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Executive Director

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December 23rd, 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is organizing a five days Face-to-Face Training Programme on “Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)” scheduled to be held from 9th to 13th February 2026, at NIDM Vijayawada Campus.

2. This course equips entry- to mid-career professionals in disaster risk reduction with the skills to train others and effectively engage with communities. It promotes scientific risk assessment and community participation, enabling vulnerable groups to actively prepare for and respond to disasters, and fostering resilience and effective knowledge transfer at the grassroots level.
3. In this regard, you are kindly requested to nominate **one to two entry level to mid-career official from each** department/authority, namely Housing, Women and Child Development, Health, Education, Jalshakti, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and SDMAs/DDMAs, who are actively involved in the implementation of government's welfare schemes at the grassroots level, disaster management and allied fields.
4. The boarding & lodging arrangements of the outstation participants shall be done in NIDM South Campus, Vijayawada. We request to nominating institutions to inform the deputed officials to not to plan their travel to NIDM until they receive an official confirmation communication from NIDM. The travel for the course has to be borne by the deputing department. NO Family accommodation is available for the course.
5. I look forward to your cooperation in sharing the nominations preferably by **January 31st, 2026**. For any assistance/enquiry, your office or nominated officials may reach out through email or call to Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Assistant Professor at pankajkumar.nidm@nic.in, mob. 8410454208 and Dr. Sushma Guleria, Assistant Professor at sushma.nidm@nidm.gov.in, phone no. 011 20873422.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
23.12.25
(Madhup Vyas)

To,

The Chief Secretaries (as per the list attached)

CC: SDMAs (as per the list attached)

Encl:

- Concept note with course schedule and nomination form

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Concept Note on
**Training Programme on
 Community Based Disaster Risk Management**

Date: 9th – 13th February 2026

Venue: NIDM Vijayawada



The concept of Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) is practised under different names like Community Based Disaster Preparedness, Community Based Disaster Management or Community Based Mitigation Programme, but in reality, all these programs have the same purpose, which is to reduce the negative impact of disaster risks. The main understanding behind all such activities is to find ways and measures to prevent, mitigate or reduce the impact and risks of disasters through the participation and involvement of communities.

The rationale for involving communities in disaster preparedness and mitigation activities is based on the assumption that the community is the real sufferer and the first responder and it has developed its own coping mechanisms and strategy to reduce the impact of the disasters. It is imperative to appreciate the local knowledge and resources and to build on them to improve the capacity of the people to withstand the impact of disasters. Moreover, ownership of disaster risk reduction should not be stripped from local people who would be left even more powerless in case external intervention does not occur. In fact, building community leadership and a chain of trained community cadres through a participatory approach can help harness the resilience and resourcefulness of the community to cope up with exigencies. Involvement and participation of the communities will ensure a collective and coordinated action during emergencies. Hence, disaster risk reduction activities should be based on participatory approaches involving local communities as much as possible, considering them as proactive stakeholders and not passive targets for intervention. Furthermore, it is not only the "big" disasters that destroy lives and livelihoods. Accumulated losses from small floods, droughts and landslides can exceed the losses from big disasters and contribute significantly to increased vulnerability at the local level. These disasters attract little media attention and communities are often left on their own to cope with the destruction. This provides another reason to invest in Community Based Disaster Risk Management.

The CBDRM approach provides opportunities for the local community to evaluate their own situation based on their own experiences initially. Under this approach, the local community not only becomes part of creating plans and decisions but also becomes a major player in its implementation. Although the community is given greater roles in the decision-making and implementation processes, the approach does not ignore the importance of scientific and objective risk assessment and planning. It acknowledges that as many stakeholders as needed should be involved in the process, with the end goal of achieving capacities and transferring of resources to the community, which level who would assume the biggest responsibility in disaster risk reduction and management.

Realizing the pivotal role played by the community, the **National Institute of Disaster Management** is organizing a **training programme on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) scheduled on 9th - 13th February 2026 at NIDM Vijayawada Campus**. The aim of this training programme is to develop skills among participants to implement CBDRM programmes at the grassroots level. It is designed for the officials who are either working at the grassroots level or will subsequently engage with communities to disseminate the knowledge gained from this training.

2. Aim of the Training Programme

- The CBDRM approach provides opportunities for the local community to evaluate their own situation based on their own experiences initially. Under this approach, the local community not only becomes part of creating plans and decisions, but also becomes a major player in its implementation. Although the local communities has limited roles in the decision-making and implementation processes, the approach does not ignore the importance of scientific and objective risk assessment and planning. It acknowledges that as many stakeholders as necessary should be involved in the process, with the ultimate goal of building capacities and transferring resources to the community level, which will assume the greatest responsibility in disaster risk reduction and management.
- The main aim of this CBDRM training programme is to build the capacity of participants by equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to train their subordinates and frontline officials. These trained individuals will then work to sensitize communities about key CBDRM concepts, particularly those supported by evidence and scientific research. Through this cascading approach, knowledge transfer will take place effectively, fostering awareness and resilience at the grassroots level. Ultimately, this programme will contribute to the empowerment of vulnerable communities, enabling them to better understand, prepare for, and respond to disaster risks.

