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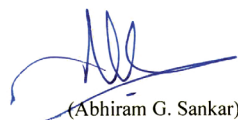
Disaster have adversely affected human civilization since the dawn of our existence. Natural disasters have increased both in frequency and fury over the years. India has suffered enormously, in terms of loss in lives and livelihoods and damage to both public and private property due to the recurrence of major natural and human induced disasters. In response, various strategies have been formulated and implemented with regards to mitigation, prevention, response, rehabilitation and reconstruction during pre-disaster periods. All these efforts have the same goal: Disaster Management and Disaster Governance.

No administration can afford the luxury of waiting for disaster to happen in his/her jurisdiction to learn from it. It is therefore imperative to be able to convey the experience of practitioners to each other, in an effort to educate about the variety and intensity of challenges faced in this dynamic field. The response might not have been the best in all cases but they would certainly be elucidating some aspects of disaster resilience to the discerning eye.

By virtue of the DM Act 2005, the District Magistrate/ Divisional Commissioner play a pivotal role as head of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and hence, it is essential that he /she should be well versed in the various aspects of Disaster Management.

It gives me immense pleasure to note that Centre for Disaster Management, LBSNAA is bringing out an edited Journal "Disaster-Response and Management" Volume 8, Issue 1 for the year 2020-21 under the project "Capacity Building on Disaster Management for IAS/Central Civil Services Officers" sponsored by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA, Government of India.

This is a compilation of research articles providing insights in recent trends in disaster management. I hope this volume will add to knowledge base for disaster management in the country and will be useful for both the trainees and the administrators in the field. It can also serve as a good reference material for ATIs and CTIs for their in-house courses.



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