

Karbi Anglong Emergency Management Exercise 2020

Background of hazard & vulnerability scenario of Karbi Anglong

Assam is a multi-hazard state prone to floods, earthquake, storms and landslide besides manmade disasters. It falls under seismic zone V making the entire state vulnerable to earthquake of moderate to very high intensity. Assam has a history of disasters ranging from large earthquake to severe floods.

Flash Floods in the district of Karbi Anglong are a regular feature and the main rivers are Amreng, Borpani, Kolioni, Dhansiri, Dikharu, Nambor, Deopani, Jamuna, Patradisha, Longnit, Doigrung which causes regular flash floods and also causing loss of human life and properties of the people every year. Even due to storm many areas of the district affected with loss of properties & lives.

The district of Karbi Anglong presently has three sub-divisions namely Diphu, Howraghat and Bokajan. The Revenue Circles are Diphu Revenue Circle, Phuloni Revenue Circle and Silonijan Revenue Circle.

The Phuloni Revenue Circle is located 70km away from district headquarter and falls under Howraghat subdivision. The major areas that are affected by floods are Namati and Rongmongve. The Silonijan Revenue Circle is located in the heart of Karbi Anglong. The Circle is connected by National Highway 39. The rivers that flow through revenue circle are Kalyani, Deihori, Nambor, Dhansiri, Deopani, Khanari, Daigrung, Bornewria, Choshentongri, Bordhing, Kohora, Difullu, Rangsali, Deithor River. There are many streams and waterfalls under Silonijan Revenue Circle. The major flood affected areas are Barpathar, Rongagora, Deopani, Bagori.

The Diphu Revenue Circle is prone to seasonal flood and storm; it has a history of flash floods affecting the low lying areas of Diphu town due to Diphu River which flows through the town. The river like Dhansiri, Jamuna and several other rivers and streams flow through the Circle which causes floods in some areas of Neperpetty, Dhansiri, Morakordoiguri. Fire incident occurs occasionally mostly in the densely populated areas in the District.

Objective of the Programme:

Emergency Management Exercise (EMEx) is a capacity building exercise conducted to test the response mechanism of different Line Depts. & Stakeholders of the District. The exercise is designed to harness the strength and capabilities of different departments/ institutions/ organizations that are responsible for carrying out the emergency response mechanism in an event of urban disaster.

The exercise was conducted by District Disaster Management Authority Karbi Anglong from 28th to 31st January 2020 in collaboration with Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) and in association with various Line Departments, Agencies, etc.

This is a rigorous event with five parallel tracks that held at different venues for the first two days of the event. The third day would be a Table Top Exercise, followed by a Field Drill on the fourth day at various locations. A debriefing session called "Hot-wash" will be conducted on the last day after the Field Drill.

Deliverables of EMEx

This multi-disciplinary training and exercise will foster the development of skill sets focused on emergency management system of the district during any mass casualty events. Besides, it will provide an opportunity for various agencies to work together and practice a multi-disciplinary, coordinated response to a local disaster. The training of trainer approach of the different courses and the drill will enable local partners to eventually replicate the training during the drill. Finally, the exercise will help in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the District's Emergency Management Plans and help in future preparedness.

Some glimpses of the Inauguration programme are given below:



Inauguration & Lighting Lamp Ceremony



Speech by DC, Karbi Anglong, Principal Secy, KAAC, Exec. Member, KAAC & SP, Karbi Anglong



Participants, trainings on Mass Casualty Handling, Search & Rescue & School Disaster Preparedness