



Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment

Key Achievements post 2019

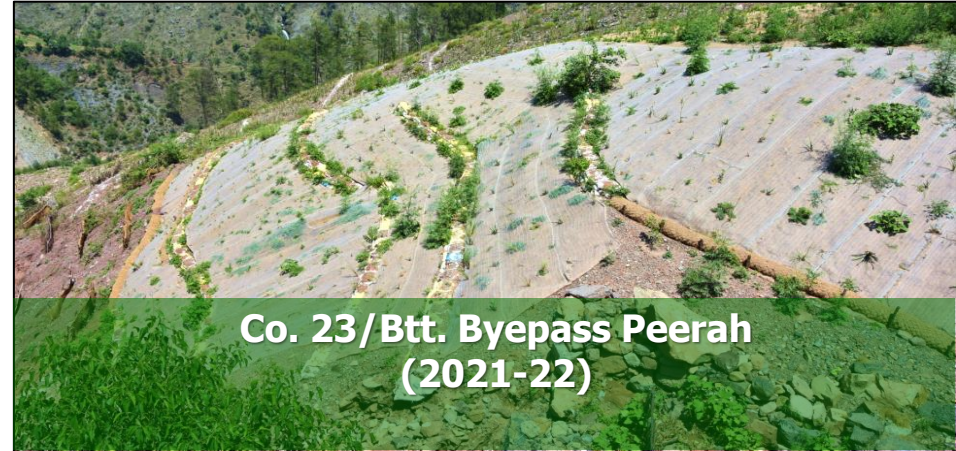
Three Fold increase in Afforestation

- Active involvement of PRI Representatives.
- Massive increase in plantation on non-forest lands.
- 95 Gram Panchayats earned Rs.694.71 lakhs to village funds.
- All Gram Panchayats & ULBs covered under **Har Gaon Har Ghar Haryali**



Participation of
School Children
In Green J&K
Drive

Installation of Geo-textile mats



Latitude: 32.778394
Longitude: 74.854762
Altitude: 463.78±20 m
Accuracy: 28.2 m



**Securing Vulnerable
Forest lands Against
Encroachments Near
Jammu City (2022-23)**

Non-Timber Forest Produce(NTFP) Policy-2022:

- Enhanced livelihood for people living in and around forests through deregulation of NTFP collection
- Empowering the people through Biodiversity Management Committees(BMCs) in all 4290 Gram Panchayats for better returns for their efforts

Forests for Livelihoods

- Making Handicrafts, Energy Briquettes from Chir pine needles.
- Making Doona- Pattals from leaves as substitute of SUP.
- 12 Self Help Groups (SHGs) actively working. During last year Rs.5.64 lakh income accrued to beneficiaries.
- More Self Help Groups (SHGs) adopting the activities.

Making of Handicrafts from Chirpine



JAMMU AND KASHMIR FOREST DEPARTMENT

CHIR NEEDLE HANDICRAFT
PREPARED BY:
SELF HELP GROUP
NOWSHERA FOREST DIVISION



**Women SHG
- Training
Session**



Forests for Recreation

- 75 Trekking routes & 62 Forest Huts opened up for common people for first time. On-line Booking facility available
- In last two years 7.50 lakh trekkers/nature lovers enjoyed pristine beauty of Forests. 1.80 lakh trekkers during first 4 months of current year.

Trek in Paradise



Biodiversity Conservation

- Biodiversity Registers prepared for all 4290 GPs & 78 ULBs
- City Biodiversity index and Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Srinagar & Jammu cities prepared. 9th and 10th cities in India to do it.
- Biodiversity strategy Action Plan for UT of J&K under preparation.

Major thrust on Forest Protection

- About 450 forest demarcation records updated
- 41120 kanals of encroached forest land evicted
- About 3.1 lakh Cubic feet illicit timber seized
- Seizure of 691 vehicles involved in forest offences
- 62 detentions against habitual forest offenders under Public Safety Act

Van Se Jal, Jal Se Jeevan

- Focus on renovating old traditional Water-bodies and construction of more such water harvesting structures.
- To harvest the rain water for meeting local needs
- To increase ground water recharge
- To Increase the productivity of agriculture and forest eco-systems

Ukhral Morh Pond, Surinsar Jammu



Simble Lehar Pond at Nagrota , Jammu



Bajoka Chak Pond, Kathua



Ease of living through e-governance

- Four G to B and One G to C services made online through single window portal integrated with RAS
- **“One Nation, One Transit Pass”** – for transparent, hassle-free transportation of forest produce anywhere in India
- E-Way bill under GST is deemed transit pass under Forest Produce Transit Rules
- License validity for Wood Based Industries enhanced to 5 years
- One time registration of furniture units in place of periodical renewals.



Comprehensive restoration measures taken up systematically in the Protected Wetlands of Kashmir, resulted in a record number of migratory birds - 13.28 lakh, during February 2023 against 8.25 Lakh in 2020.



Dachigam National Park adjudged as the best in management effectiveness evaluation exercise by the WII; Hangul- recorded a population of 289 in March 2023, a 58% increase over the 2015 population. Hangul Breeding Centre in Tral, languishing since 2008, revived and completed in 2023.



Jambu Zoo, the first ever zoo of J&K, spread over 162 ha area, in Silvan surroundings of Shivalik Foothills, was opened to public in May 2023.



Other Major Achievements

- The State Forest Corporation Act 1978 was repealed and the Corporation was converted into a Company under Companies Act, 2013.
- Grant of **Consent** for all Industries made **Online integrated with J&K Single Window System**.
- Introduced **Auto-Renewal** of Consent to Establish / Operate for **Green Category Industries**.
- For **Green Category Industries**, Consent to Establish is accorded within **10 Days**.
- Introduced **Auto Generation** of **Exemption Certificate** of **White Category Industries**.
- Consent to Establish for **Start-Ups** is being accorded within **10 Days**.
- **Consent Fee Waived** off for all **Government Health Care Facilities** in **2023**.