

## Editorial Board

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Sikkim Earthquake

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## Message

India is highly prone to various disasters causing enormous loss to lives and property. Recent earthquake in Sikkim claimed hundred of precious lives and resulted into heavy damage to houses and other infrastructure. Not only earthquake but other disasters like flood, drought, landslides etc. are very common in different parts of country. Climate change is adding a new risks to our lives and livelihood. Disasters cannot be avoided but by proper preparedness, mitigation and preventive measures we may certainly reduce the risks to some extent. Community awareness plays an important role in minimizing the impacts of disasters. Role of academic institutions; especially the students is very critical in building community awareness about disaster risks. Awareness of children about Disaster Risk Reduction plays a crucial role in saving lives and reduces disaster risks. Taking this important aspect into consideration NIDM decided to observe the Disaster Reduction Day focusing on creating awareness among the school children and youths. To observe the Day, National Institute of Disaster Management has taken a lead in organising several activities in Delhi and in other states. Considering the need of educating youth for making them disaster responsible citizens, the Institute organised activities like school level poster, painting and slogan competitions and at university level lectures on the specific themes, film shows and Student's Marches. Besides, similar activities were organized in the schools for differently abled children. To educate common people about disaster risks and management NIDM developed "Self Learning Programme on Disaster Management", where participants can learn themselves. It is expected that besides general public, these programmes will benefit other stakeholders like students, government officials and even house wives. During the year 2011 the Institute launched several programmes to address contemporary and emerging issues in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction like National level Round table on Climate Change and Disaster Management, training workshop on Ecosystem Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction and so on.



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# NIDM Observed Disaster Reduction Day

( 12 October 2011)

NIDM observed "Disaster Reduction Day" on 12th October, 2011 at New Delhi in lines of International Day for Disaster Reduction, which is observed in October every year. Shri Mullappally Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, was the Chief Guest of the function. Other guests who graced the occasion were Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed, Hon'ble Member, National Disaster Management Authority of Govt. of India, Shri A. E. Ahmed, Secretary to Government of India for Border Management and Shri Rajendra Singh (Ramon Magsaysay Awardee) and many oth-



Shri A. E. Ahmed, Secretary to Government of India for Border Management addressing the dignitaries, delegates and students during the Disaster Reduction Day.



Shri Mullappally Ramachandran, Honorable Minister of State for Home Affairs inspecting the award winning entries of various categories i.e. poster, slogan and paintings at India International Centre on Disaster Reduction day

er dignitaries, officials and children. Representatives of Civil Society, UN, NGO & World Bank also participated in the event.

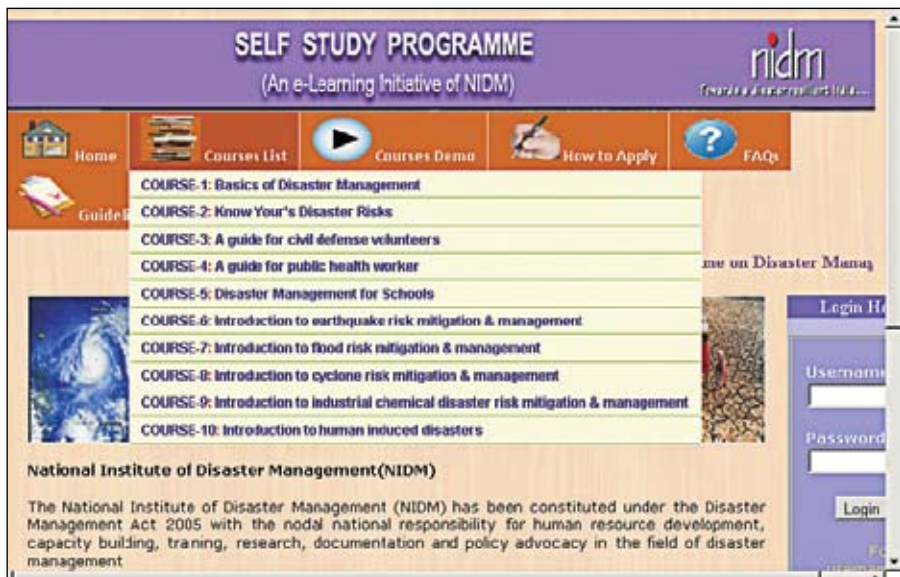
Various activities, poster & painting competition, slogan writing - Hindi & English were organized for school children. Winners were given prizes by the Chief Guest in the programme. Rallies and special lectures were organized in the universities and colleges to mark the initiatives of awareness for disaster reduction amongst youth & children. State Governments too observed Disaster Reduction day.



