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Subject: Minutes of the meeting regarding preservation and conservation of Hokersar Wetland.

To address the issues regarding preservation/ conservation of Hokersar Wetland and restoration of its pristine glory, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Baseer Ahmad Khan, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 22.04.2019 at 11.30 A.M.

Following Officers participated in the meeting:-

1. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar
2. Deputy Commissioner, Budgam
3. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Kashmir
4. Additional Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar
5. Superintending Engineer, Hydraulics, Budgam
6. Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir, Srinagar
7. Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Budgam
8. Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir
9. Superintendent of Police, West (City), Srinagar
10. Technical Officer to Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir, Srinagar
11. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Hqrs), Budgam

Non-Officials:

1. Chairman, J&K Peace Council
2. General Secretary, J&K Peace Council

At the outset, the Chair expressed concern about the annihilation caused to Hokersar Wetland due to the vagaries of weather/human intervention and desired the need for its preservation and restoration to its pristine glory being sojourn to the migratory birds, visiting the Valley from Siberia, Central Asia, etc during winters. The Chair informed the participants about the importance of its preservation and impact on the eco-system vis-a-vis migratory birds. The Chair impressed upon the participants to take immediate measures for preservation and restoration of Hokersar Wetland to its original magnificence.

Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir apprised the Chair that a comprehensive plan/project for preservation and restoration of Hokersar Wetland as Eco-tourism Destination has already been formulated and stands submitted to the Tourism Department, J&K for funding of the Project. However, he requested the Chair that before the execution of the plan, the boundaries of the Wetland need to be delineated properly so that its area is mapped out.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

S. No.	Issue	Decision taken	Action by
1.	Demarcation of Hokersar wetland	Committees headed by the respective Deputy Commissioners will demarcate the boundaries of Hokersar Wetland. The Members of the Committee shall be drawn from Wildlife Department; I&FC; Rakhs & Farms; Demarcation Division of Forest Department; Regional Director, Survey & Land Records, Srinagar. The demarcation should be carried out on urgent basis and completed within the shortest possible time. Regional Director, Survey & Land Records, Srinagar will provide necessary men and machinery to the demarcation team.	DC, Srinagar/ Budgam CE, I&FC, Kashmir Dir., Agriculture, Kmr Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir Reg. Dir., Survey & Land Records, Srinagar
2.	Construction of hydraulic gates on the entry and exit points of the wetland.	Chief Engineer, I&FC Department, Kashmir shall construct hydraulic gates at the entry and exit points of Hokersar Wetland in order to maintain minimum water level in the wetland. Chief Engineer, I&FC Department, Kashmir shall initiate appropriate measures for tendering the work.	CE, I&FC, Kashmir
3.	Developing and re-sectioning of downstream channel	The channel downstream of Hokersar Wetland shall be developed and re-sectioned in order to carry out flood water via Nowgam Jeel to Wular.	CE, I&FC, Kashmir
4.	Usage of dredged material	Chief Engineer, I&FC, Kashmir shall dispose of the dredged material outside the periphery of Hokersar wetland and some of it shall be utilize for raising & strengthening of the bunds. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar shall monitor the progress of the disposal of dredged material accordingly.	DC, Srinagar CE, I&FC, Kashmir

5.	Ban on the constructions outside the peripheries of the wetland	Commissioner, SMC and Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir shall ensure that no building permission is issued for undertaking constructions on the immediate peripheries of Hokersar wetland and ensure blanket ban on all sorts of constructions on its immediate peripheries till demarcation of the wetland is completed.	Commissioner, SMC Dir. ULB, Kashmir
6.	Dumping of Solid Waste	Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir shall ensure complete ban on the dumping of solid waste on the banks of Hokersar wetland and the respective Deputy Commissioners shall monitor the progress.	Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar/ Budgam Dir. ULB, Kashmir

While culminating the meeting, the Chair reiterated that these directions shall be taken up on a Mission Mode in a systematic manner so that the Wetland is restored to its original glory.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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2. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o DC Office, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.