



durjog darpan



The 9th edition of Durjog Darpan highlights key disaster management initiatives in Silchar. It focuses on community engagement, preparedness measures, and efforts to reduce disaster risks. This edition also covers capacity-building programs and innovative approaches to strengthen the district's resilience. The newsletter serves to keep stakeholders updated on the ongoing work towards enhancing disaster preparedness and safety in the region.

Mridul Yadav, IAS
District Commissioner

HIGHLIGHTS

- Post Flood Review Meetings
- Response, Relief, Rehabilitation Activities
- Training & Workshops
- Workshop on managing child friendly spaces (CFS) during emergency.
- Disaster preparedness awareness program
- Events
- Visits and Inspections.



The latest edition of Durjog Darpan, the 9th in the series, continues to spotlight disaster preparedness and mitigation strategies undertaken by the DDMA. It emphasizes community participation, disaster response training, and the use of technology for disaster risk reduction. This newsletter aims to keep all stakeholders informed and engaged in disaster management activities for the safety and well-being of our region.

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CEO DDMA Cachar



POST FLOOD REVIEW MEETINGS



MEETING ON FLOOD SITUATION IN CACHAR

Dated: 08/07/2024

A review meeting on the then flood situation in Cachar district held in DCs conference hall under the chairmanship of Sri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Govt. of India in presence of District Commissioner, Cachar, Superintendent of Police, Cachar, Hon'ble MLA's and all HOD's of concerned Line Deptts. Hon'ble Minister took the stock of the flood situation and provided necessary instructions and finally appreciated the efforts made by District Administration, Cachar for flood response activities.



MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND FLOOD RESPONSE

Dated: 08/07/2024

A Review meeting with Central Agencies/Departments on ongoing developmental projects and specifically flood response & mitigation in Cachar District under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MP, Silchar was held in the conference hall of the District Commissioner, Cachar. DC, all ADCs officials of DDMA, Cachar and representatives from line Departments & Central agencies were present in the meeting. In the said meeting Hon'ble MP cachar specifically laid stress on timely completion of developmental works and schemes which may also prove to be vital during Monsoon.



DDMA MEETING ON FLOOD STATUS AND SDRF PROPOSALS

Dated: 09/07/2024

DDMA meeting was held to discuss regarding flood status and approval of proposal under SDRF, RG proposal received from Rev Circle and other matters. The meeting was attended by all Head of Offices, all COs and Hon'ble MLAs & their representatives of Cachar District.

FLOOD SITUATION REVIEW AND LAUNCH OF DISASTER RESPONSE INITIATIVES



Dated: 11/07/2024

Hon'ble Guardian Minister, Cachar District reviewed the Flood Situation in Cachar District on 11th July 2024 at DC Office Conference Hall, Silchar. All concerned departments/offices attended the review meeting. The meeting was also attended by other Hon'ble MLA's of the district. During his visit, Hon'ble Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah also visited relief camps at Tarapur Girls High School and distributed relief to 492 families at Shishu Mandir School in Ward No 26. He also distributed relief material to 750 families in Tapabannagar under Ambikaapur GP. The minister also visited relief camp at Cachar High School, interacted with the inmates and assured them of all possible help from the government. Later, the minister spoke to the media and expressed his satisfaction with the administration's efforts for flood relief & response activities in the district. Portal "SAHAYATA" for disaster damage assessment related to flood/storm etc and App "RAHAT" for overall disaster response in the Cachar district was also formally launched by the Guardian minister, Sjt. Jayanta Mallabaruah.

DISTRICT LEVEL CONSULTATION ON ENHANCING DISASTER RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HELD IN SILCHAR

Dated: 30/08/2024



District level consultation meet on Enhancing disaster resilience & social protection access for persons with disabilities was held on 30/8/2024 at Cachar Zila Parishad Conference Hall, Silchar. The Program was inaugurated by CEO, Cachar Zila Parishad in presence of CEO, DDMA, Cachar, Dy CEO's of Cachar Zila Parishad and officers of Health, WCD, Education, Food PD & CA and members of IAG, Cachar.



