

DC asks Departments to prepare Action Plan for NCAP phase-II to improve Air Quality Index

Index value improves as PM10 decreases from 122 µg/m3 to 100 µg/m3

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SRINAGAR: To review the present status and progress achieved with regard to implementation of Rs 5.0 crore City Action Plan(Part Ist) taken under National Clean Air Programme(NCAP) to improve Air Quality Index in District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also the Chairman of District Implementation Committee here on Monday at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Athar Amir Khan was also present on the occasion.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of Rs 5 Crore Action Plan(Part Ist) being implemented under NCAP for execution of various interventions including procurement of 4 Road sweeping or Vacuum Cleaning machines for regular cleaning of City roads, Procurement of 3 Jetting Machines for water spraying

of City roads, and Installation of 9 Fountains at major intersections/circles Installation of Air Quality Monitoring System in the City to ensure strict implementation of mitigation measures for Prevention, Control and Abatement of Air Pollution and to improve the Air Quality in the non-attainment City of Srinagar District. The DC also reviewed process of uploading details on PRANA(Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities), a portal launched for monitoring of implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to support tracking of physical as well as financial status of City Air Action Plan implementation and disseminate information on air quality management efforts under NCAP to public.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that an expenditure of Rs 3.20 crore have been so far spent under Rs 5.0 crore City Action Plan(Part Ist) on procurement of 3 water spraying Jetting Machines and 4 Road sweeping/ Vacuum

Cleaning machines under NCAP. In addition, authorization for procuring additional 10 Road Sweeping machines and 10 water sprinkle machines from Solid Waste component under Swachh Bharat programme has also been granted. Further, the DC was informed that construction of Fountains under NCAP at 9 important locations particularly at heavy traffic volume intersections of the District is being carried out and work on 6 Fountains under programme at Batamalo, Bemina, Sonwar, SMHS Hospital, Hazratbal, Soura are nearing completion.

While reviewing the progress of uploading on PRANA(Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities), DC was apprised that Srinagar District has seen significant improvement in Air Quality Index and has seen decrease in Index value(mass of pollutant particles) from 122 micrograms per cubic meter of air to 100 micrograms per cubic meter of air thereby improving Air Quality index.

The DC was also informed that over 3.50 lakh plant saplings were also planted under Trees Outside Forests (TOF) programme in various parts of the District during year 2021-22 to increase the green cover in City that also will prove pivotal in attaining better Air Quality Index in years ahead. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized on proactive actions and proper coordination among the line Departments in better implementation of the City Action Plan under NCAP. He also stressed the Officers to ensure all hotspots related to air pollution are covered so that necessary measures are incorporated in the City Action Plan.

With regard to air pollution caused due to smoke/pollution generating units, the DC asked the Officers to conduct specific drives and pollution audit of all such smoke/pollution generating units in the District to ensure all safety measures are in place in these units to keep vigil on any violation of guidelines of the Government.

AKAM: Capacity Building programme under Nasha Mukti Abhiyan begins

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ANANTNAG: A capacity building program organised by the District Administration Anantnag in collaboration with Department of Health and Department of Education kickstarted on Monday at HSS Achabal, here.

During the event, the master trainer from the health department informed the attendees about the classical symptoms to identify students under stress and vulnerable to being pulled towards substance abuse. They were trained on how to counsel students and their parents and the various institutional mechanisms in place for helping such students.

The event was the first in a series of such capacity building programs being organized to train the staff from the Education department for counselling and sensitizing students against the menace of drug abuse.

DDC Pulwama stresses for self-reliant & sustainable Agriculture, Horticulture sector

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PULWAMA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary on Monday convened a District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting, here.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on CD ratios of the banks, identification of beneficiaries, flow of credit, assistance under Government sponsored schemes, performance of banks under District Credit Plan (DCP), achievements made under the above said Quarter, monitoring initiatives and Credit Plus activities.

It was given out that under Agriculture, Education and Housing sectors, banks have disbursed an amount of Rs 836.69 crore, 3.38 crores and 27 crores respectively. Whereas in Medium Small and Micro Enterprises, 184 crores were disbursed against the annual target of 239 crores. An amount of 417 crores of loan has been sanctioned to weaker sections.

