## WORKSHOP IN COLLABORATION WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, KOLKATA ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT AT GUWAHATI

Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in association with British High Commission, Kolkata organised a Workshop on Crisis Management on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which aimed to build a participatory approach and involve all the stakeholders in the crisis management works.

It is a known fact that Disasters can strike anywhere without any warning creative havoc in the life and property of the common people and therefore it is imperative to have an effective response mechanism which stems out of cumulative efforts of all the stake holders. The main objective to organise this crisis workshop was to bridge the gap by bringing together all key stakeholder who would play an important role in a crisis response.

Shri. Rajib Prakash Baruah, Director, Information & Public Relation, Assam and State Project Coordinator, ASDMA was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion and inaugurated the Workshop. Shri. Rajib Prakash Baruah in his inaugural speech highlighted the importance of such collaborative initiatives for crisis management and also appreciated the efforts of British High Commission, Kolkata in conducting such an important workshop in Assam.

Smt. Sanjibita McDonald Tariang Sen, Vice Consul, Eastern & North Easter India, Shri. R S Gill, Second in Command NDRF and Shri Pulak Mahanta, ADC, Kamrup (M) and CEO, DDMA Kamrup (M) along with other senior officials, were also present to grace the occasion.

Smt. Sanjibita McDonald Tariang Sen shared the context of the Workshop with the Participants. Later, she also interacted with the audience directly in the group activity sessions. Besides, Presentations and deliberations were also given by National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, Airport Authority, and North East Frontier Railways.

A Table top exercise was also conducted by Dr. Mirza Md. Irshad, Project Manager, Response, ASDMA & Shri Kaustav Talukdar, District Project Officer, DDMA, Kamrup (M).

Over 60 participants attended the Workshop.