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## *About* NIDM

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) was constituted by an Act of Parliament with a vision to play the role of a premier institute for capacity development in India and the region. The efforts in this direction that began with the formation of the National Centre for Disaster Management (NCDM) in 1995 gained impetus with its re-designation as the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) for training and capacity development.

Under the Disaster Management Act 2005, NIDM has been assigned nodal responsibilities for human resource development, capacity building, training, research, documentation and policy advocacy in the field of disaster management.

NIDM has performed a crucial role in bringing disaster risk reduction to the forefront of the national agenda. The Institute believes that disaster risk reduction is possible only through promotion of a “Culture of Prevention” involving all stakeholders. The Institute works through strategic partnerships with various ministries and departments of the central, state and local governments, academic, research and technical organizations in India and abroad and other bi-lateral and multi-lateral international agencies.

NIDM takes pride in having a multi-disciplinary team of professionals working in various aspects of disaster risk reduction. In its endeavour to facilitate training and capacity development, the Institute has state-of-the-art facilities like class rooms, seminar hall, video-conferencing facilities etc. The Institute has a well-stocked library exclusively on the theme of disaster risk reduction and management.

NIDM also provides capacity building support to various National and State level agencies in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction. The Institute’s vision is to create a Disaster Resilient India by building the capacity at all levels for disaster prevention and preparedness.



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## From the NIDM

### *Executive Director's Desk*



Dear Readers,

In April-June, NIDM conducted a course on **Urban Floods: Risk Assessment, Mitigation and Management**, a timely reminder that cities, while engines of growth, are increasingly prone to hazards. Another training programme on **Psychosocial Care in Disasters** reiterated the fact that disasters do not just damage buildings—they affect minds, families, and communities. A course on **Early Warning Systems** equipped participants with knowledge on last-mile connectivity, community-based alerts, and the integration of traditional and scientific knowledge. The course on **Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) with Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP)** was a powerful step toward decentralised resilience. On **World Earth Day**, a workshop explored the intersection of climate action and disaster risk, while a unique session on **Integrating DRR into Performing Arts** demonstrated that creativity can be a powerful tool for communication and behavioural change.

NIDM's strategic partnerships continued to expand the ecosystem of resilience. Two significant MoUs were signed—first, with **Tata Sustainability Group** to drive climate-resilient development through corporate collaboration; and second, with **Rastriya Raksha University (RRU)** to strengthen national preparedness and to integrate DRR into the security and defence framework. Additionally, a **networking event** called 'Jointness' was organised by NIDM and NDMA bringing together subject experts of both national organizations in a collaborative effort to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice. A special **Strategic Synergies Meet** was also organised at NIDM with key national agencies such as NDMA, NDRF, IMD, NCS, CDRI, NIUA, and MoHUA and others to strengthen inter-agency coordination and foster integrated approaches for risk reduction.

NIDM remains committed to build a safer and more resilient India. As part of this commitment, NIDM is initiating a flagship two-week Comprehensive Course on Disaster Risk Management, which will offer a complete perspective to all attendees. NIDM is endeavouring to conduct one such course every month.

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**Safi Ahsan Rizvi, IPS**

# Face to Face Training Programmes

NIDM Delhi Campus

## Incident Response System (IRS) 02-04 April 2025, Chhattisgarh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to showcase real-world insights and difficulties which experienced practitioners have faced while applying the Incident Response System (IRS) during emergencies.	c)	Ensure disaster management plans and IRS framework should be evaluated effectively and accessible to all stakeholders.
b)	Develop more specialized training programmes of this kind.	d)	Incorporate field visits into the curriculum besides provision of practical exposure.

## Earthquake Risk Reduction 02-04 April 2025, Himachal Pradesh





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to understand earthquake risk and seismic vulnerability in the Himalayan context particularly the Kangra region in Seismic Zone V.	d)	Enhance community awareness by emphasizing the role of public participation in building resilient communities and the active involvement of school and college students fosters a culture of disaster preparedness at the grassroots level.
b)	Strengthen institutional frameworks and coordination by highlighting the vital roles of DDMA, NIDM, SDRF and local administrative bodies in disaster risk reduction.	e)	Equip the participants with critical life-saving skills, including basic life support, bleeding control and effective triage in emergency scenarios.
c)	Sensitizing on the need for enforcing building codes, adopting risk-sensitive land use practices and implementing stringent zoning regulations by promoting earthquake-resilient urban planning.		

## Urban Floods: Risk Assessment, Mitigation and Management 07-09 April 2025, Delhi



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to have effective multi-agency coordination mechanism with clear defined roles, responsibilities, and operational protocols across urban governance tiers.	d)	Implement standardized, city-specific SOPs for pre-monsoon, monsoon, and post-monsoon phases that strengthens operational readiness and inter-departmental coordination.
b)	Integrate flood risk management combining structural measures, nature-based solutions, and policy-level interventions which is crucial for building long-term urban resilience.	e)	Lessen urban flood hazards by integrating a real-time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system with GIS-based alerts and reservoir operation procedures.
c)	Operationalizing advance flood forecasts using integrated hydrological and hydrodynamic models, thereby enhancing preparedness and reduces emergency response time.	f)	Adopt green infrastructure and stormwater management modelling techniques to minimize urban runoff and enhancing infiltration.

## Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) with Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 21-23 April 2025, Sikkim



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Develop Village Disaster Management Plans (VDMPs) and Panchayat-level Disaster Management Plans (PDMPs) through participatory processes involving local communities, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and relevant stakeholders.		and recovery in order to enhance local capacity to manage disasters effectively.
b)	Conduct HVCA to identify local hazards, assess vulnerabilities and evaluate community capacities.	d)	Establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of DRR measures within GPDPs to ensure their effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.
c)	Organize training programmes for PRI members, local volunteers and community members on disaster preparedness, response	e)	Foster collaboration between various government departments, local bodies and community organizations to ensure a coordinated approach to DRR within GPDPs.

## Psychosocial Care in Disasters 21-23 April 2025, Delhi





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to incorporate insights from diverse disaster interventions and ensure effective information dissemination.
b)	Due to existence of limited researches on the psychosocial needs of men and women, the distinct psychosocial requirements of men and women are needed.
c)	Encourage International agencies, especially UN entities like World Health Organization, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and United Nations Population Fund

	to participate in Psycho-Social Support and Mental Health Services in Disasters (PSSMHS) activities during disasters.
d)	Non-disorder interventions like crisis intervention, emotional first aid, grief counselling, group therapy, play therapy and community self-help groups are essential for restoring psycho-social well-being in subsequent disasters.
d)	Address the psychosocial needs of children, using reflective and interactive activities like role-plays, clay modelling, and emotional mapping.

## Psycho-Social Aspects in Disaster Management for NDRF Academy 29 April-01 May 2025, Maharashtra



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Recognize broader context of disaster management, its phases, and the interconnectedness with social work practices which also involves understanding disaster risk reduction, response, recovery, and preparedness.
b)	Emphasize the principles ethics and communication skills of providing psychosocial care during and after disasters, considering cultural sensitivities and the diverse needs of affected populations.
c)	Equip the district project officers with skills to conduct vulnerability assessments, identify marginalized

	or vulnerable groups, and assess their specific psychosocial needs during and post-disaster.
d)	Need to provide strategies to cultivate resilience within communities and individuals, emphasizing the importance of psychosocial well-being as a component of overall disaster resilience.
e)	Address the specific needs of vulnerable groups like children, elderly individuals, people with disabilities and marginalized communities during disasters and tailoring psychosocial care accordingly.



## Reaching Young Minds: Visual Artist Paradigms on Art and Representation of Disaster Risk Reduction, 05-09 May 2025, Uttar Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Demonstrate how visual arts can be a medium to raise awareness and communicate critical issues related to disaster risk, preparedness, and resilience.	c)	Highlighted the transformative power of art as a tool for empowerment, community healing, and driving awareness on disaster resilience.
b)	Emphasize emotional well-being, mental health and community-based resilience strategies through interactive sessions.	d)	Need to foster interdisciplinary learning and idea exchange by collaborating with senior artists, geohazard experts and DRR professionals.

## Urban Flood Risk Management 06-08 May 2025, Goa





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to adopt integrated urban planning, future urban development should incorporate comprehensive land-use planning, preservation of natural water bodies and enforcement of zoning regulations to mitigate flood risks
b)	Strengthen institutional frameworks and governance by enhancing coordination among various governance levels and ensure effective flood mitigation strategies.
c)	Leverage advanced technologies for risk assessment by utilizing tools like Remote

	Sensing, GIS and Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) that enables accurate mapping of flood-prone areas.
d)	Implement comprehensive urban flood mitigation strategies by emphasizing nature-based solutions, including the restoration of wetlands and creation of green spaces, thereby, these strategies offers sustainable methods to manage stormwater and reduce urban flood risks.

## Early Warning Systems 14-16 May 2025, Delhi



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Essential to gain a comprehensive understanding of the technical foundations and operational mechanisms behind the developed early warning systems. This includes how data is collected, processed, and disseminated, as well as the roles of various institutions involved in issuing timely alerts for different hazards.
b)	Need to strengthen public education and awareness campaigns to ensure that communities are well-informed about the types of hazards prevalent in their region.
c)	Conduct mock drills regularly for reinforcing best practices and evaluating the effectiveness of preparedness plans at all levels. These drills

	help identify gaps in response mechanisms and foster a culture of readiness among all stakeholders.
d)	Educate the communities significantly on the appropriate steps to take upon receiving an alert or warning, thus improving community resilience and individual preparedness.
e)	Inculcate the basic principles of disaster preparedness, such as the do's and don'ts during different types of disasters, into daily life remains a significant challenge. To address this, disaster education should be introduced at the primary school level, fostering a culture of safety and preparedness from an early age.

## Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management- Professional Development Programme (PHEDM-PDP) Tier III training- Batch 1, 14-16 May 2025, Bihar



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Conduct mock drills on first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and evacuation techniques, while yoga sessions were integrated to promote mental and physical well-being among participants, enhancing their overall effectiveness in emergency roles.		management, animal husbandry and law enforcement, bridging the gap between frontline workers, communities and decision makers to effectively manage emergencies.
b)	Strengthen public health emergency management in Bihar enhancing the state's emergency response capabilities.	d)	Need to equip the participants on six comprehensive modules, including emergency preparedness, risk communication, psychosocial aspects, national and international health regulations, the Sendai Framework, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Disaster Management Act 2005.
c)	Focus on operational-level functionaries across various departments such as health, disaster		

## Integration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) with Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), 19-23 May 2025, Delhi





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Integrate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDs) that enhances resilience at the grassroots level and supports sustainable development.
b)	Gram Panchayats must be equipped to integrate DRR in planning, resource allocation, and implementation.

c)	Need to adopt participatory tools like PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal).
d)	Community-based approaches ensure that local knowledge and vulnerabilities are considered in development planning.

## Faculty Development Programme on Resilient Infrastructure for Inclusive Development, 26-30 May 2025, Delhi



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to address resilience and inclusivity by adopting integrated approach to ensure sustainable infrastructure development.
b)	Comprehend infrastructural requirements and lived experiences of the most vulnerable groups, particularly persons with disabilities and integrate these considerations at every phase of planning, design, implementation and evaluation.
c)	Leverage assistive technologies and digital inclusion by incorporating assistive devices,

	multi-language alert systems and digital platforms for communication and training, help identify gaps in response mechanisms and foster a culture of readiness among all stakeholders.
d)	Visits to institutions like the Blind Relief Association and conducting mock drills for visually impaired individuals demonstrate how inclusive protocols function in practice.

## Monsoon 2025: Risk Assessment, Mitigation & Response 29-30 May 2025, Andhra Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Enhance the capacity of officials across sectors in disaster risk reduction (DRR), with particular emphasis on State and District Disaster Management Plans and sector-specific planning.	c)	Need to undertake risk mapping and mitigation strategies in partnership with IIT Hyderabad.
b)	Strengthen Response Systems by conducting training workshops which will help in effective implementation of Incident Response System (IRS) in Telangana.	d)	Implement pre-flood mock drills and community training in urban areas in collaboration with NDRF and SDRF to enhance public preparedness and reduce panic during real events.

## Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management (PHEDM) Tier-III Training-Batch 2, 24-26 June 2025, Bihar





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Leverage community involvement and technological advancements to enhance emergency preparedness and response readiness.
b)	Need to explore ethical, legal, and operational principles that guide Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management (PHEDM) and their application in real-world scenarios.
c)	Develop a structured framework for managing emergency responses, roles and responsibilities

	to perform while emphasizing the need for multi-sectoral collaboration.
d)	Adopt best practices for effective messaging and outreach during emergencies, underscoring the importance of engaging local communities in preparedness efforts.
e)	Address the psychological impacts of emergencies on communities and responders, including the establishment of mechanisms for psychological support and resilience-building.

## Incident Response System (IRS): Basic & Intermediate 30 June - 04 July 2025, Andhra Pradesh



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Necessary to standardise response mechanisms framework comprising of the Disaster Management Plan, Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), India Disaster Resource Network (IDRN), and Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and Incident Response Team.
b)	Need to perform all key functions in IRS, even if specific positions are not formally activated, ensuring continuity and operational clarity.

c)	Strengthen coordination significantly among the stakeholders which will enhance successful implementation of IRS.
d)	Improve the readability and operational efficiency of IRS forms by reviewing and streamlining them in response to user feedback.



## Disaster Management, 28-30 April 2025, Andhra Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Sensitized the participants about DRM concepts, including the disaster risk equation (hazard × vulnerability / capacity) and key components like prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.		(Health, Police, Agriculture, Revenue, etc.) during various disaster phases.
b)	Need to incorporate gender, disability, and life cycle approaches into DRR strategies, ensuring that vulnerable and marginalized groups are included in all phases of disaster management.	d)	Provision of training in CBDRM strategies, including the formation of Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) and Disaster Management Teams (DMTs), thereby highlighting the role of communities as first responders.
c)	Emphasize the importance of risk governance through inter-departmental coordination which defines the clarity of roles of key departments	e)	Elaborated the roles and responsibilities of institutions at national, state, and district levels, including NDMA, SDMAS, DDMA and community-level bodies.

## ToT programme on 'Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction' 28 April-02 May 2025, Andhra Pradesh



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Emphasize the need to develop age-appropriate IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) materials using disaster-related funding at the school level and ensuring children have access to relevant information.	c)	Reinforce that children retain their rights to life, growth, safety, and participation even in the face of emergencies and crises.
b)	Advocate the integration of life skills education into academic curricula to build resilience in children.	d)	Promote strategies for post-disaster reconstruction, recovery and resilience-building to ensure long-term community safety and child protection.

