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MESSAGE

South Asia has seen many disasters in the recent past which has not only affected the life of people but also had a heavy impact on the economy whereby large numbers of people have slipped to below poverty line and many have fallen into distress situations. Such disasters have not come to a complete halt but chances of hitting again has a high probability as South Asia is highly exposed to various natural hazards. Realizing this, members of South Asian nations got together and committed themselves to establish a regional mechanism for responding to disasters and formalize in the form of signing a South Asia Disaster Response Framework. Soon after the Gorkha Nepal Earthquake – 2015, Government of India realized the need for operationalizing Regional Response System as quickly as possible and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India proactively proposed to the member states for holding an annual exercise for responding to disasters. This was an attempt to gear the functionaries of the member states to work in a more collective manner and have larger synergy when actual disaster strikes. On the proposal of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, all the member states agreed to participate and the lead role was played by National Disaster Response Force and supported by National Disaster Management Authority and National Institute of Disaster Management in facilitating the same. This was just not an exercise in itself but an attempt towards building a regional institutional system, mechanism for protecting lives and property of the vulnerable people in the region. Member states participated in the programme whole heartedly and H.E. Arjun Bahadur Thapa, SAARC Secretary General also graced the occasion. Shri. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister with Shri. Kiren Rijju, hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs along with other senior officials participated in this innovative exercise. This is just a beginning but certainly it has led a solid foundation for regional cooperation for strengthening brotherhood in the region.



(Santosh Kumar)

Educational Visit by Students and Faculty of Dept. of Fire Safety & Disaster Management, Swami Vivekanand University, Madhya Pradesh

7th October 2015

Twenty five students with two faculty members from Department of Fire Safety & Disaster Management, Swami Vivekanand University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, made an educational visit to NIDM on Wednesday, 7th October 2015. During the visit, they went to the Institute library to learn about literature available on disaster management. It was followed by a brief presentation about NIDM, its activities, vision, mission, training programmes, Institutional Framework of DM in India, information about IDRN, Online Courses and Self Study Programme, by Shri Santosh Kumar Tiwari, Librarian, jointly with Shri Rajiv Kumar from Information Technology Division, NIDM.

They have also discussed with the participants on issues related to different aspects of disaster management in India, which was facilitated by Dr. Surya Parkash, Head, Knowledge Management and Communication Division, NIDM. Various other aspects of disaster management were discussed during this interaction. The discussions concluded with vote of thanks by Shri Manish Kumar Dubey, Director, Dept. of Fire Safety & Disaster Management, Swami Vivekanand University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

Workshop on 'Online PG Course on Risk/Disaster Management', NIDM, New Delhi

9th October 2015

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken an initiative for launching Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) for post-graduation in different subjects. In this regard, NIDM has been given the responsibility to develop course curriculum and content on disaster management for the PG level students.

NIDM has organized a writers' workshop at its premises for discussions on the 'Development of Online PG Course on Risk/Disaster Management' on Friday, 9th October 2015. The workshop was organized with the following objectives:

- To share the concept of online courses on MOOC platform.
- To inform relevant experts about the various tasks involved in development of e-learning course and the guidelines / procedures for carrying out these tasks.
- To discuss the course curriculum developed by NIDM and to learn about the interest of different experts / writers to prepare specific modules of the subject.
- To summarize the outcome of the workshop for further course of action to develop respective modules in the subject.

Dr. Surya Parkash, Head, Knowledge Management and Communication Division, NIDM welcomed all the participants and made a presentation on the aim, objectives and guidelines for developing e-content for the 'Online PG Course on Risk/Disaster Management' under the ePG-Pathshala Project of Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. The proposed course curriculum on paper-1: Basics of Disaster Management has been shared and discussed with the participants from Ministry of Earth Sciences, National Disaster Management Authority, NIDM, GGS I.P. University, NGOs etc.

During the workshop, the suggested comments were considered and incorporated to enhance the value of the proposed modules in the said subject. During the second half of the workshop, the willingness/ interest of the participants to write specific modules within a given time frame as per the guidelines given by UGC has been discussed. The workshop was adjourned with vote of thanks by Dr. Surya Parkash to all the participants.

