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#### Highlights:

- Cachar District Launches 'RAHAT 1.0': A Disaster Management App
- · Championing Disability Inclusion in Disaster Management.
- NCC Cadets Sharpen Disaster Response Skills at Annual Camp
- · Circle Level Training for Community Volunteers for Disaster Management
- · Exposure visit of delegates from Columbia University
- DDMA Cachar Gears Up for Monsoon Season





# Revenue Circle Gearup for various Disaster Management program

Various kind of Disaster Management programs were organised at Katigorah Silchar Sadar and Sonai Revenue circle. CORT members at all the three circles with revenue supervision from circle Administration and DDMA Cachar. Awareness programs were arranged at schools, Community Halls, GP's and Municipal wards at all the three circles. Live revenues demonstrations with improvised rescue equipments which can be made out of readily available daily use items were showcased during these awareness programs. The students, volunteers who participated in these programs were also motivated to act as active community responders as when there is any kind of emergency in their respective areas. Such kind of community awareness programs lead to building a resilient society which would thereby help in minimising loses during disasters.





#### NCC Cadets Sharpen Disaster Response Skills at Annual Camp

Silchar, Assam - 05 January 2024

To upscale their readiness skills during emergencies, 450 NCC cadets from the 3rd Assam Battalion NCC participated in a disaster management program organized by District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar in collaboration with SDRF & F&ES. The session featured a lecture and a practical demonstration of using improvised rescue equipment during emergencies. This initiative equipped cadets to be active contributors towards community preparedness.





## Building Shelter for the Distressed.

In a recent development in sonai, a land has been identified for construction of a proposed Multi purpose Flood shelter. This potentially paves way for building shelters for people who during floods & any other are distressed emergencies, acting as their second home. Such structures also proves to be crucial for Administration the relief considering distribution activities that needs to be undertaken floods other during and emergencies.

# DDMA Cachar Champions Disability Inclusion in Disaster Management

Silchar, Assam - 26 January 2024

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, secured a commendable second place in the Tableau competition held during the 75th Republic Day celebrations.

The tableau aimed to raise awareness about the critical role of including specially-abled persons in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies. The display showcased DDMA Cachar's commitment to building an inclusive disaster management environment.





# Cachar District Launches 'RAHAT 1.0': A Disaster Management App for Everyone

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, has taken a significant leap forward in disaster preparedness with the successful test launch of 'RAHAT 1.0'. This innovative multi-platform digital interface, available as an Android app and web version, promises to be a game-changer in disaster management.

This app goes beyond traditional disaster management tools by leveraging Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to integrate various aspects of disaster risk reduction, mitigation, response, and recovery.

- · Functioning in Limited Connectivity
- Comprehensive Management
- Multi-Tiered Access

The DDMA is actively working on integrating RAHAT 1.0 with Internet of Things (IoT), Machine Learning (ML), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create a powerful Decision Support System (DSS). This advanced system will further enhance disaster management by providing real-time data analysis and facilitating efficient decision-making.





#### Silcoorie Gears Up for Disasters with Volunteer Training

Silchar Sadar Revenue Circle organized a disaster management training program in Silcoorie GP. This inclusive session aimed to empower a diverse group of volunteers, including youth, women, and senior citizens, with essential disaster preparedness skills.

A total of 35 villagers actively participated in the program, gaining valuable knowledge on various aspects of disaster management.

#### DDMA Cachar Gears Up for Monsoon Season

Silchar, Assam - 09 February 2024

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, held a crucial meeting on February 9th to review proposals submitted by various departments under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) and Assam DRR Roadmap.

Departments like Fishery, Water Resources, Health, and Agriculture presented their ideas for utilizing these funds for initiatives like flood protection measures and community awareness programs. Water Resources Department (WRD) also received a review of their ongoing flood protection works, with further instructions issued for improvement.



DDMA further directed all departments to strictly follow the Assam DM Manual and complete their flood and storm preparedness activities by February 28th, 2024. Action plans outlining these activities needs to be submitted to DDMA asap.



