



DDC Budgam reviews District Disaster preparedness

Stresses on sector wise plan at Zone, Tehsil level for effective response towards disasters

Budgam, July 12: District Development Commissioner Budgam Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today directed that sector wise disaster management plans for the better and prompt response towards different natural and man made disasters be made.

These remarks were made by the DDC while chairing a meeting of District Disaster Management and Preparedness at New Conference Hall in Budgam.

Director Disaster Management, Aamir Ali, Director Metrological Department, Sonam Lotus, ADC Budgam Mohammad Farooq Dar, CMO Budgam, HoD Disaster Management IMPA Dr GM Dar, officers from various line departments and members and volunteers from SDRF attended the meeting.

Emphasizing on the foolproof readiness, the DDC directed all the concerned departments to submit list of their available resources and demands by July-23 with the objective to ensure prompt and effective response towards disasters to mitigate the loss of public life and property.

The DDC directed all the SDMs to conduct their zone wise mapping of the vulnerable areas and submit same by July-26.

She said that safety audit of all government buildings particularly schools and hospitals must be conducted on urgent basis, besides asked the concerned to ensure the identified relief and evacuation centers to be used as evacuation points in all vulnerable areas are safe and feasible.

The DDC also directed the concerned to take strenuous efforts to make the EOC centre stationed at Humhama functional for 24/7 for better communication and effective disaster management response.

Soon after the meeting, the volunteers from SDRF conducted a mock drill and briefed about functioning of various latest equipment and gadgets used during disasters.

The DDC urged the concerned to conduct mock drills in all schools of the district for mass awareness.

She also directed the concerned to nominate 4 officers from the district to participate in 4-day Disaster Management training to be held at IMPA Srinagar from July 23.

Meanwhile, Director Disaster Management Aamir Ali through a power point presentation spoke on state level and district level disaster management plan, mitigation, NDRF-SDRF relief norms and effective flood management initiatives taken by the department. On the occasion, Aamir Ali informed that an Engineer from each district would be trained about the landslide disaster mitigation. He stressed on the close involvement of officers for better cooperation for effective response towards disasters.

Meanwhile, Sonam Lotus Dr. GM Dar also spoke on the occasion and explained about different physical, social, economical and environmental vulnerabilities and effective measures to respond disasters.