

Implementation of UMEED Scheme in J&K reviewed



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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur on Monday chaired a meeting of officers to review the implementation of 'UMEED' Scheme under J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM).

The meeting was attended by Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Chib; Additional Mission Director Jammu, Mridhu Sathia; Additional Mission Director Kashmir Riyaz Ahmad Beigh, SPMs and other concerned.

MD JKRLM, Indu Chib delivered a presentation about the overview of 'UMEED' Scheme in Jammu and Kashmir. Commissioner Secretary was informed that an average of 8-10 women of 18 to 60 years are federated into one Self Help Groups (SHGs) eight SHGs in one VO & eight GPs in one CLF. It was given out that with regard to capitalization (RF, CIF, VRF), after every quarter SHGs are graduated for Panch-Sutras with SHGs in grade 'A' only are

given capitalization and linked with banks while as after 3 months Revolving Fund (RF) at Rs 15000 per SHG is provided; and after 6 months Community Investment Fund (CIF) at Rs 40000 + (25000/SHG if), is provided to each SHGs through CLF, for livelihoods.

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The meeting was told that during Back to Village-4, in 4291 Panchayats, 3023 Village Rural Haats were established in 3392 JKRLM covered Panchayats, whereas 4842 VRHs were established in UT including other departments.

The meeting also discussed Model CLF strategy for developing selected CLFs as self

managed, Self Reliant and financially sustainable and to be utilized as demonstration and training sites for replicating the best practices in other CLFs. It was informed that JKRLM has already initiated 60 CLF to be developed into Model CLFs.

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She called upon the concerned to mainly focus on enhancing livelihoods across saturated blocks and also reviewing VRPs periodically to make social audit a regular affair so that it can act as checklist for them in their respective domains.

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Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and ACS, APD Atal Dulloo addressing a valedictory ceremony at SKUAST-J.

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JAMMU: The five-day long Krishak Mela 2022 organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu, concluded here on Monday with Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, chairing the valedictory ceremony.

The Chief Secretary interacted with the farmers, entrepreneurs, startups and the visitors of the event. He appreciated the efforts of the University for organizing such a mega event which was a blend of ideas, knowledge, innovation and entertainment.

Chief Secretary, while addressing the gathering, was optimistic that SKUAST Jammu will be one of the leading and premier agricultural institutions of the country in the coming years. He termed the event as youthful live mela with active involvement of students not only from SKUAST Jammu but from the nearby colleges and schools.

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ouring the best maintained lawns, parks and roof gardens of Jammu.

He also felicitated Barbi panchayat of Jammu district, Smailpur panchayat of Samba district, Gara panchayat of Kathua district and Mari panchayat of Reasi/ Udhampur district as best in the category of community ponds. He also awarded Gaint, Kiank Jagir of Jammu, Badhori and Patti of Samba, Merath and Rasoh of Kathua, Lehnu and Panthal of Reasi/Udhampur.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Professor J P Sharma for successful completion of mela as it was an amalgamation of diverse institutes, universities, development departments, banks, NABARD, schools and colleges who exhibited their technologies and products.

ACS described the mela as an ideal platform for startups, FPOs and SHGs to showcase their products. He exhorted upon the scientists to formulate their research in such a way that the farmers get benefit from them and sustain their livelihood through meticulous adoption of these technologies. He also mentioned that during the recent apex committee meeting, it has been decided that a pool of researchers will be constituted and the Post Graduate students of the University shall be encouraged to serve farming community.

Dulloo informed that Kisan Khidmat Centers are actively instrumental in the UT for providing all type of services and technical support to the farmers. He hoped that in the near future these will serve as one stop shop for the farming community.

Speaking on the occasion,

Srinagar Admin retrieves over 75 kanals of encroached prime state land

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Srinagar: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad, the District Administration Srinagar on Monday launched a massive anti-encroachment drive in various parts of the district and retrieved over 75 Kanals of State land at prime locations worth crores of rupees.

