

Program Agenda

Day 1

Time	Session	Session Objectives	Speaker
10.15 – 11.00	Welcome, Programme Overview & Inaugural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orient participants to programme objectives, structure and expected outcomes 	GIDM
11.00 – 12.00	National DVI Framework and Conceptual Foundations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of NDMA DVI Guidelines (2026)</i> • <i>Institutional mechanisms and implementation challenges</i> • <i>Preparedness, Capacity Building and Implementation Planning</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the national framework for DVI • Appreciate the importance of standardized and multidisciplinary approaches 	Shri Nawal Prakash Jt. Advisor National Disaster Management Authority
12.00 – 12.15	--Tea/Coffee Break--		
12.15 – 13.15	Legal and Administrative Framework in DVI and Institutional Mandates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Legal provisions related to identification of deceased persons</i> • <i>Documentation, inquest procedures, and chain of custody</i> • <i>Roles and responsibilities of administrative and law enforcement agencies</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand legal requirements and compliance in DVI • Clarify institutional roles in mass fatality management 	Prof. G. Rajesh Babu Professor and Dean School of Medico-legal Studies National Forensic Sciences University
13.15 – 14.15	--Lunch Break--		
14.15 – 15.15	DVI Command Structure and Multi-Agency Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>End-to-end DVI workflow</i> • <i>Case studies (State, National, International)</i> • <i>Common challenges and lessons learnt</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a holistic understanding of DVI processes • Identify key operational challenges and solutions 	6 th Btn NDRF

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15.15 – 16.00	Scene Management, Search and Recovery Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Securing and managing disaster sites</i> • <i>Recovery, tagging, and numbering of remains</i> • <i>Evidence preservation and documentation</i> • <i>Coordination between response agencies</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand protocols for scene management • Learn best practices for recovery and documentation 	Dr. Kamlesh Upadhyay Professor and Head Medicine Dept. B.J. Medical College and Hospital
16.00 – 16.15	--Tea/Coffee Break--		
16.15 – 17.15	Scientific Methods of Identification: Forensic Medicine in DVI (Scene & Post-Mortem Phase) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Post-mortem examination procedures</i> • <i>Handling fragmented and commingled remains</i> • <i>Documentation and reporting standards</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen knowledge of post-mortem protocols • Understand medico-legal documentation requirements 	Dr Sachin RML Hospital New Delhi (Online)
17.15 – 17.30	Debriefing		

Day 2 NFSU

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10.30 – 11.15	<p>Introduction and importance of Human identification in Disaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Understand the concept of human identification</i> • <i>Understand the role of forensic experts in DVI</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn basic DVI procedures • <i>Osteological and Dental methods of identification through hands-on sessions</i> 	Dr. Hardi Mendpara Asst. Professor NFSU
11.15 – 11.30	<i>--Tea/Coffee Break--</i>		
11.30– 12.15	<p>Search and Recovery using Archeological principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Site assessment and scene preservations</i> • <i>Excavation and recovery of buried remains</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the principles of archaeology for search and recovery operations through practical sessions • Understanding the role of stratigraphy in context preservation for forensic interpretation 	Dr. Gargi Jani Asst. Professor NFSU
12.15 – 13.00	<p>Fingerprint Identification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fingerprint recovery and matching</i> • <i>Applicability in disaster scenarios</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand key identification techniques • Identify appropriate methods for different cases 	Dr. G. Rajesh Babu NFSU
13.00 – 13.45	<p>Ante-Mortem Data Collection and Family Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ante-mortem data collection protocols</i> • <i>Missing persons reporting systems</i> • <i>Family liaison and psychosocial considerations</i> • <i>Data validation challenges</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand importance of ante-mortem data • Learn structured approaches to family interaction 	Dr. Mahendra Chawda RMO (Retd.) PDU Hospital Rajkot
13.45 – 14.30	<i>--Lunch Break--</i>		

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14.30 – 15.15	DNA Profiling in DVI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DNA sampling and preservation</i> • <i>Matching processes and databases</i> • <i>Challenges in mass fatality incidents</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand DNA-based identification • Learn protocols for sample handling 	Dr. Bhargav Patel DNA Expert NFSU
15.15 – 16.00	DVI Documentation, Forms and Reconciliation Process in Forensic Odontology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standard DVI forms and formats</i> • <i>Digital data management systems</i> • <i>Data security and integrity</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn standard documentation practices through practical exercises. • Understand reconciliation methodology • Learn decision-making processes in identification through handson sessions 	Dr. Gargi Jani Asst. Professor NFSU & Dr. Hardi Mendpara Asst. Professor NFSU
16.00 – 16.15	<i>--Tea/Coffee Break--</i>		
16.15 – 17.00	Advanced Forensic Techniques in DVI: Forensic Odontology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Advanced techniques in forensic odontology</i> • <i>Challenges and case studies using advanced techniques</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of advanced digital techniques in DVI • To understand accuracy and reliability of odontological methods in mass disaster victim identification. Investigations. 	Dr. Jayasankar P. Pillai Tutor, Government Dental College- Ahmedabad
17.00 – 17.45	Ethical, Humanitarian and Cultural Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mortuary preparedness and surge capacity</i> • <i>Handling of deceased persons</i> • <i>Coordination with DVI teams</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand institutional preparedness • Strengthen coordination mechanisms 	Dr Vidur V Joshi Assistant Professor Emergency medicine B.J. Medical College and Hospital
17.45 – 18.00	Valedictory Session & Certification		