

DC Kargil Reviews Water Supply Schemes in Drass and 24x7 Water Supply Project for Kargil Town

Kargil, May 09, 2026: Deputy Commissioner/ CEO, LAHDC Kargil and Chairman, DWSM, Shri Rakesh Kumar, IAS, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Drass and the proposed 24x7 Water Supply Scheme for Kargil town.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner Drass, ADDC Kargil, Superintending Engineer, PHE & I&FC Kargil (virtually), Chief Planning Officer Kargil, Chief Medical Officer Kargil, Executive Engineer PHE Kargil, DTL PMU, IEC Coordinator, and officials from the PWD R&B and PMGSY departments.

At the outset, a detailed presentation was made on the physical and financial progress of JJM schemes in Drass , along with the current status of the 24x7 Water Supply Scheme for Kargil town.

The meeting reviewed the status of the 24x7 Water Supply Scheme for Kargil town, drinking water facilities in schools, Anganwadi centres, health institutions, and government offices, the functioning of water supply schemes during winter, and preparation and submission of the District Improvement Plan.

During the meeting, the Chairman, DWSM, directed the Deputy Commissioner, Drass, to prepare a comprehensive District Improvement Plan for water supply schemes requiring source stabilisation and tap connections for unconnected households, newly constructed houses, and government buildings, in coordination with the Assistant Executive Engineer, Subdivision Headquarters. The report is to be submitted within six days. He also directed that the Har Ghar Jal villages should be formally handed over to the VWSC through Gram Sabhas.

The Deputy Commissioner Drass was also instructed to review the status of water supply facilities in schools, Anganwadi centres, health institutions, and government buildings. He was further directed to visit disputed villages along with officials from the PWD R&B, PMGSY, and PHE departments to resolve implementation-related issues on the ground.

The Chief Medical Officer Kargil was instructed to submit a detailed status report on tap water connections installed in health institutions across Kargil, Drass, and Zanskar.

The ADDC Kargil was directed to visit Chuliskambo/Chanigund village to address and resolve pending dispute. Weekly review meetings will also be conducted to monitor restoration works damaged during execution of road projects by the R&B and PMGSY departments. The Assistant Executive Engineer was instructed to complete all pending works of Chuliskambo/Chanigund village within the stipulated timeline and ensure uploading of the remaining FHTC's.

Officials of the PWD R&B department were directed to restore damaged water supply infrastructure in Muradbagh, Pandrass, Garkone, and Tesboo villages in coordination with the PHE department.

Emphasising the importance of inter-departmental coordination and community participation. He further instructed the PWD R&B, PMGSY, RDD and PHE departments to work in close coordination to ensure the smooth functioning and sustainability of water supply schemes across the district.

While reviewing the urban water supply scenario, the Chairman, DWSM, advised the concerned department to reframe the proposal for the 24x7 Water Supply Scheme for Kargil town by ensuring optimum utilisation of the existing infrastructure. He further directed that a viable and cost-effective proposal be prepared in consultation with the empanelled consultants of the Urban Local Bodies Department, UT Ladakh.

