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Subject:- Follow up of the meeting chaired by Hon'ble Advisors (KS) and (K) to Hon'ble Governor on 04.07.2019 at Civil Secretariat Srinagar regarding Self Help Groups (Women)/Skill Development and Youth Engagement Program.

A meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was held on 20.07.2019 at 03.30 PM regarding Self Help Groups (Women)/Skill Development and Engagement of Youth.

List of the participants of the meeting is annexed as Annexure-A.

At the outset, the Chair stressed upon the participants to adhere to the directions passed in the meetings held on 01.06.2019 and sought action taken report from departments who have not submitted the same to this office. The chair also reiterated that the Down Town of Srinagar city has large number of potential in various crafts like chainstich, sozni, copper ware, paper machie and weaving etc which also needs to be exploited to give boost to such crafts and also create conducive conditions for economic upliftment of artisans who presently are being exploited by handful of middleman and business houses. It has invariably seen that they have to sell their products on throwaway price to these middleman, as a result of which their economic status is deteriorating on continuous basis. Schemes need to be identified and plans need to be conceived to organize them into self help groups with financial backing and backward/ forward linkages. Besides, giving them proper market cover at different locations and stages in order to ameliorate their economic condition and to ensure their liberation from the clutches of middleman. In addition a concept of craft market and revival of old crafts needs to be conceived in the Down Town area and also elsewhere in city for providing a platform to the artisans to display their goods. The chair remarked that in order to connect the craft market/craftsmen of Downtown area of Srinagar City with tourists via water transport, 09 Ghats, some jettys have been

built , besides, two bridges have been decorated on the banks of river Jehlum by ²
Tourism and Irrigation and Flood Control Departments.

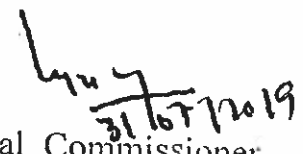
The Director, Handicrafts J&K and Director, Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir appraised the chair that they have submitted a detailed information to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for his kind perusal. The representatives of other departments also appraised the chair about the activities/schemes earmarked for the youth, women and artisans especially for the South Districts of Kashmir Valley and Down Town area of Srinagar City.

After threadbare discussions, following decisions were taken:

S. No.	Decision taken	Action by
1.	The Craft market shall be established in Down Town Area of Srinagar City for revival of Old Crafts. Besides, focus should be laid on the artisans involved in various crafts in down town Srinagar and the gaps which restrict the artisans from making their skill economically viable be detailed out. Also it is seen that many handicrafts are dying for non-availability of craft market, backward and forward linkages including the post avenue marketability. These dying crafts need to be rejuvenated.	DC Srinagar/ Handicrafts/ Handloom Deptt.
2.	It was decided that the Handicrafts/Handloom Departments shall compile data regarding number of artisans involved in the crafts of sozni, chain stich, paper machie, copper ware weaving etc., and their concentration in specific areas of Downtown Srinagar and furnish the same to DC Sringar for organizing into groups and for providing financial support to them to make them self sufficient. The detailed action taken report from all the departments shall be submitted to this office within 15days.	All concerned
3.	It was decided in the last meeting that all Self Help Groups constituted under J&K Rural Development/State Rural Livelihood Mission, Srinagar shall be provided trainings by different departments in respect of the activities assigned to each so that the members are made conversant with latest techniques and given a platform to boost their income. Besides, both the departments shall associate with Panchayats and find out Panchayat wise potential. The action taken in this regard shall be submitted within 15 days.	Dir. Rural Dev/Rural Livelihood Mission, Kmr.

4.	Youth Services and Sports department shall ensure that each panchayat should have one play ground. The DCs shall handover the retrieved State/Kacharia etc land to the concerned Department for the purpose of construction of play fields. For organizing the tournaments at Panchayat, block and district level, Youth Services and Sports Department shall formulate a calendar of activities and tournaments shall be organized accordingly.	All DC's/YSS
5.	The process of providing of sports kits to Panchayats is already been going on , the district wise and area wise data in this regard shall be collected and shared with this office within 15 days.	YSS/ Sports Council
6.	Secretary Sports Council and Divisional Sports Officers shall provide action taken report with regard to holding/organizing of tournaments at village level/Panchayat Level/ Block Level and District Levels which can be gainfully utilized for engagement of youth in sports activities.	YSS/ Sports Council
7.	In the last meeting it was directed to formulate district wise calendar for youth related activities in Panchayat, district and divisional level with the details of games, other co-curricular activities, with tentative No of boys & girls to get involved and also the calendar of activities/tournaments at village, Block & District Levels along with venue and time within ten days and send it to all Dy. Commissioners of the valley for hassle free conduct of youth engagement program. The Action Taken Report in detail shall be submitted within 15 days, besides, shall be included in the Power Point Presentation to be given in the next meeting.	All DC's// YSS/
8.	The Animal Husbandry /Sheep Husbandry /Horticulture /Agriculture/Rural Development / Fisheries departments shall furnish collected data of beneficiaries associated with activities/schemes to be carried out at the viable areas in order to give flip and boost to the production and in turn to the economy of the people.	All concerned
9.	Fisheries department shall provide the data of the potential of trout fishes, fish ponds in the areas on the banks of cold water	Dir. Fisheries

	streams & also the No. of people who can get associated with these activities/schemes.	
10.	Education Department shall increase the number of Super 50 Coaching classes and shall indicate how many de-addiction programs will be conducted in colleges/schools in collaboration with Social Welfare/Health Departments.	Dir. Social Welfare/Health services /School Edu.
11.	All the departments shall give power point presentation after a month with regard to their activities/schemes under operation and new activities/programs/schemes to be provided to the women, craftsman and youth.	All concerned


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1. All concerned for information and necessary action.
2. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
3. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K for information of the Worthy Chief Secretary.