

## SVEEP Express flagged-off to spread awareness about SSR'22

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Avny Lavasa, who is also the District Election Officer, along with Dy. DEO Rameshwar Kumar, on Thursday flagged off a vehicle designated as SVEEP Express from the DC Office complex to spread awareness among the masses about Special Summary Revision (SSR), 2022.

The SVEEP Express was flagged off to intensify activities under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program (SVEEP) on Special Summary Revision, 2022.

The major focus of the campaign is to register the youth who have attained the qualifying age of 18 years on 1st October 2022 as the electors in the Electoral Roll.

The DEO, while speaking on the occasion, said that SVEEP Express will go to every Panchayat, Patwar Halqa, Village and educational institutions across the district to dis-



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa flagging-off SVEEP Express.

seminate information about SSR-2022 among the public.

"Besides, it will share the details of election material including electoral forms like 6, 6B, 7, 8 and give a demo for filling these forms," she added.

The DEO further explained about the prescribed forms viz Form 6 for registration as Elector/Voter, Form 6-B for Information of Aadhaar number by existing electors, Form-7 for objection and self deletion and Form 8 for correction/shifting of voters' name to be filled and process on ERO-NET by respective BL0.

Later, District Election Officer Jammu, directed to carry out the activities for greater electoral participation Carried out by District Nodal Officer , SVEEP, Devinder Singh Manhas and his Team by sensitising the masses in general and newly eligible voters in particular to register as voters during SSR which is going on since 1st August, 2022.

DEO also urged the students to come forward and share the message amongst all so that greater participation can be ensured for a healthy democracy.

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GANDERBAL: Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industries Anupriya Singh Patel on Thursday said that Prime Minister is focused to give employment opportunities to the women living in the villages so that they could contribute in economy of their family.

The minister was interacting with members of Self Help Groups (SHG) after inaugurating and laying foundation stone of several road projects during her visit to visited to Mammer in the Ganderbal district. The Minister was on two-day visit to District Ganderbal under the Public Outreach Programme of Central Government.

During her visit to the village, the Minister inaugurated the 4.5 km long Bonizal road constructed at a cost of Rs 374.82 lakh approved under NABARD. She also laid



Union MoS, Anupriya Singh Patel inaugurating a project in Ganderbal.

foundation stone for widening/upgradation of Awanpati Satrina road including allied links approved at the cost of Rs 274.39 lakh.

On the occasion, various departments had installed stalls to showcase their products and schemes offered at JKTDC Cafeteria Mammer. The minister took the round of the stalls along with DDC Chairperson Nuzhat Ishfaq, Deputy Commissioner Shyambir and other officers who keenly observed the local

products especially of the women entrepreneurs of SHGs.

The Minister also interacted with the DDC members, BDCs, Sarpanchs and locals who apprised her about various demands and raised several developmental issues of the areas.

While speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the Central Government has taken the initiative of public outreach under which 70 ministers are visiting J&K with the view to assess the

execution of developmental projects and implementation of various welfare schemes in the UT of J&K besides getting feedback and suggestion from the locals which would be shared with the Home Ministry so that timely and quality solution of the demands is ensured.

Replying to the issues, the Minister said that under the new industrial policy announced for J&K, four industrial estates are coming up in District Ganderbal and in this regard Government is

focused to ensure all possible support for industrial development in the UT so that employment of the youth is ensured at a rapid pace. She further added that this year around 1.62 crore tourists have visited J&K adding that nominating Mammer as a tourist village will also increase the tourist footfall in the areas which will generate employment opportunities for the locals and give filip to their economy.

Meanwhile, the minister also handed over financial assistance of Rs 67.94 lakh under Lower Education Assistance Scheme of Labour Department. She also distributed Old Age Pension Books, Sports Kits and Land Passbooks among the beneficiaries.

Earlier, the Minister also kick started plantation drive within the premises of JKTDC Cafeteria Mammer by planting conifer sapling.

## Union MoS Finance visits Shopian; reviews development works

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SHOPIAN: Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Thursday visited district Shopian under third phase of the Public Outreach Programme in order to assess the ground level development scenario, implementation status of Central Sponsored Schemes and to listen to public issues. While taking review of the district development profile, the Minister stressed upon officers to provide more employment avenues to youth, give more focus on infrastructure development and promote entrepreneurship ventures so that more employment opportunities are provided to the youth.

