

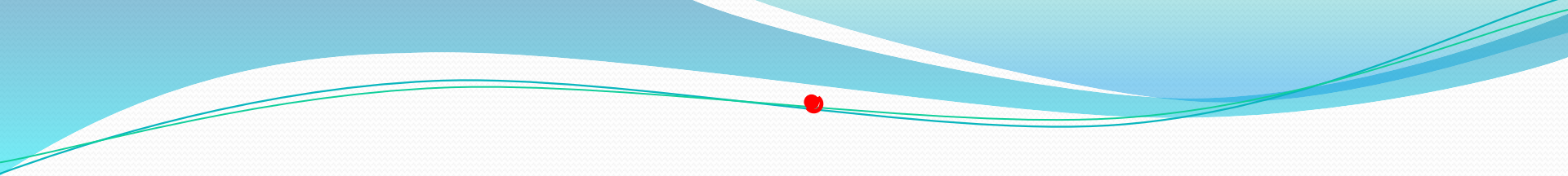
REVIEW OF STATE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS (SEOCs), DISTRICT EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS (DEOCs) & INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM (IRS)

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INTRODUCTION

- Disaster Management Act, 2005 provides statutory basis for DM structure in India.
- Establishes NDMA, SDMA, DDMA and mandates EOCs at all levels.
- Incident Response System (IRS) notified as national response mechanism.

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- To minimize the damage caused by earthquake and other natural disasters, the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir has set up:-
 - State Emergency operation centre at Hari Niwas Srinagar, an upcoming SEOC at Ompora, Budgam and;
 - District Emergency Operation Centres in all 20 Districts and;
 - An Incident Response System.

SEOC: ROLE & FUNCTIONS

- State-level command & control centre for disaster response. Monitor , assess & track response units and response requests
- 24×7 monitoring, warning dissemination, resource coordination
- Ensures inter-agency coordination as per DM Act mandates
- Maintains SOPs, resource inventory and situation reporting

DEOC: ROLE & FUNCTIONS

- District-level operational hub supporting DDMA.
- Early warning dissemination to communities and departments.
- Maintains incident logs and resource tracking.
- Coordinates field response teams across line departments.

INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM (IRS)

- National disaster response framework under DM Act 2005.
- Based on modular Incident Command System (ICS).
- Ensures clarity in command, control and coordination.

OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW

- Review is critical to:-
- Finding gaps;
- Strengthening disaster preparedness;
- Ensuring a rapid, multiagency response and;
- Transitioning from a relief centric to a proactive mitigation approach.

GAP ASSESSMENT

- The devastating flash flood during the Aug-sept. last year witnessed gaps in early warning dissemination and reinforcing the urgent need for scientific hazard mapping, robust emergency response system and Community based disaster awareness including development of hyper local early warning system
- Need for upgraded GIS, GPS & decision-support tools like Common Alerting Protocol
- Limited inter-agency real-time information sharing.
- More IRS-focused training required for responders.
- Communication redundancy and backup systems need strengthening.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Regular trainings, drills, and IRS simulations
- Upgradation of EOC communication systems and infrastructure
- Strengthening SEOC–DEOC integration and data exchange
- Annual updating of SOPs and resource inventories
- Adoption of unified command during major incidents

CONCLUSION

- DM Act 2005 & NIDM guidelines provide a robust framework.
- Efficient SEOC–DEOC–IRS integration enhances preparedness and response.
- Continuous improvement ensures resilience and readiness.



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