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DC Bla chairs Disaster preparedness Meet

Calls for prompt coordination, effective utilisation of men and machinery

Baramulla, 01 July: Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr Nasir Ahmad Naqash today chairs a meeting of heads of various departments to review the overall disaster preparedness and possible flood like situation in view of the incessant rains.

Meeting was attended by ADC Baramulla Farooq Ahmad Baba, ADC Sopore, Ashiq Hussain Lilly ACR, Bashir Ahmad Bhat SE, R&B, SDM Uri, SDM, Gulmarg, CMO, CEO, EXNs, Tehsildars and others concerned.

On the occasion, the DC exhorted upon all concerned to remain stationed at the headquarters and not to leave the station without his prior permission besides ensuring the attendance of their subordinate staff. He called for close coordination between the departments and other agencies to safeguard the precious lives and property. He also directs the concerned to remain prepared to deal any kind of eventuality that may arise due to inclement weather conditions.

It was informed that more than 80000 sandbags for Tangmarg area, 50000 sandbags for Sopore and a sufficient quantity have been facilitated for Baramulla besides other vital material and has been kept ready whenever required.

The DC pressed for making a list of vulnerable flood-prone areas, location of related infrastructure viz dozers, sandbags, boats, vehicles, dewatering pumps. He directs to regularly update the gauge level and to keep men and machinery ready besides identifying the vulnerable locations in the district.

Meanwhile, Dr Naqash assessed the overall preparedness of concerned departments thoroughly for the crisis management. He directed the concerned authorities to gear up their men and machinery and utilize the services of volunteers and organizations to take prompt action during occurrence of any kind of disaster.

He also called for close coordination between the departments to ensure timely rescue and rehabilitation. Moreover he urged upon the people living along the embankments of river Jhelum, Nallahs or in the low lying areas to remain vigilant and to contact the administration in case of any eventuality.

Moreover, the DC stressed for establishing round the clock control room/helpline at subdivision, tehsil and other levels so that people may contact the administration in times of need without any inconvenience.

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ADC Baramulla conducts extensive tour of flood-prone areas

Baramulla, 01 July: Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Farooq Ahmad Baba today conducted an extensive tour of the flood-prone areas of the district to take stock of the flood like situation caused by recent rains.

The ADC was accompanied by Tehsildar Pattan, Singhpora, Executive Engineer Flood Control, Engineers and other district officers. The team visited Gund Qasim, Trekulbal and other low lying villages located along Jhelum embankments to examine the situation and to get the first hand appraisal of the same.

While inspecting flood-prone areas, the ADC directed Irrigation and Flood Control to expedite the strengthening work on embankments in these areas so that the situation will remain under control. He stressed concerned departments to remain vigilant in case of any eventually. ADC appealed the people not to panic as District Administration has geared up all the agencies for the safeguard of precious human lives and Property.

ADC further said that all essential men and machinery viz dozers, sandbags, boats, divers, swimmers, vehicles, dewatering pumps besides telephone numbers of in-charge officers are ready. He also called for close coordination between the departments to ensure timely rescue and rehabilitation as and when needed.

Meanwhile, ADC met several deputations during his visit wherein they demanded appropriate measures that needed to be done so as to avert any kind of eventuality. He assured the deputations that their genuine demands will be redressed on priority.