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State Disaster Risk Reduction Day, 2018

State Disaster Risk Reduction Day with the theme, "Volunteerism in Disaster Management"

18th September, 2018, State Disaster Risk Reduction Day on the theme "Volunteerism in Disaster Management" was observed at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Pawan Chamling, presided over the function as the Chief Guest. Volunteers were felicitated for their contribution in disaster management in the State. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made the following declarations:

- Sikkim will be a model State in Disaster Risk Reduction by the year 2020.
- All new infrastructure to be constructed in the State has to conform to the building bye-laws and codes for seismic resilience.
- Disaster management will be included in the primary school curriculum.

STATE LEVEL MOCK EXERCISE

The National Disaster Management Authority and Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) conducted a State level mock exercise on 10th October, 2018. The mock exercise was organised to test the preparedness of the State towards disasters particularly earthquake. Incident Response System, a response mechanism to respond to disasters, was followed in the mock exercise. State/Central Government line departments, Police, Army, Air force, NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, SSB, DDMA's, Civil Defence, NGOs, Volunteers, Press and Media participated in the mock exercise.

SSDMA conducted the following mock exercise scenarios in Gangtok:

- Landslide at Sichey
- Building toppling near Vajra Cinema Hall
- Fire outbreak at Khadi Bhawan Deorali
- Stampede at Reliance Trends Store MG Marg
- Mass Evacuation at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College Tadong

STNM Hospital and CRH Manipal provided medical services. Staging Area and Relief Camp were set up at Paljor Stadium.



State Level Mock Exercise, Gangtok



DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA) EAST SIKKIM.

DDMA East conducted the following mock exercise scenarios at Rangpo:

- Rally by companies
- Building collapse at Rangpo
- Fire accident at IOC, Baghey khola
- Drowning of boys at the riverbank of Tista
- Blockage of Rorathang road due to tree fall

Singtam Hospital provided medical services. Staging Area was set up at Mining Ground and Relief Camp was set up at SDM Office Complex.



State Level Mock Exercise, Rangpo

SAFETY IS A RACE WE ALL CAN WIN

DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA) WEST SIKKIM.

DDMA West conducted the following mock exercise scenarios in Gyalshing:

- Massive landslide at Som Busty, Gyalshing Dentam road disconnecting Dentam Sub-Division totally.
- Building collapse at Gyalshing bazaar .
- Fire outbreak at Gyalshing Bazar.
- Evacuation of Gyalshing Girls Senior Secondary School.

Staging Area and Relief Camp were set up at Kyongsa public ground.



State Level Mock Exercise, Gyalshing

DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA) NORTH SIKKIM.

DDMA North conducted the following mock exercise scenarios in Mangan and Chungthang:

- Fire in Mangan Nagar Panchayat building.
- Building collapse at Mangan Bazar.
- Evacuation of Mangan Senior Secondary School.
- Major cracks at Dam in Chungthang due to which the whole town of Chungthang was on high alert.
- Major landslide at Lachen and Chaten road was blocked due to the slide.



State Level Mock Exercise, Mangan

DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA) SOUTH SIKKIM.

DDMA South conducted the following mock exercise scenarios in Namchi, Damthang and Ravangla:

- All schools, hospitals and offices conducted DROP COVER and HOLD exercise and Evacuation Drill
- Building collapse at Kisan Bazaar, Namchi
- Evacuation drill in Government Sr. Sec School (Boys) and Namchi Government College, Kamrang
- The State Highway blocked due to massive landslide. Water supply lines were disrupted at several stretches at Damthang, South Sikkim
- Building collapse at Ravangla Bazaar



State Level Mock Exercise, Namchi



STREET PLAY FOR AWARENESS ON GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOOD (GLOF)

Under the SDC-UNDP project on 'Strengthening State Strategy for Climate Change Action', SSDMA along with various line departments and stakeholders has been carrying out mitigation measures in the South Lhonak Glacial Lake. SSDMA has also been sensitizing the communities on GLOF and its preparedness through street plays in the downstream areas along the river belt.



Street Play along the downstream areas

ATAL MISSION FOR REJUVENATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION (AMRUT) CITY MISSION

Under the AMRUT City mission, disaster management exhibition and mock drill are being conducted in various schools in Gangtok AMRUT city. SSDMA along with State Disaster Response Force, Fire and Emergency Services and Human Resource and Development Department conducted the exhibition and mock drill at Tadong Sr. Sec. School on 25th Oct, Rongneck Junior High School on 29th Oct and Lumsey Junior High School on 30th Oct 2018.



Disaster management exhibition cum mock drill

LANDSLIDE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (EWS) INSTALLED AT CHANDMARI, GANGTOK.

Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) in collaboration with AMRITA Vishwa Vidyapeetham, South India has installed a real-time landslide early warning system at Chandmari, Gangtok East Sikkim. The system collects real-time, continuous data from the sensors, perform basic analysis at the Field Management Center (FMC) located on the site in Chandmari, Sikkim and relay it to the Data Management Center (DMC) at the University, Kerala where detailed analysis is done and threshold situation is identified for disseminating warnings.



Landslide early warning system (EWS) installed at Chandmari

DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING AT LITTLE PIXIES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, GANGTOK

SSDMA conducted a one day awareness programme on Disaster Management and Evacuation drill at Little Pixies International School, Gangtok on 24th October, 2018.