GLIMPSES FROM RESPONSE, RELIEF & REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES



FOOD RELIEF

Hot Cooked Meal served in model relief camp by the local NGO viz. Marwari Yuva Manch on 8th July 2024



MATERIAL RELIEF

Tarpaulins and utensils have been distributed to families whose houses were severely damaged in the fire incident at Salchakra part 2, PS-Silchar. on 13th July 2024.

SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN FLOOD-AFFECTED VILLAGES

Dated: 10/07/2025 & 12/07/2024, at Sonai Revenue Circle

Supply of Drinking water through Portable Water Treatment Unit at flood affected villages under Sonai Revenue Circle by CQRT members using portable water treatment unit.



3rd day of Supplying Drinking water through Portable Water Treatment Unit at flood affected village under Sonai Revenue Circle by CQRT members.

Beneficiaries: 150 families of Dakshin Mohanpur Pt IV (Borkhalorpar) village



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near Borkhalor part4, Sajibul shop, Village, Sonai, Dakshin Mohanpur Pt V,
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TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

TRAINING ON RAPID VISUAL SCREENING FOR MASONRY STRUCTURES

Dated: 16/08/2024



Two-Days Training on Rapid Visual Screening for masonry structures held on 20th August 2024 in the conference Hall pf Dey's Hotel , Rongpur Silchar. Master Trainers and Resource Persons from the Civil Engineering Department of NIT Silchar imparted the training to the participants.

WORKSHOP ON CFRC

Dated: 20/08/2024

Workshop for community cadres and IAG Volunteers on the role of CFRC in enhancing access to social protection and disaster assistance norms held on 16th August 2024 in the Conference Hall of Cachar Zila Parishad, Silchar. The Program was inaugurated by the CEO, Cachar Zila Parishad, Silchar in presence of CEO, DDMA, Cachar, Dy CEO, Cachar Zila Parishad, Sri Kishore Dutta, PO (CB & T), ASDMA and officials of DDMA Cachar and IAG Cachar. The program was jointly organised by DDMA Cachar, P&RD, Cachar and IAG, Cachar under the aegis of the UNICEF Assam.



WORKSHOP ON MANAGING CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES (CFS) DURING EMERGENCY



Dated: 29/07/2024, Silchar

A few snapshots of the District Level Capacity Building Workshop on Managing Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) during Emergencies conducted by District Disaster Management Authority, Cachar at Dey's Conference Hall, Rongpur, Silchar. The workshop was inaugurated by ADC cum CEO, DDMA, Cachar and attended by BEEOs, CDPOs, FOs, CWCs, District Coordinator, Health Officials alongwith the KRPs .



Dated: 06/08/2024, Udharbond

A workshop on Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) during emergencies was successfully held at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in the Udharbond Revenue Circle. The event saw active participation from ANMs, ASHAs, AWWs, NDRF, DDRF, CRCCs, and teachers. Esteemed resource persons led the sessions, ensuring the workshop's success.



CFRC OPERATION

WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN LEADERS & IAG MEMBERS ON CFRC OPERATION

Dated: 16/08/2024

The overarching goal of these workshops was to empower participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to position CFRCs as vital hubs for delivering government entitlements and support to vulnerable communities in flood-prone areas. The sessions were designed to intertwine disaster preparedness with existing social protection programs, ensuring that communities at high risk could swiftly and efficiently access government services in times of need.

The workshop commenced with an introduction to the critical functions that IAG volunteers serve during disasters. It emphasized their responsibility for first-line support, which includes disseminating information, assisting with evacuations, and aiding in the distribution of relief.

Volunteers learned the importance of organizing awareness campaigns, especially in disaster-prone areas. They were encouraged to facilitate BalSabhas (children assemblies) and Mahila Sabhas (women assemblies) through the CFRCs, which would serve as platforms for educating communities on disaster preparedness and available social protection resources.

A special session focused on fostering collaboration between IAG Volunteers and CFRC Nodal Officers. Volunteers were encouraged to act as liaisons, helping identify households needing special assistance and ensuring those left out of the system received support.



The first workshop gathered 50 participants, including community leaders, women groups, and volunteers from CFRC operation area.

WORKSHOP FOR CFRC NODAL OFFICERS

Dated: 22/08/2024

The subsequent workshop brought together 35 CFRC Nodal Officers from all Gaon Panchayats where CFRCs were established.

