

FCI distributed 4.95 LMT food-grains during first five phases of PMGKAY: GM

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JAMMU: The General Manager Food Corporation of India J&K, H.S. Dhaliwal has today said that the Corporation has distributed around 4.95 Lakh Metric Ton food-grains in J&K region (UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh) during the first five phases of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

Speaking to media here at FSD Chatha on Monday, the GM listed a range of schemes being implemented by the Corporation.

"Food Corporation of India, Food Storage Depot, Chatha (J&K) is functioning for implementation of various Central Governments' schemes like PMGKAY, MDM, ICDS, NFSA, OMSS for the welfare of people" he said.

Elaborating further, he said FCI J&K region includes UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh, He further added that currently FCI was operating 32 depots (27 in UT of J&K and 5 in UT of Ladakh) in the region



GM FCI J&K, H.S. Dhaliwal talking to reporters.

with an aim to meet the requirement of common public in these UTs. FCI has storage capacity of 2.50 LMT approx in J&K region and presently having a stock of 1.34 LMT approx.

"The monthly requirement of stock in the J & K region is approximately 95, 000 MT including PMGKAY. During the first five phases of PMGKAY up to March 31, 2022, FCI has distributed approx. 4.95 LMT in J&K region, he informed further.

The GM said that the FCI procures wheat, rice and paddy at Minimum Support Price fixed by Government of India (GOI) from the

farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

"Foodgrains procured under Uniform Specifications fixed by GOI are being stored in FCI godowns under proper preservation by quality control unit and make them available to the state government for PDS (Public Distribution). FCI ensures the food security to the nation by maintaining the satisfactory level of operational and buffer stock of food grains. Presently, FCI has a buffer stock of wheat 279.64 LMT, normal rice 330.24 LMT and Fortified rice 94.41 LMT under the central pool.

He said that as part of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat" into a reality, the FCI has taken several initiatives with respect to self-sufficiency of food grains. Also in his 75th Independence speech, he announced complete replacement of normal rice by Fortified rice (FRK) for all schemes by 2024.

The Government's commitment is to take care of the weakest people of the society and also enhance infrastructure facilities for food security operations across the country.

"During the pandemic (Covid-19), the FCI has distributed 324 LMT rice and 455 LMT wheat under PMGKAY (phase I to VI), beside this, FCI has also distributed 6.68 LMT FRK rice (Fortified rice Kernel containing folic acid, vitamin A and B12 and iron) under NFSA and other welfare schemes like MDM and WBNP during financial year 21-22 and 22-23" he added.

He informed that the main objective of distribution of FRK rice was to combat malnutrition (due to deficiency of iron, folic acid, vitamin A and B12) prevalent among school children below 5 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. In order to prevent the recycling of raw rice, FCI also started age testing of rice by Mixed Indicator Method (MIM) during procurement.

Other initiatives taken by FCI include improved IT infrastructure, such as implementation of Depot Online System (DOS) making all depot transactions efficient and transparent, Financial Accounting Package (FAP) and Bill Tracking System (BTS) for easy and smooth payments to all stakeholders, online procurement portal to facilitate Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to farmers.

Also, all the depots of FCI are covered under CCTV surveillance with provision of live web streaming for general public.

Apni Party only option for Jammu people: Dr Rohit Gupta

Businessman among many join party



Apni Party Provincial Secretary/ District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta welcoming newly joined members.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary/ District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta has said that Apni Party is the only option for the people of Jammu who were misled by BJP with their hollow slogan.

It was due to the policies and agenda of the Party towards public welfare that dozens of the people including a businessman

Kuldeep Raj joined Apni Party at Ward Number 41 Hazoori Bagh in Jammu district.

The joining programme

failed on all the fronts.

He also highlighted the issues of unscheduled electricity cuts and irregular supply of drinking water which has made the people suffer during the summers.

He said that the development activities are done on a pick and choose basis which is unfortunate. Similarly, District President Jammu Rural-A, Pushap Dev Uppal said that the situation is worst with regard to development in rural areas.

He said that the people from different segments of society are joining Apni Party with a hope to get development, better education, improved health care system at the village level and social justice for everyone.

Prominent among those who joined Apni Party include Rakesh Kumar, Som Nath, Kuldeep Raj, Binnu, Roshan, Banty, Anku, Mukesh, Jyoti, Babbli, Sham Lal, Sunil, Romi, Nitin and others.

Priyanka awarded M.Phil

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J A M M U : Priyanka, wife of Raviender Kumar, resident of R S Pura, Jammu has been awarded the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Mathematics by the University of Jammu.

She worked on the topic 'Study on Sane Classes of Variational Inequalities on hadamard manifolds' under the supervision of Dr Abdul Khaliq.

VRS Union urges LG to resolve long pending issues

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JAMMU: A number of members of VRS Union Jammu held a protest demonstration on Monday under the leadership of their President Dev Raj Bali near Press Club Jammu, to highlight their long pending demands.

On the occasion, the protesters criticized the adamant attitude of SRTC Management and Transport authorities towards the suffering members, who till date have not been paid arrears of COLA, 6th Pay Commission etc.

The members urged LG and Chief Secretary to intervene into the matter and issued necessary directives to concerned authorities for resolving the same at the earliest. Others present on the occasion included Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Ramesh Bhai, B B Sharma, Balwinder Singh, Baldev Raj, Shiv Kumar, Ram Pal and Pappu Bhan.

CMD POWERGRID bestowed 'Icon of the Year' award



Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh presenting award to K. Sreekant, CMD, POWERGRID

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LUCKNOW: K. Sreekant, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), POWERGRID has been bestowed the prestigious 'Icon of the Year' award by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) for being a role model for the profession & achieving tremendous success in

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