Chaudhary emphasized upon the need for taking intensified efforts for achieving best results of development and welfare outcomes for the larger interests of people. While speaking on the occasion, he called for universal coverage of people in economically productive activities and said that employment creation and entrepreneurship should be the topmost priority of administration. Chaudhary then held a meeting and interacted with DDC, BDC members, MC counsellors and other PRI members and listened to issues and demands put forward for consideration and appropriate action from the visiting dignitary. DDC members took up the issue of low rates of apples, transportation and marketing problems being faced by the transporters and growers. Members sought separate

Mechanical Division for the district in view of heavy snowfall in the district. They sought Industrial Training Institute in the district, MSP for apple crop, implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padoa (BBBP), University Campus / Women's College, Maternity and Child Care Hospital and increasing budget allocation of Municipal Council among other issues of public importance. While interacting with the PRI members, he sought feedback from them about developmental achievements made in the district during past few years and assured that he will take up demanded issues with concerned for resolution. On the occasion, the Minister laid e-foundation of three road projects namely Strengthening/Upgradation of Chitragram Heff including Heffkhurru Malderia Road, Strengthening/Upgradation of Amshipora Cheeki Mirzapur Sedow road and Strengthening/Upgradation of Pahalpura Naidgund Road, to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,155 lakhs. Later the MoS visited Fruit Mandi Aglar and met fruit growers, traders and transporters.

President Association while speaking highlighted the economic significance of the Mandi and informed that annual business turnover of the Mandi is around Rs 4,000 crore and about 10,000 persons are directly or indirectly employed with it. He sought intervention of Govt for making efforts for its better-

ment especially construction of flood protection wall around it.

While addressing the gathering, the Minister highlighted some of the priorities of the Central Government and progress made under various sectors including rail, road and air connectivity and infrastructure development.

He especially mentioned watershed movements in health sector of J&K made by the Central Government including the establishment of 2 AIIMS, 5 GMCs, road connectivity, good governance initiatives, ushering of accountability and responsiveness in J&K.

He highlighted the dividends made in tourism and in attracting investment for industrial development and employment generation in J&K. Eight million people have visited J&K during the ensuing year and around Rs. 56,000 crore investment has been made in J&K is the yardstick by which to measure the progression of J&K to the higher echelons of prosperity, the Minister added.

DC Shopian on the occasion intimated that the construction of flood protection wall has already been sanctioned and work on it shall be started on priority.

Earlier, MoS stressed upon officers to disseminate maximum information about Govt. Schemes among people so that more and more people are benefited from the Central and UT Govt. schemes.

He also distributed sanction orders and keys of vehicles among beneficiaries of agriculture and employment depart-

ment under different schemes. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya welcomed the Minister and presented overview of the district besides giving status of mega developmental projects under execution in the district including Polytechnic College, JNV Aglar, Indoor Stadium, Shopian - Bijbehara Road, Transit Accommodation for migrant employees, Trenz Shiekh Pora Bridge, etc.

Kumar also presented physical and financial achievements under District Capex Budget of last three years and intimated that 1,173 works out of 1,594 works have been completed till date during the current year in Capex Budget.

Implementation status of Central Govt. Schemes in RDD Sector like MGNREGA, PMAY (G), PMAY (Avas Plus), PMAY (U), NRLM was also reviewed. DC appraised the chair about the progress made under these schemes.

Health, revenue, horticulture, industries, school education, besides other sectors were also reviewed during the meeting along with self employment generation schemes and entrepreneurship initiatives like PMEGP, MSME, Mumkin, Tajiswani and their impact on ground.

Status of road construction and up gradation under R&B, PMGSY and macadamisation achievements was presented before the chair and it was informed that 116 kms road length has been macadamized during this year till date.

## Dir Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir signs MoU with NIFT, India

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SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institute of Fashion Technology, India (NIFT) under the project titled 'The Repository - Indian Textiles and Crafts' (RTC).

The MoU was signed between Director, Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir Mehmood Ahmad Shah (JKAS) and Director (NRC), NIFT, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar. The project is initiated by NIFT and is being sponsored by Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India with an aim to develop a national knowledge portal titled Bhartiya Vastra Shilpa Kosh, to form an integrated system that will lay

down a framework to weave the past and present status of textiles.

The Indian textile and craft repository is being planned as an online resource network for the textile, clothing and craft sector of India.

