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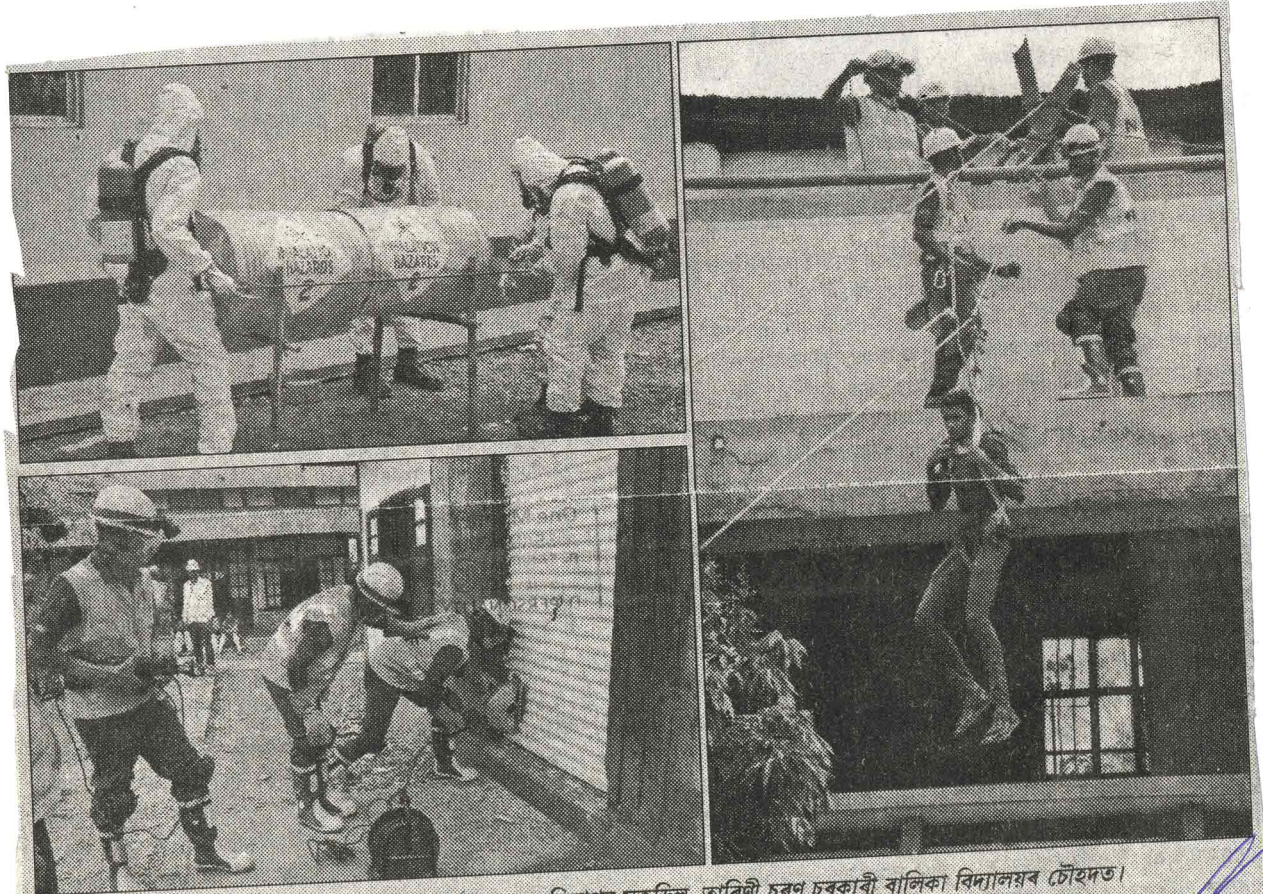
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## Mock exercise on earthquake scenario organized

FROM A REPORTER

**SHILLONG, March 10:** Taking the initiative to test the preparedness of Shillong to face a large-scale disaster caused by an earthquake, to check the effectiveness of the Incident Response System (IRS), prepare and organise the general citizens of the state on how to react and respond if any earthquake hits the state and a Mega Mock Exercise on Earthquake scenario was organized today in different parts of the city by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), New Delhi in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), East Khasi Hills.

