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### MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to bring to you the May edition of NIDM's newsletter "Tidings". The month of May has been a very happening and exciting month for all of us. Both the administrative and academic wings of NIDM joined hands to work as a team. After several brainstorming sessions, NIDM has finally set up new Centres for special focus in some of the new and upcoming hazards which can be a Disaster in the making. With the setting up of these centres, NIDM is poised to take a leap in the realm of disaster management as a centre par excellence, not only in the region but in the whole world. NIDM will be "a one of its kind" institution covering all aspects of disaster management.

The month of May was also a month of "Forging Partnerships" both subnational as well as international for creating synergy to bridge the gap in capacity building for disaster risk resilience.

NIDM also expanded its footprint in the country by laying the foundation stone for its southern campus at Vijaywada. It was indeed a proud moment for all NIDMians that the Hon'ble Vice President of India laid the foundation stone in the presence of Shri Kiren Rijiju, MoS, Minister's from the State of Andhra Pradesh and other dignitaries. The establishment of southern campus will give a fillip to the capacity building activities with special focus on the potential threats / hazards being faced by the southern states.

Team NIDM re-dedicates itself to build a Disaster Free India by mainstreaming DRR in partnership with national and international institutions.



(B.H. Anil Kumar)

## **ISET-USA President Meets ED NIDM: Reviving Research Collaboration on 02.05.2018, New Delhi**

Convergence of Climate Change Adaptation with Disaster Risk Management towards mainstreaming into developmental policies, plans and actions at various levels, with overall objectives of safe and sustainable development, has been a research area of NIDM, implemented jointly with Institute of Social and Environment Transition (ISET, Colorado, USA), Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group, The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI), etc. and with support of Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), Rockefeller Foundation, etc. with drawing lessons for capacity building and policy advocacy as key interests of NIDM. NIDM has organized international and national research sharing workshops on Risk to Resilience in this partnership and developed training modules and policy papers based on studies carried out in some states representing flood risk, multi-hazard coastal risks, and multi-hazard hill area risks, covering the range of hydro-meteorological disasters. In order to revive ties to mainstream such collaborations with NIDM into formal cooperation for research and development programmes and pilot studies, a team led by Dr Kenneth MacClune, President of ISET International, Colorado, USA, along with GEAG-Delhi representative Dr. Nivedita Mani and ISET Delhi representatives Shashikant Chopde and Dilip Singh met the NIDM team led by ED NIDM Mr. B H Anil Kumar on 2nd May 2018, and discussed on the emerging areas of cooperation and research. Both institutions have agreed to enter into long-term support and partnership through formal arrangements. Past president of ISET USA Dr Marcum Moench and the President of GEAG Prof. Shiaz A Wajih have also been frequently participating in the academic programmes of NIDM in the past as well.



## **Prime Minister's Agenda 10: Role of Universities in DRM: Meeting with UGC Chairman on 03.05.2018, New Delhi**



The Prime Minister's Agenda 10 on Disaster Risk Management under its action point 6 calls for the role of Universities and Institutes including central Universities, IITs, IIMs, IISc/IISERs and NITs in promoting education and research in area of disaster management by integrating it into the interdisciplinary streams - environmental studies, social work and development studies, and the professional streams, viz. health, engineering, education, law and management, besides promoting research and development programmes, and orientation/refresher programmes for master trainers in these disciplines with focus on disaster risk management. Newly appointed Executive Director NIDM Shri B H Anil Kumar alongwith NIDM's Training Head - Dr Anil K Gupta, and Head of Geo-hazards division Prof. Chandan Ghosh met the Chairman of University Grants Commission

Prof. D P Singh, on 3rd May 2018 at UGC in this regard. Detailed discussion to take the agenda forward took place with in principle agreement to work out a plan of action for implementing the Agenda 10 through greater participation of Universities and support of UGC. It was proposed to develop model curriculum for the disaster management modules for the interdisciplinary streams and professional streams and to develop reference books to enable teaching of disaster management in these areas. A workshop of Universities and related institutes and stakeholders on University education in disaster management is also proposed to be organized by NIDM and UGC jointly.

## **National Workshop on "Forging Partnerships: Capacity Building for DRR" at NIDM Southern Campus on 21-22, May 2018**

NIDM organized a 2-day national workshop on "Forging Partnership: Capacity Building for DRR" in association with APHRDI, Government of Andhra Pradesh and UNICEF from 21- 22 May 2018 at Vijayawada. The aim of the workshop was to build India a disaster resilient country by enhancing the capacity of the state institutions (particularly the Administrative Training Institutes) by building partnership between the various stakeholders for this purpose.



## Hon'ble Vice-President Sh. M Venkaiah Naidu laid the foundation-stone for the southern campus of the NIDM on 22.05.2018

Honourable Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu offered bhumi pooja and laid the foundation stone of the Southern Campus of the National Institute of Disaster Management at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh. The National Institute of Disaster Management is a premier institute of Government of India mandated under the National Disaster Management Act 2005 for capacity building including training, education, research, publications, policy advisory, documentation and awareness, on all aspects of disaster management within and outside India. NIDM was originally established as National Centre for Disaster Management in 1995, and upgraded to the full-fledged national institute in 2003, and has been striving towards building a disaster resilient India.



Looking to the need to cater to the southern part of the country and in pursuance of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act 2014, NIDM has established its southern campus at Gannavaram mandal of Vijaywada district in Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh government allocated 10 acres of land for its developing the building and other facilities. The Campus is being developed by the National Building Construction Company (NBCC) and is envisaged to be state-of-art with all the modern facilities for training, research, analysis, simulation and demonstrations, on issues of disaster risk management related with southern part of the country, and with focus on local level disaster preparedness, emergency response, last mile connectivity and coastal challenges including off-shore hazards, erosion, tsunami, cyclone, etc.

