

Disaster preparedness meeting held in Geyzing

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GEYZING, April 28: With monsoon approaching, the west district disaster management authority convened a meeting on Friday to review the status of preparedness to deal with any natural disasters that may occur during monsoon season.

The meeting was chaired by district collector AB Karki and had the presence of district police chief Tenzing Loden Lepcha and the heads of different departments under west district administration.

The meeting discussed disasters mitigation and preparedness, disaster risk reduction and prevention during monsoon season. The officials from different departments shared the plans and objectives in regard to



preparedness in dealing with disaster situations.

It was noted in the meeting that concerted efforts of all the departments will help in minimising the loss of properties and human lives during the natural calamity.

The need for coordination among all the Central and State government agencies was

emphasised by the officials. Issues relating to road maintenance, retaining walls along the road, power line, repairing of potholes were also deliberated in the meeting. The officials presented their status related to monsoon preparedness.

The district collector asked the officials to work in

tandem with the district administration on the issues related to natural disaster. Taking note of status of road and drainage system in west district, he suggested the officials to give ample care towards maintenance of road and drainage system.

Karki called upon the officials to make advance

preparations to fight against the odds created by nature in this coming monsoon. He also suggested that there should be provision of facilities to provide relief materials to the families suffered in natural disaster at the earliest. He further directed the man power to be kept ready as to provide security to the public and also to minimize the destruction of the properties and lives.

SP Tenzing Lodey, while interacting with the officials, said that preparedness leads to prevention of disaster. He added that every concerned departments should work together to find solution to issues related to natural calamities. He also urged the departmental officials to be prepared to mitigate the issues that crop up with the arrival of monsoon in the State.