Regarding the Year-wise achievements of targets

under priority & non-priority sectors, an amount of 1477 crores have been disbursed by Q2 (FY 2022-23).

The DDC impressed upon the bankers to put in added efforts to increase the CD ratio by focusing on potential areas and stressed on better coordination between banks and government departments for bringing improvement in CD ratio.

He directed for ensuring balanced lending in all key sectors to promote equitable growth and also emphasized upon the heads of the financial institutions to spread awareness with regard to the welfare schemes sponsored by them among masses so that people can avail benefit for their socio-economic development.

The DDC hailed the role of agriculture and horticulture sectors in creating self-reliant and sustainable employment in the district. He emphasized on the priority sector lending with special focus on education, women development and agriculture allied sectors.

He directed concerned officials to organise the finan-

cial literacy camps in every block of the district and stressed upon the bankers and concerned officers to adopt a public friendly approach and work in coordination so that good results are achieved at the grass roots level.

On the occasion, DDC released a book "Potential Linked Credit Plan 2023-24" by NABARD.

Officers of NABARD informed that PLP projection for the year 2023-24 is assessed at 241096.76 lakh. Sector wise coverage of credit potential is 158188.76 lakh for Total Agriculture (Farm credit, Agriculture infrastructure and Ancillary activities), 65625.00 lakh for MSME including medium enterprises), 1500.00 lakh for Export Credit, 3382.50 lakh for Education, 7938.00 lakh for Housing, 3375.00 lakh for Social Infrastructure and 1087.50 lakh for Renewable Energy.

The DDC praised the credit planning exercise of NABARD for preparing Potential Linked Credit Plans (PLPs) for the District.

DDC Kupwara directs to ensure uninterrupted power supply

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KUPWARA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray on Monday convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review the power scenario of the district.

On the occasion, the DDC stressed upon the officers to ensure close coordination among themselves for better results on ground.

He directed them to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the consumers as per the curtailment schedule so that the people do not face any inconvenience. He also directed them to ensure completion of all ongoing augmentation works within the stipulated time frame so that more improvement is seen on the ground.

Meanwhile, it was informed in the meeting that the district has a total of 87800 registered consumers with 90.15 MW load and the current available power supply in the district is 120 MW. Besides, it was informed that the peak requirement in the district goes beyond the available power supply which is being followed by a curtailment schedule. Accordingly, 16 hour power supply is being

given to the consumers in metered areas and 12 hour supply is provided to non-metered areas of the district.

Reviewing various developments in the power sector during the current financial year, the DDC was informed that the Arampora Grid Station was augmented from 90 MVA to 120 MVA in October 2022. Besides, Augmentation of Grid Station Vilgam from 50 MVA to 100 MVA shall be completed by next month.

He was also informed that the metering of households is in progress in the areas where meters are not installed and the task is being carried out in a phased manner.

Regarding power theft, the DDC was informed that inspection teams are continuously working to curb the power theft in Divisions and Sub divisions.

SE KPDCL Kupwara, Mumtaz Ahmad; Executive Engineers of KPDCL Kupwara/Handwara, XEN Projects Wing Kupwara, XEN STD Sopore, XEN Grid Station Kupwara, AEEs of sub divisions and other concerned attended the meeting.

DC Kulgam reviews implementation of COTPA-2003 in district

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KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Monday chaired a meeting of District Level Coordination Committee for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) and reviewed measures for implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) -2003 in the district.

Addressing the meeting, the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure strict implementation of the provisions of COTPA-2003 across the district. Besides, he stressed to organize awareness programmes in schools and colleges.

The DC directed the officers to intensify the drive for imposition of fine on the offenders in and around the hospitals, educational institutions, Government offices, public transport adding that this shall give a strong message to the offenders to refrain from such activity.

During the meeting, Nodal Officer for enforcement of the COTPA in the district was directed to ensure imposition of chal-

lans on the offenders who smoke in public places.

He was also directed to submit a monthly report regarding the number of challans made, fine recovered and other controlling measures.