The opening session highlighted the CFRCs' evolving role as facilitators of social protection and disaster assistance. It was emphasized that CFRCs function as information hubs, providing vulnerable communities access to both disaster-related aid and regular government schemes.

Nodal Officers received in-depth training on facilitating access to disaster assistance schemes. They learned to identify flood-affected households, prepare beneficiary lists, and help communities' access relief funds. Strategies for coordinating with local authorities to enroll vulnerable groups in social protection programs were also discussed.

Newly developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for CFRCs were introduced, offering a structured framework for managing daily operations. These SOPs detailed the roles of Nodal Officers, community engagement practices, and procedures for each phase of disaster management.



LANDSLIDE PREPAREDNESS: STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY

BEFORE

- Grow More trees that can hold the Soil together.
- Listen to Radio Watch TV and Newspaper for any alerts.
- Keep drains clean, and Keep holes open.
- Watch out for any warnings, such as the subsidence of buildings, cracks on rocks, and muddy river water.
- DO NOT Construct near Steep slopes and drainage paths.

AFTER

- DO NOT Touch/Walk over loose material and electrical Wires or Poles.
- Move away from the landslip path and downstream valley quickly
- Check for Injured and Trapped Persons.
- DO NOT move an Injured person without rendering first aid unless he/she is in immediate danger.
- DO NOT drink contaminated water directly from rivers, springs, wells, etc.

DURING

- Stay calm, DO NOT panic. ignore rumors.
- Stay together with your companions.
- If you notice any warning signs such as unusual sounds like trees cracking or boulders knocking together.
- Move away from landslip path or downstream valley quickly
- Inform the nearest Tehsil/ District HO

DISTRICT-LEVEL CONSULTATION ON DISABILITY ENTITLEMENTS IN DISASTER-PRONE AREAS AND STRENGTHENING CFRC FOR CONVERGENCE MAINSTREAMING

Dated: 30/08/2024

A significant district-level inter-departmental consultation convened at the Zila Parishad Conference Hall in Cachar. This consultation aimed to address the challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwDs) in accessing their entitlements, especially in disaster-prone areas. The event fostered collaboration among various government departments, NGOs, and civil society organizations, seeking to ensure that PwDs are not overlooked in disaster preparedness and response efforts.

The consultation commenced with an inaugural address emphasizing the necessity of a multi-sectoral approach to safeguard the rights of PwDs during disasters. The CEO Zila Parishad highlighted the compounded risks faced by PwDs, who often encounter barriers in accessing relief services.

Each participating department shared insights on existing support mechanisms available to PwDs, discussing their efforts to ensure accessibility during disasters.

An open discussion identified gaps in coordination and challenges faced by PwDs in accessing disaster relief and social protection entitlements. Key issues raised included: ☒

- **Lack of Accessible Infrastructure:** Many shelters and relief camps are inaccessible, hindering timely aid. ☒
- **Documentation Barriers:** Lack of proper documentation (disability certificates, Aadhaar cards) prevents access to entitlements. It was suggested to organize special camps to help PwDs obtain necessary documents. ☒
- **Awareness and Communication Gaps:** A consensus emerged that many PwDs are unaware of their entitlements and procedures to access them. CFRCs could play a vital role in raising awareness and assisting with the application process.



The consultation involved 55 stakeholders, including representatives from the Social Welfare Department, Health Department, Education Department, District Disaster Management Authority, and NGOs focused on disability rights and disaster management.

The consultation concluded with a collaborative work plan outlining specific actions for each department and stakeholder group: ☒

- **Creating a District-Level Database of PwDs:** Ensuring all PwDs in disaster-prone areas are registered and identifiable during emergencies.
- **Disability-Inclusive Disaster Management Plans:** Collaboration between DDMA and the Social Welfare Department to include provisions for PwDs in disaster management plans. ☒
- **Regular Monitoring and Follow-Up:** Establishing a monitoring committee to track progress and ensure PwDs receive necessary support. ☒
- **Capacity Building:** Organizing training programs for disaster management officials, CFRC Nodal Officers, and IAG Volunteers on disability inclusion in disaster response.

