



Historic Nilnag identified for development as Tourist Village:-

Four High density apple demonstration plants being developed in the district: Budgam, 25 Nov.2016:- The historic Nilnag spring along with its surroundings in district Budgam has been identified to be developed as an integrated tourism village under convergence Programme of MGNREGA.

This was stated by the district development commissioner, Budgam Mr. Mir Altaf Ahmad at a meeting of the senior officers, engineers and field executing agencies, convened to take review preparedness for development of the proposed tourist village and development of demonstration plants to promote high density horticulture in the district. The meeting also reviewed progress on the de-addiction measures under taken by the police, NGOs and concerned social organizations.

The DDC asked the concerned officers of the Rural Development department and the Yusmarg Development Authority to prepare and submit a comprehensive Draft Project Report under MGNREGA convergence Programme so that required funds for execution of the work on development of Nilnag as a model tourism village are approved. He said development of historic Nilnag as a tourist village will give a big boost to tourism related economic activities in the district as the high altitude forest area in its surroundings has tremendous adventure tourism potential.

While reviewing the progress on introducing imported High Density horticulture in the district, the DDC informed that four modern high density apple demonstration plants have been approved to be set up at Chadoora, Fajipora, Ichhama and Arizal of the district. He said Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti is very particular about promotion of village tourism and high density horticulture in the state and has asked all DCs to monitor progress on these sectors periodically. The District Development Commissioner also reviewed pace on drug de-addiction drive in the district and asked the police department to activate other NGOs, social and religious organizations so that the menace is curbed in the district effectively.