



## Review meeting on sanitation held at Seppa

Keeping in mind the upcoming monsoon season, a review meeting regarding sanitation preparedness of Seppa town was held on May 7 by the District Urban Development Agency (DUDA) under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Kumar Singh at Seppa. The meeting took stock of the progress made, hindrance present and prevailing situation of the sanitation programme which was launched last year at Seppa.

Expressing gratitude to the officials and staffs of the DUDA Seppa and other departments for their whole hearted effort, the Deputy Commissioner requested them to keep up the same zeal and enthusiasm. Appreciating the progress made in sanitation, he said, “though it is a thankless job, it is moral and social obligation of every individual to keep their surrounding neat and clean vis-a-vis preventing the society from its associated dreaded diseases”. Acknowledging the importance of cooperation, he sought status report of the sanitation programme from various Officers-in-Charge of each colony from in and around the Seppa Township and asked their views and suggestions. And further, urged them to cooperate diligently and exhorted them to exercise more effort in promoting the motto of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and simultaneously make the town garbage free.

Numerous views and suggestions were made by various stakeholders in the meeting. While admitting that plastic bottles and polythene bags are the main reason for blockage of the sewers and drains, DDSE Kata Rangmo advocated for minimization of its usage. DVO M. Modi suggested for widening of the existing drainage system, so that without much obstruction, rain water and sewage could easily flow out and could prevent the building up of artificial ponds. BDO Seppa Radak Dada requested the DC to direct the construction companies for proper cutting and maintenance of drainage system along their road project sites. UD & Housing, DD T. Tachang suggested to seek and engage religious leaders in the awareness campaign and sought for giving direction to shopkeepers to display about sanitation awareness outside their shops. Emphasizing on tourism potential, ADC Seppa, Pooja Jain advised the officers-in-charge to link

tourism aspect in their promotional activities of sanitation. As a solution for collection of garbage from inaccessible areas, she suggested for collective engagement of a person by the colony, by paying remuneration to collect and dispose off the garbage either to the garbage collecting trucks of DUDA or to the roadside garbage collection bins.