## ToT Programme on Child Protection & Child Rights in Disasters and Emergencies 05-09 May 2025, Andhra Pradesh



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Need to adopt comprehensive child protection strategies i.e. prevention, response, and recovery.	d)	Need to educate children and families about rights, risks, and protective measures in order to boost resilience and self-protection.
b)	Uphold child rights, as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, crucial in disaster contexts.	e)	Address disaster response needs of children, including those with disabilities or from marginalized groups.
c)	Implement effective child protection in disaster situations which requires collaboration among governments, humanitarian groups, communities, and families.		



## Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction 13-16 May 2025, Himachal Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Identify and assess the vulnerabilities of children in disaster situations.	d)	Provide psychosocial support to children affected by disasters to promote their emotional well-being.
b)	Need to ensure the safe separation and reunification of children with their families in disaster situations.	e)	Monitoring child protection concerns, violations and ensure their accountability in disaster situations.
c)	Prevent child labour, trafficking, and other forms of exploitation in disaster situations.		

## Mental Health and Psychosocial Care for Children in Disasters and Emergencies 19-23 May 2025, Andhra Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Recognize the impact of disasters on children's mental health and well-being.	d)	Comprehend the critical role of caregivers, teachers, and community workers in providing psychosocial support to children.
b)	Establish a safe and supportive environment that fosters children's emotional well-being.	e)	Implement community-based interventions that promote children's mental health and well-being.
c)	Maintain structure to promote children's sense of security and normalcy.		

## State Level Training Programme under PM POSHAN (MDM Scheme) 27-30 May 2025, Andhra Pradesh



### Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Comprehend on Food Fortification and WASH sectors by using fortified staples (rice, oil, salt) to combat hidden hunger, along with hygiene practices like hand washing, water purification, menstrual hygiene and sanitation management in schools.	c)	Provision of live demonstrations by professional chefs enhance participants' skills in preparing hygienic and nutritious meals and will boost confidence in meal preparation.
b)	Need to train cook-cum-helpers in multi-hazard preparedness, including how to respond to heatstroke, kitchen accidents, and how to act as first responders during school emergencies.	d)	Equip the participants by delivering practical session on fire safety with knowledge of handling LPG, using fire extinguishers and responding effectively during fire emergencies.

## ToT Programme on Health and Nutrition of Women & Children in Disasters 02-06 June 2025, Andhra Pradesh





## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Address health and nutrition in disasters which requires a multi-sectoral and integrated approach involving health, nutrition, WASH, and social services.	d)	Active involvement of state health departments in planning and response is crucial in order to ensure efficient delivery of maternal and child health services during crises.
b)	Engage communities and local health workers and ensures appropriate interventions.	e)	Deploy mobile medical teams and health vans to safeguard outreach in disaster-affected areas.
c)	Early detection of malnutrition through surveillance systems needs to be initiated and prevent severe outcomes in disaster settings.		

## ToT Programme on Child Protection & Child Rights in Disasters and Emergencies 23-27 June 2025, Andhra Pradesh



## Key Takeaway/Recommendations

a)	Integrate child protection into all phases of disaster management—preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.	d)	Effective child protection in emergencies to be maintained by coordinating between agencies—government, civil society, and international organizations.
b)	Need to adopt gender-sensitive approaches, considering the specific needs of girls and boys during crises.	e)	Empower children to act as agents of change in their communities by building resilience through education and awareness.
c)	Ensure the protection of children with disabilities and other marginalized groups by following inclusive planning.		

## Workshop on Climate Adaption Policy and Guidelines for Resilient Highway Bridges, 03 April 2025, Delhi



A national consultative workshop was organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) under the project titled 'Development of National Highways Climate Adaptation Policy and Guidelines (HighCAP)' at NIDM Rohini campus. The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding of the impacts of climate change on highway bridge infrastructure and promote the development and implementation of effective adaptation strategies.

It sought to provide participants with practical knowledge on innovative practices for building and maintaining resilient bridges. The workshop helped collate the key recommendations for updating existing codes, guidelines and suggestions by bridge experts to build the capacity of decision-makers to integrate climate risk assessments into bridge design, maintenance, and management processes.

## Workshop on Disaster Preparedness, 09 April 2025, Delhi

The Disaster Preparedness Team of Miranda House, Delhi University in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) hosted its annual academic fest SASHAKTH 2025. The fest was centered around the theme 'Role of Women in Disaster Risk Reduction'. The event aimed to engage and inspire students across the University of Delhi.

The fest featured a variety of competitions, including debate, photography, poster-making, short films and an exciting treasure hunt. The event was addressed by Ms Atisha Sood, Consultant – Health, NIDM, who shared valuable insights on women's leadership in disaster resilience. She deliberated on 'Women as Changemakers in Disaster Risk Reduction: Leadership, Challenges, and Opportunities in the Indian Context'. She further focused on the initiatives like Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Mahila Housing Trust (MHT), and Kudumbashree, a government-led program in Kerala, focuses on women's empowerment through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and provides them with various opportunities for economic and social development. She emphasized the importance of gender-inclusive policies, youth participation and investing in women-led disaster response.