The District Administration also raided the illegal mining site at Chandpora Nallah in Tehsil North of the district during mid night and seized three tipplers and one JCB. In addition an FIR was also lodged against the contractor in this regard.

A team of Revenue and Police Officers/ Officials headed by Teshildar Eidgah, Ishfaq Ahamed Khan conducted an anti-encroachment in Sangam area and retrieved 6 kanals of Government land. In this regard, proceedings under 107 encroachers were also initiated against 30 encroachers.

Similarly, anti-encroachment drives were launched in Danimaha and Haripora Harwan areas of North Tehsil of the district during which about 70 kanals of state land was retrieved from the land grabbers. The Teams headed by Tehsildar North, Kaiser Mahmood removed 20 kanals of state land at Danimaha, while 50 kanals of state land was also retrieved at Haripora, Harwan.

Besides, in order to control the process of illegal mining in the district, the special teams on the directions of the District Magistrate

Srinagar also conducted a surprise raid at illegal mining site at Chandpora Nallah in Tehsil North of the District in the midnight and seized three tipplers and one JCB. In addition an FIR was also lodged against the contractor in this regard.

Speaking about the anti-encroachment drive undertaken to preserve Government land, the DC said that anti-encroachment drives will continue in all the parts of the district to retrieve entire state and kahcharai lands encroached by the land grabbers. He said involvement in land encroachment will be dealt with sternly as per the law.

The DC sought cooperation of the general public in its action against encroachments and also warned of action under CrPC in matters of encroachment on State/kahcharai lands.

The DC also lauded the efforts of the concerned Tehsildars and their teams and asked them to continue the anti-encroachment drives in their respective jurisdictions with added zeal and dedication so that all state/kahcharai land is retrieved.

With regard to curbing illegal mining that is taking place during the wee hours and evenings, the DC/ District Magistrate said that the District Administration is determined to eradicate this menace with legal strictness. He said that concerned Departments have been put on alert to check illegal mining in the district and instructed to conduct inspections and act tough against offenders to save the public resources.

Exhibition of special literary collections opens to public at SPS Library

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Srinagar: The Director, Libraries & Research, J&K, Mohammad Rafi on Monday opened for public the Exhibition of Special Literary Collections including Manuscripts, Rare Books and Miniature Paintings at SPS Library Complex here.

The two-day Exhibition is being organized by the by the Oriental Research Library (ORL) Srinagar on the sidelines of J&K UT-Level Library Advisory-cum-Purchase Committee (UTLLAPC) meeting which started here this morning. The main attractions of the exhibition are the oldest manuscripts like Qurabai-Din, Sadh Pand Luqman and Shahnameh Firdous. Some of the rare books including

Rajtarangni by Kalhana, Tareekh-e-Rashedi, Gazetteer of India and Kashur - a history of Kashmir are also displayed at the exhibition.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director, Libraries & Research said the rich repository of all the Manuscripts, Rare Books and Miniature Paintings of ORL which were earlier housed in Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, have been recently relocated to SPS Library Complex to ensure safety of these manuscripts, rare books and paintings.

Chief Librarian, Oriental Research Library Srinagar, Ishrat Majid said that the ORL Srinagar established in 1904, is a repository of around 6000 centuries old rare manuscripts in 17 languages encompassing varied fields. The library also has around 5000 rare books and miniature paintings.

He said the Department has approached the National Mission on Manuscripts (NMM) to get their technical and professional guidance for effective conservation and preservation of these historic

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to BSF, Pindi, Aldehar, Baba Chamlyal, Suhagpur, KotliJabwol, Part of Arnia, Trewna, Sunderpur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandral, Sarore, Jakh, Jopur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Raghunath Bazar, Residency Road, Wazarat Road, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo Kherian, Haipur Jagir, Saroda, Puran de Kothi, Trilokpur, Pounichak, Yatri Niwas, Bhawani Nagar, Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, Trilokpur, Panjpeer, NITCO Lane and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Arnas, Dharmani, Mahore, Sarh Bagga and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 8 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Pouni, Ransoo, Dadua, Shiv Khouri, Sangar, Bharak, Kalidhar, Laiter and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Logate, MES Janglot, IID Center, Nanan, Barnoti, Chann Arorian, Marheen, Paharpur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 22 from 10 am to 5 pm.