Training of Trainers Programme on Post Disaster Needs Assessment Tools for India (under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project) at National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi

12th – 16th October 2015

NIDM has developed Training module for Training of Trainers (TOT) Development on Post Disaster Needs Assessment Tools for India under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project assisted by the World Bank. The objective of these tools is to establish a standardized mechanism based on scientific approach for conducting post disaster recovery needs assessment in India. It will facilitate establishing a robust post disaster needs assessment mechanism in India for accurate and holistic accounting of damage and losses due to a disaster, in all affected sectors. As a part of capacity building on PDNA tools in the country to independently conduct holistic Post Disaster Need Assessments, a TOT programme of five days for Trainers on PDNA, was successfully organized at NIDM, New Delhi from 12th – 16th Oct, 2015. The ADPC team facilitated the training programme in close cooperation with NIDM, NCRMP, PIU team lead by Prof. Santosh Kumar, Project Director, NCRMP and Executive Director, NIDM. The Twenty Three (23) participants including ADPC team from various Ministries, Departments and Institutes of Government of India like CPWD, Shipping, Water Resources, Power, etc. actively participated in five days training of trainers program, representing most of the sectors of the economy and specially in the last two days, where participants learnt and demonstrated, training facilitation skills and conceptual learning's on PDNA tools, making it a grand success.



A group photo of the participants from the training programme

Meeting with Bangladesh Delegates

14th October 2015

A four member team from Bangladesh Army from their department of Disaster Management had visited NIDM on 14th October 2014 to interact with NIDM faculty and know more about its activities. A brief presentation was made by Shri. Shekhar Chaturvedi, Research Associate, NIDM regarding the various activities carried out by NIDM as per its mandate. Further, Shri. Hemant Kumar, IT Programmer, NIDM briefed the delegates about the NIDM website and various ongoing projects and portals. He gave an insight about the India disaster Resource Network (IDRN) Project, EAS Project, Online and Self-Study courses run by NIDM.

NIDM officials interacted with the delegates from Bangladesh on various areas of common interest and how the two countries can collaborate to take up activities



Bangladesh delegates along with ED, NIDM and others during their Interaction Meeting

Professionals Development Training Programme on Post Disaster Needs Assessment Tools for India (under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project) at YASHADA, Pune

18th – 20th October 2015

3rd regional training program on recently developed Training module for Training of Professionals on Post Disaster Needs Assessment Tools for India under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project assisted by the World Bank was conducted at YASHADA, Pune and was technically facilitated by Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre. The objective of these tools is to establish a standardized mechanism based on scientific approach for conducting post disaster recovery needs assessment in India. It will facilitate in establishing a robust post disaster needs assessment mechanism in India for accurate and holistic accounting of damage and losses due to a disaster, in all affected sectors. As part of capacity building on PDNA tools in the country to independently conduct holistic Post Disaster Need Assessments, a training programme of three days for Professionals on PDNA, was successfully organized at YASHADA, Pune from 18th – 20th Oct, 2015. The ADPC team facilitated the training programme in close cooperation with NIDM, NCRMP, PIU team lead by Prof. Santosh Kumar, Project Director, NCRMP and Executive Director, NIDM. The Twenty Five (25) participants including ADPC Team from various Organizations, State Government Departments, and Institutes like District Disaster Management Offices etc. actively participated in three days training program, representing wide range of stakeholders, which successfully leads to achievement of learning outcomes.



A group photo of the delegates participated in the training programme

Observing Vigilance Week and Unity Oath

30th October 2015

NIDM observed Vigilance Week on 30th October 2015 where all the staff and faculty members of NIDM took an oath under Prof. Chandan Ghosh to mark Vigilance week. Another oath on Unity was given Joint Director, NIDM.



ED, NIDM along with Faculty and Staff members during the observing of vigilance week

State Level Training on "India Disaster Resource Network" for Districts of Gujarat State Organized by Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) at GIDM, Ahmadabad, Gujarat

4th and 5th November 2015

Training programme on "India Disaster Resource Network" was organized by Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) for 17 districts (Ahmedabad, Amreli, Anand, Aravalli, Banaskantha, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Botad, Chhotaudepur, Dahod, Dang, Devbhumi Dwarka, Gandhinagar, Gir Somnath, Junagadh, Jamnagar and Sabarkantha) of Gujarat State at Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 4th November 2015. The training programme was inaugurated by Shri. B. K. Thacker, Additional CEO, GSDMA and Mr. Ankit Jaiswal, Sector Manager, GSDMA was the course coordinator from Gujarat. Twenty participants (officials from National Informatics Centre and district administration) from Gujarat State participated in the course. The officials were introduced to the IDRN portal, its uses, workflow and administration. Besides this, participants were familiarized with the IDRN portal, user login, data uploading, various formats, data accessing etc.



