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ADC (Dev.), Gangtok Visits Nandok Block for Coordination and Introduction Programme

Mr. Chiran Rizal, ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, along with his team, visited the Nandok Block Administrative Centre (BAC), Gangtok District, as part of a coordination and introduction programme with Block-level officers, field functionaries, Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) representatives and staff.

The programme commenced with a welcome address and the offering of a Khada, followed by a welcome speech by Mr. TT Gensapa, BDO, Nandok. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Hari Prasad Sharma, Deputy Director (PRI), O/o ADC (Dev.), Gangtok; Mrs. Laxmi Sajni, Divisional Engineer, Nandok; Mr. Mingyur Bhutia, AD, Rongay-Tathangchen; Mr. Nakul Rai, AD, Nandok; Ms. Betty Subedi, ADPC, VB-GRAM G, O/o ADC (Dev.), Gangtok; Ms. Anjana Rai, SBM-G District Coordinator, O/o ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, Hon'ble Panchayat Members of Nandok and other officials.

A detailed Coordination Meeting and Introduction Programme was subsequently held, during which the functioning of the Block, ongoing developmental activities, departmental coordination and various implementation-related issues were discussed.

During the interaction, Mr. Chiran Rizal, ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, took the opportunity to learn about the previous experiences and tenures of the Panchayat Presidents and Panchayat Members and discussed the developmental priorities of the areas falling under Nandok Block and its GPUs. The meeting also reviewed the existing manpower and administrative structure of Nandok Block.

Review of Sanitation and SBM-G Activities

A detailed review of the status of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) in and around Nandok Block was undertaken. Issues relating to SBM-G implementation in Gnathang were discussed, along with progress and possibilities for further strengthening sanitation activities in the Block.

The meeting stressed the importance of focusing on the quality, sustainability and effective implementation of sanitation works within the GPUs. Mr. Mingyur Bhutia, AD, Rongay-Tathangchen, and Mr. Nakul Rai, AD, Nandok, provided updates on the current status of various activities and highlighted the need for improved departmental support and coordination.

The meeting also reviewed issues relating to Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs). The meeting further deliberated on pending IHHL payments arising from Aadhaar linkage requirements, and the need to communicate such issues to the Head Office for appropriate resolution.

Ms. Anjana Rai, SBM-G District Coordinator, O/o ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, provided updates on various ongoing and proposed initiatives, including Ankelam, e-Governance, Faecal Sludge Management, Swachhata Sambhav, Cleanest Village initiatives, Mobile Treatment Units (MTUs), cesspool vehicles, and the implementation of the new Solid Waste Management Rules.

Engineering and Infrastructure Development

Mrs. Laxmi Sajni, Divisional Engineer, Nandok, provided an update on infrastructure and engineering-related works being undertaken in the Block. The status of works under various programmes was reviewed, with emphasis on timely implementation and effective monitoring.

VB-GRAM G and Community Development

Extensive discussions were held on the VB-GRAM G programme at the Block level, including sanctioned works and works undertaken during previous years. Ms. Betty Subedi, ADPC, VB-GRAM G, O/o ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, facilitated the discussion on the programme, including the transition towards VB-GRAM G from MGNREGA and the opportunities presented under the new framework.

The meeting emphasised the need to prioritise community-oriented and sustainable assets based on local requirements. Suggestions included the development of facilities such as Futsal Courts, Basketball Courts, Badminton Courts, Community Halls and other community infrastructure, which can provide long-term benefits to local communities.

An open discussion was held with the officials and field functionaries on identifying appropriate community assets based on local needs, while ensuring effective planning, implementation and utilisation of available resources.

The meeting also discussed the importance of convergence between VB-GRAM G and other ongoing schemes, particularly in view of works undertaken during previous years and the different implementation timelines of various programmes.

Strengthening Planning, Coordination and Monitoring

Mr. Chiran Rizal, ADC (Dev.), Gangtok, emphasised the need to strengthen the overall functioning of the Block through systematic planning, effective coordination and regular monitoring. The importance of preparing and following a yearly activity and implementation calendar was highlighted to ensure that developmental activities are planned and executed in a timely and coordinated manner.

It was further stressed that GPDP and VB-GRAM G planning should be undertaken in parallel and in close coordination, enabling the Block and GPUs to identify priorities, avoid duplication and maximise convergence of available resources.

The ADC (Dev.) also emphasised the importance of regular monitoring of SGAY houses. The Block was advised to maintain a monthly progress report on SGAY houses, covering their physical and financial status, along with regular supervision at the Block level, to ensure that the houses are properly executed and completed within the stipulated timelines.

The coordination meeting concluded with an emphasis on strengthening inter-departmental coordination, improving convergence of developmental schemes, ensuring effective field-level monitoring and prioritising sustainable, community-oriented development across Nandok Block.