INTENSIVE HYGIENE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN CACHAR DISTRICT

In the aftermath of the devastating floods that struck Cachar District, intensive hygiene promotion activities were initiated in some of the most severely affected and hard-to-reach villages. These initiatives were implemented through Community Facilitation and Resource Centres (CFRCs), which played a pivotal role in educating communities about safe hygiene practices and promoting health resilience in flood-impacted regions.



The program successfully reached approximately 5,000 individuals across 53 locations, significantly contributing to the overall public health response in the area.

The implementation of these activities was characterized by a collaborative approach, where the CFRCs worked closely with local authorities, community volunteers, and technical experts to serve as operational hubs for the hygiene promotion efforts. The selection of the 53 locations across Cachar was based on an assessment of the severity of flood impacts, remoteness, and the specific needs of the communities.

Water sanitation and safety were crucial topics within the program as well. Demonstrations on safe water storage and treatment methods were conducted using chlorine tablets, along with instructions on home water purification techniques to prevent diarrhea and other waterborne illnesses. Simple methods for treating water were shared with flood-affected families, particularly those in remote areas, ensuring that they had access to safe drinking water despite the challenging conditions.

The distribution and effective use of hygiene kits constituted another vital aspect of the hygiene promotion activities. Hygiene kits, provided to pregnant women and PwDs, included essential items such as sanitary napkins, soaps, nail cutters, and water treatment products. Beneficiaries were shown how to use these items effectively, ensuring that they could maximize the benefits from the kits and improve their overall hygiene practices.



Throughout the implementation of these activities, the CFRCs worked collaboratively with local health workers, who provided additional support during the hygiene promotion sessions. Their involvement was crucial in ensuring that communities received comprehensive information and resources to practice good hygiene effectively. Additionally, the role of trained volunteers proved essential in engaging households, particularly in hard-to-reach areas where the need for assistance was greatest.

These intensive hygiene promotion activities not only equipped communities with essential knowledge and tools for maintaining hygiene but also fostered resilience against health challenges that emerged following the floods. The distribution of 550 hygiene kits, facilitated by UNICEF - Assam, further supported vulnerable populations, reinforcing the importance of hygiene in safeguarding health within disaster-affected areas. The initiative has made a lasting impact on community health and wellbeing, demonstrating the critical need for ongoing education and support in maintaining hygiene standards in the face of natural disasters.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS PROGRAMS



Dated: 30/08/2024, DNHS School, Udharbond

An awareness program was conducted at DNHS School under the Udharbond Revenue Circle, focusing on various types of disasters. Sessions were led by the 1st BN NDRF, who educated students on crucial actions to take before, during, and after natural disasters. The program emphasized proactive measures for community safety, including recognizing warning signs, understanding evacuation procedures, and adhering to safety protocols. Through interactive presentations and discussions, students acquired valuable skills to protect themselves and others during emergencies. The 1st BN NDRF facilitated an extensive exchange of information, fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience within the community.

Dated: 31/08/2024, Jarma Singh High School Udharbond

A Session led by the 1st BN NDRF educated students on crucial actions to take before, during, and after natural disasters. The program emphasized on proactive measures to be taken for community safety, including recognizing warning signs, understanding evacuation procedures, and adhering to safety protocols. Through interactive presentations and discussions, students acquired valuable skills to protect themselves and others during emergencies. The 1st BN NDRF facilitated an extensive exchange of information, fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience within the community. The awareness program was conducted at Jarma Singh High School under the Udharbond Revenue Circle





Dated: 02/09/2024, J.C. Girls High School, Udharbond

Awareness program was conducted at J.C. Girls High School under the Udharbond Revenue Circle, focusing on various types of disasters. Sessions were led by the 1st BN NDRF, who educated students on crucial actions to take before, during, and after natural disasters. The program emphasized proactive measures for community safety, including recognizing warning signs, understanding evacuation procedures, and adhering to safety protocols. Through interactive presentations and discussions, students acquired valuable skills to protect themselves and others during emergencies. The 1st BN NDRF facilitated an extensive exchange of information, fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience within the community.