To ensure tobacco free schools, college principals, Chief Education Officer & Zonal Education Officers were directed to ensure that no sale of tobacco products/cigarettes is made within 100 yards of college and school premises in the district.

Earlier, Dr. Mir Mushtaq State Nodal Officer tobacco control program at Directorate Health services Kashmir gave a detailed presentation about COTPA-2003 and overview of National Tobacco Control programme.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Showkat Ahmad Rather; Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmed Giri; SDM Bashir Ul Hassan; DSWO, Principals of GDCs,CMO BMOS, besides officials from State Tobacco Control Cell DHSK and other concerned attended the meeting.

Farewell accorded to outgoing SSP Budgam Tahir Saleem

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BUDGAM: The District Administration Budgam today organized a Farewell cum Welcome function for the outgoing SSP Budgam Tahir Saleem on his transfer and SSP Al Tahir Gilani for assuming the charge as new SSP Budgam at Conference Hall, here.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner Budgam S F Hamid appreciated outgoing SSP for his cooperation and coordination in maintaining a peaceful law and order situation during his tenure.

The DC praised him for his excellent work in Nasha mukt, crime tackling, covid management and other areas. He said

that outgoing SSP led his police team with clarity of heart and shall be remembered for his humbleness, humility and public friendly approach in the district.

The DC, welcoming the new SSP, hoped that best support and cooperation shall continue under his abled guidance so that both civil and police administration continue to work in coordinated manner in the district.

ADDC, ADC among other officers extended their best wishes to both New and outgoing SSPs for their new assignments.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Al Tahir Gilani assured full support to the administra-

tion and said he will try his best to deliver up to the expectations of the general public.

Outgoing SSP Budgam addressed the gathering, thanked the DC Budgam and all senior officers for their support and appreciation. He commended their combined efforts for keeping things calm in the district and encouraged that trend to continue in future also.

He noted that the law and order situation was also under control due to the cooperation and good relationship between the district administration and police. He said he will cherish each moment of his successful tenure as SSP Budgam.

SVEEP camp held at Zainapora, Chitragam

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SHOPIAN: On the directions of District Panchayat Election Officer, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, awareness camps were held by a team of officials of District Election Office Shopian at Block headquarter Zainapora and Chitragam to create more momentum and enhance the pace of enrollment in the ongoing Panchayat Electoral roll revision.

The camps were attended by locals and the officials of rural development departments at both the places.

On the occasion, a detailed description of the different prescribed forms 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D was also shared with the audience through

demonstrations. Forms were also circulated among the participants.

During the camps, the problems faced by the PEBOs were attended to and redressed on the spot. The assembly BLOs and PEBOs were directed to work in close coordination and follow the timeline of the revision in letter and spirit.

A short training session regarding the digitalization was also held with the IT persons of the block office dealing with the process.

The team headed by Deputy District Election Officer, Jahanger Ahmad covered all the blocks so far during which thousands of people were educated about the process of registrations, timelines and its importance.

Two missing persons traced, reunited with families

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JAMMU: Two missing persons were traced on Monday and reunited with their families. As per the details, a complaint was lodged at Police station Miran Sahib, by husband of a woman stating that she went missing from her home.

In this regard missing report was registered on April 28, 2022 and investigation started. On this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Miran Sahib Insnr Zaheer Mushtaq, after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing woman.

Similar, another complaint was lodged at Police Post Chinore by legal heirs of a girl stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard missing report on January 8, 2023 was registered and investigation got started. On this, a team of Police Post Chinore formed under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar traced the missing girl. Subsequently families of both missing persons were informed and the traced persons were handed over to their respective family members after completing all legal formalities.

Drug peddler arrested; 10 Kg poppy straw recovered

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JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Monday achieved major success by arresting a drug peddler and recovered 10 Kg poppy straw during Naka checking at Bathindi Dugia area.

As per details, a team of Police Post Bathindi led by SHO Police Station Bahu Fort Insnr Nayat Ali assisted by In-Charge Police Post Bathindi PSI Mohd Sayaf Khan while on naka duty rounded up a suspect namely Farooq Ahmed, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Larno Kokernag, Anantnag at present Bhatthindi Jammu. On search, 10 Kg poppy straw was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No 10/2023 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort. The whole operation was done under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pradeep Kumar.

