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## *Director's Message*

India, due to its specific geographical and geological conditions, is vulnerable to various natural disasters. In India, the incidents of flood, drought and other natural disasters are on the rise and pose a major challenge to the society in general and administration in particular. Each disaster heightens the sense of urgency to equip ourselves better in coping and managing them. In this context, the training of Civil servants in Disaster Management assumes critical significance.


The recurring incidence of such disasters necessitates learning from our own experience as well as the best practices adopted all over the world in the field of Disaster Management. Well documented best practices that can be circulated widely for creation of awareness at all levels of administration play an important role in such a context.

No Administrator can afford the luxury of waiting for any 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 case studies series "Disaster Governance in India" Series-8, Issue 1 for the year 2023-24 under the project "Capacity Building on Disaster Management for IAS/ Central Civil Services Officers." This compilation of case studies, learnings and experiences of the civil servants in the field, is an effort of the Academy that is sponsored by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, New Delhi.

I hope this compilation will be useful for both the Officer Trainees and the Administrators in handling disasters and emergency situations across the country. I want to congratulate the CDM team for this publication and also place on record my appreciation for the contribution made by the faculty & staff of CDM who contributed in various capacities for bringing out this.

  
(Sriram Taranikanti)

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## *Preface*

Disasters have never ceased to adversely affect human civilization. Natural disasters and manmade 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 recurrence of disasters. In response, various strategies have been formulated and implemented with regard to mitigation, prevention, response, rehabilitation and reconstruction. These activities span pre-disaster and post disaster time periods. All these efforts have the same underlying goal – to reduce the impact of disasters on our society!

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In continuation to the successful publication of the fourth series of the publication “Disaster Governance in India” by the Centre for Disaster Management, it is our privilege to publish the Series-8, Issue 1 for the year 2023-2024. The book will be useful to administrators, at various levels, who are handling Disaster Management. It can also serve as a good reference material for ATIs and CTIs for their in-house courses.

I would like to thank the Centre for Disaster Management, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration who have been able to compile the best practices adopted by District Administrations, PSUs and other Institutions in the form of a Disaster Governance of in India, Series-8.



**(Abhiram G. Sankar)**

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