

## **Innovative Practices**

- **Involvement of NGOs in MDM**

To start with the involvement of NGOs, the department has initiated process to provide meals to the beneficiaries (students) at School level through NGO named "Ākshay Patra" on pilot basis in the Jammu and Samba districts.

- **Social Audit**

Social Audit of the MDM scheme in four Districts (Budgam, Ganderbal, Kathua and Ramban) through Department of Social Action/Sociology, University of Jammu/Kashmir has been taken up.

- **Sample Analysis**

Department is in touch with Drugs & Food Control Organization for testing of food samples and process of lifting of samples shall start shortly.

- **Kitchen Garden**

137 schools have established Kitchen Gardens and 4408 schools have been targeted where the land is available for setting up of Kitchen Gardens during 2018-19. The fresh vegetables so produced are used in preparing Mid-Day Meals.

- **Quality & Hygiene**

Cook-cum-helpers have been provided trainings through Institute of Hotel Management, Rajbagh Srinagar and Food Craft Institute, Nagrota, Jammu.

- **School Health Programme**

State Health Department and District Administration are coordinating for better coverage under School Health Programme/Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Kariakram.

- **School Inspections**

The District Development Commissioners have been requested to inspect/monitor the schools of their respective district for the proper implementation of the MDM scheme in the state.

- **Gas based Cooking in Schools**

14540 Schools out of 23130 Schools have LPG connection for Cooking. The Secretary to Government, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department has been requested to provide connections to the left out Schools.

- **Drinking water facility in Schools**

20521 Schools out of 23130 Schools have drinking water facility in schools. The Secretary to Government, Public Health Engineering, Irrigation & Flood Control Department has been requested to provide drinking water facilities in schools.

- **Toilet facility in Schools**

21311 Schools out of 23130 Schools have Toilet facility in schools. The Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department has been requested to provide toilet facilities in schools.

- **Procurement of pulses from Central buffer stock.**

The Department has initiated process to procure pulses from Central buffer through State FCS&CA Department on the analogy of foodgrains (Rice), so that pulses on regular basis can be served in Mid-Day Meal to the children.