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DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, CACHAR, SILCHAR



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SUCCESS STORIES FROM DDMA, CACHAR



Coming from a very remote village Bhubandor of Cachar district, Amita Roy a former AAPDA MITRA volunteer has immensely credited DDMA Cachar and ASDMA for her selection into Assam Police. Amita explains that the exposure that AAPDA MITRA training provided whether it be Physical or mental has been of utmost importance as she found her one step ahead while she went for her selection.

Amita from AAPDA MITRA to Assam Police

COLLABORATIVE FLOOD PREPAREDNESS: MEETING WITH INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DIVISION



April 6th, 2023

A crucial flood preparedness meeting took place in the IWT Silchar office. The chaired by the Executive Engineer IWT decision Silchar and department officials. The meeting centered on enhancing disaster readiness, reporting in FRIMS, and Roles and responsibilities as per the DM manual. Steps for mapping vulnerable infrastructures and the department's corrective measures for immediate restoration were also discussed in the meeting. Additionally, transportation plans on water for disaster-prone areas during the 2023 monsoon, and safe passages for affected populations, were deliberated.

DDMA MEETING FOR FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

On April 5th, 2023, a significant DDMA meeting for flood preparedness took place in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner Cachar. The meeting was Chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, in the presence of Chairman Zila Parishad Cachar, CEO DDMA, all Circle Officers, and Heads of various line Departments. The meeting focused on collaborative strategies to enhance the district's readiness for potential floods, underscoring the commitment to effective disaster management.



STRENGTHENING FLOOD PREPAREDNESS:



April 10th, 2023

A flood preparedness meeting with the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department was held in the A.H. & Vety. Silchar office. The meeting was preceded bv the District Vety. Officer and department officials and other field staff. The meeting aimed to enhance the department's disaster readiness. Thereby encompassing discussions relating to FRIMS, Roles reporting in & Responsibilities as per DM manual 2005. identifying possible shelter points. maintaining live stock updates, planning response & recovery operations, and measures to eradicate & control animal diseases during floods. This aims at putting strategic efforts to safeguard livestock and ensure efficient disaster management.

MEETING WITH SONAI DEVELOPMENT BLOCK & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

April 8th, 2023

A flood preparedness meeting was held with GP Secretaries, GP Presidents, AP members, etc., of Sonai Development Block. Chaired by the Circle Officer, Sonai, and attended by the BDO Sonai Development Block, the meeting focused on critical aspects which included the identification of relief centers, local country boats, safe storage for GR materials, and smooth distribution of resources in the relief centers. The participants who attended the meeting submitted village-wise lists of adults and minors and also cited the challenges that were faced during the last flood which needed immediate address and more improved planning.



RELIEF CAMP MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR PRINCIPALS AND HEAD TEACHERS



April 13th, 2023

A half-day training session on Relief Camp Management was conducted at Government Boys HS School. At least 177 participants, including Principals. Headmasters, and Head Teachers from various schools across the district participated in the training. The session focused on equipping school heads and their representatives with essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage relief camps during disasters. This collaborative effort aimed to enhance the district's disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

STATE-LEVEL TABLE TOP EXERCISE ON FLOOD DISASTER ORGANIZED BY NDMA, ASDMA, IN COLLABORATION WITH DDMA

April 25th, 2023



STATE-LEVEL MOCK EXERCISE: FLOOD DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



April 27th, 2023

A State-Level Mock Exercise on Flood scenarios was organised by DDMA Cachar in collaboration with NDMA, and ASDMA. Through this exercise, DDMA Cachar along with line departments and various rescue agencies aimed to test and enhance their disaster preparedness and response strategies in the face of a simulated flood disaster. By fostering coordination and cooperation, the exercise endeavored to fortify the state's disaster management capabilities, ensuring a robust and effective response to potential flood emergencies.



LESSON LEARNT SESSION

Following the State-Level Mock Exercise on Flood Disaster conducted on April 27, 2023, a crucial "Lesson Learnt Session" was scheduled in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner Cachar. This session was aimed to analyze the outcomes, challenges, and successes of the mock exercise.



SCHOOL LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAM ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT & MICRO MOCK DRILL



May 3rd - May 4th, 2023

On April 29th, 2023

A School Level Awareness Program on Disaster Management in collaboration with the Department of Geology, G.C. College Silchar was conducted at Adharchand HS School. The event included a Micro Mock Drill with the participation of students, teachers, and officials where training on improvised rescue techniques, fire extinguishing methods, and earthquake survival was imparted by experts from DDMA Cachar and SDRF.



SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING FOR IWT DEPT SILCHAR DIVISION OFFICIALS"

A two-day training program on search & and rescue was conducted for officials of IWT division of Silchar on, May 3rd, and May 4th. The training was conducted at Boscotech Institute, Ramnagar Silchar. Resource persons from DDMA, SDRF, Fire Service, and SMCH, Silchar facilitated the training. 60 field-level functionaries participated equipping them with crucial skills to handle search & rescue operations effectively.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS MEETING



May 11th, 2023

A significant flood preparedness meeting was held in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner Cachar, with the esteemed presence of Nodal Officers from ASDMA. The meeting was chaired by the CEO DDMA, in the presence of representatives from all line departments, Circle Officers, and BDOs. The gathering emphasized on collaborative efforts to be taken to enhance disaster readiness and effective response strategies in the face of potential floods. By fostering coordination among stakeholders, the meeting aimed to fortify the district's ability to mitigate flood impacts and safeguard the community.

STRENGTHENING FLOOD PROTECTION IN SILCHAR TOWN

FIELD VISIT TO BERENGA RING BUND

On **May 10th, 2023**, a crucial field visit was conducted by the Nodal Officer of ASDMA, accompanied by officials from DDMA and WRD, Silchar. The visit focused on the overtopped area of the Berenga Ring bund, which is a part of the Silchar town flood protection scheme. This site inspection aimed to assess the current situation, identify potential vulnerabilities, and devise strategies to strengthen flood protection measures. The collaborative effort seeks to enhance the town's resilience against flooding and ensure effective disaster management.



COLLEGE LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAM ON FIRE SAFETY: COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL FIRE FIGHTER'S DAY

On May 4th, 2023

Barkhola Model Degree College organized a special awareness program on Fire Safety to mark International Fire Fighter's Day. The event also included training on various improvised rescue techniques, different types of extinguishers, and methods to effectively extinguish fires. College students, teachers, and officials actively participated, equipping themselves with essential skills to promote fire safety and preparedness on campus and beyond.



TRAINING ON CHILD & WOMEN CARE IN RELIEF CAMPS & TEMPORARY SHELTERS: BOSCOTECH INSTITUTE, RAMNAGAR SILCHAR

May 9th, 2023



STRENGTHENING FLOOD PREPAREDNESS



On May 10th, 2023

A field visit by Nodal officers of ASDMA along with officials of DDMA & WRD, Cachar Inv Division was made to the GK Dyke to inspect the newly constructed Dyke and the entire progress of work related to it this was followed by a visit to the identified model relief camp and interaction with CQRT members in presence of I/c C.O, Katigorah Rev Circle.

REFRESHER TRAINING FOR CORT MEMBERS: STRENGTHENING DISASTER RESPONSE IN CACHAR

May 31st, 2023

A one-day Refresher Training for CQRT Members of Silchar Sadar, Katigorah, and Sonai Revenue Circles took place at Dimasa Sanskriti Parishad Bhawan, Silchar, The training was organized by DDMA, Cachar, in collaboration with the 1st BN NDRF. The program was inaugurated by Shri Samim Ahmed Laskar, DPO, DDMA, Cachar in presence of the Field Officer (DDMA, Cachar), and officials from 1st Battalion NDRF. The training covered the Basics of Disaster Management, various rescue techniques by NDRF, and fire including the handling safety. of firefighting equipment. This effort aimed to bolster the members' disaster response capabilities.





WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY TREE Plantation drive: creating a bio-Shield against river erosion

June 5th, 2023

In observance of World Environment Day, DDMA Cachar, in collaboration with Reliance Foundation, initiated a tree plantation drive at Madarpur Dyke, under Katigorah Revenue Circle, following the recent completion of a river protection scheme. The drive aimed at planting 1000 saplings to establish a Bio-Shield that will combat the menace of River Erosion. WRD Cachar Inv. Div. Badarpur, BSF, CQRT members, AAPDA MITRA volunteers, and other NGOs of Katigorah Revenue Circle actively participated in this endeavor which continued for the next 3 days from the date of initiation.



COMBATING PLASTIC POLLUTION AND PROTECTING RIVER BANKS

June 5th, 2023

DDMA, Cachar, in collaboration with Water Resource Department, Govt. of Assam, and Disaster and Climate Resilience Network for Sustainable Development (DCRNSD), celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2023. The initiative focused on sensitizing and empowering the local community with sustainable interventions to combat plastic pollution and protect the river banks of Barak from erosion. The program was inaugurated by ADC & CEO, DDMA, in the presence of officials from DDMA Cachar, WRD Silchar, members of DCRNSD, GP President, and local villagers. This collaborative foster effort aimed to environmental consciousness and drive meaningful change for a resilient future.



