

# Div Com urges public to avail full benefits of week-long Mega Health Camps

Camps shall be held from May 11 to 19 at Baramulla, Kupwara, Sopore, Ganderbal hospitals

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a marathon meeting for successful conduct of Mega Health Camp which would spread across three districts and would record more than three thousand surgeries of different fields, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today held a detailed and extensive meeting to finalize the arrangements and mobilize men and machinery for entire process.

To ensure every requirement for the Mega Health Camp is met well in advance, Div Com issued a slew of directions from registration to hospitalization of patients.

The meeting was attended by DC Baramulla, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Principal GMC, CMOs of Baramulla, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam; Nodal Officer Mega Health Camp, Incharge DCCRK, SSO Kashmir, officers of Health Services Kashmir and medical specialists.

Div Com emphasized on Deputy Commissioners and CMOs to register fifteen thousand patients from Ganderbal, Baramulla,



Div Com Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole chairing a meeting.

Bandipora, Kupwara and Budgam for the medical camp within a couple of days who shall be examined and the target of three thousand operations shall be obtained to make camp successful.

On the occasion, he instructed DCs, CMOs and BMOs to conduct Google meet with medical officers of Public Health Centers regarding encouraging patients to register for the camp.

The surgeries shall be conducted at four locations including GMC Baramulla, Sub District Hospital Sopore, District Hospital Kupwara and District Hospital Ganderbal from May 11 to 19.

He directed DCs to release funds today only to the hospitals for purchase of medicine, consumables and

equipment besides lodging and boarding of special teams of experts.

He directed concerned officers to earmark dedicated operation theatres and augment the bed capacity of theatres to cater to more patients.

For increasing and capping bed capacity of hospitals, Pole directed for making arrangement of 75 beds at GMC Bla, 100 at Sopore and 150 each at Ganderbal & Kupwara. He also asked for creating additional wards in those hospitals by using the available infrastructure.

Regarding ferrying of patients to and fro during the camp, he exhorted DHSK to provide fifteen ambulances for the camp with five each to three districts.

He also urged for supplementing medical equipment from Budgam and Bandipora to health camp hospitals besides reinforcement of staff and ambulance support.

For the accommodation facility of local staff and experts from across the country, Div Com directed DCs to identify accommodation near the hospitals within a walking distance to facilitate them. He also directed for exploring of accommodation for attendants in government buildings so that they do not face any inconvenience.

He stressed on looping NGOs, traders, philanthropists to provide food to the attendants while patients shall be served food by hospitals as a routine activity.

He also directed DCs to identify adequate space for parking as a huge number of patients and attendants shall throng to the campsites to avail the benefit of opportunity.

Meanwhile, Div Com made a fervent appeal to the public of these districts to register for the free Mega Health Camp and get examined and operated by specialists from across the country.

# Market checking intensified across Srinagar City ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr

Dozens erring food business units sealed; huge quantity of substandard food items destroyed

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to prevent profiteering and black marketing by business establishments operating in Srinagar, the special Market Checking teams of District Administration Srinagar Saturday conducted market checking across the Srinagar City to ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates as per the quality standards with sufficient availability of consumables. The drive was conducted on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad to curb the practice of illegal profiteering in markets ahead of the festival of Eid ul Fitr.

The checking squads comprising of senior officials from Revenue, Police, Food Safety Wing of Drugs & Food Control Organization, SMC, FCS&CA and Legal Metrology Departments under the supervision of SDM East and SDM West conducted intensive market checking in all Tehsils of Srinagar City and inspected various markets within their jurisdiction. During



DC Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad chairing a meeting.

the drive dozens of food business units were sealed, while several erring shopkeepers were also booked found failing to maintain the quality of food items, not displaying rate lists of essential commodities, selling expiry products, besides indulging in practices of illegal profiteering and sale of underweight products.

A fine to the tune of over Rs 2.0 lakh was also imposed on the erring shopkeepers for violating different provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act.

During the market checking over 2 dozen Food Business Operators that mainly include the Bakers who were operating without license and under unhygienic conditions were prohibited from further manufacturing.

The kneading of dough was checked at all the bak-

ery units and it was found that at maximum places the same is being done mechanically.

The Date of Manufacture, Use-by Date, Ingredients, Nutritional information and Temperature Controlled system in the Display Panels was also checked. While other food items especially Mutton and Chicken were also inspected along with the team of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on owners of all Business establishments/shopkeepers to maintain quality and standard of essential commodities and ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates. He asked the Market checking teams to continue the drive even after Eid-ul-Fitr.

# Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Potato Seed Development Farm Kalnag

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today visited Potato Seed Development Farm Kalnag Kokernag of South Kashmir.

While interacting with the concerned officers and technical staff of the farm, the Director said that Seed Multiplication Farms are the most important assets with the Department and in order to achieve the target of self-reliance in the field of seed production and reduce dependence on seeds coming from outside Union Territory and assured seed availability to the farming community of the

union territory with respect to all the crops grown in the region.

He said the Department is committed to promote these seed multiplication farms on modern scientific lines.

