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Dear Readers,

I am delighted to announce the release of the 2nd edition of our e-newsletter. This edition features a collection of the latest news, updates, and insights from our district, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our community.

With the e-newsletter, we aim to keep everyone informed and connected, providing a platform to share ideas, success stories, and challenges. We believe that this will help us build a stronger and more united community, working towards a common goal of progress and development.

I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to read through this edition and share it with their friends and family. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome and will help us improve future editions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Awareness
- Meeting & Consultation
- Community Facilitation and Resource Centres
- Training & Capacity building
- UNICEF India Team at Cachar
- Early warning Advisory

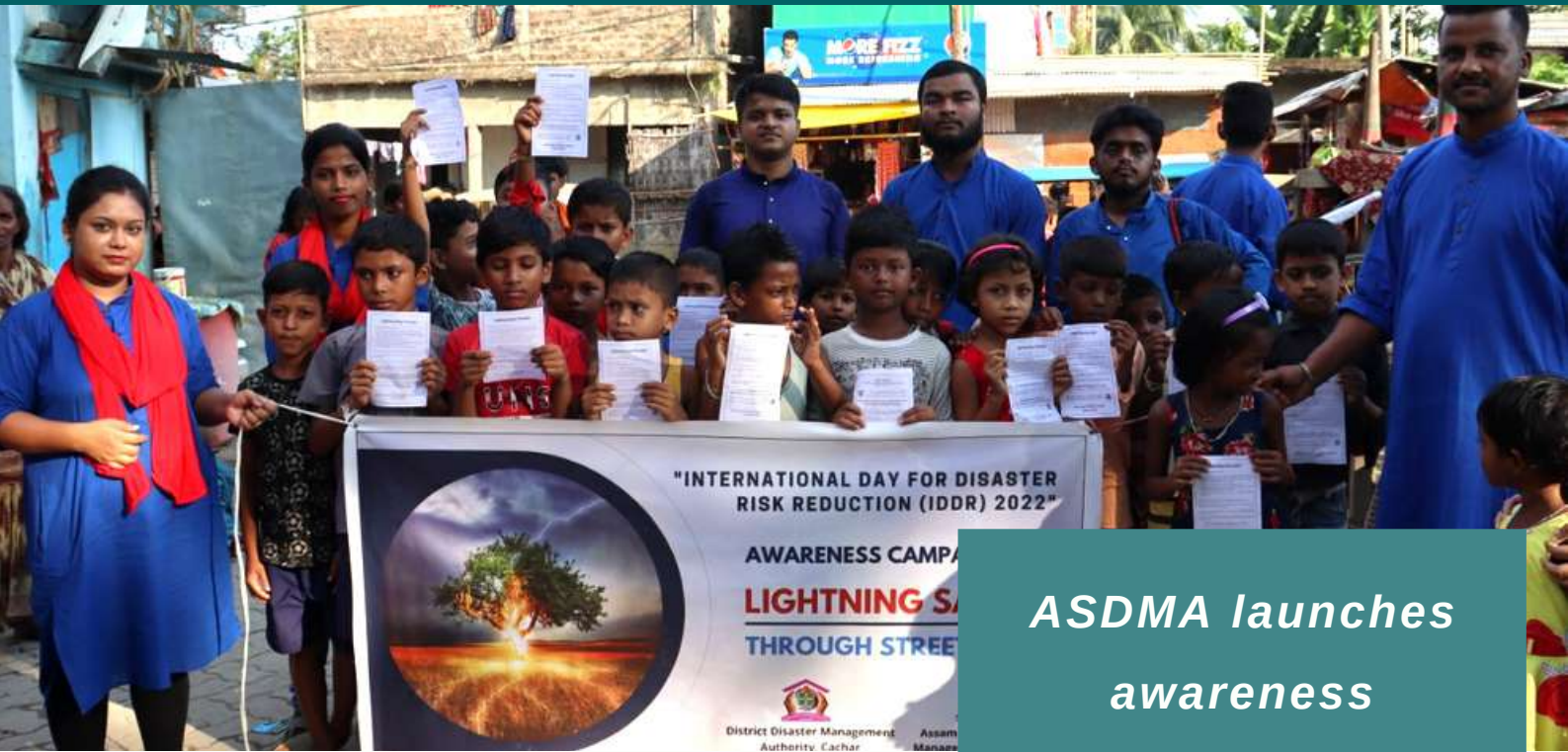


Yubaraj Borthakur, ACS

CEO, DDMA Cachar

I'm excited to announce the 2nd edition of our e-newsletter on behalf of DDMA. Where we have put all of our Prevention, Preparedness & Mitigation Activities. I hope this e-newsletter provides valuable insights and information to its readers.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM ON LIGHTNING SAFETY THROUGH STREET PLAY