The Executive Director of the Institute Shri B. H. Anil Kumar, IAS welcoming the Chief Guest of the Ceremony Honourable Vice President, Honourable Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijju and other dignitaries on the occasion referred to the long journey the institute travelled since its inception and the vision towards a Disaster Free India by achieving disaster resilience. He stressed on the relevance of a southern campus of NIDM, besides strengthening of its current strength by expanding with more specialized centres to meet the present needs of disaster management capacity building and research. NIDM is now geared up to take up manifold responsibilities as an autonomous organization to take up grand initiatives of knowledge sharing, research and awareness at all levels. A workshop of all stakeholders especially the disaster management authorities in different states and international agencies including UN bodies, has also been organized a day before the ceremony to mark the occasion, which also resulted in a roadmap for cooperation in the area of disaster risk management capacity building.



Minister for Law and Justice in the Government of Andhra Pradesh Shri Kollu Ravindra, while expressing great expectations of the southern region of the country and the state of Andhra Pradesh in particular from this initiative of establishing NIDM's campus at Gannavaram, narrated various challenges that related with disasters, climatic uncertainties and safety challenges people and local governments face more particularly in the coastal areas. He expressed gratitude to Government of India and Hon'ble Vice President for being kind enough to lay the foundation stone to mark the occasion and start the construction of the campus.



Honorable Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijju referred to the Prime Minister's Agenda 10 on Disaster Risk Management that also addressed issues of climate change, offering adaptation solutions against uncertainties and extremes, and integrates them towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He stressed on the vision of NIDM as a leading think tank on disaster risk management in this part of the world and declared that the southern campus of NIDM would be a Centre of Excellence in itself, for issues more relevant to the southern states and other countries having similar challenges and interests. He expressed happiness over the strengthening of NIDM's faculty through expansion and expressed that there are huge expectations of people and government from NIDM. Therefore, both the campuses - New Delhi and Southern campus need to be made operational very soon with state-of-art, world class facilities for academic and research functions. Hon'ble Minister praised NIDM for its meritorious achievements in terms

of academic contribution in training, publications, policy dialogues at national and international platforms and technical advisory contributions.



Honorable Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji, who have a special interest in disaster management and more particularly on the issue of safe and resilient infrastructure. His august presence and gracing the occasion as chief guest to perform puja and lay the foundation stone has marked the grand ceremony with presence of dignitaries and delegates from across the country. In his address on the occasion, he enlisted the prominent disaster challenges faced by the country and in particular the southern states and called for concerted - more organized - more intense efforts for raising the level of understanding on risk, people's sensitivities and to enable preparedness at all levels to deal with the unwanted situations.

He called for greater focus on reducing the loss of livelihood, health and people's resources due to increasing frequency and intensity of disasters. He referred to the changing risk scenario of natural and human made disasters owing to increasing population pressure, ecological and natural resource degradation, social disparities and lack of coordination among agencies. He anticipated that the southern campus of NIDM would be a state-of-art academic facility for training, demonstration and research and would also undertake international projects and collaborations for research. It will also support the neighboring countries in their capacity building programmes in areas of disaster management. He desired that the campus construction should be completed not only in the stipulated time frame but much before the due date scheduled for the same.

Hon'ble Vice President referred to the recent major disasters where India's institutional set up could achieve great success by effective early warning system and vigilant preparedness of agencies and stakeholders. He, however, called for emphasis further on saving

people's health, livelihood, food security, property and infrastructure from the impact of these disasters, so that the overall aim of sustainable development may be addressed. He expressed concern for NIDM's focus on taking up pilot projects and case studies to develop suitable models and methods for taking disaster management knowledge to the grassroots and masses, for integrating into people's practices. Hon'ble Vice President also released the Information Brochure reflecting NIDM's past journey, achievements and contributions, and the envisaged expansion into specialized centers and new academic divisions, on the occasion.

Shri Konakalla Narayana, Member of Parliament (Machilipatnam constituency), Shri R. K. Jain, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Ms. Rajni Sekri Sibbal, Additional Secretary (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Special Secretary (Revenue & Disaster Management), Andhra Pradesh, Mr. V. Lakshmikanthan, Collector, Vijaywada District, faculty and Officials of NIDM, representatives from various State Governments, NGOs, experts and several stakeholders participated in the function.



## Training Programmes Organized (May, 2018)

S.No.	Title of Course	Venue	Date (s)	Course Coordinator (S)	No of Participants
1	Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into City Planning	NIDM Southern Campus (Vishakhapatnam)	1-4 May	Chandrani Bandyopadhyay, Shekher Chaturvedi	21
2	School Safety Plan and Safety Audits	NIDM New Delhi	1-4 May	Amir Ali Khan	28
3	Psycho-social care in disaster management (for NDRF)	NIDM New Delhi	14-18 May	Ajinder Walia	20

## Upcoming Training Programmes (June, 2018)

Sl. No.	Title of Course	Venue	Date(s)	Course Coordinator (s)
1	Disaster Emergency Plan & LiDAR Mapping Survey	YMCA New Delhi	4-8 June	Chandan Ghosh Amir Ali Khan
2	Flood Risk Management	YMCA New Delhi	11-15 June	A D Kaushik
3	Early Warning & Communication	YMCA New Delhi	18-22 June	Surya Parkash
4	Prefabricated & Light weight construction technology	YMCA New Delhi	25-29 June	Chandan Ghosh
5	Incident Response System (IRS): Basic & Intermediate	YMCA New Delhi	25-29 June	Santosh Kumar



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