Dated: 03/09/2024, Kinnakhal Public High School, Katigora

Awareness program was conducted at Kinnakhal Public High School under Katigora Revenue Circle, focusing on various types of disasters and preparedness. Sessions were led by the 1st BN NDRF, who educated students on crucial actions to be taken before, during, and after any kind of disasters. The program emphasized on proactive measures for community safety, including recognizing warning signs, understanding evacuation procedures, and adhering to safety protocols. Through interactive presentations and discussions, students acquired valuable skills to protect themselves and others during emergencies. The 1st BN NDRF along with CQRT volunteers facilitated an extensive exchange of information, fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience within the community.



TALK SHOW ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND DISASTER



Dated: 10/09/2024

On 10th September 2024, a talk show on photography and disaster was held in Silchar, featuring renowned photographer Sri Vicky Roy, known for documenting marginalized communities and disaster resilience. The event, inaugurated by Sri Yubaraj Borthakur, ACS, ADC & CEO, DDMA, Cachar, took place at Ceremony Banquet Hall, Circuit House Road. Roy shared insights on photographing disaster-stricken areas, the role of photography in raising awareness, and the ethical responsibilities of photographers. Over 200 participants, including officials, volunteers, NGOs, media, and local youths, engaged in discussions on the power of photography in disaster contexts.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS



INSPECTION IN THE VARIOUS FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME IN CACHAR DISTRICT

Dated: 09/07/2024

District commissioner Cachar along with officials from DDMA inspected restoration of sluice gates in bethukhandi, banglaghat, and malugram. Both the departments, jointly inspected the condition and restoration works of various sluice gates at the said locations under Sadar Revenue Circle. T



Dated: 10/07/2024

The District Commissioner, Cachar along with ADC & CEO DDMA, Cachar, CO & FO, Katigora Revenue Circle and Executive Engineer, Katigora WR Division & other officials visited Indo-Bangla border Sluices Gates across the tributaries of River Surma and checked if they were functioning properly.



INTER-MINISTERIAL CENTRAL TEAM VISIT

Dated: 19/07/2024

Glimpses from the Visit of Inter-Ministerial Central Team in Cachar District on 19th July 2024.



FIELD VISIT TO FLOOD- AFFECTED VILLAGES

Dated: 12/07/2024

Field Visit along with NDRF team to flood affected villages of Sonai Revenue Circle .

MEDIA COVERAGE

রোপণে এগিয়ে এলো ওএনজিসি

শ্রীপুরে আট শতাব্দিক চারা রোপণের লক্ষ্যমাত্রা

যুগশত্ৰু প্রতিবেদন
শিলচর। ১ আগস্ট

নদীবাঁধ শক্তিশালী করা ও নদীর জলের তোড়ে ভাঙনপ্রবণ এলাকার মাটি মজবুত করতে পরীক্ষামূলকভাবে হিজল (বারিংটোনিয়া) গাছের চারা রোপণ করার সিদ্ধান্ত নিল কাছাড় ডিডিএমএ। সেই হিসেবে কাছাড় জেলার বহু ভাঙনপ্রবণ এলাকায় ইতিমধ্যে ওই গাছ রোপণ করে এর রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের ব্যবস্থা করা হয়েছে। ডিডিএমএ-র উদ্যোগের সঙ্গে হাত মিলিয়ে মাঠে নামল ওএনজিসি। 'এক পেড় মা-কে নাম' শীর্ষক কর্মসূচিকে একসূত্রে গোঁথে আরও কিছু ভাঙনপ্রবণ এলাকা রক্ষার দায়িত্ব নিল ওএনজিসি। ওএনজিসিকে সার্বিক সহযোগিতার হাত বাড়িয়ে দিয়েছে পালংঘাট ডুগরবস্তি শিবদুর্গা ক্লাব।

ক্লাবের পক্ষে বৃথবার জানানো হয়েছে, কর্মসূচির অঙ্গ হিসেবে বৃথবার কাটিগড়ার শ্রীপুরে নতুন করে সংস্কার করা নদীবাঁধে গাছের চারা রোপণ করা হয়। এদিন এনিয়ে প্রথমে এক সংক্ষিপ্ত সভা আয়োজিত



