

STRENGTHENING THE PREPAREDNESS AT THE GRASS ROOT LEVEL THROUGH GAON PANCHAYAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISES IN ALL THE GPs OF ASSAM

ASDMA has organised the Second GP Level Emergency Management Exercise (Emex) in 2202 Gaon Panchayats of Assam with the vision to build Community Resilience at the grass root level. This exercise was conducted under the patronage of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Sarbananda Sonowal and under the guidance of the Chief Secretary of Govt. of Assam Shri. V.K. Pipersenia.

This year Assam witnessed 159 deaths due to Flood in which 69 were children under the age of 14 years. With a firm resolution to mitigate the damages and more importantly end the loss of life, the theme for this Exercise was adopted to be "Zero Casualty".

Building Community Resilient has always been on the highlight of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). It has been our endeavour to establish a meaningful dialogue with the community to build a robust understanding around the organic and integrated concept of disaster management. The idea of conducting Emergency Management Exercises at the grass root level has evolved from the need of reinforcing the understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of conservation and Disaster Management at the community level.

The Emergency Management Exercise in all the GPs of Assam was aimed to sharpen the experiential learning of the community by involving them in a mix of knowledge sharing and skill demonstration activities. This included, Procession by School Children and Villages, decorating the Village with Poster and Pamphlets made by the School Children and Community Members, exhorting every household in the village to display at least One Slogan on Disaster Management issues, organizing debate and drawing competition in the Schools, Organizing Earthquake Safety Drill in the School, Organizing a Mock Drill on preventing measures to cope-with floods, holding a Street Plays on Disaster Management issues involving local youth, Organizing practical demonstration at different places in the village on the measures that can be taken to protect the grazing lands, wetlands and Open Spaces, Organizing demonstration on First-Aid and injury management, Effective Management of Relief Operations and Camps etc. District Administration of all the Districts has taken keen interest in successful conduct of the exercise.

Similar Emergency management Exercise was conducted in the month of June 2017 in 2106 GPS