

‘Involve locals in development activity’

Deliver 1500 Amrit Sarovars within deadline: Chief Secretary

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Srinagar, June 30: Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday called for engaging locals and Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) in development activities.

An official spokesman in a statement issued here said that chairing a meeting of the J&K-level committee constituted for Amrit Sarovar, Mehta impressed upon the officers to carry out development works with the cooperation of the people and asked the officers to fully involve locals and PRIs in the development activity in consonance with the major aims of Mission Amrit Sarovar flagship scheme.

Stressing on the officers to work in a mission mode to identify the sites for all 1500 Amrit Sarovars, he called upon them to start work at the earliest on each one of them.

Asking for using the work season efficiently, Mehta called on delivering all Amrit Sarovars well before the set deadline of August 15, 2023.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Mission Amrit Sarovar on April 24, 2022, on National Panchayat Day to conserve water for the future.

Under this programme a total of about 50,000 Amrit

Sarovar are to be constructed or rejuvenated in the entire India.

Amrit Sarovars are to be constructed on at least an acre of land with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meters.

The mission aims at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of the celebration of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.

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Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday stressed on delivering all the Amrit Sarovars (AS) well before the set deadline. He made these remarks while chairing a meeting of the UT Level Committee constituted for Amrit Sarovar here.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretaries of Jal Shakti; PWD; Forest; RDD; Revenue, Culture; District Development Commissioners; Representatives of NHAI besides other officers from the concerned Departments.

Outside officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to work in a mission mode to identify the sites for all the 1500 AS and start work at an earliest on each of them. He asked them to use the work season efficiently. He advised them to take the monsoons into consideration in the areas which receive heavy rainfall during it and complete all excavations and earth work before its onset.

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Dr Mehta also maintained that the works should be carried out with cooperation of general public. He asked them to involve fully the PRIs and locals in this development activity in consonance with the major aims of this flagship scheme.

The meeting was apprised that the Amrit Sarovar is to be generally constructed on at least 1 acre of land with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meters. The Mission aims at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, as was revealed in the meeting.

It was informed that recently the Lieutenant Governor dedicated 100 Amrit Sarovars to public across the districts of UT. It was elucidated that these were completed at a total cost of Rs 44.41 Cr. Out of this, Rs.15.09 Cr were utilized out of MGNREGA and Rs.3.98 Cr from SBM, as was said in the meeting.

The meeting also discussed that the timeline for 100% target of 1500 AS is 15th August 2023. Out of these

sites for 1214 (81%) AS had been identified and uploaded on the national portal. These were estimated to cost Rs 142.14 Cr with Rs 82.54 Cr to be provisioned out of MGNREGA and Rs 59.60 Cr from other sources.

It was further apprised that peoples' participation at all levels of its execution is the key to entire initiative, as it is meant to evoke collective spirit of the community. It also includes encouraging public contribution (crowd funding/CSR) for the work.

In this pursuit it also envisages laying of foundation stone for the AS by freedom fighters or her/his family members or by the family of martyrs (post-independence) or a local Padma awardee. In case there is no such citizen available, the eldest citizen of the specific/local Gram Panchayat is to be engaged, as was brought out in the meeting.

As far as the funding for the projects is concerned, the resources available from Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants or similar schemes from the State/ Central government either individually or in combination may be accessed for this purpose.

Its components includes development of pondage area, treatment of catchment bank, removal of encroachments, grey water treatment, plantation activities, improvement of drainage channels, development of spring near AS, common signage board, platform for flag hoisting etc.

Pertinent to mention here that the Prime Minister launched Mission Amrit Sarovar on 24th April 2022, on the eve of National Panchayat Day with a view to conserve water for the future.

Under this programme a total of about 50,000 Amrit Sarovar are to be constructed or rejuvenated in the whole country, as was ascertained in the meeting.

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کہا ترقیاتی سرگرمی میں پی آر آئیز اور مقامی لوگوں کو شامل کرنے کی ہدایت



سرینگر // چیف سیکریٹری ڈاکٹر اردن کمار مہتا نے تمام امرت سروور (اے ایس) کو مقررہ وقت کے اندر وقف کرنے پر زور دیا۔ انہوں نے ان باتوں کا اظہار یہاں امرت سروور کے لئے تشکیل دی گئی یوٹی سیٹ کی میٹنگ کی میٹنگ کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ میٹنگ میں جل جلیقہ کے انتظامی سیکریٹریوں، پی ڈی او ڈی، فارسٹ، آر ڈی ڈی، ریونیو، کلچر، ضلع ترقیاتی کمیشنران، این ایچ اے آئی کے نمائندوں کے علاوہ مختلف محکموں کے دیگر افسران نے شرکت کی جبکہ آؤٹ

سائنٹ افسران نے بذریعہ ویڈیو کریں۔ انہوں نے افسران سے کہا کہ وہ کام کے موسم کو مؤثر طریقے سے استعمال کریں۔ انہوں نے انہیں مشورہ دیا کہ وہ ان علاقوں میں مون سون کو مد نظر رکھیں جہاں اس کے دوران بہت زیادہ بارش ہوتی ہے اور اس کے شروع ہونے (بقیہ صفحہ 6 پر، چیف سیکریٹری)