## Workshop on Rise & Respond: Youth for an Earthquake Resilient Future 16-17 April 2025, Delhi



In a tribute to the 25th year of the Bhuj Earthquake, a national-level workshop was organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) in collaboration with Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce (SGGSCC), University of Delhi, under the National Capacity Building Programme on Earthquake Risk Reduction.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Jatinder Bir Singh, Principal, SGGSCC, the event featured expert sessions by Dr. Amir Ali Khan (Head, RID, NIDM), Dr. Preeti Soni (IUINDRR-NIDM) and Dr. Pankaj Kumar (Assistant Professor, NIDM). Participants gained practical knowledge on preparedness, mitigation strategies and the role of youth in disaster management. The workshop inspired innovative thinking through competitions that received over

450 entries, highlighting creative solutions for resilience building. It fostered youth leadership, encouraged community outreach initiatives and strengthened academic collaboration for disaster risk reduction. Participants expressed commitment to apply the knowledge gained through awareness campaigns, mock drills, and advocacy for integrating disaster education into academic curricula.

Competitions were judged by Dr. Garima Aggarwal (Senior Consultant, NIDM), Ms. Nazia Khan (IPRO, NIDM), Dr. Neelu Anand Jha, Dr. Babita Singh, Dr. Ravish Lal, and Dr. Pratibha Kumari. The workshop concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and closing remarks by Dr. Neha Goyal who was the convener of the programme.

## Workshop on 'World Earth Day 2025', 22-23 April 2025, Delhi



Workshop on 'World Earth Day 2025' was organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in collaboration with Jamia Millia Islamia, a Central University, to raise awareness about environmental challenges and explore potential solutions. The event emphasized the active involvement of youth in building a cleaner and greener future through a dynamic blend of student-led competitions, expert dialogues, and a campus-wide tree plantation drive. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness about environmental challenges and inspire proactive efforts for protecting and preserving our planet.

The event underscored the significance of sustainable development, indigenous knowledge systems, and the proactive involvement of academic institutions and young minds in addressing climate change and disaster-related challenges. Participants expressed a strong commitment to translate their learning into action through awareness campaigns and advocacy, including calls to integrate disaster risk reduction and environmental education into academic curricula. The workshop concluded with a renewed pledge towards sustained environmental stewardship and united efforts for a greener and more resilient future.

## Stakeholders' Workshop for the Revision of Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management- Professional Development Programme (PHEDM-PDP) Tier-III Package, 24 April 2025, Delhi



National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – India, successfully organized the Stakeholders' Workshop for the Revision of the PHEDM-PDP Tier-III Package.

The workshop brought together key stakeholders and domain experts to strengthen the Public Health Emergency & Disaster Management (PHEDM) framework which was an essential step towards preparing professionals for effective and timely responses to public health emergencies and disasters across India. The opening remarks were delivered

by Prof. Dr. Surya Parkash, Head, GMRD, CBRN, Industrial & Cyber Division, NIDM, followed by an introductory overview from Dr. Sanket Kulkarni, Joint Director, Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), NCDC. Dr. Meghna Desai, Country Director, U.S. CDC-India, Dr. Anil Kumar, Principal Advisor, NCDC, Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Former ED, NIDM, shared special remarks.

This collaborative initiative reaffirms the shared commitment of NIDM, NCDC and U.S.CDC-India to build a skilled public health workforce capable of tackling complex health emergencies and ensuring rapid, coordinated response at all levels.

## Workshop on Social Behaviour Change for Disaster Risk Reduction, 06-07 May 2025, Rajasthan

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) organized a workshop on Social Behaviour Change for Disaster Risk Reduction at the Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan Institute of Public Administration (HCM-RIPA), Jaipur. This workshop aimed to build the capacities of SDMAs, respective DDMAAs along with a few other key stakeholders from 15 participating northern and central states of India to integrate SBC approaches in DRR. Moreover, the event focused on effective communication, inclusive planning, and strengthening systems for sustainable impact. Besides, participants gained practical insights into designing behaviour-focused DRR strategies across



critical sectors like health, nutrition, WASH, education and child protection. This initiative marked a vital step towards fostering resilient, informed and empowered communities across India.



## Workshop on Cyber Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience (DRR&R) 08-09 May 2025, Punjab



A workshop was jointly organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Government of Punjab, Chandigarh. The event explored the growing digital risks and enhanced collective capacities for cyber disaster preparedness and resilience convened by the experts, practitioners and government officials.

Throughout the workshop, participants engaged with professionals from across the cyber and disaster management landscape. Insightful sessions were delivered

on cybersecurity for disaster risk reduction, followed by advanced cyber threats to national security and the critical role of human error in cyberattacks. The workshop emphasized strategies to protect digital infrastructure during disasters and the type of leadership required to foster a culture of cyber-resilience.

This workshop brought together a powerful mix of technical knowledge, policy insight, and practical tools, equipping stakeholders not only to anticipate and respond to cyber threats but also to collaboratively build a secure and resilient digital future.

## Workshop on Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management Professional Capacity Development Programme (PHEDM-PDP) Tier III (Batch 1), 13 May 2025, Bihar



This workshop was jointly organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), Bihar and CDC-India. The workshop empowered mentors, who are a critical part of the PHEDM training cascade. The session brought together 10 mentors representing the Health, Disaster and Animal Husbandry Departments, all of whom are pivotal in guiding and supporting mentees across districts.