# Launching of NIDM e-learning Self Study Programme

(12 October 2011)

NIDM with the technical support of C-DAC developed e-learning self study programme on disaster management and launched on 12th October 2011, on the occasion of Disaster Reduction Day. Target group of this course is general public as well as government officials and other stakeholders. These self study programmes on disaster management can be accessed by anyone from anywhere in the world as per user's convenience in flexi time and free of cost. Similar self study modules for specialized courses on School Safety, Community Based Disaster Risk Management; Industrial and Chemical Disasters, Landslide Risk Mitigation, Earthquake Risk Mitigation etc. are under preparation and will be launched shortly. For details please visit <http://nidmssp.in>.



Home page of the Self Learning Portal launched during Disaster Reduction Day

## NIDM Observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities

( 3 December 2011)



Dr. Satendra, Executive Director of NIDM addressing dignitaries on dais, Prof (Ms). Sutesh Mukhopadhyay, Prof. V.K. Sharma , Prof. Santosh Kumar and the delegates on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

National Institute of Disaster Management observed the International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) on 2nd December 2011 at the conference hall of NIDM Building. The Institute extensively supports the IDPD Theme for year 2011, "Together for a Better World for All: Including Persons with Disabilities in Development". Since disaster is a key development issue and an inclusive disaster risk reduction framework is being advocated by all disaster management and disability management stakeholders through out the world, NIDM organized a special programme arranging two thematic lectures on this issue. The programme was attended by about 50 persons from different institutes and schools. The observance of the day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues in disaster context and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

# National Round Table on Climate Change and Disaster Management

26 November, 2011



Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP & Programme Coordinator delivering welcome address.

India Water Partnership (IWP) along with its host institution, Institute for Human Development (IHD) in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India organized a one day National Level Round Table on 26th November, 2011 at NIDM. Participants were from the National Disaster Management Authority, National Institute of Disaster Management, India Meteorology Department, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, experts from Universities, IWP network and zonal water partners, corporate sector, UN Agencies and international aid agencies and INGOs print and electronic media, selected members of the state Disaster Management Authorities and

institutions etc. Key themes discussed in the national round table were Scientific explanation of increasing number of extreme events turning into hydro meteorological disasters in India; Risk reduction strategy for changing vulnerability profile of the country at the local level; Capacity of the stakeholders to cope with mitigation, adaptation and Disaster Risk Management; Innovation for unconventional strategy for sustainable development; Food security, poverty and safety with inclusive strategy; and Land and Water Management. The National Round Table would come out with a strategy document for future policy interventions and programmes for adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction for different stakeholders.

# Training Workshop on Disaster Risk

( 12-15 Dec

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR), United Nations jointly organized a four day Training Workshop on Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction during 12-15 December 2011 at NIDM, New Delhi. The Training Course aims to strengthen capacities of vulnerable countries and communities to mainstream Ecosystem-based DRR in national and local development planning processes. It specifically targets government officials, as well as National Disaster Management Institutions (and their respective Training Divisions) and National Public Training Institutions with

## Train

NIDM in collaboration with German International Cooperation (GIZ) organized a 3 days Training of Trainers Workshop during 5-7 December 2011 at NIDM. Objective of the course was to introduce the Blended-learning approach and Global Campus 21 (GC-21) platform as an e-learning and Blended-learning tool. Mr. Klaus Röder, Consultant, GIZ Germany trained the participants. Fifteen participants from disaster management centers of ATIs, environment and disaster management

# Workshop on Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction

( 5-7 December 2011 )

the mandate to provide trainings on DRR-related issues in-country. Both the opening and closing sessions were attended by high-level government officials. Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of Indian Institute of Public Administration inaugurated the course. Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor, presented the welcome note focusing the course objectives and scope. Introduction to course and PEDRR was done by Dr. Muralee Thumarkkudy, Senior Programme Coordinator of UNEP. Special Address was delivered by Dr. Satendra, Executive Director of NIDM.

The Training included a field visit coordinated by "Wetlands International" to the nearby Yamuna Flood plains, where



Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Honorable Member of National Disaster Management Authority, delivering valedictory address

participants had the opportunity to analyze the local disaster risk context and talk with vulnerable communities. The field study was used as the basis for undertaking group work that focused on action planning and resulted in proposed initiatives related to Ecosystem-based DRR, specific to the Yamuna flood plain. Valedictory session of the training workshop was presided over by Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Honorable Member of National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India.

While delivering the valedictory address Dr. Ahmad appreciated the significance of ecosystem approach to disaster and development in the present context, where environmental degradation and decline in ecosystem services are becoming a key challenge for DRR and post-disaster recovery process. He recommended that NIDM should conduct training programmes and also in particular the Training of Trainers Courses on Ecosystem based DRR in the coming years at NIDM and also at state level.

