

## **ADC Kargil Chairs Meeting on Preparation of Draft District Disaster Management Plan**

Kargil, March 07, 2026: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kargil, Imteez Kacho chaired a meeting of the committee constituted for preparation of the Draft District Disaster Management Plan (DDMP) in his office chamber today.

The meeting was attended by Additional Superintendent of Police, Superintending Engineer PWD, Assistant Director FCS&CA, Deputy CMO, Headquarter Assistant to DC, Deputy Superintendent of Police UTDRF, from UTDRF, Accounts Officer to Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Director, Information/Wildlife Warden, District Mineral Officer, experts from the Department of Disaster Management, University of Ladakh (Kargil Campus), besides other officials.

During the meeting, the ADC sought department-wise suggestions from the concerned officers and experts to make the Draft District Disaster Management Plan more effective and comprehensive. He emphasized the importance of coordination among departments for strengthening disaster preparedness and response mechanisms in the district.

The ADC directed departments including Mechanical Engineering, FCS&CA, Public Works, Information, Municipality Committee and other concerned stakeholders to share their detailed inputs at the earliest so that the suggestions could be incorporated in the draft plan.

Experts from the Department of Disaster Management, University of Ladakh suggested utilizing religious infrastructures during times of disaster for relief and shelter purposes. The committee also recommended ensuring readiness of Motor Garages along with drivers during emergencies, identifying alternate traffic routes, and enhancing training and awareness programmes for Aapda Mitras and volunteers.

The need for proper zonation, hazard mapping, resource mapping and strengthening disaster-resilient infrastructure, along with social capacity building initiatives to improve community preparedness was also discussed.

The experts also suggested the introduction of Ham Radio communication systems to strengthen communication during disasters when conventional networks may fail.