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Dairy development in J&K reviewed



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Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Kashmir Milk Producers Cooperative Limited (JKMPCL), Gaurav Sharma, gave a Powerpoint Presentation informing that around 45 thousand milk producer members have been associated with them through 985 Dairy Cooperative Societies as on October 2022.

He further informed that tenders have been floated for automation of dairy villages and enhancement of milk chilling infrastructure. Besides, total Chilling Plant Capacity of 200 thousand litres per

day and Dairy Plant Capacity of 150 thousand litres per day has been achieved by the cooperatives. He also shared information regarding progress on 50 TLPD Ultra High Temperature processing plant at Satwari, Jammu and enhancement of milk production at Chashma Shahi, Srinagar.

Dulloo reviewed various issues like allotment of land to JKMPCL at Jammu and Kashmir divisions and introduction of enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions. He also took stock of status of General Body meetings being organized at the village level.

He assured that the land issues at Budgam and Jammu would be

addressed on priority. The meeting was attended by Mission Director, J&K Dairy Mission, BN Singh; Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Shubra Sharma; Divisional Incharge JKMPCL Kashmir, Shabahat Kareem; Plant Incharge JKMPCL Jammu, Sardar Chand; Admin Head JKMPCL Farooq Ahmad Najar and Procurement Incharge JKMPCL Jammu, Mushtaq Ahmed while Director Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Purnima Mittal and Technical Officer, Agriculture Production Department, Dr Arif participated through video conference.

ACS called upon the officers to work hard towards formation of around 3 hundred cooperatives in the next two months with an average enrolment of 3 thousand members every month in J&K. He also encouraged them to increase plant capacity, daily average milk procurement and incremental growth in production of milk and its products.

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Workshop on 'Cost Effective, Eco-friendly and Hazard Resistant Construction Material' inaugurated



SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurabh Bhagat on Monday inaugurated three days training workshop on 'Cost-Effective, Eco-friendly and Hazard Resistant Construction Activities' at Building Centre, Bemina here.

The workshop is being organized by JK Science, Technology and Innovation Council (ST&IC), Department of Science & Technology, J&K in collaboration with Building Centre of Housing and Urban Development Department.

Addressing the inaugural session of the workshop, the Commissioner Secretary spoke on the broader contours of the usage of latest technologies for low-cost, eco-friendly and hazard resistant building con-

structions. He explained that there is a mis-understanding that low-cost housing is suitable only for low-income groups but the truth is that low-cost housing is achieved only by proper administration of means.

Saurabh Bhagat further said that the Country is facing major difficulty due to increasing population and majority of lower income groups cannot even afford their own houses because of high construction costs. He said that by using cost-effective techniques and materials, one can afford his house of his own. He emphasized on the need of fostering awareness among the common masses for using of low-cost building material and techniques. He assured of every possible help from the

Department of Science & Technology in carrying out research on low-cost technologies.

Additional Director, ST&IC, Dr Nasir Shah, in his address highlighted the importance of the training workshop. He also gave a brief description of the activities of JKST&IC. He

also apprised the audience about the various technical session of the training workshop.

Pertinently, around 150 engineering and architecture students drawn from different polytechnic and engineering colleges are participating in the workshop. Besides, senior

officers from Architecture Organization, Department of Science & Technology and other allied departments are also participating.

The main objective of the programme is to impart training to the students on utilization of low-cost building construction material.

The training programme was

based on simulations and lasted

for 10 days. The trainees were

provided basic business training

to help them establish their

units. He advised candidates to

use social media and modern

marketing techniques to

advance their businesses.

At the conclusion of the pro-

gram, certificates were distrib-

uted among the trainees.

Pradyot Gupta, Assistant

Labour Commissioner,

Udhampur also interacted with

the participants at the valedic-

tion function. Rajesh Kotwal,