## Training of Trainers Programme on Blended Learning

( 5-7 December, New Delhi )

centers of universities, faculty members of National and State Institute of Rural Development (NIRD&SIRDs), CSIR and leading NGOs attended the course. The course was found effective in developing skills on how to design a Blended-learning course and to facilitate on line/ blended learning courses using various communication tools, moderating discussion, evaluation of performance and so on. Example of Environmental Statistics for DRM in India was demonstrated during the course.



Executive Director NIDM, GIZ-NIDM Course team and participants



# NIDM conferred the title of "World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction"

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), New Delhi, India has been conferred the title of **"World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction"** by the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) and Global Promotion Committee (GPC) of the International Programme on Landslides under International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (IPL-ISDR) during the 2nd World Landslide Forum held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy between 3 and 7 October 2011. NIDM is now one among the 15 organizations/universities/institutes which have been identified as WCoEs by the

GPC of IPL-ISDR and ICL. This title of WCoE-LDR has been conferred for the period between 2011 and 2014, after which the progress/achievements will be reviewed for extending this



NIDM certified as WCoEs by the GPC of IPL-ISDR and ICL during the 2nd World Landslide Forum

title for the next 3 years, during the 3rd World Landslide Forum in the year 2014. A project entitled "Documentation, Training and Capacity Development for Landslide Risk Management" has also been approved under the International Programme on Landslides as IPL Project-166. Presently NIDM has the distinction of being the only organization from India that represents the country at ICL. Dr. Surya Parkash, Associate Professor is project leader and other core team members are Prof. Chandan Ghosh and Dr. Rituraj.

## NIDM in International forum

- ♦ Dr. Satendra, ED NIDM visited various Institutes and Organizations in United States with Senior Management Personnel from the Disaster Management sector) under Professional Exchange Program during 13-19 November 2011.
- ♦ Dr. Surya Parkash, Associate Professor participated in the Second World Landslide forum as a convenor of the session on Landslide education, training and capacity development during 30 Sep -9 October hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in the Headquarters building in Rome.



Indian Delegation in front of FEMA Office, USA

# Training Programmes

(October – December 2011)

- ◆ IRS: Simulation Exercise, NIDM, 12-14 October.
- ◆ Disaster Psycho social Care, NIDM, 10-14 October.
- ◆ Flood Risk Management & Mitigation NIDM, 17-21 October.
- ◆ Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction & Mainstreaming for SDMA/DDMA Officers, NIDM, 17-21 October.
- ◆ Landslides Mitigation by Geosynthetics, HIPA, HP, 31 October - 4 November.
- ◆ Formulation of District Disaster Management Plan, UPAAM, UP, 31 October– 4 November.
- ◆ IRS: Area Command Course, NIDM, 3-4 November.
- ◆ IRS: Logistic Section Chief, NIDM, 14-18 November.
- ◆ IRS: Information & Media Officer Course, NIDM 14-15 November.
- ◆ IRS: Safety Officer Course, NIDM, 16-17 November.
- ◆ IRS: Liaison Officer Course, NIDM, 18-19 November.
- ◆ Reproductive & Child Health in collaboration with UNFPA, NIDM, 21-24 November.
- ◆ Applications of Geoinformatics in Disaster Management, NIDM, 21-25 November.
- ◆ Programme on Disaster Management for NCC and NSS officers, NIDM, 21-23 November.
- ◆ Formulation of DDMP, GAA, ATI-Odisha, 21-25 November.
- ◆ Drought Mitigation & Management, NIDM, 28 November-2 December.
- ◆ Industrial (Chemical) Disasters, AIM, ATI- Tamil Nadu, 28 Nov. - 2 December.
- ◆ Blended Learning Programme on Global campus (GC-21) Online Platform developed by GIZ, NIDM, 5-7 December
- ◆ Stampede Risk Reduction, NIDM, 8-9 December
- ◆ NIDM- PEDRR training workshop on Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction, NIDM, 12-15 December.
- ◆ IRS: Advanced IRS Course, NIDM 13-16 December
- ◆ Gender & Disaster Management, NIDM, 19-23 December.