Participants exploring IDRN Portal during the training programme

Another similar training programme was separately organized by Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) for the remaining 16 districts i.e., (Kutch, Kheda, Mahisagar, Mehsana, Morbi, Narmada, Navsari, Patan, Porbandar, Panchmahal, Rajkot, Surat, Surendranagar, Tapi, Vadodara and Valsad) of Gujarat State at Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 5th November 2015. The training programme was inaugurated by Shri. B. K. Thacker, Additional CEO, GSDMA and Mr. Ankit Jaiswal, Sector Manager, GSDMA was the course coordinator from Gujarat. Twenty participants (officials from National Informatics Centre and district administration) from Gujarat State participated in this course. The officials were introduced to the IDRN portal, its uses, workflow and administration. Besides this, participants were familiarized with the IDRN portal, user login, data uploading, various formats, data accessing etc. The utility of IDRN was anonymously agreed by the participants.

Suggestions were mainly received from the participants regarding the further up-gradation of the portal such as infrastructure data (location of hospitals, schools, fire stations, police stations etc.) which needs to be added. Information of the resources with Army/Air force/Navy, which is not sensitive, must also be added. Placing of IDRN resources information on GIS maps and making IDRN data information accessible through SMS services was highly emphasized apart from adding the contact details of concern persons up to Panchayat level and the emergency numbers in IDRN database.

NIDMs' Participation in India International Trade Fair (IITF) - 2015

14th – 27th November 2015

India International Trade Fair (IITF) is a business extravaganza organized by Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) every year. The fair is held during November 14-27 every year at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. IITF is a mega event and a large number of business delegates from all over the world visit this fair every year. A number of Government Organisations use this platform to spread awareness about their programmes and policies among the public. Almost all States and Union Territories of the Federal Government of India participate in this event. This year's

theme was “Make in India”, conveyed entrepreneurial capacities of make in India, making considerable impact in all sectors of the economy. As IITF is visited by about one lakh people every day it is a platform for disseminating knowledge among societies and create awareness among communities.

NIDM has been participating in India International Trade Fair (IITF) regularly for the last four years. During the year 2015, NIDM stall was placed at Hall No.12 along with NDMA and NDRF. NIDM stall at IITF was having many awareness materials for distribution and number of books and other publications for display. In addition to this, the stall was also having shake-table to demonstrate earthquake effect. The stall was inaugurated and visited by Dr. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary, PMO on 14th November, 2014 in presence of DG, NDRF, Secretary, NDMA and Joint Secretary, NDMA.

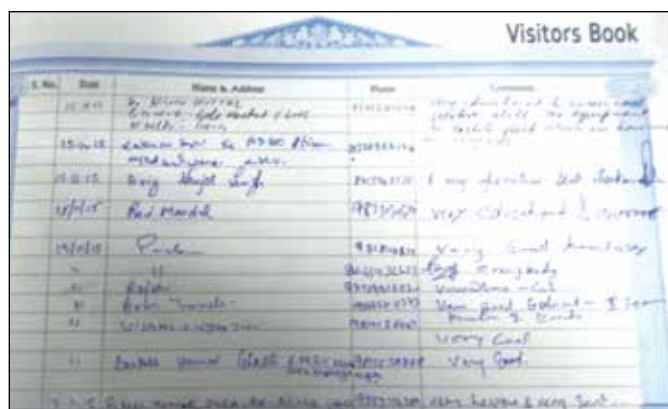


Shri. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India releasing NIDM Calendar 2016

HIGHLIGHTS at the Trade Fair Included:

- Total 30 types of Publications of NIDM which were displayed.
- More than 20,000 awareness materials (in the form of leaflets, booklets, calendars, carry bags with slogans, workbooks etc.) were distributed.
- Organized Street Play, quiz competition and Painting competition on awareness among school children.