Disaster Management Training



CONSULTATION ON INTEGRATION OF CHILD CENTRED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM

A State level Consultation on Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction into School Curriculum was organized by SDMA, NDMA, UNICEF and Oxfam India on 17th December 2018 at Gangtok. State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), Human Resource Development Department (HRDD) and schools participated in the programme. The Consultation aimed to integrate Child Centered disaster elements, exposure and capacities into the existing school curriculum.



State level consultation at Gangtok

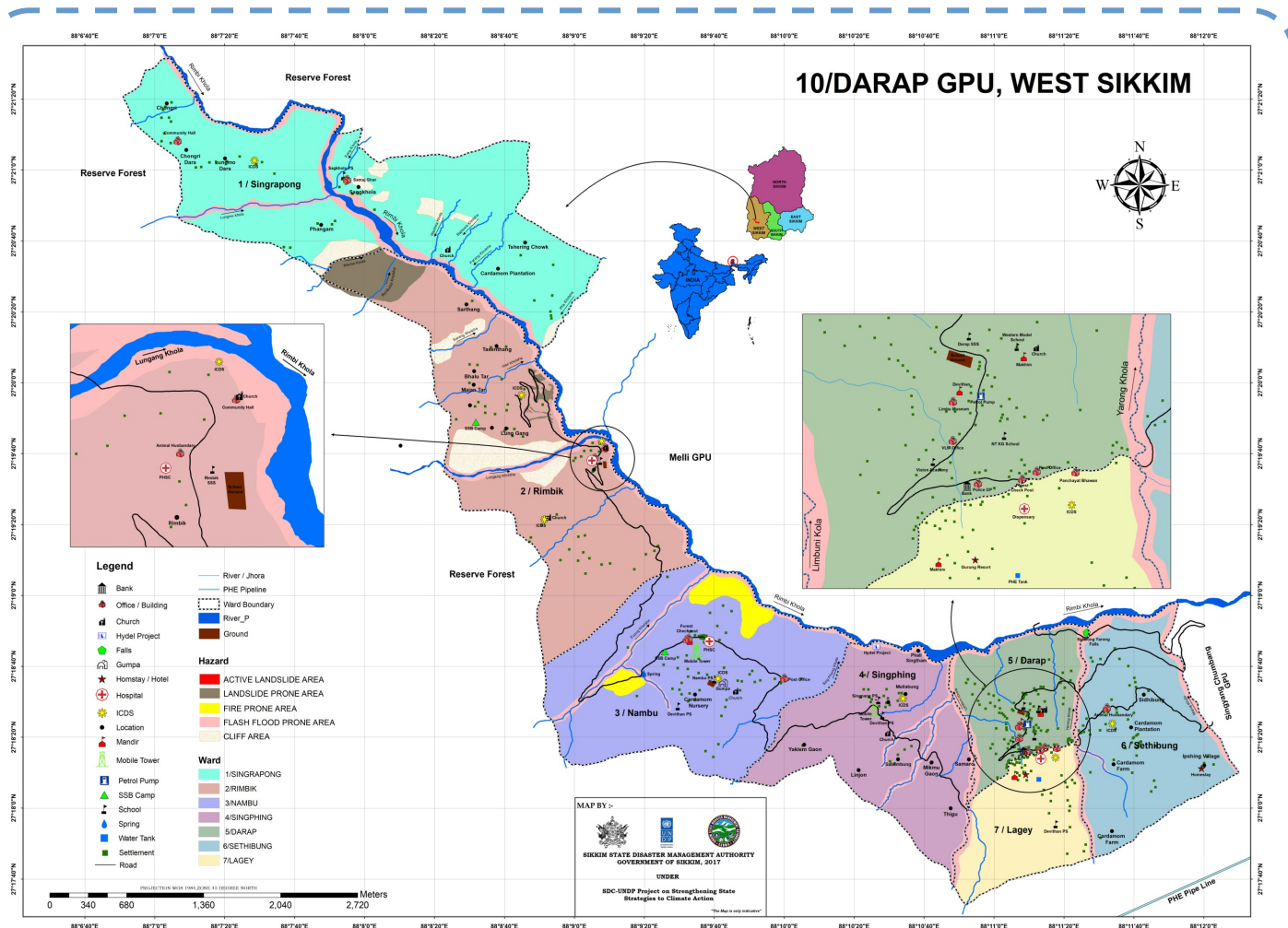
REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON CHILD CENTERED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLANNING

In order to improve analysis of the child centred preparedness and be better prepared to provide response to disasters if needs arise, SSDMA organised a Regional Consultation on “Child Centred Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning”, jointly with the National Disaster Management Authority, UNICEF and Oxfam India at Gangtok from 18th to 20th December, 2018. The participants were from Sikkim and other North Eastern States of the country. Shri A.K Shrivastava, IAS Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim presided over the consultation as the Chief Guest.



Regional consultation at Gangtok

LANDSLIDES OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING, BE PREPARED PROTECT YOURSELF



Vulnerability-cum-Resource mapping of 10/ Darap GPU, West Sikkim under 16-model disaster resilient GPU through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Exercise



“Don’t fear, better be prepared”

SAFER AND DISASTER RESILIENT SIKKIM

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