

West Kameng steps up Its Disaster Management & Response Plan

In order to mitigate the probable damages anticipating the onset of monsoon in the district and other eventualities accompanying it, the district today tightened its belt by reviewing and updating its Disaster Management & Response Plan. The records of the last one decade reveals that the district is prone to natural disasters mainly accentuated by rain and cloud bursts; the worst being that of the year 2009.

Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Rinchin Tashi who also is the Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), called upon the departments concerned to be in readiness for any eventuality that might befall the district. The most effective way to counter and mitigate the damages would be, to be prepared in all fronts, he said. Awareness on the DOs & DONTs, preparedness by the Army, Para-Military forces and departments such as Police, Medical, Food & Civil Supplies, Power, PHED, PWD, IPR, Transport etc would go a long way in the damage control endeavors, he added.

Provision for maintaining buffer stock, Petrol & Diesel, life saving drugs etc and preventive measures to contain hoarding and black marketing in case of any man made or natural disaster were minutely deliberated upon.

Unlike previous years, the monsoon this year has been late and reportedly this has affected the agricultural production in certain circles and blocks of the district.

Co-Chairman of DDMA Zilla Parishad Chairperson Logiang Rikhong and Additional Deputy Commissioner B Dehingia also impressed on the need to be well prepared and advocated for mock drills and awareness campaigns on regular intervals in the district.

Earlier, the District Disaster Management Officer Thongchin made the detail Power point presentation and called upon the departments to come forward and extend all possible help in case of any eventuality.

The day before, the District Consultative Committee meeting & the District Level Review Committee meeting for the district was held which was convened by the Chief Manager, Lead Bank, Bomdila and chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Rinchin Tashi.