On 14-11-2015, NIDM Calendar on Do's and Don't on different disasters was released by Dr. P K Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary, PMO in a programme organized at IITF. During this programme, The NIDM calendar contains 14 pages showing various Do's & Don'ts and other techniques related to disaster safety-before, during and after various natural and man- made disasters. The calendar was appreciated by various stakeholders and was in great demand by visitors at stall. In IITF, NIDM displayed its products and activities in collage form fitted on the wall of the stall. The collage was showing various activities of NIDM i.e. Trainings, Conferences and the Modules published by NIDM. In addition NIDM also put its various IEC materials (30 types) for distribution and many publications for display. More than 20,000 awareness materials (in the form of leaflets, booklet, calendars, earthquake ludo, carry bags with slogan, workbook, etc.) In addition to awareness materials, different modules, books etc. published by NIDM were also displayed at the stall. The stall was visited by thousands of visitors, including students. The feedback of the visitors was very good about the stall and displayed materials.



The stall at Hall No. 12, Pargati Maidan, New Delhi was a center of attraction for the visitors, especially students. All categories of visitors including children, women and others were eager to know about Disaster Management System in the country. Children showed keen interest, especially in the Earthquake, Landslide and Nuclear and Chemical Disasters Models and Shake Table demonstrating earthquake. They also showed interest in collecting IEC

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material distributed by NIDM. Skit Play, Quiz competition and Painting Competition about disaster awareness at school and Community level was a crowd puller and was of interest to all categories of visitors. Overall it was a very good initiative to make people aware about the disasters and make them more safe and resilient against disasters. The feedbacks from the visitors have been quite appreciable. NIDM should participate in such events more frequently for creating awareness in the general public about Disaster Management. The IITF team representing NIDM comprised of Lt. Col. P.K. Pathak who was overall incharge of the coordination along with Shri. S. K. Tiwari, Librarian, Shri. Hemant Kumar, Computer Programmer and Shri. Rajiv Kumar all from NIDM.



2nd International Asian Partnership (IAP) Meeting

17th - 19th November 2015

The Asian Leaders Meeting towards Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and 2nd ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015 was organized at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi from 17th - 19th November 2015. The meeting was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, who in his inaugural speech said that India has moved ahead from disaster mitigation to risk reduction. Addressing the inaugural session of the Asian Leaders Meeting towards implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and 2nd International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015, Hon'ble Minister further emphasized that multi-dimensional aspects of disaster related risks should be dealt with affirmative action.



Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister during the Inaugural address of IAP Meeting

The Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, in her opening remarks, stressed the importance of regional partnerships as a foundation for the effective implementation of the SFDRR over the next 15 years and the need to make risk the DNA of all development plans, to integrate DRR in all development programmes and to have measurable indicators.

Asia Leader Award for Disaster Risk Reduction:

Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction conferred the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju, as the Asia Leader for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) on behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Shri Rijiju was conferred as the first regional champion for DRR after the Sendai Agreement, giving an impetus to Government of India's efforts to facilitate regional support towards enabling community resilience in the Asia-Pacific region.

Accepting the honour, Shri Rijiju acknowledged the important role of the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the field of Disaster Management and the personal guidance of our Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in the ascension of India as the leader in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction. Reiterating India's commitment towards forging regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, Shri Rijiju said all the

South Asian countries are working together to achieve the target of reduced disaster risk by promoting knowledge sharing among the SAARC countries.

During the day, Shri Kiren Rijiju moderated a session consolidating the insights and experiences from previous hosts of AMCDRRs. Mr. Zou Ming, the Vice Minister, Ministry of Civil Affairs, People's Republic of China (host of the 1st AMCDRR in 2005), Mr. AHN Young Kyoo, Director General, Republic of Korea (host of 4th AMCDRR in 2010), Mr. Bernardus Wisnu, Deputy Chief, National Disaster Management Organization (BNPB) of Indonesia (host of the 5th AMCDRR in 2012), Mr. Chayaboi Thitisak, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Royal Thai Government (host of 6th AMCDRR in 2014), Mr. Fumiaki Matsumoto, State Minister of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan (host of the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015), Mr. Tserendash Oyunbaatar, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia (host of 8th AMCDRR to be held in 2018) and Mr. Wais Ahmad Barmak, State Minister for Disaster Management Affairs and Chairman of ANDMA, Afghanistan, gave a presentation each of the DRR initiatives taken by their respective nations.