Iqbal asked the concerned officers to adopt latest standard interventions in the sector of seed production so that the Department could meet the demand for different types of seeds and could ensure the availability of seed to the farmers in sufficient quantity and at the right time.

The Director exhorted the concerned officers and farm managers to invite farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to

these farms and hold demonstration sessions with them so that the modern trends and technology in this trade could be transmitted to the grassroots level in a comprehensive manner. He said that to a very large extent the Department has been successful in achieving the ambitious targets of providing the farmers with round the year availability of seedlings/ seeds of different crops and the farms of the department are a vital link in this direction.

During the visit, the Director was accompanied by the Potato Development Officer Kashmir and other senior officers of the Department.

# SP College bids farewell to Farooq Ahmad Wani

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: SP College, Srinagar today accorded warm send off to Farooq Ahmad Wani, an official of the college, who attained his superannuation today.

Nodal Principal Kashmir Division / Principal SP College Prof. Khurshid Ahmad Khan; Prof. Bashir Ahmad Mir, Head Department of Chemistry, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar, Head Department of Statistics, Dr. Wilayat Rizvi Head Department of Botany, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Wani Department of Botany, Prof. Peer Irfan Department of Chemistry, Prof. Sadiq Majeed

Coordinator IGNOU SC-1209, Dr. Qazi Danish Mushtaq Head Department of Biochemistry and other senior officials as well as the non-teaching staff of the college attended farewell meeting held at College Auditorium.

On this occasion, Principal, Prof. Khurshid Ahmad Khan congratulated the retiring official on the successful completion of his active service. He added that his punctuality and commitment towards the institution will continue to inspire us and wished him a very happy and fulfilling post-retirement life.

# LCMA conducts demolition drive in various areas; removes illegal encroachments

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Wing of Lake Conservation & Management Authority today conducted a demolition drive in the area of Nigeen, Shahdadbagh, Lashkari Mohalla NFR, Friends Colony, Nowpora and WFR.

During the drive, two Blocks, three 2nd stories and one single storey were demolished which were raised illegally by some unscrupulous elements taking the advantage of Government Holiday.

The LCMA authorities informed that there is zero

tolerance for illegal constructions/encroachments, besides no laxity or dereliction of the duty on part of field staff is being tolerated. Recently two watchers of the Nigeen site have been placed under suspension for showing callous approach towards their assigned duties.

All the public residing within the LCMA jurisdiction & in lake are hereby once again directed not to go for any sort of illegal constructions/ encroachments taking the undue advantage of Govt Holidays, as the Enforcement wing will con-

tinue its demolition drives of illegal constructions/ removal of encroachments and will continue to initiate legal action against the violators.

Moreover, the Tipper/Load carrier owners are advised not to carry / ferry any construction material in the prohibited area of Dal/ Nigeen Lake without getting proper permission and in case anybody is found shall be dealt with as per law. Also, CCTV Cameras have been installed in order to curb the transportation of illegal building material in the LCMA jurisdiction.

# Information Department bids warm adieu to M Shafi on superannuation



Information Deptt Kashmir employees according farewell to Mohammad Shafi Dar, Assistant Information Officer.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Information Department Kashmir Division today gave a warm send-off to one of the officials Mohammad Shafi Dar, Assistant Information Officer who attained his superannuation today.

On this occasion, Joint Director Information Kashmir Inam-Ul-Haq Siddiqui; Deputy Director (PR) Bilal Mukhtar; Assistant Director, M Aslam Khan; Cultural Officer, Burhan Hussain applauded the qualities of retiree official and congratulated him for the successful completion of his active service.

They highlighted his zeal and

dedication towards his work, his contribution towards the betterment of the department and added that his punctuality and commitment will continue to inspire us and wished him a very happy and fulfilling post-retirement life.

The officials of DDI (PR), Field Publicity Unit, Cultural Unit and other sections extended their best wishes to the retiree official on his retirement from Government services.

M Shafi Dar thanked the staff members for their active support and cooperation during his tenure. He also expressed his gratitude for their cooperation.

# DC Srinagar holds interaction with Market Associations & other Stakeholders on adapting Fire Safety measures

Installation of fire extinguishers in Residential/Commercial structures, Religious/Market places can prevent damages

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In wake of recent fire instances in Srinagar city, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today held an interaction with Market Associations, Trade bodies, Houseboat Associations & other Stakeholders and officers of Line Departments to discuss the modalities regarding the safety measures to be taken to reduce and avoid the fire incidents. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Superintendent of Police(Hqtr), Joint Commissioner, SMC, Joint Director, Fire & Emergency Services, all Tehsildars and other concerned were present in the meeting.

The meeting held a detailed discussion with regard to conducting of the safety audit and taking precautionary measures to avoid occurrences of fire incidents in the City. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on installation of fire extinguishers in every Residential/Commercial structures, Shopping Malls, Religious places including Masjids, Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches across the City to protect the properties and valuables from the fire. He also emphasised on equipping all Government Offices and all essential installations with fire fighting machinery to safeguard official records besides avoiding disruption of essential supplies.