# Cachar DDMA Seeks Citizen Input for Disaster Resilience

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, hosted an online consultation on February 28th to explore citizen engagement in building community resilience.

UNICEF Assam presented a detailed study report and facilitated discussions aimed at gathering valuable feedback from participants. Officials from DDMA, Cachar, along with representatives from the Panchayat & Rural Development (P&RD) and Inter Agency Group (IAG) actively participated in the session.

#### Cachar Reviews District Disaster Management Plan

Silchar, Assam - 29 February 2024

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, collaborated with SEEDS NGO to organize a workshop on reviewing the District's Disaster Management Plan (DDMP). The workshop, inaugurated by CEO, DDMA, saw participation from representatives of all relevant government departments and members of the Inter Agency Group, Cachar.

The focus of the workshop was on updating the DDMP and developing comprehensive District Departmental DM plans.





#### Bhuban Mela Committee Volunteers Gears Up for Shivaratri

In preparation for the Shivaratri festival at Bhuban Hill, the Bhuban Mela Committee organized a training program for their volunteers on search and rescue techniques.

The training program covered essential search and rescue procedures, first aid techniques, and crowd management strategies. By empowering volunteers with this knowledge, the Bhuban Mela Committee is fostering a safe and secure environment for the festival.

#### Katigorah Strengthens Monsoon Preparedness with CDMC Committee Meeting

Katigorah, Assam - 06 March 2024

Katigorah Revenue Circle held a Disaster Management Committee meeting today, chaired by the Circle Officer. Representatives from various government departments participated in the session.

The meeting focused on preparing for the upcoming storm and flood season. The Circle Officer issued instructions and guidelines to department representatives regarding necessary precautionary measures to be taken during the said season. This collaborative approach is to ensure coordinated response during potential monsoon-related disasters in Katigorah.





#### Silchar Sadar Strengthens Response to Potential Threats

Silchar Sadar Revenue Circle held a Disaster Management Committee meeting today, led by the Circle Officer. Representatives from various line departments actively participated in the session.

The meeting focused on crucial preparatory measures for the impending storm and flood season. The Circle Officer issued instructions and guidelines to department representatives, ensuring a coordinated response to potential monsoon-related disasters in Silchar Sadar.

#### CQRT/Aapda Mitras Ensure Safety at Bhuban Hill During Shivaratri

Silchar, Assam - 07 March 2024

To ensure a safe and secure environment for the pilgrims during Shivaratri festival at Bhuban Hill, CQRT/Aapda Mitras were deployed at various locations. These trained personnel played a crucial role in crowd management and security measures during the large gathering of devotees.

The presence of CQRT/Aapda Mitras demonstrates DDMA's commitment towards maintaining order and preventing any untoward incidents during the festival.





#### ONGC Srikona and DDMA Cachar raise awareness about fire safety in Dhanehari

Marking National Safety Day, ONGC Srikona joined forces with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, to organize a fire safety sensitization program in Dhanehari village.

This initiative aimed to equip villagers with essential knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to fire emergencies effectively. The program covered topics like fire hazards in everyday life, fire safety practices at home, and the proper use of fire extinguishers.

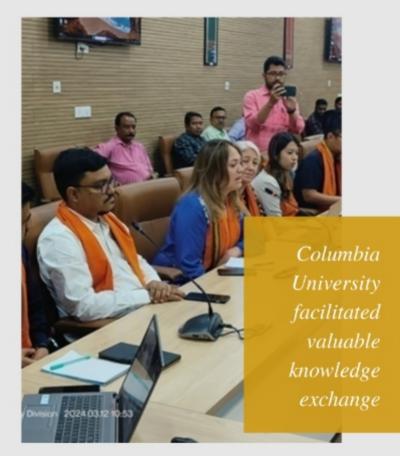
#### Cachar learns about disaster management from Columbia University

Silchar, Assam - 11 March 2024

A team from Columbia University, USA, visited Cachar district to gain insights into disaster response strategies.

