

PRESS NOTE

State Level Consultancy Workshop: “Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into Existing Government Programmes”

It has been seen that Climate change has triggered majority of disasters in recent times. Be it the cloud burst in Leh or in Uttarakhand or the recent Floods in Jammu & Kashmir or in the immediate neighbourhood of Goalpara and Kamrup. Therefore, there is obvious concern about how a changing climate will intensify the situation in the future. Disaster risk is a product of the fusion of the hazard and the vulnerable conditions of the society. As a result, the need for a systematic linkage between disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) to advance sustainable development, and finally human security is of utmost importance.

With a resolve to strengthen institutional partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change and further facilitate ownership of DRR and CCA, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) organised a State Level Consultancy Workshop on **“Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Into Existing Government Programmes”** under the GOI-UNDP project on “Enhancing Institutional and Community Resilience to Disasters And Climate Change” (2013 –2017) which was held on **14th & 15th October 2014** at NEDFi House, Guwahati. Another significant aim of this workshop was to develop a conceptual framework in consultative process for mainstreaming DRR and CCA into development planning.

The event was inaugurated by Shri P. K. Tiwari, Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA which was attended by over 50 participants from different line departments and civil societies. In his inaugural speech Shri Tiwari said “This workshop projects the will of the Government to mainstream DRR in legislation, institutional structures, sectoral programmes and policies, budgets etc. in order to build a resilient state and safer community”

The workshop deliberated on various issues like “Mainstreaming DRR into Development Planning and challenges” which was given by Shri Arun Sahadeo, National Programme Coordinator, UNDP, India. “Assam State Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction” was also discussed by Shri A.K. Johari, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Government of Assam. Dr. D.J Rajkhowa, Principal Scientist, ICAR, Umium spoke on “Agriculture under changing climatic scenarios” while Dr. M.K. Srivastava, Assistant Professor, NIRD, NERC, Guwahati gave a presentation on Risk resilient Rural Development. Dr. C.J Paul Sr, Development Consultant discussed on “Integration of DRR and CCA in Departmental Planning and Programme implementation. The issue of Livelihood intervention was discussed by Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, SRLM, Assam and Dr. A.K. Sharma, Director, Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi discussed on “DRR, CCA and sustainable Livelihood.” Shri Rushab Himani, Emergency Focal Point for UNICEF, Assam discussed on DRR and School Safety. A road ahead was developed based on the deliberation made and discussions held during the two day workshop