

Towards a Disaster Resilient State

# Gaon Panchayat EMEx - II

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## GAON PANCHAYAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISE 2017 PHASE - II

Be Prepared... Stay safe

Building Community Resilient has always been on the Agenda of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). It has been our endeavor to establish a meaningful dialogue with the community to build a robust understanding around the organic and integrated concept of disaster management. The Living Planet Report 2016 comes with cogent support for this approach. It underlines the alarming increasing in the ecological footprint of human activities and says that we are consuming as if we had 1.6 Earths at our disposal. The Report emphasis that if we have to protect and sustain the bio-capacity of land, it is necessary to take into account nine critical aspects of conservation, which it calls as nine Planetary boundaries. These include, land use changes, Green Cover, Water Resources etc. The Report presents adequate evidence to suggest that the

efforts at keeping the ecological footprint at a sustainable level have succeeded only when local communities were integral part of these efforts.

The idea of conducting Emergency Management Exercises at the grass root level has evolved from this need of reinforcing the understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of conservation and Disaster Management at the community level.

### BASIC STRUCTURE OF GP EMEx:

In the two rounds of training of Village Land Management and Conservations Committees (VLMCC), several areas like management of flood, earthquake, landslide, wetlands, open and Green Spaces etc. were discussed.

The Emergency Management Exercise 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.

For all these activities, IEC materials were shared with key stake holders,

A Task Force for each of the Emergency Management Exercises was created. The

Task Force was headed by the GP President, Presidents of all the VLMCC in the GP, Member Secretaries of the VLMCC, One of the Principals of the Schools and three- four active and enthusiastic persons from the GP. The Member Secretary of the Village where Emex was organized functioned as the Convener of the Task Force.

**In Phase I of the GP Emex 2088 GP EMExes were conducted involving 2272 schools and a total participant of 3,65,254 numbers**

Based on the success of the GP EMEx 2017 Phase I, the Second GP EMEx was carried out on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

#### **THEME FOR GP EMEx II**

The year 2017 has seen a death toll of 160 people including children. This has been a matter of grave concern for the authorities and hence all efforts are being given to

#### **GP EMEx 2017 PHASE II: AT A GLANCE**

<b>Total Districts</b>	<b>Number of GP EMEx conducted</b>	<b>Total number of Participants</b>	<b>No. of School involved</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>2157</b>	<b>735161</b>	<b>2183</b>

**DATE ON WHICH GP EMEx II WAS HELD:**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**(GP EMEx was not conducted in the Sixth Schedule Districts because they do not have Panchayati Raj System. The Districts are Udalguri, West Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao, Chirang, Kokrajhar and Baksa)**

reduce the casualties to zero so that there is no loss or injury to life. The theme of the programme for GP-EMEx- II was hence, "ZERO CASUALTY" which aims to bring down the casualties for flood to zero

### MAJOR STAKE HOLDERS

Students, Teachers, Principal/Principals of Schools in the selected Village, Supervisor/ Anganwadi Worker, ANM and ASHA Worker, VLW, Veterinary Field Assistant, Field Level functionary of PHE Department and Gram Sevak, VLMCC members and community as a whole

### ACTIVITIES HELD IN GP EMEx

#### Before the Event- GP EMEx:

The main motto behind conducting such a program on large scale was to generate awareness and so as to undertake this noble cause it was important to go through a pre-publicity process. To undergo this pre-publicity process banners, leaflets and posters were printed. The banners and posters were projected all around the GPs for full participation of the people from all strata of the society, VIPs, villagers, kids, others. This helped in creating a mass awareness that something was going to be organized named as GP-EMEx and it

also helped to increase the number of attendants on the day of the program. The pre-publicity and display of IEC materials also helped us in understanding and identifying the entities that came up to us to move on with this cause. Apart from this the volunteers of some of the NGOs were also trained by the NDRF team so as to carry on the various activities of GP-EMEx related to presentation of various mock drill easily and precisely.

#### During The Event

**Prabhat Pheri/ Procession:** The day began early with this activity wherein a huge procession was carried out involving School Children, teachers, NGOs, Local functionaries, ASHA/AW Workers, GP members, VLMCC members, & other community members. It is known as "Prabhat Pheri" in colloquial language. The rally started from a specific point and moved along through the G.P and ended up at the point where it started. The rally included slogans of environment safety by all, which were voiced by all of them present. It also displayed some placards prepared by the children on environment safety, awareness, etc.

