

Training Program
on
**Orientation to the Principles of Disaster Risk
Management, Fire Safety and First-Aid**

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Background

With the advent of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR 2015-2030), the paradigm shift from **Disaster Management** to **Disaster Risk Management** has materialized in the true sense; it is no more relegated to the pages of hefty academic journals and reports. Although much effort has been put into snowball the effect from the international level, lots of work needs to be done at the local level, and to effectively be able to manage Disaster Risks or even reduce Disaster Risks, one needs to Understand Disaster Risks. This becomes the guiding light of the following proposed set of orientation /sensitization programs.

The 2005 Disaster Management Act emphasizes the crucial role of education in building Community Resilience. Equipping future generations with the knowledge and skills to Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Disasters is essential. There is a need to orient the ground level front line staff at large to the principles of Disaster Risk Management. This would serve two purposes; First, the programs would sensitize the concern faculty, staff students and orient them to understand their role in Disaster Risk Management; second, such program(s) would encourage them to develop innovative ideas and skills for Disaster Risk Management activities.

This Training aims to equip faculty members/staff and students from various disciplines with the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate Disaster Risk Management principles into their teaching and research. It will provide a common platform and an opportunity for the participants to explore their knowledge and awareness on the subject. This initiative is crucial for building a culture of Disaster Resilience amongst academic fraternity.

Why Risk Management

GIDM endeavors to make Disaster Risk Management as a part of the eco-system and get engrained in the ethos of the society so as to save precious lives. To inculcate the sense of saving lives during Disasters, there is a requirement of certain common skill sets, which need to be drilled in time and again at all levels and strata of the society.

GIDM strives to assess the training needs of different Government Departments, Officials, local bodies and NGOs to make available to all stakeholders the knowledge and skills required to develop their individual competencies, gain appropriate understanding on risk management and strengthening overall DRM institutional capacities at the State, District and local levels.

Through a series of capacity-development activities on the subject, it demonstrates a series of simple and in some cases, potentially life-saving techniques that an individual can be trained to perform with minimal resources/equipment. Fire Safety and First-Aid training is a low cost, but highly effective strategy to reduce morbidity and mortality. Therefore, it is of value in both preventing and treating sudden illness or accidental injury and in caring for large number of persons caught in a disaster. It is a measure both for self-help as well as for the help of others.

This training emphasized the shared responsibility of Educational Institutions, Policymakers, and Individuals in ensuring a more Disaster-Resilient Society. Key topics covers the benefits of Disaster Risk Reduction education, including fostering a culture of Safety, equipping students with Risk Reduction skills, and enabling them to become Risk-Informed citizens who can contribute to Community Preparedness efforts.

The sessions also address challenges in incorporating Disaster Risk Management into Higher Education and exploring potential solutions, such as Curriculum Development, Training, and Collaborative partnerships between Educational Institutions and Disaster Management agencies.

Objectives

- Understanding Concept and Terminologies associated with Disaster Risk Management field;
- Understanding the recent trends and developments in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management;
- Fundamentals of Fire Safety and Practical Hands-on Exercise;
- Basics of First-Aid and managing Medical Emergencies;
- Concept of Community-based DRM and Volunteerism.

Target Participants

Through collaboration and knowledge sharing, GIDM strives to build a network of Universities and Experts, ultimately creating a Nation and Communities that are Resilient in the face of Disasters. Hence, the targeted stakeholders for the training is Faculty members, Staff and Students of Sakalchand Patel University.

Methodology

Practical aspects of Disaster Resilience, conceptual understanding on Impacts and Challenges of Disaster and Climate Change Risks, relevance of Disaster Management Planning, Demonstration of Fire Safety equipment and Hands-on demonstration of First-Aid, CPR etc. will be discussed at-length in this training program. The training has been designed to be in interactive lecture sessions, Hands-on Exercise followed by Group activities, Presentations and Feedback sessions.

Resource Persons

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- Gujarat State Fire Academy
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