On October 13th

In celebration of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, DDMA Cachar in collaboration with Impact Weaver launched a series of street plays and awareness campaigns across the Cachar district

ASDMA launches awareness campaigns on flood and lightning risks, aligned with International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022.





Awareness session on DM & demonstration on search & rescue techniques organised by DDMA, Cachar in collaboration with NDRF Team at Sirajul Ali HS School, Barjatrapur, Cachar on 12.10.2022. Students and teachers of the School participated in the program.



On 5th November 2022

An awareness session on Blood Donation and Blood Group Detection Camp was organised by involving Aapda Mitra Volunteers at Boscotech Institute Ramnagar Silchar. Dr Rajib Biswas, Asst Prof & I/c Blood Bank SMCH and his team conducted a session and 6 nos. of volunteers voluntarily donated blood at the end of the session.



On 19th October 2022

A day-long workshop on "Sustainable Recovery and Development through Convergent Action" was jointly organized by DDMA, Cachar, and IAG, Cachar at Bosco-Tech Ramnagar, Silchar.

The session was inaugurated by Shri Yubaraj Borthakur, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner cum CEO, DDMA Cachar,



**"COLLABORATION AND CONVERGENT ACTION
PAVE THE WAY FOR SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY
AND DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES."**

MEETING & CONSULTATION



"In unity, we strengthen disaster preparedness and response."

On October 11th

A meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority was held on October 11, 2022, to discuss the SDRF proposals for 2022-23. Attendees included MLAs, the President of Cachar ZP, DDC Cachar, CEO DDMA, Cachar, officials from DDMA, Cachar, and department heads from relevant line departments.

MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY AT CFRC LEVEL I.E. SANJYOG CENTRE

Meeting with the community at CFRC level i.e. Sanjyog Centre in Borkhola, Bihara & Harinagar GP under Silchar & Katigorah Revenue Circle on & from 1st to 3rd November 2022. CFRC volunteers, Block coordinators of Deshbandhu Club (Unicef, Assam), and members from Reliance Foundation and other local NGOs participated in the meeting.



INAUGURATION OF COMMUNITY FACILITATION AND RESOURCE CENTRES IN CACHAR DISTRICT



'SANJYOG' :
*ENHANCING RESILIENCE
AT THE LAST MILE*

Community Facilitation and Resource Centers have been established in Cachar District as part of the 'Sanjyog' project, a collaborative effort involving DDMA Cachar, P&RD, and support from IAG Cachar. This initiative is crucial, given the district's vulnerability to frequent flooding, and the unprecedented floods in May and June 2022 have underscored the need for a comprehensive approach to enhance resilience.

Drawing from successful national models in places like Bhuj after the Gujarat earthquake, Nagapattinam following the tsunami, and Kerala during the COVID pandemic, it is clear that a "single-window" system is the need of the hour. Such a system should not only provide information on relief, rehabilitation, and compensation packages but also offer guidance on the application process in connection to relevant government programs and schemes. This approach will greatly assist a community get benefited which is already grappling with the trauma of losing homes, livelihoods, and assets.





CFRC CENTERS WILL

Provide real-time information on rehabilitation and development activities to the community.

Understand field-level concerns that needs incorporation into policy formulations.

Support concurrent tracking of the rehabilitation process at the field level enabling the Deputy Commissioners to take timely corrective measures.

Disseminate real-time early warning alerts, weather-related information, health and hygiene tips, information on vaccination drives, etc.

Engage with the community day to day for collective understanding, participatory learning, and risk-informed development planning at the GP level.