STRENGTHENING RIVER BANK PROTECTION



June 5th, 2023

DDMA Cachar, in partnership with Reliance Foundation and aligning with the upcoming World Environment Day took a proactive measure towards establishing a Bio-Shield at multiple locations within Katigorah Revenue Circle. То sensitize the community, a program was conducted at Public ME Madarpur that enlightened, local residents about the significance of Bio-Shields and green cover. A grand plantation drive of 1000 saplings was planned and executed accordingly at the recently completed river protection scheme in Madarpur, alongside various other locations, with support from BSF, WRD, Cachar Inv Division, Badarpur, CQRT & AAPDA MITRA volunteers.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY TREE PLANTATION DRIVE IN SONAI: A GREEN COMMITMENT BY CQRT MEMBERS

On June 5th, 2023, to celebrate World Environment Day, the Circle Ouick Response Team (CQRT) members of Sonai showcased their commitment to a greener future. A tree plantation drive was organized as part of their efforts to promote environmental sustainability and combat climate change. With shovels in hand and determination in their hearts, the CQRT members planted a variety of saplings in different locations across Sonai. This noble initiative reflects their dedication to preserving and enriching the local ecosystem, leaving a lasting impact on the environment thereby inspiring others to follow the suit.

EMPOWERING Schools

School safety program at Govindapur H.S School organised by DDMA Cachar in collaboration with NDRF

June 7th, 2023

A comprehensive School Safety Program was organised by DDMA Cachar in collaboration with the 1st BN NDRF at Gobindapur High School. The initiative mainly aimed to enhance safety measures and disaster preparedness of the school. Experts from DDMA and NDRF imparted essential knowledge and skills to students and staff, equipping them to respond effectively to emergencies. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment to ensuring a secure learning environment and safeguarding the wellbeing of the school community.

SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM AT GOVT. BOYS H.S SCHOOL ORGANISED BY DDMA CACHAR IN COLLABORATION WITH NDRF

On May 10th, 2023

A significant School Safety Program was conducted at Govt Boys HS School, Silchar DDMA Cachar bv in collaboration with 1st BN NDRF. The initiative aimed to fortify safety measures and disaster preparedness within the school premises. Expert representatives from DDMA and NDRF provided valuable training to students and staff, empowering them to respond effectively during emergencies. This ioint effort reflects the commitment to creating a secure learning environment and prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of the school community.



DISTRICT DAY CELEBRATION: RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SELFLESS SERVICE SHOWCASED BY AAPDA MITRA VOLUNTEERS DURING CACHAR FLOODS 2022



June 13th, 2023

In a heartfelt tribute during the District Day Celebration on June 13, 2023. District Administration Cachar extended gratitude and recognition to dedicated AAPDA MITRA the volunteers from Silchar Sadar. Katigorah, and Sonai Revenue Circles. The felicitation highlighted their outstanding contribution and tireless efforts in providing crucial support during the devastating flood that struck Cachar in 2022. The event underscored the resilience and community spirit exemplified by these volunteers in the face of adversity.



CO-ORDINATION CONFERENCE ON FLOOD RESPONSE WITH ASSAM RIFLES



June 16th, 2023*

A Co-ordination Conference for flood response was held at Assam Rifles' HQs, Srikona, Silchar. The conference focused on assessing the operational preparedness of Assam Rifles for flood response and identifying the support required from District Administration. Officials from DDMA, Cachar, and O/O the IGAR, Assam Rifles, C/O 99APO, and Srikona Silchar, had detailed discussions to foster effective collaboration and enhance disaster response capabilities of the districts.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL AT IOCL MOINARBOND: DDMA CACHAR LEADS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

On June 17th, 2023, DDMA Cachar in collaboration with 1st BN NDRF, SDRF, and health department successfully conducted an Emergency Response Drill at IOCL Moinarbond. This collaborative effort aimed to enhance preparedness and coordination among key response agencies during emergencies. The exercise demonstrated the district's commitment to ensuring a swift and efficient response to potential incidents, fostering a safer and more resilient industries.

REVIEW MEETING ON URBAN FLOOD MITIGATION IN SILCHAR CITY



June 22nd and 23rd, 2023

On June 22nd and 23rd, 2023, Circle Disaster Management Committee, Sonai Revenue Circle, in collaboration with DDMA Cachar and 1st BN NDRF, organized a comprehensive Emergency Management Exercise on Flood at Chandpur, Sonai.



June 17th, 2023

A crucial review meeting concerning urban flood issues and short-term mitigation measures in Silchar City was convened in Conference the Hall of Deputy Commissioner Cachar. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar in presence of Hon'ble MLA Silchar LAC departmental officials and other public representatives. The meeting aimed assess and strategize effective to measures to address urban flood challenges and reinforce the citv's resilience against flooding.