## Online Training Programme with WBI

- ◆ 3rd Comprehensive Natural Disaster Risk Management Framework Course, 3 October -11 November, 2011
- ◆ 4th Comprehensive Natural Disaster Risk Management Framework Course, 5 December -13 January, 2012
- ◆ Safe Cities, 3 - 28 October, 2011
- ◆ Financial Strategy for Managing Economic Impacts on Disasters, 7 November - 2 December, 2011
- ◆ Climate Change and Disaster Management, 17 October - 11 November 2011
- ◆ Risk Sensitive Land Use Planning, 13 December, 2011 - 7 January, 2012

# Upcoming Events

## Workshops

- ◆ National Workshop on “Documentation of Sikkim Earthquake 2011”, 9 February 2012
- ◆ Joint Indo -Japanese Training cum Field Workshop on Landslides and Disaster Management, 13-17 February 2012 in Sikkim.
- ◆ Third NIDM - UNSPIDER Training Workshop on Space Technology Application in Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response, NIDM , New Delhi, 2-4 April 2012

## National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs and NIDM will be organizing the first National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. For further details visit [www.nidm.gov.in/npdrr](http://www.nidm.gov.in/npdrr).



# Upcoming Training Programmes

(January – March 2012)

- ♦ Climate Change and Drought Risk Management, DMI, Bhopal, 2-6 January.
- ♦ Early Warning Systems, NIDM, 9-13 January.
- ♦ Retrofitting of Structures – Technical and Managerial Issues, HIPA, Haryana, 9-13 January.
- ♦ Formulation of DDMP, CGAA, ATI-Chhattisgarh, 16-20 January.
- ♦ Orientation Workshop on Disaster Management in collaboration with DDMA, Delhi, Jaypee Siddhartha Hotel, Delhi, 20 January.
- ♦ Disaster Safe Hill Area Development, ATI, Mizoram, 30 January– 3 February.
- ♦ Need of Children in Disasters, NIDM, 30 January -3 February.
- ♦ Chemical (Industrial) Disaster Management, NIDM, 1-3 February.
- ♦ Cultural Heritage Risk Management, NIDM, 6-10 February.
- ♦ Flood Risk Mitigation & Management, ATI West Bengal, 6-10 February.
- ♦ School Safety with MGSIPAP, ATI, Ludhiana, Punjab, 6-10 February.
- ♦ SATCOM Programme on Disaster Management, Vigyan Prasara, Delhi, 7-8 February.

- ♦ Post Disaster Damage and Needs Assessment, HCMRIPA Jaipur, 6-10 February.
- ♦ International Training Workshop on Landslides, Gangtok, Sikkim, 13-15 February.
- ♦ Stress Mgt for Disaster Responders (NDRF), NIDM, 13-17 February.
- ♦ Applications of Geoinformatics in Disaster Management, NIDM, 13-17 February.
- ♦ Orientation Workshop on Disaster Management in collaboration with DDMA, Delhi, MCD Civic Centre, Delhi, 14 February.
- ♦ Participatory Management of Earthquakes in collaboration with ATI Uttarakhand, Shanti Kunj, Haridwar, 20-24 February.
- ♦ Coastal Hazards and Disaster Management SIRD, Tamil Nadu, 22-24 February.
- ♦ Training Programme on Disaster Management for NYKS officers NIDM, 27 February - 2 March.
- ♦ Building Codes and Design for Disaster safe Built Environment CGAA, Chhattisgarh, 27 February - 2 March.
- ♦ Forest Fire Management FRI Dehradun, Uttarakhand, 27 February -2 March.
- ♦ Drought Mitigation & Management HCMRIPA, Rajasthan, 27 February –2 March.
- ♦ Regional Training of Trainers Programme on Reproductive & Child Health in collaboration with UNFPA, YASHADA, Pune, 28 February– 2 March, 2012.
- ♦ Disaster Management for Media & PIOs,

- NIDM, 29 February-2 March.
- ♦ Risk & Vulnerability Analysis, NIDM, 5-9 March.
- ♦ Health Information systems in Disasters, NIDM, 14-16 March.
- ♦ Earthquake Risk Management, MATI, Meghalaya, 12-16 March.
- ♦ Flood Risk Mitigation and Management, DDUSIRD, UP, 12-16 March.
- ♦ Cyclone Risk Mitigation & Management, ILDM, Kerala, 14-16 March.
- ♦ Flood Risk Mitigation & Management, NIDM, 19-23 March.
- ♦ Disaster Management for APPPA participants, NIDM, 23 March.
- ♦ Tsunami Early Warning MCRHRD Institute, 22-23 March.
- ♦ Water & Sanitation during disasters, NIDM, 26-27 March.
- ♦ Training Programme on Disaster Management, NCC- ANOs and NSS officers, NIDM, 26-30 March.
- ♦ IEMC, UTCS, Delhi, 28-30 March.

## Online Training Programmes

- ♦ NIDM - GFDRR - Risk Sensitive Land-use Planning, January 30 - February 24, 2012
- ♦ Community Based Disaster Risk Management, February 06–March 02, 2012
- ♦ NIDM - GFDRR - Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework, February 6-March 16, 2012.

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