

**MINUTES OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF JORHAT  
DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER' 2022**

Date of meeting: 16.11.2022

Venue: **Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office Jorhat**

*The members present are at Annexure I.*

The meeting was presided over by Sri Ashok Kr. Barman, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat. He expressed his greetings and welcomed all. The Deputy Commissioner immediately dawned upon the week-long celebration programme of **Lachit Divas**. The Deputy Commissioner also stressed upon active participation and achieving the target of 4 lakh essays and regretted that till then only 600 essays got submitted.

**Essay on Lachit Barphukan** again reminded with details mentioned below:

- a) Every department will be required to make an evaluation of the essays and decide the winners and rankers.
- b) Winners of all departments will be reevaluated at interdepartmental level and final list of winner and rankers will be published.
- c) In the midst of this, the **District Sports Officer** came up with a list of programmes involving indigenous sports in connection with **Lachit Divas**. These games will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, morning, centrally at IDSA. All the government employees are requested to come and participate since it's a government programme. It will be held at 5 places simultaneously.
- d) There will also be an **Open Quiz Competition** held on 20<sup>th</sup> November on Lachit Barphukan.

ADC (Dev), Mrs. Kabita Kakoty Konwar, ACS, thereafter initiated the meeting and stressed upon the object and scope of the DDC meeting. She reiterated the fact that the DDC meeting is actually a **Coordination Meeting** which must be taken seriously so as to successfully secure coordination and cooperation among all the respective departments. She opined that this integrated and concerted efforts of all departments can not only settle interdepartmental issues but will also pave way towards successful completion of Government programmes.

Further, she did a quick recap of all the issues discussed in the last DDC meeting and made a few reminders which are stated below:

**Sericulture:**

Khadi uniform issue: Mrs. Kabita K. Konwar directed that the issue must be resolved within three days.

**Soil Conservation:** Action plan for coordination status discussed. She insisted that adherence of coordination is must.

**DTO:** She inquired of the scrap vehicle policy's implementation. She also asked all department heads to cooperate with DTO to dump of their vehicle scraps.

**Absent in the DDC Meeting:** Since many heads of many departments were absent, CEO ZP, Jorhat, ordered to issue **show cause** against those departmental heads and urged all other present departmental representatives to take DDC meetings seriously or else strict action will be initiated otherwise. In addition to this, he explained the importance of cooperation and coordination of all departments for successful implementation of schemes since they are interrelated.

**Presentations by various departments**

1. **Agriculture:** A brief presentation was made by representative of DAO, on the progress of the following:

- i. Paddy Procurement: Kaliapani Godown issue was discussed.
- ii. PM KISAN: Ongoing works in context were apprised to the panel.

Mrs Kabita K. Konwar inquired of Jorhat's status of Paddy Procurement & PM KISAN's performance of entire Jorhat district in relative terms. Further, the panelists also showed concern regarding the sufficiency of existing cold storages for Horticulture and asked for need of additional cold storages, if any.

- iii. Assam Millet Mission (Jorhat & Majuli) was discussed.

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- Discussion on **Nutri Cereal** held. It's positives were counted and how it can be linked to PM POSHAN, Food Security etc were discussed.
- **Challenges in Nutri Cereal:** Local farmers are unaware of the of it and so are also bereft of any knowledge on its growing techniques.
- Finger Millet was discussed.

In context of the challenges of the Nutri Cereal, ADC (Dev) Jorhat suggested conducting of awareness programmes. The representative of Agriculture Department cited lack of funds is the primary bottleneck against organizing awareness programmes. He was, thus, suggested to mobilize the idea through Gaon Panchayats and gram sabhas.

ADC (Dev) also suggested to check the feasibility of millet cultivation in the draught prone areas of Titabor and Mariani. She also insisted upon making arrangements for live streaming of millet cultivation that are currently ongoing. ADC (Dev) also set the agenda for next DDC meeting which will be **Review of Flagship Programmes**.

On another note she reminded the all the respective departmental heads to collect the uniforms of Grade III & Grade IV employees,.

2. **PWD:** EE PWD, Jorhat Dergaon Territorial Road Divn., presented the activity statuses of schemes and projects implemented under PWD, Jorhat, Dergaon & Titabor territorial Road Division. Some of the discussed are:
  - i. Status of SOPD works
  - ii. SOPD signature works 80% done
  - iii. Two roads under APART: 30% progress
  - iv. CIDF: 15 works completed out of 21

Reviewing the progresses , ADC( Dev) , Jorhat raised the parking issue in context of the construction of roads inside the premises of DC Office. She also inquired of the construction status of Rupnagar and Chandannagar. She also discussed the issue of eviction of temporary markets and rehabilitation of permanent markets along Na-Ali.

- v. ROB: Road construction status of Na-Ali and Kamarbandha discussed.
- vi. Asom Mala: Status of road construction in context of Johat-Kamarbandha and Nemati Road discussed.
- vii. Photos were also shared on construction of 3 way ROB.

PWD and APDCL were advised to maintain coordination among them while working on their projects.

