**Talk on “Managing Guwahati: Today & Tomorrow”**

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in its endeavour to build a disaster resilient Assam is working with various knowledge based institutions and experts in different areas of Disaster Management. In a major step forward, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun Gogoi visited United States of America and entered into a collaboration with Earth Institute of Columbia University and thereafter two projects viz, **Disaster Risk Reduction Including Climate Change Adaptation of Guwahati in the Context of Dynamic Growth**” and “**Flood & Erosion Risk Mitigation Planning in Assam**’, were taken up in Assam.

The study on **Disaster Risk Reduction Including Climate Change Adaptation of Guwahati in the Context of Dynamic Growth** is being made by Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA, IIT, New Delhi and **Sustainable Urbanism International,** Bangalore under the Aegis of Assam State Disaster Management Authority. In order to highlight the work done so far a talk on ‘Managing Guwahati Today & Tomorrow’ by Smt. Jyoti Hosagrahar from Columbia University was organised by ASDMA on 6th June 2015. Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Shri V.K. Pipersenia was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Shri V.K. Pipersenia said, “ it is imperative to be prepared for the worst and such studies by world renowned knowledge institutes will aid the Government in taking the correct steps.”Over 200 officials from various line Department attended the talk.

As a part of the study, SUI, Bangalore collected relevant socioeconomic data, investigated the patterns and drivers of historical development of the Guwahati Municipality Area, researched on key flooding events, impacts and reconstruction and rehabilitation, Catalogued and mapped key efforts to plan for and manage climate risks in the GMA.