10 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

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JAMMU: A massive crackdown has been done on the menace of illegal mining whereby 10 vehicles involved in illegal mining have been seized. Local intelligence was generated and accordingly multi-pronged strategy was devised whereby multiple raids were conducted on suspected locations by police teams of

Police Stations Kahnachak, Arnia, Domana, Police Posts Pouni Chak, Sidhra, Sainik Colony and Border Police Post Sandwan acted stringently and seized 10 vehicles involved in illegal mining, which included one tractor trolley without registration number seized by Kahnachak Police; one dumper (JK02CW 2050) seized by Arnia Police; one tractor-trolley (JK02BL8362) and another bearing Chassis No MBN-GAALU2NRC00899 seized by Domana Police; one tractor trolley without registration number seized by Pouni Chak Police; 3 Tractor trolleys without registration numbers seized by Sidhra Police; a Tractor trolley (JK02CB 0725) seized by Sainik Colony Police and a tractor trolley bearing chassis No MBN8G53ACLCG96292 seized by Sandwan Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Kahnachak Insnr Rahul Mahajan, SHO Arnia Insnr Deepak Katoch, Incharge SHO Domana PSI Danish Kaiser , Incharge Police Posts Pouni Chak SI Ram Rattan, Sidhra-PSI Nitish Khajuria, Sainik Colony-PSI Bhawani Singh and Sandwan-ASI Jang Bhadur Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

5 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

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JHAJJAR KOTLI: Continuing drive against bovine smuggling and illegal trafficking of animals, Jhajjar Kotli Police during a Naka rescued 5 bovine animals.

As per details, a team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli constituted under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insnr Samson Bhatti while on Naka duty at Suketar area intercepted a vehicle (JK06-3087). During search of the vehicle 05 bovine animals were rescued. FIR 05/2023 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act, 50,52,54,56 transportation of Animal Rule 1978 was registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and vehicle was seized.

22 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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GANDERBAL: Acting tough against persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police has seized 22 vehicles and 5 persons were arrested in Ganderbal. Under the directions of SSP Ganderbal, Special Police teams led by SHOs and IC PPs were constituted to check the menace of illegal mining in the district. During the course of action, five drivers were arrested and 22 vehicles were also seized. The vehicles were loaded with Bajri/Sand & Boulders illegally extracted from Nallah Sindh Ganderbal. Consequently, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at Police Station Kheerbawani, Police Station Ganderbal & Police Station Lar and investigations have initiated.

CRIME REPORT

3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Monday arrested 3 drug peddlers in Anantnag & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Anantnag at a checkpoint established near Alnoor Masjid KP Road Anantnag arrested two suspects. During checking, officers were able to recover about 6.5 gm Opium (Afeem), 170 gm Charas and 11 bottles of Codeine Phosphate (Omerex) from their possession. They were identified as Muneeb Nazir Hakeem son of Nazir Ahmed Hakeem resident of DC Colony Mominabad and Amir Suhail Ganie son of Saidullah Ganie resident of Peth Dialgam Anantnag. Both accused were shifted to police station where they remained in custody.

Similarly in Awantipora, a Police party of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Noorani Colony-old NHW Link Road near BSNL Exchange arrested a drug-peddler identified as Bilal Ahmad Khan @Pasha son of Ab Khaliq Khan, resident of Douninad, at present Frestabal. During checking, 2.6 Kg of Grinded Cannabis was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and investigations started.

1,685 drug peddlers arrested; 1,021 NDPS cases registered, huge quantity of contraband recovered/destroyed in 2022

138 drug peddlers detained under PIT NDPS Act

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its action against drug menace, Police in Kashmir valley have registered 1021 NDPS cases, arrested 1685 drug peddlers including 138 notorious drug peddlers who have been detained under PIT NDPS Act during the previous year 2022. Besides, huge quantities of different types of contraband/psychotropic substances were recovered. Besides during the previous year, mass campaigns including 1098 'Thana Divas' meetings, 1206 Police Community Partnership Group meetings, Police Public Meetings, Counseling at Drug De-addiction Centers, engage-

