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CONCEPT NOTE

Orientation Programme on 'Understanding Basics of Disaster Risk Management & Fire Safety'

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1. Background

In recent years, the frequency, intensity, and unpredictability of disasters have increased significantly ranging from fire incidents and industrial accidents to climate-induced hazards. These events place immense pressure on healthcare systems, which must remain functional and responsive even under extreme stress. Nursing students, as future frontline professionals, play a crucial role in strengthening this resilience. It is therefore essential to sensitise young learners early in their academic journey, enabling them to understand the dynamics of hazards, risk, vulnerability, and the vital importance of preparedness. Building this foundation not only enhances their professional competence but also empowers them to contribute meaningfully to safer hospitals, safer communities, and a more disaster-resilient society.

2. Objective

The programme aims to equip participants with:

- A foundational understanding of disaster risk, including hazards, vulnerability, exposure, and capacity.
- Practical knowledge of fire safety, including types and mechanisms of fire extinguishers and hands-on demonstration.
- Awareness that disasters are preventable and require systematic planning, mitigation, and preparedness.
- Insights into career pathways, competencies, and opportunities within the DRM sector.

3. Pedagogy

The training adopts a blended, experience-centred pedagogy combining:

a. Interactive Classroom Sessions

Engaging presentations to explain core DRM concepts, fire safety fundamentals, and sectoral opportunities.

b. Hands-on Demonstrations

A practical session on operating fire extinguishers and understanding their mechanisms, enabling participants to apply skills in real-world situations.

c. Facility and Safety Briefing

Orientation on GIDM's training environment, safety norms, and pre-test activities to contextualize the learning experience.

d. Reflection & Feedback

A concluding session for clarifying doubts, sharing insights, and strengthening learning retention.

4. Target Participants

50-60 students and 2 faculty members from Mehsana District Bank College of Nursing will be participating in the programme.
