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MESSAGE

The quarter from July to September is monsoon period in India when most parts of our nation receive high amounts of rainfall compared to the rest of the year. It is good for development of water resources, rejuvenation of springs, agriculture, forestry and generation of electricity. But the excessive heavy precipitation combined with unscientific unplanned drainage system and improper management of rivers and reservoirs have often led to inundation and flooding in many parts of the country. The incidences of floods do vary in their nature, dimensions and duration depending on the physiography, hydrology and landuse conditions of the affected area, thereby causing diverse devastating impacts on the human lives, livestock, livelihood, economy and infrastructure.

The recent floods in Mumbai, Gujarat, West Bengal, Assam and some other states during this quarter have served as a reminder to us to learn from mistakes and take necessary requisite steps to reduce the disaster risks and enhance resilience of the affected communities. The floods in Gujarat have caused 224 human deaths between 1 June and 31 July 2017 while 16 deaths have been reported from Rajasthan, the neighbouring state. The districts of Banaskantha, Patan, Gandhinagar, Morbi, Surendarnagar, Mehsana and Sabarkantha received excessive rainfall, varying from 267% to 115% of their average rainfall for the same period. More than one lakh people have been evacuated and about 17,000 persons rescued by the response agencies including National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Army and Air Force. Similar floods have been witnessed by other states like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, West Bengal and Maharashtra.

Although floods are considered as predictable disasters yet we have not succeeded in averting its risks to the society and environment. It brings our attention to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction that recommended 4 priority actions and 7 target goals to be achieved during 2015-2030. The climate change has also added a new dimension to hydro-meteorological disasters which need to be considered in disaster risk reduction through the international agreement during COP21. Disasters and development are also closely related and several of 17 goals set for sustainable development are intimately concerned with risk reduction and resilience. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has also recommended 10 point agenda for disaster risk reduction in the country during the post-Sendai First Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction from 3 to 5 November 2016.

Let us try to work together for safe and sustainable development considering a scientifically planned socially acceptable action plan to achieve the envisaged goals and reduce risks to minimum possible level and enhance resilience.


(Dr. Surya Parkash)
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Training Programmes Organized (July 2017 – September 2017)

S.No.	Title of Course	Venue	Date (s)	Course Faculty	No of Participants
1.	Climate Resilient Development for Cyclone and Flood Risk Mitigation	AP SDMA	4-6 July	Anil K Gupta A D Kaushik	105
2.	Disaster Management Plan for Central Ministries	NIDM	17-19 Jul	Anil K Gupta	29
3.	ToT on Mainstreaming DRR into Development through Education & Knowledge	NIDM	24-28 Jul	Ritu Raj	25
4.	ToT on Mainstreaming DRR into City DM Plans	TNDM Agency, Tamil Nadu	3-5 Aug	C Bandyopadhyay	49
5.	CBDRM	MGSIPA, Punjab	7-11 Aug	Ajinder Walia AD Kaushik	46
6.	ToT on Landslide Risk Mitigation	ATI Karnataka	28 Aug – 1 Sept	Surya Parkash	18
7.	Disaster Management for NCC	NIDM	28 Aug-1 Sept	AjinderWalia	30
8.	IRS: Planning Sections Chief	NIDM	4-8 Sept	Santosh Kumar	22
9.	Earthquake Risk Mitigation: Safe Built Environment	Daman	6-8 Sept	C Ghosh Amir Ali Khan	57
10.	ToT on Mainstreaming DRR into PRI Sector	DDUSIRD UP	11-15 Sept	S Chaturvedi C Bandyopadhyay	30
11.	ToT on Disaster Management for Civil Defence	NIDM	18-22 Sept	Sushma Guleria	17
12.	ToT on Disaster Psycho Social Issues	University of Kashmir	25-29 Sept	Ajinder Walia Amir Ali Khan	40
13.	Chemical (Industrial) Emergency: Onsite & Offsite risk analysis, planning and preparedness	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	25-29 Sept	Anil K Gupta Sushma Guleria	45

Upcoming Training Programmes (October 2017 – December 2017)

Sl. No.	Name of Course	Venue	Date(s)	Faculty Member(s)
29.	ToT on School Safety	DMMC Uttrakhand	3-6 Oct	Ritu Raj A D Kaushik
30.	ToT on Earthquake Risk Mitigation	Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi	9-13 Oct	Amir Ali Khan
31.	Cultural Heritage Risk Management	SDMA Sikkim	10-12 Oct	Santosh Kumar C Bandyopadhyay
32.	Mainstreaming DRR into Forestry Sector	NIDM	23-27 Oct	A D Kaushik

33.	RVS: Safe Construction Practices	NIDM	30 Oct-3 Nov	C Ghosh
34.	Cultural Heritage Risk Management	YASHADA, Maharashtra	30 Oct-1 Nov	Santosh Kumar C Bandyopadhyay
35.	Reconstruction & Rehabilitation in disaster affected areas	ATI Arunachal Pradesh	31 Oct-2 Nov	Amir Ali Khan
36.	School Disaster Management Plan & Safety Audits	BIPARD, Bihar	1-3 Nov	Ritu Raj
37.	Extreme Weather Events	NIDM	6-10 Nov	Anil K Gupta
38.	Minimum Standards of Relief, Camp Management & Camp Coordination	NIDM	14-16 Nov	Santosh Kumar C Bandyopadhyay
39.	DM Act: Claims & Compensation	HIPA, Haryana	14-16 Nov	Anil K. Gupta
40.	ToT on Landslide Risk Management	Dr. RSTUAoA, Uttarakhand	14-18 Nov	Surya Parkash
41.	ToT on Mainstreaming DRR into Rural Development Sector	NIDM	20-24 Nov	Sushma Guleria
42.	IRS: Incident Commander	NIDM	27-28 Nov	Santosh Kumar
43.	School Safety Plan & Safety Audits	KNDMC, Karnataka	27-29 Nov	Ritu Raj Ajinder Walia
44.	ToT on Forest Fire Mitigation & Management	NIDM	27 Nov-1 Dec	A D Kaushik
45.	IRS: Operations Sections Chief	NIDM	29 Nov – 1 Dec	Santosh Kumar
46.	Crowd Management: Stampede Risk Reduction	ATI Nagaland	4-6 Dec	S Chaturvedi Santosh Kumar
47.	ToT on Chemical (Industrial) Safety	NIDM	4-8 Dec	Anil K. Gupta
48.	ToT on Basic Disaster Management	NIDM Southern Campus	11-15 Dec	Sushma Guleria S Chaturvedi
49.	Post Disaster Human Trafficking: Challenges & Reduction Measures	NIDM	13-15 Dec	Ajinder Walia
50.	ToT on Mainstreaming DRR into City Development Plans	NIDM	18-22 Dec	C Bandyopadhyay
51.	ToT on Flood Risk Mitigation & Management	Tezpur	18-22 Dec	A D Kaushik
52.	Emergency Communication: Issues & Management	GIDM, Gujarat	19-21 Dec	Surya Parkash
53.	Safe Construction: Building Codes	NIDM	27-29 Dec	C Ghosh
54.	ToT on Culture of Safety through Education & Knowledge	SDMA UP	27-29 Dec	S Chaturvedi Sushma Guleria



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