The digital repository portal has been created with the objectives of digital preservation of the contemporary designs, digital archiving of tangible and intangible knowledge resources related to textile and crafts, dissemination of historical and contemporary information and narratives on Indian textiles, showcasing the creativity and diversity in traditional Indian textiles on interactive digital platform, creation of integrated database of craft practitioners for their promotion and welfare and creation of visual databank of images, films, audio-visuals, podcast lecture series on craft practitioners and designers

for awareness and promotion purposes.

The scope of the MoU includes conduct of preliminary survey of the collections for assessing the status of the holdings, selection and hosting of whole or part of the holdings on RTC portal, providing support for creation of technical interfaces to harvest and use of meta-data, digitization of select holdings documentation and cataloging of selected undocumented resources, training and capacity building, content creation and coordination and promotion of RCT portal.

The Director, Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir while highlighting the significance of the MoU said, "we will try to support NIFT India in every possible way. It is a huge endeavor and shall go a long way in preserving the heritage and contemporary designs associated to Kashmir."

## Universal screening for lifestyle diseases discussed

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JAMMU: Secretary Health & Medical Education (H&ME), Bhopinder Kumar on Thursday chaired a review meeting regarding universal screening of non communicable diseases and common cancers of 30 plus population at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan, Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Saleem-u-Rehman, Director Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather besides all Chief Medical Officers and Block Medical Officer of the UT participated virtually.

Secretary, while elaborating on the subject, said that non communicable diseases are responsible for 60 percent of deaths among population which are mainly due to lifestyle changes. He emphasized the need for a serious effort to identify such patients through mass screening for initiation of early treatment and contin-



Secy H&ME, Bhopinder Kumar chairing a review meeting in Jammu.

uous follow up to avert untimely deaths.

A detailed Power Point Presentation was delivered by State Nodal Officer, NHM on the status of Population Based Screening for NCDs and common cancers at Health Wellness Centers besides Opportunistic Screening for NCDs under NPCDCS program.

The meeting had an elaborated discussion on prioritization and challenges of universal Screening for NCDs and Common Cancers at both community and facility level.

Bhopinder Kumar strictly

emphasized on screening of target population for Common NCDs as well as uploading the data on NCD portal as per the targets set for each district. He directed the concerned officers to ensure that each district should device a micro plan to reach out all the target population.

Secretary asked both the Directors and the Chief Medical Officers to review progress regarding the scheme implementation on weekly basis for enhanced results. He also exhorted upon them to ensure availability of free drugs and diagnostic services in all

Health and Wellness Centers.

He also directed the concerned officers to ensure that the staff posted at Health and Wellness Centers including MLHPs, ANMs (Regular/ NHM) is not relocated to any other institution under any circumstances in order to achieve the screening targets and providing the services of Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

Secretary directed all the district officers to undertake infrastructural upgradation of remaining HWCs during the current financial year on priority.

besides their reporting and follow up status by the concerned departments.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad; SDM Gulmarg, SDM Pattan, SE R&B, Chief Horticulture officer, DFO JV Division Baramulla, OC Beacon, Chief Agriculture Officer, Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

## Change of Land use: DC B'la chairs DLC meeting Directs officers to work with dedication & zeal

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BARAMULLA: In order to review the process of Change of Land Use in the district, the District Level Committee (DLC) today met under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar at the meeting hall of DC Office, here.

While taking a comprehensive review, DC enquired about the status of NOCs being issued in favour of applicants and applications received till

date besides their reporting and follow up status by the concerned departments. The chair was informed that applications are being received through on-line mode during which the DC directed the concerned line departments to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper verification of documents and rules under land conversion.

She also directed the officers to submit the NOC reports to their respective departments in a time

bound manner and ensure speedy disposal of such applications.

The DC directed all the concerned to keep a regular tab on the portal so that all the cases shall be disposed-off in time frame besides dealing officials are directed to ensure that all the NOCs shall be received by the concerned departments within fixed time frame without any unreasonable delay. The meeting also discussed the status of NOCs being issued in connection with the approved cases,

holding and the number of operational holders in the UT. The Agricultural Census is a large Statistical Operation and the information collected through it is quite significant for the policy planners both at national as well at State/UT level, he added.

The 11th Agriculture Census 2021-22 will chart a new course in data collection and dissemination as the traditional method of using pen and papers would be replaced by Android App and web based system.

facilities available etc.

On the occasion, the Deputy Director Planning said that the Agricultural Census is a quinquennial Census. This Census is completed in a phased manner and it comprises of three phases.

The first phase of the scheme is based on complete enumeration study, whereas the other two phases are based on survey study.

The crux of the scheme lies in knowing about the size of the agricultural