The workshop brought together professionals to advance

disaster preparedness and public health emergency response. The event provided a critical platform for expert mentors to share insights and promote the implementation of robust public health emergency and disaster management (PHEDM) practices.

This workshop emphasized the importance of mentorship in institutionalizing disaster and emergency preparedness at the grassroots level. The sessions articulated the objectives and expected outcomes of the PHEDM Tier III programme, alongside detailed discussions on the

roles and responsibilities of mentors. In addition, the mentors were equipped with frameworks to track mentee progress, guided district-level planning, and supported the formulation of community-specific public health emergency

plans. This mentor-focused engagement successfully and created a strong mentor network ready to drive the PHEDM forward.

## Workshop on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Performing Arts 15-16 May 2025, Delhi



The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Safi Ahsan Rizvi, ED, NIDM, and Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Bharatanatyam exponent and Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi. The occasion was graced by eminent personalities from the field of theatre, dance and arts such as Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Odissi exponent and MP Rajya Sabha, Guru Ranjana Gauhar, Odissi exponent, Shri Chittaranjan Tripathy, theatre exponent, Shri Santosh Nair, contemporary and Chhau exponent, Dr. V. R. Devika, author and researcher, Shri Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi, and Prof. K. Anil Kumar, HoD, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) who shared their insights.

The two-day workshop demonstrated the powerful role that theatre, dance, music, and storytelling can play in building community resilience. Participants and experts

agreed that performing arts can effectively bridge gaps in communication, especially in low-literacy settings, by conveying complex disaster-related themes through emotion and narrative. The sessions emphasized the need to localize content, use regional languages and incorporate cultural heritage to make productions more relatable. Furthermore, collaborative discussions generated innovative ideas for DRR-themed performances. Proposal writing guidance empowered participants to develop structured outreach plans, particularly for CSR-supported rural engagement. Overall, the workshop encouraged the artists to move beyond performance towards storytelling and social transformation, with institutional support to sustain these efforts at scale.

## Second Regional Workshop on Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), 18-19 June 2025, Andhra Pradesh





The Second Regional Workshop on Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) was held at NIDM South Campus, Vijayawada. It was the part of the ongoing collaboration between National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The workshop aimed to build the capacities of government functionaries and key stakeholders in integrating SBC into all phases of DRR—prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response,

and recovery. Participants were introduced about the SBC training content and toolkit, which includes key behavioural messages tailored to various disasters (floods, cyclones, earthquakes) across critical sectors such as health, nutrition, WASH, education, and child protection. Moreover, they were learned to identify barriers and enablers through community feedback mechanisms to design more effective and context-specific interventions.

## Workshop on Public Health Emergency and Disaster Management-Professional Development Programme (PHEDM-PDP) Tier-III training batch 2, 23 June 2025, Bihar



The PHEDM-PDP Tier III workshop was jointly organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) Jharkhand and CDC-India. The session brought together professionals to advance disaster preparedness and public health emergency response. This event provided a critical platform for expert mentors to share insights and promote the implementation of robust public health emergency and disaster management (PHEDM) practices.

Prominent resource persons, including Dr. Sujeet K. Singh, Public Health Expert and Former Director of NCDC, MoHFW (GoI), Dr. Jugal Kishore (Director Professor of Community Medicine, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital) and Dr. Rajat Garg

(PHS, DGHP, CDC-India), delivered valuable guidance to enhance mentorship and capacity-building in PHEDM.

The workshop emphasized the pivotal role of mentorship in strengthening disaster management capacities at the local level. It explored strategies to build effective mentor-mentee relationships and focused on improving PHEDM capabilities through risk mapping and comprehensive approaches to preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

This collaborative initiative fostered an environment of knowledge exchange, strengthened understanding of PHEDM roles and aimed to build disaster-resilient states equipped with enhanced preparedness strategies.

## Workshop on Child Protection and Child Rights in Disasters and Emergencies 17 May 2025, Himachal Pradesh



The Centre for Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) successfully conducted a transformative workshop on “Child Protection & Child Rights in Disasters & Emergencies” at Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (MSHIPA). The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Omesh Kumar Bharti, Padma Shri, and led by Dr. Kumar Raka (CCDRR-NIDM) with significant contributions from Shri Ranjan Kumar (CCDRR-NIDM), Dr. Kishan Kumar

(HPSDMA) and Shri Mintu Debnath (Bal Raksha Bharat).

The workshop aimed to sensitize government officials and stakeholders on child protection and child rights issues in disaster and emergency situations. Experts from five states delivered insightful presentations and addressed gaps and challenges in child protection during disasters; best practices for child-centric disaster management; school safety plans and state-specific government initiatives for children.



## Other Activities

### MoU with Tata Sustainability Group to strengthen Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient Initiatives, 17 April 2025, Maharashtra



National Institute of Disaster Management and Tata Sustainability Group (representing Tata Sons) have formalized a strategic partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and marked a significant step towards strengthening institutional capacities in disaster management through joint training, research, and documentation initiatives.

Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Former Executive Director, NIDM, enunciated that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has envisioned a strong push towards fostering public-private partnerships to enhance national resilience. He said, "The private sector plays a crucial role in strengthening

disaster preparedness and humanitarian response. The Tata Group's proactive involvement serves as a motivational model for other corporate entities to follow."

Mr. Chacko Thomas, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Tata Sons, emphasized the Tata Sustainability Group's commitment to disaster management. This MoU symbolized a persistent alignment between a public institution dedicated to build national disaster resilience and a highly respected private group tenacious to long-term nation-building. It has created new opportunities for cross-learning, co-creation and technically sound implementation in the critical domain of disaster management.

### MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to strengthen India's Disaster Preparedness and Resilience, 21 April 2025, Gujarat



National Institute of Disaster Management signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to amplify disaster preparedness and response efforts. The partnership was formalized in the presence of Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Former Executive Director, NIDM and Professor Bimal N Patel, Vice-Chancellor, RRU. It marked a strategic partnership to advance Viksit Bharat goals.

The collaboration between these two institutions aimed to foster institutional synergy towards achieving Viksit Bharat by focusing on several critical areas. These include enhancing disaster preparedness through comprehensive training programs and workshops, developing robust early warning systems to mitigate risks associated with

natural calamities and engaging in policy advocacy to influence national disaster management policies effectively. Furthermore, this partnership will promote start-up innovation and incubation in disaster management. A key component of this collaboration is the integration into IUIN-DRR activities across India. This initiative will encompass collaborative research, policy advocacy, educational outreach and consultancy services tailored to mutual requirements.

The signing ceremony culminated with both the institutions expressing their commitment to work collaboratively towards attaining common goals that complement national aspirations for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

## -: Together We Stand:-

### NIDM–NDMA Networking Meet: Strengthening Ties for a Resilient India



The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) hosted the ‘NIDM–NDMA Networking Event’ to strengthen synergy between India’s premier disaster management institutions. Key attendees included Shri Safi Ahsan Rizvi, IPS, Executive Director, NIDM; Major General Ajay Verma, Advisor, NDMA; Col. P.S. Reddy, Joint Director, NIDM (Vijayawada); Shri Randeep Kumar Rana, Senior Advisor, NDMA; and several subject experts from NIDM and NDMA.

Safi Ahsan Rizvi, IPS, ED, NIDM stressed the need for institutional convergence across preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery — all under the guiding theme: Communicate and Coordinate Together for Resilient Bharat. Major General Ajay Verma delivered a thought-provoking talk on integrating green energy into disaster management, underlining climate-smart infrastructure and sustainable preparedness. Subject experts then introduced themselves, exchanging ideas on early warning

systems, health emergencies, climate adaptation, and risk communication, identifying areas for joint research and capacity building. A key milestone was the digital launch of NIDM’s redesigned website by Shri Rizvi, featuring an upgraded e-library and e-Learning modules in seven regional languages to reach grassroots communities.

Shri Shishir Agarwal and Shri Antony Joh from NDMA explained new funding models under the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and discussed targeted allocations for drought mitigation, urban floods, seismic risks, erosion, and fire services. Lively discussions clarified DRR fund utilisation and practical implementation. Participants shared feedback and ideas for future joint programs through a collaborative form, laying the foundation for continued partnership. The event reaffirmed the shared commitment of NIDM and NDMA to advance India’s disaster resilience through knowledge, innovation, and united action.



## Synergy in Action for a Safer Tomorrow! Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into Governance



On June 25, 2025, the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) answered this question titled “Synergy in Action for a Safer Tomorrow! Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into Governance.” This high-impact dialogue brought together disaster professionals, sector experts, and key government agencies to ensure that disaster risk reduction (DRR) is not just an after thought but an integral part of India’s governance framework.

Shri Safi Ahsan Rizvi, IPS, Executive Director, NIDM, called for a decisive shift — urging departments to break free from isolated working and embed DRR into every policy and plan. Chief Guest Shri Rajendra Singh, Member & HoD, NDMA, summed it up best with his powerful mantra, “I am because we are,” reminding everyone that collective action, not silos, builds safer communities. Five dynamic sessions brought this spirit alive. Agencies such as NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority), NDRF (National Disaster Response Force), IMD (India Meteorological Department) and MoHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) tackled community engagement strategies — including the “Sachet App” and Aapda Mitras — proving that informed citizens are at the heart of resilience. Health experts highlighted the critical role of hospitals and STEM education in mainstreaming DRR, while urban thinkers from CDRI (Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure) and NIUA (National Institute of Urban Affairs) shared fresh perspectives on making cities greener, cooler, and better prepared for climate extremes.

In later sessions, emergency response leaders from NDRF, Fire Services, and Civil Defence shared ways to boost speed and coordination when every second counts. The final discussions championed the use of satellite technology, robust seismic codes, and smarter planning for a future-ready India.

Concluding with valedictory remarks by Dr. O.P. Mishra, Director, NCS (National Centre for Seismology) and a clear way forward from Shri Rizvi, the workshop reaffirmed one truth: governance and resilience must go hand in hand. When they do, policy transforms into people in action — and that is how a safer tomorrow is built, step by step.