- viii. Status of following PMGSY works discussed:
  - a) SOPD(G)
  - b) SOPD(OPS)

ADC (Dev), reviewed the works mentioned above and remarked it as 'slow progress'.

- i. Assam Darshan works discussed.
- ii. Status of RIDF discussed
- iii. SOPD Signature Works completed.

Finally, the panelists asked about the status of Road Embankment works and thus reports on embankments shown.

3. **Transport:** According to departmental reports:
  - i. Jorhat district emerged in top position in terms of revenue collection.
  - ii. Road accidents increased in the month of September-October.

4. **Veterinary:**
  - i. Discussed on vaccination and NADCP 2022.

ADC (Dev) inquired the status of ducks, chickens and other livestock. She also expressed curiosity in knowing the number of people who got benefitted from duck and broiler training and questioned on the output of backyard livestock farming.

- ii. APART programmes were also discussed in context of Milk Value Chains and Pork value Chains.



- iii. The Veterinary officer expressed his desire to organize a veterinary show on exotic and ornamented pets like that of Hamsters and some pigeons etc.

ADC (Dev) also inquired about the slaughter houses and also about the vaccine distribution for reducing tapeworm formation in pigs. She also asked about all such works in entirety in Jorhat district level. She brought in the reference of one such programme initiated by the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat, towards empowerment of women in and around Jorhat district whereby such women were distributed small quantities of livestock. The programme was said to be extended to juveniles and both were found successful.

**5. Social Welfare:** Deen Dayal Upadhyay Pension Achoni discussed.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat, announced that on 20<sup>th</sup> November, a social service initiative will be organized whereby all government offices shall have to be cleaned. Further, in context of fishery and agriculture, all the successful fisheries of Jorhat will have to come up with lectures to motivate the rest based on their model fisheries

The Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat also expressed his vision of producing around 100 farmers from schools. The Chairperson took note of the veterinary show of ornamental pets and praised the initiative as it would mobilize unemployed youths to get them involved in such lucrative areas of businesses. Chairperson also asked all the departments to raise their voices on any issue they felt worth discussing.

**The Chairperson announced that the upcoming DDC meeting will be held in next 15 days.**

6. **Social Welfare:** Representative of Social Welfare department, Jorhat came up with a programme of adoption of AWCs by each department and assumes 'Janabhagidaari'. He urged the following:

- i. All the departmental heads, if possible, should come forward and adopt at least one AWC.
- ii. 3 types of services could be provided by each adopting department namely, (a) Constructions, (b) Pre School Services and (c) Health & Nutrition
- iii. Periodical visits to the adopted AWCs to motivate the children and staff.

In context of **AWC Adoption**, Chairperson suggested the CDPO to intimate AWCs of the visit by departmental heads prior to adoption.

**Issues of various Development Department :-**

**1. Water Resources:**

- Ongoing silt deposition and extraction problem in Jhanji (silt) and Bhogdoi (sand).
- Geo Mapping done
- Forest department already intimated about possible/allowed extraction points based on those maps. Yet there comes frequent communications of extraction on vulnerable and sensitive points.

The Chairperson announced that there will be a tripartite meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2022, in the D.C's Office to swiftly resolve the issue between the two and time for the meeting intimated accordingly. Regarding Kakodonga Right Bank Issue, Chairperson instructed to issue a letter to the Circle officer, Jorhat West Circle requesting for identification of Govt. land and private land.

Further, Chairperson also discussed and considered undertaking of 3 issues namely, Amrit Sarovar, Wetland creation and use of departmental land for wetland creation. Extensively speaking on the third point, he said the departmental heads should check the feasibility of wetland creation in the unused departmental land, if any.

**LDM: AGVB and Children Bank accounts**

ADC (Dev) asked the LDM, Jorhat about the status of creation of bank accounts of school children for linking of beneficiary schemes. She noted that there was no proper response from the bank in this context. Moreover, she also called upon the overall poor performance of the Assam Grameen Vikas Bank. The Chairperson directed to give a note to LDM.

**Joint Directorate of Health Services:**

The Joint Director Health Services, Jorhat came up with a constructive issue of collective responsibility urging all department heads to adopt TB patients. The adopting department could donate in kind up to 500 rupees, monthly for six months, which could mean providing food, fruits, medicines etc. In this regard, Chairperson asked all departmental heads to do the needful. He also asked the departments to send their staffs who have long suffered cough problems for check up under JDHS.

The Chairperson while discussing with APDCL asked them to send a proposal to merge some of the division of it in Jorhat to increase efficiency in its functioning.

At the fag-end of the DDC meeting, **PHE, Irrigation and Soil Conservation** made video presentations on some ongoing projects. PHE made a special video presentation of the PWSS (Public Water Supply System) project at Phokola Pather. During Irrigation's presentation, they expressed a problem on Small Tea Grower's scheme whereby they cannot find targeted beneficiaries in the Jorhat LAC.. The Chairperson asked him to contact with President/Secretary All Assam Small Tea Growers Association, Jorhat Branch in this regard. .

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

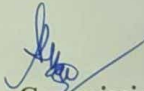
-Sd- (Ashok Kr. Barman, IAS)  
**Deputy Commissioner,  
Jorhat**

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