Enhance the capacity of affected communities to make informed choices in their development.

Support building a resilient community that is increasingly able to withstand shocks.



"IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY, UNITY AND A 'SINGLE-WINDOW' APPROACH ILLUMINATE THE ROAD TO RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY."



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM



Official inauguration of AAPDA MITRA Training of 2nd batch volunteers of Karimganj District

"Empowering volunteers, igniting hope, and building a resilient community together."



On October 29th Inauguration of AAPDA MITRA Training for the 3rd batch of Hailakandi District volunteers at Boscotech Institute, Silchar. Training conducted by a team of experts, organized by DDMA Cachar in collaboration with ASDMA and NDMA.





On October 26, 2022, a one-day block-level training session was held with PRI's Members, Jeevika Sakhis, and local NGOs to enhance Social Sector recovery planning and capacity building at the Community Facilitation & Resource Centre (CFRC) under Katigorah Revenue Circle. The program was a collaborative effort between DDMA Cachar, UNICEF, IAG, and Deshbandhu Club, Cachar.



One-day Block level Training of PRI Members, Jeevika Sakhis, and local NGOs under Borkhola Block was **conducted by DDMA Cachar** in connection with Social Sector recovery planning and functioning of Community Facilitation & Resource Centre (CFRC) with assistance from IAG Cachar, Deshbandhu Club, UNICEF Assam.

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMUNITY-CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT



"UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE COMMUNITY-CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT."



On **5th November 2022** Half-day Workshop on Technology for Community Centric Development was held at Boscotech Institute Ramnagar Silchar.

The program was jointly organised by DDMA Cachar and IAG Cachar under the aegis of UNICEF Assam. Representatives from Line Departments, Reliance Foundation, and other IAG member NGOs of Cachar District participated in the workshop.

***A Mock Drill
involving AAPDA
MITRA volunteers,
Fire and
Emergency
Services, and Civil
Defence***



A mock drill with the participation of AAPDA MITRA volunteers Fire and Emergency Services, Civil Defence was conducted on 09/11/2022 followed by the valedictory session where certificate of participation and completion of 12-day residential training was handed over to all participants and outgoing volunteers who have undergone training at Bosco Tech Institute Ramnagar Silchar in the presence of Sri Kishan Chorei, ACS, Asst. Commissioner, Cachar.

09/11/2022

***Block level Training of
volunteers, and NGO
representatives on Child
Centric Services during the
humanitarian situation was
conducted under Kalain
Development Block under
Katigorah Revenue Circle. A
demonstration on handling
fire extinguishing equipment
and a session imparting
knowledge on handling
health-related crises was
also organized.***



DISTRICT LEVEL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE ACTION HELD IN CACHAR



On November 14th

A day-long capacity-building workshop on Climate Action for Cachar District was organized by the Assam Climate Change Management Society (ACCMS) in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority, Cachar, and Sustainable Knowledge and Climate Action Group, Silchar. The workshop was inaugurated by the CEO DDMA, Cachar, in the presence of DFO (T) Cachar, and other dignitaries. Representatives from line departments, NGOs, and CSOs attended the program where resource persons from ACCMS, AUS, NITS, and DDMA expressed their views on various Climate Action topics.



12-11-2022

DDMA Cachar organised the training for volunteers of Karimganj and Cachar as AAPDA MITRA under the aegis of ASDMA and NDMA. The training was inaugurated in the presence of Sri Kishan Chorei ACS Asst Commissioner, Cachar, Ins Ajay Yadav, 1st BN NDRF, and officials of DDMA, Cachar.



Glimpses from Official inauguration of AAPDA MITRA training at Bosco Tech Institute Ramnagar Silchar



Resource Persons from Civil Defence, DDMA, SDRF/Fire Service and SMCH imparted training to 96 nos. of volunteers in Two batches.