### Day 1: Sharing Local Response Experiences (March 11, 2024)

The team met with the Inter Agency Group (IAG), Cachar, to discuss their operations, collaboration with government agencies, and the collective response during 2022 floods by various humanitarian organizations. The session was held at Seva Kendra, an NGO based in Silchar.





#### Day 2: District-Level Strategies and Knowledge Sharing (March 12, 2024)

On Day 2 The team met with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, and line departments. Discussions focused on Cachar's 2022 flood response, localizing DRR initiatives, and partnerships with agencies and universities. Dr. Surajit Baruah (SFDRR) and Dr. Kripal Mazumder (ASDMA) presented the State Flood Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Program (SFDRR) and its initiative during the meeting. Representatives from 70 departments shared their flood response activities.

The Columbia University team also visited Assam University Silchar, where they interacted with concerned departments, HOD's and students and received their feedbacks in that regard.

## Lakhipur Assesses Readiness for Storms and Floods

Lakhipur, Assam - 19 March 2024

Lakhipur Revenue Circle held a Disaster Management Committee meeting today at the Lakhipur Municipal Board meeting hall. The focus of the session was on preparedness for the upcoming storm and flood season.

Circle Officer Lakhipur Revenue Circle chaired the meeting, with participation from representatives of various government departments. Discussions covered essential measures, resource allocation, and collaborative response strategies to ensure Lakhipur's readiness for potential monsoon-related disasters.





# The Sonai Committee convenes to address potential risks

Sonai Revenue Circle convened a Disaster Management Committee meeting today at the Sonai Circle Office meeting hall. The session focused on preparations for the impending storm and flood season.

The Circle Officer presided over the meeting, joined by representatives from various government departments. Discussions likely centered around crucial precautionary measures, resource allocation, and collaborative efforts to ensure Sonai's readiness for potential monsoon-related disasters.

#### Disaster Dos and Don'ts

#### Stay Informed and Prepared:

- **Monitor Alerts:** Keep an eye on local news, weather reports, and official emergency alerts.
- **Have a Plan:** Develop an emergency plan for your household, including evacuation routes and assembly points.
- **Assemble a Kit:** Prepare a disaster kit with essential supplies like food, water, first aid supplies, and a flashlight.

#### **During a Disaster:**

- Stay Calm: Avoid panic and follow the instructions of local authorities.
- Evacuate if Necessary: If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately and safely.
- **Secure Your Home:** Before leaving, secure your home by closing windows and doors, and disconnecting utilities if instructed.

#### After a Disaster:

- Check for Safety: Assess for injuries and damage to your property.
- Avoid Contaminated Areas: Stay away from areas with downed power lines, hazardous materials, or floodwaters.
- Help Others: If able, assist your neighbors and community members in need.
- **Remember:** Safety is paramount during and after a disaster. By following these guidelines and staying informed, you can help protect yourself and your loved ones.

# Improving Flood Defenses in Cachar: Assessing Flood Protection Strategies



### Inspection of Singjuripar Site under Section-50, Katigorah

January 3, 2024

Circle Officer and Officials from Water Resources (WR) field staff visited the Singjuripar site, to inspect ongoing flood protection work under Section-50 in Katigorah.

#### Verification of Completed SDRF Scheme in Bihara

February 12, 2024

The Circle Officer, Katigorah Revenue Circle, along with officials from the Public Works Department (PWRD), verified the completion of a flood protection scheme involving repairs and restorations between Bihara VI and SK Road.





## Inspection of Scheme under Section-50 at Rajatilla

March 14, 2024

Circle Officer, Katigorah, and the Executive Engineer of Cachar Investigation (WR) Division, Badarpur, jointly inspected a flood protection scheme under Section-50 at Rajatilla in Katigorah.

#### Demarcation of Land for Flood Shelters

February 14, 2024

Demarcation of proposed land for Construction of Multi-Purpose Flood Shelter at Choto Dudhpatil Grant and Kallinugar Khoril Cha Bagicha under Silchar Sadar Revenue Circle.



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### Visit to SDRF Work at Buribail under Section-50

March 30, 2024

Glimpses from the visit of Circle Officer, Field Officer and other officials at ongoing SDRF work at Buribail under Section 50.