ম্যানেজার বিপুল গৌহাই, বিনোদ ইনচার্জ এসএ যোশি, এইচআর ইআর ইনচার্জ মণীশ চঞ্চল, ডিডিএম (এইচআর) উদয়ন প্রসাদ, ডিডিএম (ইলেকট্রনিক্স) শৈবাল ভট্টাচার্য, এইচএসই ইনচার্জ টি কে টনি এবং ফায়ার সার্ভিস ইনচার্জ ভি কে অবন্তি, সারফেস ম্যানেজার মহেন্দ্র ভার্মা, জেলা কৃষি আধিকারিক এআর আহমেদ। এছাড়াও ছিলেন ডিডিএমএ সিইও যুবরাজ বরঠাকুর, ডিপিও শামিম আহমেদ, শিবদুর্গা ক্লাবের

দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্তৃপক্ষের সভা

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ভূমিকম্পের ঝুঁকি কমানোর বিষয়ে জেলা স্তরের সক্ষমতা তৈরির কর্মশালা অনুষ্ঠিত হয় শনিবার। কাছাড় জেলা দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্তৃপক্ষের ব্যবস্থাপনায় ও অসম রাজ্য দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্তৃপক্ষের সহযোগিতায় শিলচর অধিকাংশের এক কনফারেন্স হলে আয়োজিত এদিনের সেমিনারের সূচনা করেন অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক যুবরাজ বরঠাকুর, ডিডিএম এ-র প্রোগ্রাম অফিসার এআর শামিম আহমেদ লস্কর, শিলচর ডেপুটি কমিশনারের চেয়ারম্যান মঞ্জুল দেব, শিলচর এনআইটি-র প্রফেসর সত্যরত্ন চৌধুরী, ড. দেবশীষ জৈনিক, ড. পি কে শর্মা প্রমুখ।

বক্তব্য রাখতে গিয়ে যুবরাজ বরঠাকুর বলেন, বিস্তৃত তৈরির ক্ষেত্রে সকলে যেন সরকারি গাইডলাইন অনুসরণ করেন। অনেক ক্ষয়ক্ষতি হয়েছে যদিও



ধকতেই সতর্ক হওয়ার বিকল্প নেই। তাই ঘরবাড়ি কিংবা বিভিন্ন ব্যবসায়িক স্তরের বিস্তৃত তৈরি করার আগে নজর রাখতে হবে যাতে প্রাকৃতিক দুর্যোগের সময় উদ্ধার কার্যে কেন্দ্র ও ধরনের ব্যাঘাত না ঘটে। তিনি জানান অসমে আগে তীব্র ভূমিকম্পে গাইডলাইন অনুসরণ করেন।

নির্মাণ কাজ না করে সরকারি গাইডলাইন অনুসারে করতে আহ্বান রাখেন। এম আর শামিম আহমেদ লস্কর জানান, ২০১৬ সালে শিলচরে ৬.৮ মাত্রায় ভূমিকম্প হয়েছিল। কিন্তু তখন ক্ষতি হয়নি শিলচর শহরে। যা ভাল লক্ষণ।

আবেদন রাখেন। তিনি বলেন, ৫০ বছরের পুরোনো বিস্তৃত তৈরিতে রি-কনস্ট্রাকশন করানোর প্রয়োজন রয়েছে।

মঞ্জুল দেব বলেন, প্রাকৃতিক দুর্যোগে ক্ষয়ক্ষতির পরিমাণ কিভাবে কমানো যায় এ নিয়ে অধিক ভাবনা চিন্তার প্রয়োজন রয়েছে। নতুন করে কনস্ট্রাকশনের পরিমিশনের বেলায় সরকারি গাইডলাইন থাকলেও অধিকাংশই তা মানছে না বলে ক্ষোভ ব্যক্ত করেন তিনি। এক্ষেত্রে প্রতিটি বিভাগকে গুরুত্ব সহকারে এগিয়ে আসতে হবে বলে জানান তিনি। কেবল সরকারি গাইডলাইন থাকলেই হবে না, প্রয়োজন এর সফল ও সঠিক প্রয়োগ।

