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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The landscape of governance is continually tested by the recurrence of natural disasters across India. This persistent challenge demands not only immediate response but, more crucially, a sustained commitment to learning and adaptation. For administrators, particularly at the district level, the wisdom gleaned from past events—both successes and shortcomings—is an invaluable asset in navigating future crises.

It is a foundational principle of effective administration that one need not personally experience a setback to understand its implications. Sharing practical experiences and thoroughly analyzed case studies is therefore essential to equip our officers with the foresight and knowledge required in the dynamic field of disaster management. The insights gained from on-the-ground actions provide a rich learning tapestry that complements theoretical understanding. Recognizing this, the Disaster Management Act, 2005, rightly places District Magistrates and Divisional Commissioners at the forefront of local disaster management efforts through the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs), underscoring their need for specialized, practical knowledge.

It is therefore a delight to announce the launch of “Disaster Governance in India,” Series-9, Issue 3 (2024-25). This compilation of case studies by the Centre for Disaster Management (CDM), LBSNAA, is a direct outcome of the “Capacity Building on Disaster Management for IAS/Central Civil Services Officers” project, sponsored by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). This series is specifically designed to disseminate the practical learnings and diverse experiences of officers and practitioners from the field.

This collection is intended to be an indispensable toolkit for our officer trainees as they prepare for their roles, and a valuable reference for experienced administrators seeking to refine their strategies for disaster and emergency response across the nation.

My sincere congratulations go to the entire CDM Team for producing this insightful publication. I also wish to place on record my deep appreciation for the dedicated contributions of the faculty and staff at CDM, whose collective expertise has shaped this important work.

I encourage a thorough exploration of these case studies, as they offer a practical lens through which we can enhance our collective capacity for effective disaster governance.

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(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!

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-9, Issue 3 for the year 2024-2025. 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 Central and State Government Bodies, District Administrations, other Institutions in the form of a Disaster Governance of in India, Series-9, Issue 3.

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(Chandrasekar S)

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Centre for Disaster Management (CDM) is a research and training centre of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Government of India. The Centre is involved in training officers belonging to the IAS and other Group-A civil services at induction as well as at Mid-Career level in various aspects of disaster management through classroom sessions, case studies, and experience sharing presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and mock drills. Apart from conducting training programmes on fire safety, search and rescue, IRS, DRR, DDMP, school safety, the centre is involved in various types of documentation and publication activities in terms of case studies, documentation of best practices, research papers, books and posters in national and international journals and developed course specific training materials in the area of Disaster and Emergency management and Science and Technology.

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