2-DAY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISE ON FLOOD IN SONAI REVENUE CIRCLE

Day-1 commenced with an inauguration ceremony graced by DPO DDMA Cachar, Dy. Director NKY Cachar, Insp. 1st BN NDRF, and DGM Turial Hydro Electric Project. A Table Top Exercise followed, simulating flood scenarios and response strategies.

On Day-2, a field drill was conducted, demonstrating practical emergency response actions. This was followed by a Lesson Learnt Session and a concluding ceremony attended by Circle Officer, Sonai Revenue Circle, Insp. 1st BN NDRF, and IC Sonai Fire Station. Several stakeholders participated in the

program, including circle line departments, response agencies, AAPDA MITRA volunteers, CQRT volunteers, local NGO volunteers, IAG Cachar members, NSS members, and others.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & Coordination meeting with IAG Cachar

June 23rd, 2023

A crucial meeting on disaster preparedness and coordination mechanism for response was convened with IAG Cachar at D.C's Conference Hall, Silchar. Under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner. The meeting aimed to strengthen disaster readiness and foster effective coordination among stakeholders. The focus was on enhancing response capabilities and streamlining efforts to handle potential emergencies.



REVIEW MEETING ON URBAN FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT IN SILCHAR CITY

June 23rd, 2023

A significant review meeting concerning the Pre-DPR Study on Urban Flood Mitigation was held at D.C's Conference Hall, Silchar under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, and the presence of honorable MLA Silchar LAC. The meeting resonated with views from subject matter specialists, heads of concerned line departments. in concurrence with matter and the study conducted in this regard. The meeting also aimed to assess the progress of the Pre-DPR Study and ensure effective coordination among all stakeholders. This collaborative effort reflects the district's commitment to proactively mitigate urban flood risks and enhance resilience.



EMPOWERING AAPDA MITRA VOLUNTEERS: DM KITS DISTRIBUTION BY DDMA CACHAR"



June 28th, 2023

In anticipation of the flood season in Cachar, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Cachar took proactive measures by distributing DM Kits to 409 trained volunteers of the district. The distribution event, held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Silchar, witnessed the formal handing over of DM Kits to the AAPDA MITRA Volunteers by Shri Yubaraj Borthakur, ACS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & CEO DDMA Cachar. Shri Shamim Ahmed Laskar, DPO, DDMA Cachar, K.K Yadav, Inspector NDRF, along with all FOs and staff of DDMA Cachar, graced the occasion.



SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON EARTHQUAKE & FLOOD

On **July 4th, 2023**, a comprehensive Sensitization cum Training Program on Earthquake & Flood was conducted at ONGC, Srikona, organized by DDMA Cachar in collaboration with ONGC Srikona and 1st Bn. NDRF team. The program aimed to raise awareness and preparedness levels among all the staff members of ONGC, Srikona, and the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Srikona. Participants engaged in valuable training sessions, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively during earthquake and flood situations.



RESPONSE, RELIEF & REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

April 3rd, 2023

Distribution of tarpaulin to the stormaffected families of Channighat GP & Sheorartal GP.



April 7th, 2023 Tarutajbari GP



Noonagar under Katigorah RC





May 19th, 2023 Tarpaulin was distributed to the stormaffected families under Sonai Revenue.



July 12th, 2023 Tarpaulin and utensils were provided to the affected family whose house was completely gutted into the fire.

NEWS CLIPS OF DDMA CACHAR 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

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All head of offices, nodal officers and representatives from the state government departments, central agencies, PSUs, IAG were present in the drill. All response agency teams like medical team, police, SDRF, Assam Rifles, ONGC,



While briefing the media at the conference hall of DC'S office, Chief executive officer, DDMA Yubaraj Borthakur said, "The mock drill exercise has helped us a lot. Steps are being taken to prevent flood.

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Mock drill conducted; admin

2519 hectares crop land was also affected. A relief camp has also been set up at B.C. Roy Memorial Academy. There are 48 immates in the relief camp. A total number of four boats were deployed in which 20 individuals were rescued. We also distributed GR to the inmates through Revenue Circle and relief camp incharge," headded. As per the report, infrastructure damaged and embankment breached took place at Bethukandi dyke, Berenge Part - III, Koratigram breach, Shimultala, Rongpur. Shimultala RCC bridge, Silchar

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All head of offices, nodal officers and representatives from the state government departments, central agencies PSUs, IAG were present in the drill. All response agency teams like medical team, police, SDRF. Assam Rifles, ONGC, CQRT, Aapdaitra/MGO volunteers. APDCL team, BSNL team, garbage clearance team, Silchar Municipal Board assembled in the staging area (Police Parade Ground, Silchar, near DRDA office) along with their team

NEWS CLIPS OF DDMA CACHAR 2023



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