3. Duration of the Training Programme

Initially, the duration of the training programme will be five days. Since, the training involves a number of discussions and interactive sessions, therefore, if need arises, the duration may be extended depending upon the interest and involvement of the participants.

4. Objective of the Programme:

The primary objective of this training programme is to enhance participants' capacity by providing them with the essential skills and knowledge needed to train their subordinates and frontline officials. The detailed objectives of this programme are:

1. To explain the basic concepts, fundamentals, principles, and institutional mechanisms of Disaster Management.
2. To provide an overview of the basic concepts of CBDRM and to identify the strengths and weaknesses of existing systems and strategies for mitigating and managing disaster risks.
3. To understand the rise in vulnerabilities due to climate change and their potential impacts on the population, infrastructure, and economy.
4. To strengthen fire safety within disaster risk management, respond effectively to fires, and adhere to fire safety measures.
5. To equip participants with the necessary skills to provide first aid and perform search and rescue techniques, including hands-on practice simulating real-life disaster situations, and to sensitize them to effectively assist victims of calamities within critical timeframes.
6. To discuss various schemes for vulnerable communities where disaster risk management is mainstreamed into development programs.

7. To illustrate case studies highlighting the role of the community in both pre- and post-disaster scenarios.
8. To describe the process of developing a community-based disaster management plan.

5. Language of Instruction

The primary language of instruction will be English; however, resource persons will strive to conduct sessions bilingually to ensure better understanding and inclusivity for all participants, accommodating those more comfortable with the second language.

6. Target Group

The key target audience is entry- to mid-level officials (Group A and B) from central, state, and local governments, Central Ministries/Departments, SDMA's, ATIs, NDRF, SDRF, academicians from the Universities/Institutes those are member under U-Net, various line departments, and others engaged in disaster management, policymaking, governance, humanitarian aid, and first response.

7. Methodology

This training programme will be conducted face-to-face (classroom-based) and will use a variety of interactive and engaging teaching methods to enhance learning. The training methodology includes:

- Use of whiteboard for clear explanations and illustrations
- PowerPoint presentations to provide structured and visual content
- Practical exercises to apply concepts in real scenarios
- Hands-on activities to develop essential skills through experience
- Group work to encourage collaboration and peer learning
- Discussions to foster deeper understanding and exchange of ideas
- Question-and-answer sessions to clarify doubts and reinforce knowledge

These methods aim to ensure comprehensive and effective learning for all participants.

8. Boarding, Lodging & Venue of the Programme

The boarding and lodging for the participants shall be arranged by NIDM. Travel expenses of the participants shall be borne by respective nominating organisation/department/institute. Confirmation of nominations will be communicated via email. It is therefore requested that nominating officials await confirmation before planning their journey. There is no course fee for participating in this training programme. **The training will be held at NIDM Vijayawada Campus which is located at Kondapavaluru Village, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh – 521212.**

9. Structure of the Training Modules

The complete training program is divided into five modules, each with multiple sessions. Detailed session information is provided in the training schedule for participants' reference.

Module 1.	A Conceptual Framework & Vulnerability Profile
Module 2.	CBDRM Plan and Survival Skills
Module 3.	Health and Disasters

Module 4.	Group Exercise/Field Visits
Module 5.	Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Developmental Schemes

10.Expected Outcomes

- Participants will understand fundamental concepts, principles, and institutional mechanisms of disaster management and CBDRM.
- Participants would be better equipped to identify strengths and weaknesses in existing disaster risk mitigation and management strategies.
- Participants will develop understanding to recognize climate change-induced vulnerabilities & others and their impacts on communities and infrastructure.
- Participant will develop skills in fire safety, first aid, search and rescue, with practical hands-on disaster response.
- Participants will gain knowledge of schemes supporting vulnerable communities and how disaster risk management is integrated into development.
- Participants will understand the strength of coordination among agencies and vulnerable sections for integrated disaster management.
- This training programme will enhance capacity to plan and implement disaster risk management strategies at various levels, along with greater awareness and utilization of technological tools for disaster risk reduction.
- Participants will learn to analyse community roles through case studies and develop a tailored community-based disaster management plan.