# Fire Incidents and Response in Cachar District

This section provides a summary of reported fire incidents in Cachar district, along with details on response efforts:

Monthly Fire Incidents (January - March 2024):

• January: 3 incidents

February: 4 incidents

· March: 3 incidents

- January 2, 2024 (Sonai Revenue Circle): Fire at the house of Ramjanam Rabidas, resulting in destruction.
- January 20, 2024 (Udharbond Revenue Circle): Fire incident reported at Arkatipur.
- January 27, 2024 (Katigorah Revenue Circle): Fire severely damages the house of Komrul Islam.

#### Response and Relief Distribution:

- February 9, 2024 (Katigorah Revenue Circle): Tarpaulin and utensils provided to Babul Rabidas following a fire incident on February 8th.
- February 15, 2024 (Udharbond Revenue Circle): Tarpaulin and utensils distributed to Amin Uddin Choudhury after a fire on February 15th.









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#### কাছাড়ে চালু 'রাহাত অ্যাপ'

ডাউনলোড করতে পারবেন। এর বিশেষত হল, নেটওয়ার্ক না থাকলেও এতে আপলোড করা যাবে বিভিন্ন ডাটা। জেলা দুর্যোগ মোকাবিলা কর্ত্বপক্ষের তরফে জানানো হয়েছে, ২০২২ সালের বন্যার সময় দেখা গেছে, একসঙ্গে এত লোক প্রশাসনের কন্ট্রোল রূমে ফোন করছিলেন যে, এতে ফোন চালু করার উদ্দেশ্যটাই ভেস্তে যায়। কাজই করছিল না ফোন। কে কোথায় কিভাবে আটকে রয়েছেন, কোথায় কতথানি ত্রাণ প্রয়োজন এসব তথা ঠিকমতো এসে পৌছাচ্ছিলো না প্রশাসনের কাছে। সেই অভিজ্ঞতার কথা মাথায় রেখে আপংকালে আম নাগরিকরা যাতে প্রশাসনের সঙ্গে সহজে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন, এর জন্য শুরু হয় চিন্তাভাবনা। এই চিন্তা ভাবনার ফসল হিসেবেই তৈরি করা হয়েছে আপ। আসাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, শিলচর এন আই টির বিশেষজ্ঞাদের পরামর্শ নিয়ে দুর্যোগ মোকাবিলা কর্ত্বপক্ষের তত্ত্বাবধানে অ্যাপটি তৈরি করেছে ঈশিসন্ট এবং স্ক্রাগ নামের দুটি সংস্থা। কেউ অ্যাপ ভাউনলোভ করে এর মাধ্যমে আপংকালে নিজেদের বার্তা পৌছাতে পারবেন প্রশাসনের কাছে। ওধু তাই নয়, কোথায় কত ত্রাণ পাঠানো হচ্ছে, কোথায় ত্রাণশিবির খোলা হয়েছে এসব সহ আনযক্ষিক অন্যান্য তথ্য তলে ধরা সম্ভব হবে প্রশাসনের পক্ষ থেকে। যাতে করে



#### Cachar DDMA launches AI suppo for disaster preparedness, respon

e the response mechanism for disster situations, the Cachar district administration on Friday launched a dig-tal interface named Rapid Action for anitarian Assistance in Tragedies

An initiative of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar, the facility was launched by Cachar district commissioner Rohan Kumar Jha n presence of district development commissioner Rajib Roy, ADC Yubaraj Borthakur, and officials and experts from he National Institute of Technology Sil-char and Assam University Silchar.

Sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Rohan Kumar Iha said, "RAHAT 1.0 a multi-platform digital interface in App (Android and web version) – is poised to be a big game changer in integrating and leveraging ICT in disaster risk pre-vention, mitigation, response and re-covery in the district. This app will perform significant functionalities even in data shadow areas in sharing critical information for dissemination of early warning, evacuation, search and rescue, supply of essential items including medical aids, relief camp/centre management, damage and loss assessm prepositioning of resources, etc."

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