27-12-2022

A training session on Disaster Management was organised by District Disaster Management Authority, Cachar for Cadets of 3 Assam Battelion NCC, silchar at Don Bosco School, Silchar



On 19.12.2022 a one-day volunteers conclave on Cachar Flood Response was organised at Don Bosco School, Silchar by DDMA, Cachar under the patronage of Assam State Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with UNICEF, IAG Cachar, and Deshabandhu Club to acknowledge the selfless efforts of volunteers who extended humanitarian services and arranged aids for the victims of Cachar Flood 2022. Shri. Yubaraj Borthakur, CEO, DDMA, Cachar presided over the inaugural function and the conclave as chief guest together along with other eminent personalities from various institutions and disciplines. Almost 500 volunteers from NSS, NYK, Apaada Mitras, and NGOs participated in the conclave where certificates of appreciation were handed over to them.



EARLY WARNING ADVISORY ON "SITRANG" BY DDMA ALONG WITH THE RELIANCE FOUNDATION

Cyclone Sitrang formed on 22 October 2022 in the Bay of Bengal and started as a low-pressure system near the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It gradually intensified over the next few days as it moved towards the coast of Bangladesh, ultimately reaching its peak as a high-end cyclonic storm before making landfall on 25 October. Despite its relatively weak intensity, the cyclone brought heavy rainfall and strong winds to the Northeast region, causing widespread flood damage and disrupting the lives of thousands of people. Nevertheless, with the help of disaster response teams and Reliance Foundation's active initiative to inform people through voice call measures, the impact of the storm was minimized, and recovery efforts were quickly underway.



44000+ calls were made to notify individuals

Few guidelines were made to avoid risks



To maintain and follow the traffic rules



Avoid visiting riverside areas



Avoid staying in landslide-prone areas



Take proper action to mitigate the loss of crops due to heavy rain.

MUTI-STATE MOCK EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, CACHAR (DDMA)



Online Orientation on Multi State Mock Exercise on Earthquake on 9.11.2022

Cachar DDMA conducted a mock drill in Silchar to assess rescue and relief operations preparation in earthquake scenarios. The drill simulated an earthquake in five buildings, with a swift response initiated upon a siren signal. The Response hierarchy was entirely based on the Incident Response System (IRS) which was subsequently activated, during the mock drill.

*"Practice today
for a safer
tomorrow;
preparedness
saves lives."*



UNICEF INDIA TEAM AT CACHAR



UNICEF Team at Boscotech Institute Ramnagar

UNICEF India Team visited Cachar on 30th November'22 and 1st December 22.

The visit was followed by a brief meeting with representatives from DDMA Cachar, and IAG Cachar where Various issues and steps that were taken in response to Cacharfloods 2022 were discussed.

Humanitarian cash transfer initiatives by CASA/IAG to the families having SAM/MAM Children in Borkhola Katigorah and Kalain Development Block were also apprised to the UNICEF team.

The team also interacted with resource persons and NSS volunteers from Assam University also shared their experience on volunteerism in the context of the Cachar floods in 2022 and committed to future collaborations and support in strengthening DRR initiatives like CFRC and IAG.



UNICEF Team at Assam University



UNICEF Team at Borkhola CFRC



UNICEF Team at Kalain CFRC



UNICEF Team with DDC Cachar and CEO DDMA Cachar at DC's office

A debriefing meeting was held in the O/O the D.C. Cachar in the presence of DDC, Cachar, and CEO, DDMA, Cachar where the future course of action and support initiatives of DDMA Cachar in joint collaboration with UNICEF was discussed and minuted.

HEALTH CAMP / IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) CAMP WAS ORGANISED BY DDMA CACHAR



On **21.12.2022** a health camp / Identification of people with disabilities (PWD) camp was organised by DDMA CACHAR with assistance from IAG in Bihara GP under Katigorah revenue circle, through the CFRC established. Doctors from SMCH and the office of the JDHS were deputed and examined the patients those who had attended the camp.





**DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
SILCHAR, CACHAR**



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AUTHORITY, CACHAR, SILCHAR**

LIGHTNING AND THUNDERSTORM DO'S AND DON'TS FOR ANIMALS

- ✓ • Designate a safe area in or near your home to shelter your animals in a severe thunderstorm.
- Keep your animals away from open water, pond, or river.
- Keep your animals away from tractors and other metal farm types of equipment.
- Watch your animals closely and try to keep them under your direct control.
- ✗ • Don't allow your animals to congregate under trees.



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