11.Organizing Team

Patron	Shri Madhup Vyas, IAS, Executive Director, NIDM
Course Coordinator	Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Assistant Professor, NIDM
Course Co-coordinator	Dr. Sushma Guleria, Assistant Professor, NIDM

12.Course Schedule

Day – 1: Monday, 9 th February 2026			
Time	Detail	Dignitaries	
09:15 – 09:45	Registration	Organizing Team	
Inaugural			
09:45 – 10:00	Programme Overview and Context Setting	Dr. Sushma Guleria, Asst. Prof. NIDM	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Address	Col. P.S. Reddy, JD NIDM Vijayawada	
10:10 – 10:30	Inaugural Address	Shri Madhup Vyas, IAS, ED NIDM	
10:30 – 10:35	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Asst. Prof. NIDM	
10:35 – 11:00	Group Photograph followed by High Tea		
Time	Title	Andragogy	Faculty

11:00 – 11:45	Session 0. Icebreaking and expectations from participants	Interaction & Discussions	Coordinators
11:45 – 13:00	Session 1. Disasters and Development: Conceptual Framework	Brainstorming, Presentation and Discussion	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:15	Session 2. Community Based Disaster Risk Management: Conceptual Framework	Presentation, Discussion	Dr. Sushma Guleria
15:15 – 15:30	Tea Break		
15:30 – 16:45	Session 3. Disasters in States: Vulnerability Profile	Presentation, Discussion	Dr. Amarjeet Kumar
16:45 – 17:30	Session 4. Tools and Techniques for HRVC Analysis	Presentation, Discussion	Dr. Sushma Guleria
Day – 2: Tuesday, 10 th February 2026			
09:30 – 10:45	Session 5. Multi-Hazard Assessment	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break		
11:00 – 12:15	Session 6. Preparation of Community Based Disaster Management Plan: Process and Framework	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Sushma Guleria
12:15 – 13:30	Session 7. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt: CBDRM	Presentation, Discussion	Dr. Sushma Guleria
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:45	Session 8. Family Disaster Management Plan	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Sushma Guleria
15:45 – 16:00	Tea Break		
16:00 – 17:30	Session 9. Psychosocial Care in Disasters	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Sushma Guleria
Day – 3: Wednesday, 11 th February 2026			
09:30 – 10:45	Session 10. Search and Rescue in Disasters: at Community Level	Presentation, Discussion	NDRF
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break		
11:00 - 12:15	Session 11. First Aid during Disasters	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	NDRF
12:15 – 13:30	Session 12. Life Saving Skills, CPR at the time of Emergency/ Disaster.	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	NDRF

13:30 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:45	Session 13. Inclusive CBDRM Programme: Leaving no one behind	Presentation, Discussion	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
15:45 – 16:00	Tea Break		
16:00 – 17:30	Session 14. School-Based Emergency and Disaster Management	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
Day – 4: Thursday, 12th February 2025			
09:30 – 10:45	Session 15. Managing Specific Emergencies and Disasters in the Workplace and Community	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Mr. Manjeet Singh
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break		
11:00 – 13:00	Session 16. Fire Risk Mitigation Strategies	Presentation, Discussions and Demonstration	Fire Services (TBC)
13:00 – 14:00	Tea Break		
14:00 – 15:45	Session 17. Scenario Based Exercise	Chart Papers and/or PPTs	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
15:45 – 16:00	Tea Break		
16:00 – 17:30	Session 18. Presentations and Discussions	Chart Papers and/or PPTs	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
Day – 5: Friday, 13th February 2026			
09:30 – 10:45	Session 19. Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Development Schemes	Presentation and Discussion	Shri Rohit Kumar
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break		
11:00 – 12:15	Session 20. CBDRM: Do's and don'ts for different types of disasters: mock drill	Presentation, Discussion and Group Activity	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
Valedictory			
12:15 – 12:45	Review and Feedback	Participants	
12:45 – 13:00	Valedictory Address	Shri Madhup Vyas, IAS, ED NIDM	
13:00 – 13:25	Certificate Distribution	Col. P.S. Reddy, JD NIDM	
13:25 – 13:30	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Asst. Prof. NIDM	

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NominationForm

Name of the Programme: Training Programme on “**Community Based Disaster Risk Management**”scheduled on 9th – 13th February 2026 at NIDM Vijayawada

Venue: NIDM Vijayawada Campus

NameoftheParticipant: _____

Designation: _____ **Level:** _____ **Group:** _____ **DateofBirth/Age:** _____

NameandAddressoftheOrganization: _____

ResidentialAddress: _____

Telephone:STDCode: _____ **Office:** _____ **Residence:** _____

Mobile: _____ **Email:** _____

Blood Group: _____ **AlternativeNumber:** _____ **Any kind of Allergies:** _____

Expectations from the programme: _____

In what way do you think that this training programme will be useful?

AccommodationrequirementduringtheTrainingProgramme(Required/Notrequired)?

Date: _____

**Name, Designation and Signature of the
NominatingAuthority**