

Training, Mock Drill & Preparedness.

The Department of Disaster Management & Civil Defence has taken all steps and measures to build up and improve skill, capacity and preparedness of field level staff, volunteers and community people through organizing different courses of modern and advance training, different types of mock drill. Eleven (11) nos. of advance level training at ATI & RTCs of Districts & Two Hundred & Twenty Seven (227) Government officials were trained on different aspects of Disaster Management. Cyclone Mock Exercise was successfully conducted into Eight (8) Districts of West Bengal i.e, Howrah, Hooghly, North 24 Pdns, South 24 Paraganas, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Nadia, Jhargram in March 2023.

Foundation Training has given among 438 numbers of candidates. The training under Up-Scaling of Aapda Mitra scheme was conducted and successfully completed. The number of successful candidates trained was totally 7300.

Different types of advance training were given at CCDTI. 21st Flood Rescue Operation Course was delivered for 50 participants, 37 participants were trained 15th Collapse Structure Search & Rescue Course. 30th Advance Vertical Rescue Course was provided for 47 participants.

34th basic Life Support Course was given for 42 participants. 111 (one hundred eleven) nos. of newly recruited Staff Officer-Cum-Instructors have undergone for “Basic Training” and all of them has successfully completed the training course. Basic training of 155 Agragamis of WBCEF had been completed. Basic training of 104 Agragamis of WWCD had been completed.

Strengthening of Relief and Rescue Arrangement:-

Civil Defence Relief and Rescue set up has been strengthened through better arrangement. Modernized Search & Rescue equipment, CDVR (Civil Defence Rescue Vehicle), Boat & OBM, Life Jackets, BA Set (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), Civil Defence

Ambulance, Formation of Quick Response Team (QRT), Formation of Deep DIVERS Pool District Wise, Nulia team at costal area, with update training.

State Government sanctioned Rs. 80 Lacs for construction of Workshop of Boats & OBMs at the WWCD HQ campus and the Foundation Stone of this project has been laid. 180-meter depth Submersible pump has been installed inside the Campus of CCDTI. 92 numbers of SCUBA Sets was procured and distributed to the district authority across the states. 200 numbers of Bullet Chain Saw had been procured and distributed to the 11 numbers of district authorities. 50 numbers of INF Boats with short transom have been procured. Procurement of Civil Defence Rescue Equipment/Vehicles is under process. 60 numbers of Matters, Mosquito Nets, Bed Sheets, Pillow Cover, and Sound System have been procured by CCDTI, West Bengal. 02 (two) nos. of Refrigerator cum Water Cooler have been installed at CCDTI, WB. Procurement of 05 (Five) OBM Hanger at WBCEF to keep OBM safe had been successfully completed. Procurement of Mahindra Bolero for WBCEF had been completed through GeM. Procurement of Kits & uniform of Agrabamis, WBCEF have been completed through e- Tender. 1 (one) Eicher Bus and 02 (two) Troop Carrier of WBCEF order placed through GeM and Procurement will be completed after Re-validation of sanctioned amount.

Formation of Management Committee for maintenance and supervision of all completed MPCS is under process. Disaster management Kit (DM Kit) a Unique Concept of Hon'ble CM and a very effective and useful kit of relief materials has been arranged with necessary items of utensil kit and clothing kit for the Disaster affected people.

Modern Technology in Communication System.

Modern technology has been introduced and implemented in communication system in our State for proper forecasting of natural calamity and disaster situation with its advanced information. 24x7 hours Round the clock State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) with Toll Free number 1070 has been operational at Nabanna.

The State EOC has been upgraded with the State-of-the-Art EOC with large Video wall having real time feed of early warning system, e-podium, video conferencing facility, VSAT facility and 41 no of Satellite Phone, with a back end support office manned with Disaster Management Officer, Specialist and CD Volunteers. A round the clock Control Room under Civil Defence set up is functioning at Civil Defence Head Quarter, Phears Lane with number 033-2237- 4033, 033-2236 - 3594 Services of Satellite phones, V-SAT, HAM Radio have been arranged to ensure communication with the remotest corners of the State, in case all other conventional modes of communication failure during a disaster.

Ganga Sagar Mela Crowd Management.

It was conducted successfully with the officers & Staff of Disaster Management & Civil Defence Department, Civil Defence Volunteers, West Bengal Civil Emergency Force and Water Wing Civil Defence. WBNVF Personnel are also deployed for this purpose. The Department has taken very well initiative and effective surveillance in crowd management at Ganga Sagar Mela through utilizing UAV (Drone Camera) & CCTV Camera under supervision of one Crowd Management Specialist for better management of huge crowd at Ganga Sagar Mela. Point wise Civil Defence Volunteers were deployed for Ganga Sagar Mela by Civil Defence Organisation, South 24 Parganas in the category of DERT (District Emergency Response Team). SAGAR BANDHU (COVID). SAGAR SAHAYAK (Tagged with officers). DRMP (District management), AAPDA MITRA / (DMCD), Driver and Diver etc.

Pre-Positioning of NDRF Teams in Strategic Places:-

NDRF teams are being prepositioned at several vulnerable strategic locations 1) Sagar, South 24 Paraganas 2) Digha, Purba Medinipur 3) Kaikhali, South 24 Paraganas 4) Arambag, Hooghly 5) Jalangi, Murshidabad 6) Mal, Jalpaiguri for reducing response time to reach the Disaster affected areas.

Strengthening of SDMA & DDMA:-

The Department has undertaken programme named Strengthening of SDMA & DDMA to provide technical support to the Department & SDMA at State and District level by posting of Officers & Professional.

Use of Social Media (WhatsApp):-

Department is using WhatsApp to share information of weather forecast and report, incidences of disaster and natural calamity for better coordination among the different stake holders and taking necessary relief measures accordingly.

Awareness Generation:-

Electronic Media and print media have been used for Generation of Awareness among the masses. State owned Doordarshan and other Private TV channels have also been used for mass awareness for combating with Disaster. Public gatherings and State declared Melas like Ganga Sagar Mela, Subhas Mela, Milan Mela, Vivek Mela, Mati Utsav, Shramik Mela, Sundarban Mela, Kreta Suraksha Mela and other have become an excellent medium of Awareness Generation. Booklets, leaflets, pamphlets have been distributed among the people and the students to become them resilient to Disaster.