

## **CEO ERA chairs “Aspirational Districts” meet at Baramulla**

Baramulla, March 13: In order to discuss the modalities for the inclusion of District Baramulla under the category of “Aspirational Districts”, a meeting was held here today with Chief Executive Officer Economic Reconstruction Agency Dr Farooq Ahmad Lone in chair.

The meeting was attended by DDC Baramulla Dr. Nasir Ahmad Naqash, JDP, SE R&B, CMO, DPO, and various other concerned.

The meeting was informed that the district requires coordinated efforts for over all development in almost all sectors for improvement in all indices of progress. All concerned departments were directed to prepare a vision document so that a planned growth is achieved within time frame. The meeting took a comprehensive overview of almost all major programmes being run by various agencies and emphasized innovative, cost-effective, environment and people friendly inputs from all concerned.

Dr. Lone, who is also the Nodal officer for district Baramulla tool a comprehensive review of various ongoing developmental projects undertaken by different executing agencies. He directs the concerned to ramp up the pace of work besides adopting such measures to place the district at par with the rank 1 districts of the country.

## **Plantation Drive kick-started at Baramulla**

Baramulla, 13 March: In a significant move to enhance the green cover of our planet, a plantation drive was today kick-started here in the office complex of Forest department. Drive was kick-started by Conservator of Forests north circle Irfan Rasool Wani ( IFS) by planting a sapling of conifer.

Divisional Forest Officer Waseem Farooq Mir, District Information Officer Aijaz Hussain Malik and various other functionaries of forest department were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Irfan Rasool Wani said that the drive was started with the purpose to enhance the green cover of the earth. He said that the department has about 6.5 lakh saplings in the nurseries of the district out of which about 2 lakh saplings have been made available for sale. Moreover he reiterated the department's commitment of planting more and more trees and said that such a practice would have positive repercussions on our environment.

While urging various institutions to plant trees into their office premises, the conservator highlighted various benefits of plantation on climate and other living creatures. He also said that the department has taken various initiatives for the beautification of Baramulla town and stressed for public cooperation in the regard.