance and promptly resolve any technical or operational issues. He also emphasized strict adherence to Government financial rules and Census guidelines while incurring expenditure under the Census programme.

Special emphasis was laid on the enumeration of vulnerable and special population groups, including institutional households, migrant labourers, homeless persons and residents of remote and inaccessible areas, so that no eligible person is left out.

The meeting concluded with a call to all Charge Officers and Census functionaries to work in close coordination and ensure the successful.

Chief Secretary reviews functioning of MSME Health Clinic

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning and progress of the J&K MSME Health Clinic, a digital initiative aimed at monitoring, diagnosing and revitalizing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Union Territory through timely assessment and targeted interventions.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handloom & Handicrafts, Kashmir/Jammu; besides other senior officers of the Industries & Commerce Department.

The meeting deliberated upon the progress made under the initiative, status of assessment of industrial units, capacity-build-

ing measures and strategies for expediting rehabilitation of stressed enterprises through co-ordinated institutional support.

Emphasising the need for strengthening the support ecosystem for MSMEs, the Chief Secretary directed the Industries & Commerce Department to augment the existing Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) functioning across the districts by providing adequate dedicated human resources or inducting representatives from other stakeholder departments, wherever required, to make these units more effective and result-oriented.

He also stressed the need for conducting regular capacity-building programmes by IIM Jammu for SBDU members across all districts to ensure professional and quality assessment of industrial units. He directed that the SBDUs should actively analyse the reports prepared after health assessment of MSMEs and closely monitor implementation of the recommendations made therein to facilitate timely revival of stressed units.



Calling for expeditious assessment of MSMEs, the Chief Secretary asked the concerned to substantially enhance the pace of health assessment by adopting a hybrid approach involving both physical and virtual visits to industrial units.

He further advised Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, to hold consultations with J&K Bank for exploring suitable mechanisms for restructuring loans of sick MSMEs based on the recommendations emerging from the Health Clinic assessments.



Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh apprised the meeting that the MSME Health Clinic has emerged as a significant platform for identifying financially stable enterprises as well as units requiring rehabilitation, thereby facilitating evidence-based policy interventions for strengthening the industrial ecosystem across the Union Territory.

He also apprised the meeting about the compliance with directions issued by Chief Secretary during the previous meet-

ing. He revealed that an interactive chatbot has been integrated into the MSME Health Clinic portal, while its upgraded version has been shared with IIM Jammu for further refinement.

It was also informed that district-level training programmes have been successfully completed across both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, with trained personnel now available in all the twenty districts to support Health Clinic operations. Additionally, the system has been strengthened to significantly enhance issuance of health certifi-

cates, with around 15,000 stability certificates already issued to MSMEs.

Giving details the Director, Industries, Jammu, Arun Manhas informed that 1,00,371 MSMEs have so far been registered on the MSME Health Clinic portal, while 73,907 units have undergone analytical assessment by BISAG. Of these, 68,218 units (92.3%) have been categorised as stable, whereas 5,689 units (7.7%) have been identified as recoverable or vulnerable to sickness, requiring focused handholding and rehabilitation support.

It was further informed that J&K Bank has already accessed the database of nearly 2.97 lakh MSMEs, which will now be analysed by BISAG over the next two weeks, enabling substantial expansion in the coverage of the Health Clinic programme and bringing a larger number of enterprises under systematic assessment.

The Chief Secretary was also informed that IIM Jammu has completed 338 virtual interactions and 117 field visits with

MSMEs, leading to the preparation of 34 rehabilitation reports, all of which have been approved by the respective District Level Approval Committees (DLACs).

Reiterating the importance of early diagnosis and timely intervention, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to intensify registration of MSMEs on the Health Clinic portal, expedite assessment of all eligible enterprises and ensure prompt preparation and implementation of rehabilitation plans for stressed units.

He observed that timely revival support would significantly improve the sustainability, productivity and competitiveness of MSMEs, thereby contributing to industrial growth and employment generation in the Union Territory.

He also emphasised close coordination among the Industries & Commerce Department, J&K Bank, BISAG, IIM Jammu and other stakeholder institutions for seamless implementation of the programme and effective delivery of support services to entrepreneurs.