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East district administration prepares for monsoon disaster management

GANGTOK, May 5 (IPR): In view of the onset of the monsoon season, a district-level monsoon preparedness meeting for disaster management organised by District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) was convened at the conference hall of East District Zilla Panchayat today here.

The meeting was chaired DC (east) Kapil Meena who is also the DDMA chairman.

The meeting was also attended by ADC (east) M. Bharani and SP(east) Shiv Prasad along with SDMs, BDOs, nodal officers from all line departments and representatives from Central government agencies, Army, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), National Disaster

Response Force (NDRF), BSNL, Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP), Shashatra Seema Bal (SSB) and Civil Defence agencies.

The objective of the meeting was to bring all the stakeholders together to strengthen and streamline the administrative response for an effective disaster preparedness initiative at the district level.

The DC along with the SP and ADC took stock of the preparedness of various line departments and Central agencies.

Various key issues on disaster mitigation like clearing of clogged drains and jhoras, maintenance of potholes, clearing private water lines and water leakages, maintaining inventory lists of equipment, quick clearance of



DC Kapil Meena addressing the meeting. Pic: IPR

internal roads within the district, restoration of electricity during the ensuing monsoon, traffic issues, health issues mainly relating to communicable diseases, water testing, assessment and

insurance of crops, vaccination and assessment animals and livestock death, maintenance of building and housing, tourism, dissemination of information, provision and deployment of

Central agencies like defence and civil defence agencies were discussed at length.

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pre-monsoon disaster management were placed and shared among the participants. Lessons learned from series of previous joint meeting on disaster management were vitally shared among the participants.

Addressing the meeting, DC Kapil Meena briefed the gathering on the importance of conducting such preparedness meeting on disaster management with regards to the ensuing monsoon. He urged the respective line departments and Central agencies to be fully prepared for any natural and man-made disaster that may occur due to

the ensuing monsoon.

All the line departments and Central agencies shared their invaluable inputs and placed forth remedial suggestions and feedback in regard to the preparedness for any disaster that may occur during the ensuing monsoon.

The DC directed the respective line department and Central agencies dealing with essential services to identify vulnerable points and spots and have a proper coordinated system to tackle the problem faced during the time of emergency.

He also asked respective SDMs to conduct similar pre-

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monsoon preparedness meeting on disaster management at the village and GPU level.

Meena specifically directed respective departments to appoint two nodal officers for each department.

Reiterating on the importance of having a disaster management plan for all the department, Meena touched upon the need to prepare a disaster management plan for those departments who haven't prepared disaster management plan yet. He highlighted that disasters are unpredictable and hence urged the participants to be

seriously prepared for any forth coming disaster.

The DC also directed all departments to have more participation and presence in social media and Whatsapp groups to sensitize the public on disaster management. Finally, he urged all the inline departments and Central agencies to work collectively and in tandem for the benefit of the society at large.

The SP (east) also provided valuable inputs and placed positive feedback and suggestions during the meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by ADC (E) M. Bharani.

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DC Kapil Meena chairs District Level Monsoon Preparedness Meeting

Gangtok, May 5: In view of the onset of the monsoon season, a District Level Monsoon Preparedness Meeting for Disaster Management was organised by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) at the conference hall of the East District Zilla Panchayat today.

The meeting was chaired by District Collector (E) cum Chairman (DDMA) Kapil Meena and attended by ADC(E) M. Bharani and SP (E) Shiv Prasad along with SDMs, BDOs, nodal officers from all the line departments and representatives from the central government agencies, Army, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), BSNL, Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP), Shashatra Seema Bal (SSB) and Civil Defense Agencies.

The objective of the meeting was to bring the stakeholders together to strengthen and streamline the administrative response for effective disaster preparedness initiative at the district level.

DC (E) along with the SP (E) and ADC (E) took stock of the preparedness of various line departments and central agencies.

Various key issues on disaster mitigation like clearing of clogged drains and jhoras, maintenance of potholes, clearing private water lines and water leakages, maintaining inventory lists of equipment, quick clearance of internal roads within the district,



restoration of electricity during the ensuing monsoon, traffic issues, health issues mainly relating to communicable diseases, water testing, assessment and insurance of crops, vaccination and assessment animals and livestock death, maintenance of building and housing, tourism, dissemination of information, provision and deployment of central agencies like defense and civil defense agencies were discussed at length.

Various feedbacks and positive recommendations with regards to pre-monsoon disaster management were placed and shared among the participants.

DC Kapil Meena briefed the gathering on the importance of conducting such preparedness meeting on Disaster Management with regards to the ensuing monsoon and urged the respective line departments and central agencies

to be fully prepared for any natural and man-made disaster that may occur.

The line departments and central agencies shared their valuable inputs and placed forth remedial suggestions and feedbacks with regards to the preparedness for any disaster that may occur during the ensuing monsoon.

The DC directed the respective line departments and central agencies dealing with essential services to identify vulnerable points and spots and have a proper coordinated system to tackle the problem faced during the time of emergency.

He also directed the respective SDMs to conduct similar pre-monsoon preparedness meeting on disaster management at the village and GPU level.

The DC specifically directed the respective departments to appoint

two Nodal Officers for each department.

Reiterating on the importance of having a disaster management plan for all the departments, the DC touched upon the need to prepare a disaster management plan for those departments who don't have one yet.

He also directed the departments to have more participation and presence in social media and WhatsApp groups to sensitize the public on disaster management. Finally, he urged all the line departments and central agencies to work collectively and in tandem for the benefit of the society at large.

SP (E) also provided valuable inputs and placed positive feedbacks and suggestions during the meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by ADC (E) M. Bharani. (IPR)