The function was attended by Ministers from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, South Korea and Thailand, delegates from various countries and international organizations.

Making a presentation on the 1st AMCDRR post-Sendai Regional Plan and other initiatives undertaken by the Government of India, Dr. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, proposed six strategies for implementing the regional SFDRR plan, which include multi-hazard and multi-stakeholder inclusive approach, shared vision and collective responsibilities, making DRR a development practice, risk-sensitive private investments, building local capacity and foster local leadership, and working towards common outcomes through partnerships across all levels.

The meeting wrapped up with the launch of the 7th AMCDRR website by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of State (Home) and a vote of thanks by the co-chairs. The Asia Leaders' Meeting was followed by the 2nd ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015, a key regional platform providing necessary consultation and technical support to implement the SFDRR 2015-2030, jointly organized by The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The focus of the IAP meeting was to collectively set the policy direction for the implementation of the SFDRR in Asia and discuss substantive preparation for the seventh AMCDRR for the Asian Regional implementation plan of the SFDRR, scheduled to be held in New Delhi from November 14-17, 2016. During the day, the members discussed Government's updates for implementation of the Sendai Framework and priorities for the AMCDRR-2016 to be held in New Delhi. Shri R. K. Jain, Member Secretary, NDMA, Senior officers from MHA and National Institute of Disaster Management attended the meeting.



Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs conferred with the Asia Leader for DRR on behalf of UNISDR during the event



Group photo of delegates participated in the Meeting

SAARC Regional Workshop - Member Countries to deliberate upon the best practices on Disaster Risk Reduction

27th November 2015

The first South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMEx -2015) hosted by Government of India, was successfully conducted from 23rd to 26th November 2015 in the National Capital Region. This exercise was followed by a daylong SAARC Regional Workshop on sharing best practices on Disaster Risk Reduction which was held on 27th November 2015 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. The workshop was coordinated by the National Disaster Management Authority and National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The aim of the Regional workshop was to provide a platform to member countries for sharing best practices in the field of disaster risk reduction, experience sharing on Nepal Earthquake April 2015 as well as deliberating upon the outcomes of the SAADMEx.



Shri. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, delivering inaugural speech in the workshop

The Additional Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. P. K. Mishra had inaugurated the Regional Workshop. During his inaugural address, Dr. Mishra stressed upon the need for a more coordinated effort to deal with disasters amongst member countries of the region. He further reinforced that it would be important to systematically invest in disaster risk reduction and preparedness activities and therefore there is an important need to quantify the targets enumerated in the Sendai Framework to achieve greater degree of risk resilience.

This was followed by technical sessions where issues pertaining to best practices on disaster risk reduction and strengthening regional disaster response in the backdrop of Sendai Framework were deliberated in detail by member countries. The member countries appreciated the efforts of Government of India in organising the first exercise of responding to simulated situations jointly by response teams from SAARC countries in the region as well as the conduct of regional workshop, in particular the efforts of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in planning and making them successful and impactful. Some of the key outcomes of these sessions were:

- Since vulnerabilities are high in SAARC regions, cooperation is not a choice but a need and hence, there should be a regional mechanism and common platform for people to share best practices.
- Like SAADMEx, regional and sub-regional programmes must be executed as well.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) which have been developed by SDMC must be implemented in all SAARC countries and must be continuously monitored and evaluated as per international standards.
- Mechanisms must be designed and developed/promoted to adapt innovative best practices at National level and DRR should be seen as a key component in any planning process. All such plans must be realistic with provision of adequate funds.
- Guidelines must be developed for accepting international assistance during emergencies.
- Integrate DRR into local plans, programmes/ schemes.
- SAARC Disaster Management Centre should be strengthened to operationalize with South Asia regional response.

Visit of Students of Mangalore University, Mangalore

4th December 2015

A group of 15 students along with 2 faculty members of University of Mangalore, Mangalore visited NIDM premises on 4th December 2015. Dr. Anil K. Gupta, Associate Professor, NIDM welcomed the students along with their faculty members.



