Disaster Reduction Day
October 10, 2012

Invitation of School Safety Plans

School disasters, like Dabwali (Haryana) fire at a school ceremony, Kumbakonam (Tamil Nadu) fire tragedy killing 94 children, hundreds of children getting killed in Bhuj earthquake, bus falling in Yamuna River in North Delhi killing 24 children etc. highlight the vulnerability of students to various disasters, not only in the schools but also while commuting to schools. This necessitates the need for schools to have Safety Plans and preparedness measures well in place to prevent such disasters.

The United Nations’ (UN) International Day for Disaster Reduction is observed every year to raise the awareness about disaster risk reduction. It also encourages people and governments to participate in building more resilient communities and nations. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) will be observing the Day jointly on 10th October, using it as an opportunity to focus national attention on important issue of school safety.

To observe Disaster Reduction Day, National Institute of Disaster Management invites proposals from schools to develop their School Safety Plans and submit to the Institute before 15th September, 2012. Twenty selected School Safety Plans across the country will be awarded Rs. 25,000 each as prize along with certificates.

For further details visit website: www.nidm.gov.in