The DC also stressed on launching a mass aware-

ness campaign on the safety and precautionary measures to prevent fire incidents, besides capacity building to tackle any exigency caused due to fire incident. He said lack of knowledge about vigilance and precautionary measures is a major concern and people must know the techniques to control fire at the initial stage.

On the occasion, the Joint Director Fire & Emergency, Bashir Ahmad highlighted the fire safety measures and appealed to all to adopt the fire safety guidelines including switching off electrical gadgets during night, checking home LPG cylinders for expiry date and any leakage before accepting them from the vendor, regularly change the pipe connecting the

cylinder to the stove burner. He also stressed on preparing an emergency plan to follow in case of a fire hazard and Keeping an extinguisher at home and learning how to operate it. He also suggested that every household must keep at least one water full container as an immediate fire fighting measure.

He informed that more than 40% fire incidents of Valley occur in Srinagar District and 23 fire stations have been kept in place at different locations of the City. Deputy Commissioner further said that public training and vigilance are key to control fire incidents. Ward/Mohalla level trained Civil volunteers can play a crucial role in controlling fire hazards.

Government fixed rates. He directed the concerned enforcement wing to keep strict check on quality and rates of mutton, Chicken, Fruit, Vegetables, Bakery and other essentials to curb hoardings and profiteering.

The DC also directed for maintaining cleanliness in all Jamia Masjids, Eidgahs and other areas in the district.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, SE, PDD, PHE, ARTO, AD FCS&CA, Tehsildars, EO Municipalities, and other line departments were also present in the meeting.

# Shopian Administration finalises arrangements for Eid-ul-Fitr

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today reviewed and finalised the arrangements for the forthcoming auspicious occasion of Eid ul Fitr at a joint meeting of officers, here.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure availability of adequate drinking water, power, mutton, poultry, ration and LPG in the district besides other essential items in markets.

The meeting was informed that a sufficient quantity of essential items including ration, fish, mutton and chicken besides LPG gas is available for public consumption.

Meanwhile, the DC directed

officers to ensure adequate supply of drinking water and electricity at peak hours of the festival besides to ensure tanker facility at the venue of Eid Namaz.

Municipal authorities were directed to conduct sanitation and cleanliness drives around the Mosques, Shrines and Eidgahs. They were also directed to ensure the clearing of building material from roads for hassle free movement of devotees.

Regarding the transport facility for the devotees visiting shrines/mosques for congregational prayers, the DC directed the concerned officials to ensure that the devotees do not face any inconvenience. He directed for regulating the traffic and ensuring parking of vehicles at design-

ated places on a rational basis.

During the meeting, the SSP informed that foolproof security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth and hassle free religious congregations/procession during the occasion.

The designated enforcement teams were asked to conduct market checking to ensure that no sub-standard articles are sold in the market. Necessary directions were also given to the Fire & Emergency Services and Health department to ensure their services.

The meeting was attended by SSP Shopian, Amritpaul Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Simnani and concerned officers.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary today reviewed and finalised the arrangements for the forthcoming auspicious occasion of Eid ul Fitr at a joint meeting of officers of different line departments, here.

Several issues especially the availability of water supply at the designated places, uninterrupted power supply, adequate supply of ration, quality and rates checking of eatables, proper sanitation during the celebration were discussed in the meeting.

The DC directed the officers of FCS&CA to complete the process of ration

distribution for the month before Eid and ensure no household is left without ration in the district, especially in far-off areas.

He asked them to devise an effective mechanism to avoid any kind of inconvenience at ration stores and ensure a hassle free distribution process.

With regard to power and water supply, the DC asked Jal Shakti and PDD to take adequate measures for uninterrupted supply of water and electricity in all areas to avoid inconvenience to the people.

The DC also enjoined upon officers to intensify market checking to ensure that people get quality commodities at

Government fixed rates.

He directed the concerned enforcement wing to keep strict check on quality and rates of mutton, Chicken, Fruit, Vegetables, Bakery and other essentials to curb hoardings and profiteering.

The DC also directed for maintaining cleanliness in all Jamia Masjids, Eidgahs and other areas in the district.

# DC Kupwara distributes relief packages among widows, poor, destitute

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Imam Din today distributed relief packages consisting of edible items at a function held at D.C Office Kupwara. ADC

# FCS&CA recovers fine of Rs 60,400 from erring shopkeepers

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department today recovered a fine of Rs. 60400.00 from 12 erring shopkeepers for violation of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

The action was taken by the team of FCS&CA under the leadership of Assistant Director Enforcement Mushtaq Ahmad Wani during market checking drive of various areas of Srinagar City including Haba Kadal, Tankipora, Hawal, Residency Road, Rawalpura, Basant Bagh, Mahraj Bazar, H.S.H Street etc.

During market checking, 187 business establishments were inspected. The action was taken by the team of FCS&CA after receiving complaints from different sections of society regarding illegal enhancement of rates by the shopkeepers

Moreover, the erring lot has been reprimanded to remain careful in future. The drive will continue in the same passion in future as well & whosoever found violating the norms will be brought to justice. In case of any complaint, people may contact the toll free number 18001807011.