Students and faculty of University of Mangalore along with NIDM faculty

Students had a brief interaction with NIDM faculty during their visit. During the interaction they were briefed about NIDM: an overview, Coastal Community Resilience and Earthquake Risk Reduction & Ethics by Mr. Shekher Chaturvedi, Dr. Sushma Guleria and Dr. Surya Parkash respectively.

Meeting regarding Compliance with Guidelines of Government of India (GIGW) in all NIDM websites/portals

10th December 2015

A meeting regarding compliance with Guidelines of Government of India (GIGW) in all NIDM websites/portals was held on 10th December 2016 under the chairmanship of ED NIDM and was attended by JD NIDM, Sh. P K Pathak, Sh. Shekher Chaturvedi, Sh. Hemant Kumar, Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Sh. Shobhit Sharma and Ms. Anupama Sethi. The outcomes of the meeting are as follows:

- A detailed reply to be sent to DARPG with intimation to MHA indicating current percentage of compliance of all NIDM websites/portals as per GIGW. A deadline of 31-3-2016 may be included in the reply for making NIDM websites/portals compliant as per GIGW.
- For outsourced websites/portals the matter must be discussed urgently with external agencies and deadline of 15-03-2016 may be fixed for completing the above tasks.
- It was also decided that a core group may be formed to manage NIDM websites. As per suggestions of this core group NIDM website and other portals of NIDM will be redesigned latest by 15-03-2016.

The meeting concluded with the suggestion that IT team of NIDM may explore new ideas/initiative in the field of DRR where IT can play an important role.

Publications

Training Module for Master Trainers on School Safety

Dr. Ritu Raj

Children are highly vulnerable to disaster impacts and climate change, especially those who are living in hazard prone environment and are affected by poverty. Creating a safe environment for the children in school is the most important task, as in the case of any emergency they are the most vulnerable. Natural disasters affect even more children, causing them to lose their homes, their families, their schools and their access to adequate food, water and

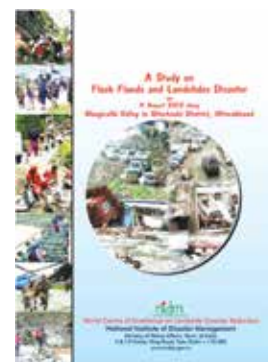
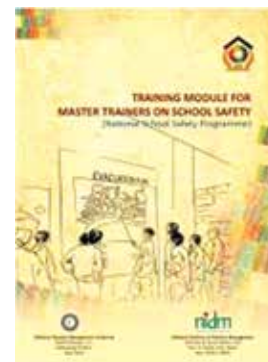
sanitation. There is need for a structural as well as non structural intervention to ensure the safety of the children. Structural intervention would include strict check on the guidelines set up for school buildings, while non-structural would mean educating the staff, teachers and students about disaster management.

This handbook on school safety will act as a guideline to the educational institutions, emergency officials, teachers, students, and even the community at large to address the special and multi-faceted needs of children impacted by natural and manmade disasters. It will empower students to learn about safety measures, thus becoming future disaster managers while building a disaster resilient society.

A Study on Flash Floods and Landslides Disaster on 3rd August 2012 along Bhagirathi Valley in Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand

Dr. Surya Parkash

This document provides an insight on the incidences of past disasters, and administrative, demographic, socio-economic and infra-structure perspective of the Uttarkashi district for assessing the vulnerability and capacity of the district in disaster risk reduction. The author has also attempted to discuss the causes and consequences of the recent event along with the response by various stakeholders. The report summarizes the lessons learnt achieving and recommends measures that would be useful in devising strategies for achieving disaster risk reduction.



Training Program Organized (October –December, 2015)