**Public Meeting:** This was conducted to generate mass awareness and to make people understand the significance of the occasion and the importance of safeguarding the environment. Another objective was to make people aware of the prominence of the necessity of preparedness and risk reduction and how each member of the community has a huge role to play and can bring in a huge difference in preservation of the environment.

**Debate and Drawing Competition and Quiz Competition in the School:** To involve children and youth of the Gaon Panchayat, various competitions like, Extempore speech competition quiz competition, debate,. It is believed that they are the torch bearers of the society and they would internalize the message and deliver to a larger audience

**Plantation Drive:** The trees were planted in various designated venues. The plantation programme was carried out by NDRF and SDRF, Circle Officers, Field Officers, GP members, others.

**Mock Drill on Flood Preparedness:**

Mock drills were organized to make the community people aware of the do's and don'ts during the time of any sort of disaster. In some districts the drills were carried out by SDRF, NDRF Civil Defence, Indian Red Cross Society. In some venues in some districts Mock drill were carried out by volunteers from the NGOs who were previously trained by the NDRF team. The Mock Drill was on Rescue, Injury Management and First Aid

**Street Plays:** Street plays were organized in GPs to bring the disaster related awareness. The street plays were performed by

**Prize Distribution & valedictory function:**

After the day long programme, the children were facilitated in a ceremonial function. Children and youth who won in different categories of competitions were duly awarded in the function.

GPEMEx 2017: At a GLANCE				
Sl No.	Total Districts	Number of GP EMEX conducted	No. of School Involved	Total number of participants
1	Sonitpur	92	92	12485
2	Nalbari	65	65	31471
3	Biswanath	66	66	14302
4	Lakhimpur	81	81	38641
5	Cachar	163	163	48556
6	Dhemaji	65	65	12083
7	Dhubri	135	135	110487
8	Goalpara	81	81	17795
9	Golaghat	104	104	21920
10	Morigaon	82	81	74182
11	Jorhat	77	78	16451
12	Nagaon	172	172	37751
13	South Salmara	34	34	5717
14	Tinsukia	85	85	24277
15	Kamrup (Rural)	139	139	57140
16	Hailakandi	62	62	13829
17	Sivsagar	82	82	14586
18	Barpeta	107	107	31155
19	Karimganj	96	96	25638
20	Bongaigaon	65	65	26695
21	Dibrugarh	93	112	29806
22	Kamrup (Metro)	14	14	2615
23	Charaideo	36	36	22645
24	Darrang	75	75	12318
25	Majuli	20	20	7895
26	Hojai	66	73	24721
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2157</b>	<b>2183</b>	<b>735161</b>

**SNAPSHOTS OF THE GP EMEx -II**



Public Meeting at Kuwari GP in Bishwanath District



Plantation during the GP EMEx in Chokapara GP in Bongaigaon District



Prabhats Pheri in Bhandra GP, in Bongaigaon District



Demonstration on Search & rescue at Katigorah



Street Play at Ambikapur GP in Cachar District



Prabhats Pheri in Anukhat, in Charaideo District



Public Meeting in Naharpukhuri GP EMEx in Charaideo District



Demonstration by APDCL officials on safety messages for electrocution during GP EMEx II in Darrang District



Public Meeting during the GP EMEx in Darrang District



Rally Jonai Revenue Circle in Dhemaji District



Prize Distribution at Dhemaji District



Oath Taking during GP EMEx in Golaghat District



Prabhat Pheri at Hayong Basti GP, Hojai District



Officials from APDCL discussing about safety measures in Rongapara GP in Dibrugarh District



Mock drill (Demonstration on Drop-Cover-Hold) in school Chabua Revenue Circle in Dibrugarh District



Drawing Competition during GP EMEx in Golaghat District



Zero Casualty campaign on Electrocution at Matijuri GP Hailakandi District



First Aid Training during the GP EMEx in Dhubri District



Prize Distribution for competition during GP EMEx in Jorhat District



Rally in Chamaria revenue Circle in Kamrup (R) District



Mock Drill in Goramur GP in Majuli District



Rally in Singra GP in Lakhimpur District



Rally in Aahataguri GP in Majuli District



Plantation drive in Lakhimpur District



Public Meeting at Bhuragaon GP in Morigaon District



Public Meeting at Nambor lalung GP in Nagaon District



Discussion with school students on safety messages in South Salmara District



Public Announcement System used during the GPEMEX for disseminating safety messages in 14 No. Pub Banbhag GP in Nalbari District



Public Meeting in Ledo GP in Tinsukia District



Prabhath Pheri in Naduar Revenue Circle in Sonitpur District



Prize Distribution in Aroimuria GP in Tinsukia District