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**Subject: Record note of meeting of the committee constituted for implementation of the Scheme - "Promotion of Traditional and Cultural Festivals of Jammu and Kashmir".**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Shri Pandurang K. Pole (IAS) on 07/04/2022 (Thursday) at 03:00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for discussion and approval of the Action Plan for the - "Scheme for Promotion of Traditional and Cultural Festivals of J&K" in Kashmir Division.

The following officers participated in the meeting in-person and through Google Meet:

1. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K
2. Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages
3. Director, Tourism, Kashmir
4. Chief Executive Officer, J&K Waqf Board, Srinagar
5. Chief Engineer, KPDCL
6. Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Kashmir
7. Shri Farooq Renzu Shah (Head of Kashmir International NGO).

At the outset, Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K briefed the committee about action plan for the F / Y 2022-23. He presented to the Divisional Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) list of festivals / programmes proposed from the respective districts for consideration and approval of the committee. The Director apprised the chair that the earlier action plan for last quarter of 2021-22 (Jan-March, 2022) could not be executed due to the sudden peak in Covid-19 pandemic.

Elucidating further, the Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums informed the chair that the festivals / programmes have been categorized into two broad categories viz; Medium and Mega — by keeping a tentative sum of Rs. 1.00 lac for medium programmes / events and Rs 30 to 40 lacs for each mega cultural festival.

The DLIC accorded budgetary approval to the following shrine specific proposed events/activities for the month of April, 2022.

Sr. No.	Name of the Shrine	Place	Urs date	Financial implication in Lacs
1	Zain ul Abideen Wali Shrine	Ashmuqam	14 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00
2	Ziayarat Batamaloo Saheb	Srinagar	26 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00

The committee also approved holding of the following mega Sufi festival in Central Kashmir in the month of May 2022.

Sr. No.	Name of the festival	Venue	Date	Financial Implication in lacs
1.	Central Kashmir Sufi Festival	Tagore Hall, Srinagar	May 2022	30

The DLIC also approved holding of the following Traditional Festivals in the Kashmir valley during May 2022 in the bracket of Rs 30 – 40 lacs.

Sr. No.	Name of the festival	Venue	Date	Financial Implication in lacs
1.	Pahari Cultural Festival	Baramulla	May 2022	40
2.	Traditional Cultural Festival	Budgam	May 2022	40
3.	South Kashmir Cultural Festival	Anantnag	May 2022	40

During the course of the meeting, the chair was informed that the schedule / names / venues of the festivals / events are subject to change based on obtaining ground situation and other relevant factors. The committee unanimously authorized the implementing agency i.e. JKAACL to effect modifications, if any, in schedule / date & venue as per requirement of each event / festival.

The committee was also apprised that the budgetary provision was tentative and subject to increase or decrease depending upon actual ground level expenditure. The DLIC consented to the suggestion of the Director Archives that after holding of the event any increase in budget will be brought to the notice of the DLIC for post facto approval.

The possibility of a tangible-asset-generation under the scheme was also discussed. After threadbare discussion; the following decisions were taken:

1. Final budgetary allocation for holding of cultural activities/events/festivals under the scheme during the months of April and May 2022 was approved by the DLIC.
2. On the suggestion of some of the members, the DLIC directed that the JKAACL may explore the possibility of construction of a portable stage for the forthcoming events. Alternately, the JKAACL may consider assignment of responsibility of erection of stage to some Event Manager for providing the same on approved rate.
3. The committee also directed the JKAACL to effect separate Sound & Light System purchases under the Scheme for North, South and Central Kashmir for use during traditional and cultural festivals / events and other such activities.
4. The DLIC approved release of funds by the Archives, Archeology, and Museums Department in favour of JKAACL against the Action Plan proposed by the Academy for

each event/activity/festival with the Academy being granted liberty to effect slight modifications in action plan, wherever required.

5. The DLIC unanimously decided that all activities/events/festivals under the scheme will be executed by the JKAACL, for which necessary funding will be provided by the Archives, Archeology, and Museums Department from time to time.
6. The DLIC directed that after successful completion of activities/events/festivals, the JKAACL shall furnish actual expenditure statements, as per GFR / other relevant norms, to the Archives, Archeology, and Museums Department for record and reference.

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



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1. Secretary to the Govt., Culture Department, Civil Secretariat J&K Srinagar for information.
2. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K Srinagar for information and necessary action.
3. Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages for information and necessary action.
4. Director, Tourism Kashmir for information and necessary action.
5. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) / KPDCL Kashmir for information and necessary action.
6. Chief Executive Officer, J&K Muslim Waqf Board Srinagar for information and necessary action.
7. Director, Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar for information and necessary action.
8. District Informatics Officer, NIC Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
9. Shri Farooq Renzu Shah for information.