The way forward calls for continued dialogue, joint research, shared tools and databases, and cross-institutional drills and simulations. As participants return to their respective roles, they will act as synergy champions — ensuring that India’s journey towards a resilient, earthquake-safe future remains inclusive, collaborative, and sustainable. NIDM will be organising the “Comprehensive Two Weeks Programme on Earthquake Risk Mitigation”, in July at NIDM, Delhi Campus, marking a significant step towards advancing jointness and synergy among diverse agencies, ministries, and institutions working towards a disaster-resilient Bharat. This 12-day capacity-building programme will be led by Dr. Amir Ali Khan, Dr. Garima Aggarwal, and Dr. Preeti Soni that will focus not only on technical knowledge but also on strengthening inter-agency coordination, resource sharing and policy-to-practice linkages.

## NIDM's Commitment on iGOT Karmayogi Building Resilience through Learning

In a world where disasters — from floods and earthquakes to forest fires and pandemics — are becoming more frequent and intense, strengthening disaster preparedness is no longer optional; it's essential. Capacity building is the backbone of resilience, and India is rising to this challenge through Mission Karmayogi. At the heart of this mission lies the iGOT Karmayogi platform — a digital learning initiative enabling government officials across sectors to access high-quality training 'anytime, anywhere, on any device.' From Panchayati Raj functionaries to police personnel and first responders, these courses are bridging skill gaps across the country and helping ensure no region is left behind.

As the country's premier institute for disaster management training, the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has played a leading role in this transformative journey. NIDM's contributions to iGOT include popular modules such as Basics of Disaster Management, Flood

Management, School Safety, and Crowd Management. With an average user rating of 4.5, these courses are built on real-world case studies and practical tools tailored to India's diverse risk landscape. The institute is also expanding its reach through upcoming modules in seven Indian languages, making disaster education more inclusive and accessible to grassroots stakeholders.

Moving forward, NIDM remains committed to growing this learning ecosystem with new offerings on child protection, mental health, forest fires, urban flooding, slope stabilization, and more. These future-ready modules will not only strengthen institutional capacity but also empower individuals — from policymakers to local volunteers — to play an active role in building disaster-resilient communities. At NIDM, we believe knowledge is power, and when shared, it becomes action. Let's continue this journey & have look at the data below.

S. No.	Content_Name	Language	Enrolled	Completed	Content_Rating	Content_Rating On
1	Flood Management	English	7208	3894	4.3	11/10/24
2	આપત્તિ વ્યવસ્થાપનની મૂળભૂત બાબતો	Gujarati	79	35	4.8	03/06/25
3	విప్లవ సంస్థలలో చేయవలసినవి మరియు చేయకూడనివి	Telugu	430	176	4.6	15/05/25
4	बाढ़ प्रबंधन	Hindi	3607	1868	4.2	15/05/25
5	ഭൂരന്തരീവാരണത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനകാര്യങ്ങൾ	Malayalam	167	63	4.7	15/05/25
6	Crowd Management	English	732	204	4.7	02/05/25
7	આપત્તિ તૈયારીમાં શું કરવું અને શું ન કરવું	Gujarati	109	43	4.8	03/06/25
8	School Safety: Hazard Risk Vulnerability Analysis	English	394	167	4.6	02/06/25
9	आपदा तैयारी के लिए क्या करें और क्या न करें	Hindi	956	375	4.4	15/05/25
10	Dos and Don'ts of Disaster Preparedness	English	3082	1396	4.3	07/10/24
11	પૂર પ્રભુધન	Gujarati	185	84	4.5	03/06/25
12	आपदा प्रबंधन की मूलभूत बातें	Hindi	663	216	4.5	15/05/25
13	Basics of Disaster Management	English	2200	692	4.4	07/10/24
14	ഭൂരന്തരീവാരണ തയ്യാറെടുപ്പിൽ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതും ചെയ്യാരുതാത്തതുമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ	Malayalam	179	66	4.8	15/05/25
15	విప్లవ నిర్వహణ యొక్క పాఠశాల అంశాలు	Telugu	949	341	4.5	15/05/25
16	వరద నిర్వహణ	Telugu	1405	656	4.4	15/05/25
17	വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കം മാനേജ്മെന്റ്	Malayalam	535	201	4.6	15/05/25
18	School Safety Beyond Structures: Planning and Mitigation	English	291	84	4.7	02/07/25
Total			23171	10561		

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S No	Name of the Programme	Date
1	Heatwave and its Preparedness	01 April 2025
2	Heritage under Threat from Earthquake/Disasters	15 April 2025
3	PHEDM Connect: Bridging Knowledge & Action	09 May 2025
4	Hackathon on Carbon Capture Technologies	19 May 2025
5	Emerging Technologies for Plastic Waste Detection and Cleanup	05 June 2025
6	World Environment Day: Combating Plastic Pollution	05 June 2025
7	PHEDM Connect: Bridging Knowledge & Action	13 June 2025

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