

## **DEO/DC Kargil chairs meeting on Booth Level Agents with Officers, representatives of Political Parties**

Kargil, March 17, 2025: District Election Officer (DEO)/Deputy Commissioner (DC)/CEO, LAHDC Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, chaired an urgent meeting today with officers and representatives of political parties to discuss the appointment of Booth Level Agents (BLAs).

The meeting was attended by Tehsildars (AEROs) from various sub-divisions, SVEEP Nodal Officer, Election Naib Tehsildar, AD DIPR Kargil, and representatives from AAP, BJP, INC, and JKNC.

At the outset, the DEO Kargil emphasized the importance of BLAs in ensuring an error-free and transparent electoral roll, as per the Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines. He addressed concerns related to Electoral Rolls, EPICs, Polling Stations, BLOs, and AEROs and urged political parties to actively participate in the process.

After deliberations, the DEO directed political parties to appoint BLAs: BLA 1: One representative per tehsil, to be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, UT Ladakh. BLA 2: One agent per polling booth, to be submitted to the respective Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

The appointment process must be completed within two weeks. Political parties appreciated the DEO's efforts in conducting transparent elections and Special Summary Revisions (SSRs) over the past two years and assured compliance within the given timeline.

The DEO also instructed AEROs to brief BLOs on their role, while the SVEEP Nodal Officer was tasked with designing a public awareness campaign on BLAs' significance. The AD DIPR, Kargil was directed to ensure wide publicity, and the DIO, NIC Kargil will update election-related activities on the district website.

The Election Cell Kargil will collect and maintain BLA data, sharing updates with the Chief Electoral Officer, UT Ladakh. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.