S. No	Name of Program	Venue	Dates	Faculty	No. of Participants
1.	ToT on Basic Disaster Management	CGAA, Chhattisgarh	5-9 Oct.	C. Bandyopadhyay S. Chaturvedi	34
2.	ToT on Post Disaster Needs Assessment Tools	NIDM	12-16 Oct.	NIDM (NCRMP) team	18
3.	Landslide mitigation by modern techniques	UAA, Uttarakhand	13-15 Oct.	Surya Parkash	24
4.	Post Disaster Needs Assessment tools – training to professionals	YASHADA, Maharashtra	19-21 Oct.	NIDM (NCRMP) team	22
5.	Disaster Psycho-social Care	NIDM	26-30 Oct.	Ajinder Walia	27
6.	ToT on Creation of Culture of Safety through Knowledge and Education	NIDM	2-6 Nov.	Ritu Raj	16
7.	Training Program on India Disaster Resource Network (IDRN)	GIDM, Gujarat	4 Nov.	Sushma Guleria & Anupama Sethi	20
8.	Training Program on India Disaster Resource Network (IDRN)	GIDM, Gujarat	5 Nov.	Sushma Guleria & Anupama Sethi	20
9.	Mainstreaming Disaster Management into City Development Plan	MCRHRD Institute, Telangana/AP	4-6 Nov.	C. Bandyopadhyay S. Chaturvedi	28
10.	ToT course on IRS- Operation Sections Chief and ToT Programme on Incident Commander & Operation Section Chief under Incident Response System (IRS)	NIDM	16-17 Nov.	P. K. Pathak	15
11.	Forest Fire Disaster Risk Mitigation & Response	FRI Dehradun	14-18 Dec.	A. D. Kaushik	15
12.	Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Development Process	ATI, West Bengal	28-31 Dec.	C. Bandyopadhyay	27

Upcoming Training Programs (January - March, 2016)

Sl. No.	Name of Course	Venue	Date(s)	Faculty
1.	Formulation of DDMP	UPAAM, Lko	11-15 Jan.	S. Chaturvedi
2.	ToT on Creation of Culture of Safety through Knowledge and Education	HCM-RIPA, Rajasthan	11-15 Jan.	Amir Ali Khan
3.	Communication Systems in Disaster Situations	NIDM	11-15 Jan.	Surya Parkash
4.	Cyclone Resistant Shelter and Construction along Coastal areas	AMRAPARD, Andhra Pradesh	18-22 Jan.	C. Ghosh
5.	ToT course on IRS: Logistic Section Chief	NIDM	18-22 Jan.	P. K. Pathak
6.	ToT on School Safety Plan	NIDM	20-22 Jan.	Ritu Raj
7.	Disaster Psycho-social Care in collaboration with NIMHANS, Bangalore	MGSIPA, Punjab	1-5 Feb.	Ajinder Walia
8.	Comprehensive Landslide Risk Management	ATI, Arunachal Pradesh	1-5 Feb.	Surya Parkash
9.	National Training Programme on "Disaster and Climate Resilient Public-Health System: Risk Analysis, Planning and Crisis Management"	VMMC (Safdarjung Hospital), Delhi	4-6 Feb	Anil K. Gupta A. D. Kaushik
10.	ToT on Re-examining Disaster Reporting Principles for entry level journalists	NIDM	8-12 Feb.	C. Bandyopadhyay
11.	Office Disaster Management Plan	SDMA, UP	10-12 Feb.	Sushma Guleria S. Chaturvedi
12.	Mainstreaming DRR & CCA into National Mission Programmes and Flagship Schemes (for Joint Secretary (Central)/ Secretary (State) level officers, jointly with DoPT)	NIDM	17-18 Feb.	Anil K Gupta
13.	ToT on Seismic Safety Assessment of Buildings by Rapid Visual Survey	NIDM	22-26 Feb.	C. Ghosh
14.	ToT on Comprehensive Landslide Disaster Risk Management	ATI, Tripura	22-26 Feb.	Surya Parkash
15.	ToT Course on Strengthening Local Governments for Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction into Development	NIDM	22-26 Feb.	C. Bandyopadhyay S. Chaturvedi
16.	Industrial (Chemical) Disasters Management	MDCSHE, Odisha	22-26 Feb.	Anil K. Gupta
17.	Formulation of District Disaster Management Plan	ATI, Mizoram	1-4 Mar.	S. Chaturvedi
18.	Regional Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction	NIDM	2-4 Mar.	C. Bandyopadhyay
19.	ToT on Village Disaster Management Plan	HIPA, H. P.	7-11 Mar.	Sushma Guleria
20.	ToT on Hospital Disaster Management Plan	NIDM	7-11 Mar.	Amir Ali Khan
21.	ToT course on Basic Disaster Management	NIDM	14-18 Mar.	Surya Parkash
22.	Multi hazard Risk Mitigation	ATI Tamil Nadu	14-18 Mar.	A. D. Kaushik



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