

# Greater Kashmir

## 'Forest department has raised 80 lakh saplings in nurseries across Kashmir'

CCF Kashmir reviews afforestation measures in Budgam

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The forest department has raised more than 80 lakh deodar and kail saplings in its nurseries spread over all forest divisions of Kashmir region. This information was disclosed by chief conservator of forests (CCF) Kashmir, Farooq Gillani during inspection of Shiekh-ul-Aalum high tech conifer nursery at Kanidajan in district Budgam, an official handout said. The CCF conducted a daylong tour of the forest areas of the district and reviewed preparations for plantations at various areas in the coming season, the statement said. At Chari-Sharief, a proposal has already been made for beautification and greening of areas around the shrine of Alamdar-e-Kashmir Sheikh Noor-u-Din Noorani (RA). At Arizal the CCF said, the local people especially



youth of the areas where forests have faced damage, like Arizal, Sitharan and Hardpanzu, “have come forward for helping in restoration of Tosamaidan forest area, which has witnessed massive deforestation previously.” The statement said Rs 1.50 crore has already been approved in the recent steering committee meeting of CAMPA chaired

by the chief secretary (for the purpose). The CCF said there was no violation in implementing land diversion cases approved by forest advisory committee. “However some vested interests are exaggerating and distorting the facts through media for which department is taking necessary measures”. The CCF was accompanied by Touheed Deva conservator of forests, GH Rafique, DFO PP forest division and officers of forest protection force.

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