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PREFACE

Disaster Management, Emergency Response, Crisis Management or damage control requires expertise, quick decision-making and spontaneous action. Disasters like earthquakes, floods, cyclones, tsunami, landslide, cloudburst and other natural calamities as well as man-made disasters have increased both in frequency and fury. Due to repeated natural and man-made disasters, India has suffered enormous loss in terms of lives, livelihoods and damage to both public and private properties. To minimize the loss due to disasters of various kinds, efficient and effective response and quick decision-making is the key requirement for disaster managers.



Disaster management is one of the major activity undertaken by district administration. By virtue of the Disaster Management Act 2005 District Magistrate / Divisional Commissioner is the ex-officio member of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). As head of the district, the District Magistrate is responsible for crisis management during natural and manmade disasters and also fully involved in the post disaster relief & rehabilitation efforts.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), INDIA has entrusted the Center for Disaster Management, LBSNAA, the responsibility for capacity building of IAS and Central Services officers on Disaster Management. As part of the project “Capacity Building for IAS and Central Services Officer on Disaster Management” this book has been compiled and published to provide first hand knowledge for better understanding about disaster governance in various districts in India for future IAS and other Central Services Officers. The book will be useful to the ATIs, CTIs for their various in-house courses as a good reference material.

This book “Disaster Governance in India – Series – 1” will portray the emergency management and disaster governance issues existing in the districts of India. The book will also provide perspectives of IAS officers posted across India during their district training. This edited volume has been evolved from the selected district assignments on Disaster Management submitted by the IAS Probationers of 2010 and 2011 batch.

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