

Know Disaster, No Disaster

Knowledge is power and is the fundamental precondition for the civilization to evolve and thrive. The world witnessed several disaster throughout the centuries and it because of the appropriate application of the either the traditional knowledge or new age knowledge that human civilization has been able to survive every catastrophe. In modern times, subject like disaster management is often viewed as the significant but not an urgent issue. Hence, involving the people mainly the youth is a challenging task. But in order to make Assam disaster resilient, involvement of masses particularly the younger generation is of utmost importance. With this resolve Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) conceived the idea of a state-wide quiz competition to educate the young minds and generate greater participation. This is a unique endeavour to share knowledge on disaster management and highlight the significance of knowledge to battle with any eventuality.

Assam State Disaster Management Authority thus in collaboration with Priya Communications organised the All Assam Quiz Competition **"QUIZDOM 2014"** a knowledge based campaign on disaster preparedness with the theme **"Know Disaster, No Disaster"**. Other partners in this initiative are: Metropolis, Magazine Partner: Northeast Today, Travel partner Cox and Kings, goodies partner Pop tales, tabloid partner G plus, radio Partner BIG FM, creative partner Image Animation

The All Assam Quiz Competition under the name **"QUIZDOM 2014"** started with Four Zonal Preliminary Rounds in Four Zonal Districts

ZONE 1: JORHAT being the host District comprised of participants from Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Tinsukia, Golaghat and Karbi Anglong

ZONE 2: SONITPUR being the host District comprised of participants from Sonitpur, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Nagaon, Darrang and Udalguri

ZONE 3: CACHAR being the host District comprised of participants from Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj and Dima Hasao

ZONE 4: KAMRUP METRO being the host District comprised of participants from Kamrup Metro, Kamrup Rural, Morigaon, Chirang, Bongaigaon, Nalbari, Kokrajhar, Baksa, Goalpara, Dhubri and Barpeta. **Thousands of Students and teachers** participated in this all Assam quiz competition from all the 27 districts of Assam. The winners of each of the Zonal round received prize money besides other attractive prizes and free course in Animation. The winners and the first runner's up from each of the Zones were invited to contest and compete for the final at the state level in this mega quiz event: QUIZDOM 2014.

GRAND FINALE`

The Grand Finale of QUIZDOM 2014 was held today (29th October 2014) here at Rabindra Bhavan, Guwahati. Shri. VK Pipersenia, Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, Smt. LS Changsan, Commissioner & Secretary, Education and Mission Director Sarba Siksha Abhijan, Assam, Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, Secretary Planning and Development , Dr. M. Angamutthu, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) were also present to grace the occasion. Celebrities like Nishita Goswami and Kopil Bora were also present to support the cause and encourage the students. About a thousand of students from different schools and colleges of Assam witnessed the mega event

Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, Secretary Planning and Development, "This is a praiseworthy step and I hope that this journey of learning which began on 2013 by DDMA, Kamrup (M) reaches heights of success"

Dr. M Angamutthu, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) said that, "This is a unique endeavour to share knowledge on disaster management and highlight the significance of knowledge to battle with any eventuality and Kamrup Metro is proud to host the Grand Finale of QUIZDOM 2014".

The QUIZDOM 2014 started with a photo exhibition showcasing the entire journey of the quiz competition. Addl. Chief Secretary, Shri VK Pipersenia distributed the prizes among the winners of the competition. The first prize winners of the QUIZDOM 2014 was the team from Maharishi Vidyamandir, Barsajai, Kamrup (M) (Akshay Seal and Rishab Gogoi). The first runners up was from Srimanta Shankar Academy , Kamrup (M) (Rohit Handique and Sudarshan Goswami). The Second Runners up was a team from Maharishi Vidyamandir Silchar (Purbadri Banik and Aniket Roy). The winners received prize money of Rs. 40,000/-, the first runners up won a prize money of 20,000/- and the second runners up won a prize money of Rs. 10000/-. All the three winning teams also received certificates, a winner trophy, an educational tour, Course in Animation and many other goodies