শিলচর এনআইটি-র প্রফেসর সত্যরত্ন চৌধুরী বলেন, শিলচর শহরের একাংশ বিস্তৃত পরিকল্পনা মাফিক নয়। তিনি বলেন, ভূমিকম্পের ঝুঁকি হ্রাস করার মূল অস্ত্র হচ্ছে বিস্তৃত তৈরির ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি গাইড লাইন মেনে চলা। এদিন বিভিন্ন প্রোগ্রামার সহ

নদীবাঁধ মজবুত করতে হিজল গাছ রোপণে এগিয়ে এলো ওএনজিসি

সচিব বাবলু দাস প্রমুখ। সভার শুরুতে ওএনজিসি এবং ডিডিএমএ কর্তাদের বরণ করা হয়।

সভায় বিপুল গৌহাই বলেন, গাছ লাগানোর চেয়েও গাছকে সুরক্ষিত রাখা অত্যন্ত জরুরি। ফলে গাছের সুরক্ষার বিষয়ে নজরদারি করতে হবে স্থানীয়দেরই। তিনি বলেন, নদীবাঁধের সুরক্ষায় বিশেষ ধরনের গাছ লাগানো হচ্ছে। শ্রীপুরে তিন কিলোমিটার দৈর্ঘ্যে আগামী কয়েকদিনে আট শতাব্দিক চারা রোপণ করবে ওএনজিসি। সেগুলোর সুরক্ষায় এগিয়ে আসতে স্থানীয়দের প্রতি আহ্বান জানান তিনি।

ডিডিএমএ-র সিইও যুবরাজ বরঠাকুর বলেন, সারা দেশে অমৃত বৃক্ষ আন্দোলন চলছে। প্রকৃতির ভারসাম্য বজায় রাখতে গাছ লাগানো জরুরি। আজকের দিনে প্রকৃতিকে রক্ষা করে আগামী প্রজন্মের কাছে নিজেকে

কৃষি আধিকারিক এআর আহমেদ বলেন, জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন হচ্ছে। তারতম্য বজায় রাখতে পারছে না বৃষ্টিপাত। বাড়ছে গরমের প্রকোপ। এর থেকে পরিত্রাণ পেতে বৃক্ষ রোপণ ছাড়া গত্যন্তর নেই। প্রকৃতিকে বাঁচাতে প্রত্যেকের সহযোগিতা জরুরি বলে উল্লেখ করেন তিনি। সভার সঞ্চালনা করেন শিবদুর্গা ক্লাবের উপদেষ্টা লালনপ্রসাদ গোয়াল। ধন্যবাদসূচক বক্তব্য রাখেন উদয়ন প্রসাদ।

সভা শেষে নদীবাঁধের পাশ ঘেঁষে অর্ধ শতাব্দিক হিজল গাছের চারা রোপণ করেন ওএনজিসি আধিকারিক, এডিসি, কৃষি আধিকারিক সহ স্থানীয়রা। আগামী কয়েকদিনের মধ্যে আট শতাব্দিক গাছ লাগানো হবে। গাছের সুরক্ষার জন্য স্থানীয়দের দায়িত্ব সমঝে দেওয়া হয়েছে।

এদিকে, এনিয়ে বৃথবার নিজের প্রতিক্রিয়ায় কাছাড় ডিডিএমএ-র ডিপিও শামিম আহমেদ এক বিবৃতিতে জানিয়েছেন, বরাক নদী অতিরিক্ত আঁকাবাঁকা হওয়ার দরুন ভাঙন সমস্যা বহুলাংশে বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে। এরইমধ্যে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে এক গবেষণায় দেখা গেছে বরাকের তীরের মাটির ধস ঠেকাতে সক্ষম হতে পারে হিজল গাছ। ফলে পরীক্ষামূলকভাবে বিভিন্ন এলাকায় এই গাছের চারা রোপণ করা হচ্ছে। এটা কার্যকর হলে গোটা জেলাজুড়ে এই কর্মসূচিকে এগিয়ে নেওয়া হবে।



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Celebration of 78th Independence Day

78th Independence day flag hoisting ceremony at DDMA, Cachar, Silchar. Flag hoisted by CEO, DDMA Cachar in presence of all officers and officials of DDMA Cachar, CQRT and NDRF Team.