The disaster sites selected for the Mock Exercise included Nongrimmaw Bhagyakul as residential area under Laitumkhrah, MUDA Shopping Complex, Police Bazaar, Petrol Pump, Demseiniong, NEEPCO office and Shillong Public School.

For the purpose of the Mock Exercise, the State and District Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) was fully activated for management and coordination with various stakeholders for the flow of information with respect to activities associated with rescues and relief operations.

The Mock Drill saw the active participation in the exercises including the search and rescue operations, first aid etc.,

the participants included personnel from the State Police, Home Guard and Civil Defense, Fire and Emergency Services, all line departments, various NGOs and community volunteers.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Guwahati and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) demonstrated the different exercises and took the participants through a step by step procedure.

The mock drill was carried out as per the Incident Response System (IRS), a mechanism which response through a well conceived team which consists of the Incident Commander and the teams from the Operation, Planning and Logis-

tic sections under the control and command of the Responsible Officer (RO) who is the Deputy Commissioner of the District.

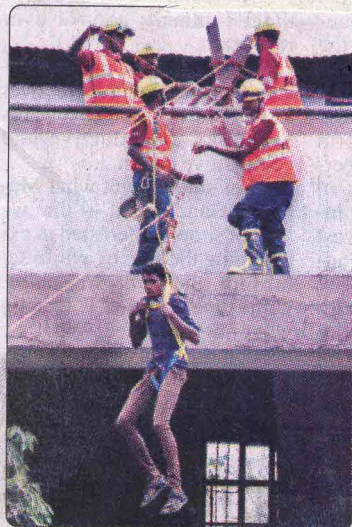
Observations were made with regard to the response time, communication flow, coordination and skills of these emergency support functionaries so as to identify the gaps and mistakes for rectification such loopholes in the future.

Meanwhile, JK Sinha, Member National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), New Delhi while addressing the media after the drill said, "The drill was a mega success, as the citizens actively participated in the drill; out of 10, I would rate the entire drill as 9 in the state, there are some shortage of equipments

which can be covered."

Sinha added that since Meghalaya and others part of North-eastern States fall under Zone V category and caution that a revisit of the Shillong Earthquake of 1897 of magnitude 8.7 on richter scale, in the present day context is likely to present a very damaging scenario because of polarization of population in the capital cities and the change in building typology, traditional houses and buildings have been replaced by un-engineered concrete structures.

"We have to be really prepared if such circumstance hits Shillong again," he asserted adding "With population increasing every day, we have to be equipped with better road connectivity, hospitals and many more."



*A mega mock exercise on earthquake being organized by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in association with Assam State Disaster Management Authority and District Association at TC Girl's HS School in Guwahati on Monday. (Sentinel)*



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## 1st phase of mega earthquake mock drill conducted

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 10 – The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in association with the Assam State Disaster Management Authorities (ASDMAs) of the four NE states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim, today conducted the first phase of the multi-stage mega earthquake mock drill to assess the disaster management preparedness of these states.

In the state, the mock drill was conducted in the city and at Jorhat. On March 13, the second phase of the mock drill will be conducted in Cachar district of the state, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland, said sources in the ASDMA.

In the city, the mock drill was conducted at five places – Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar; Reliance Trendz, Lachit Nagar; TC Girls' Higher Secondary School; Guwahati Medical College Hospital and Subham Apartment, Kharghuli.

For the purpose a simula-

tion of the 1897 earthquake of magnitude 8.7 was created. This was a level-3 disaster, which demanded the intervention of the state along with assistance from the Central government, sources said.

The Chief Secretary of the State himself needed to come to the control room in such a situation and the responsible officers of the departments concerned also were to rush to the control room in the event of such a disaster. Because, such a disaster calls for interdepartmental coordination, sources said.

Latasil Filed was taken as the staging area for the purpose of coordinating the response to the affected sites.

The mock drill exposed some deficiencies in the preparedness of the State in mitigating such disasters, sources said.

The deficiencies exposed during the drill include—lack of a dedicated communication system, lack of an updated resource inventory, the people manning the State Disaster Response Force need to un-



A mock disaster rescue drill being carried out on the premises of the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital, on Monday. – UB Photos

dergo more training.

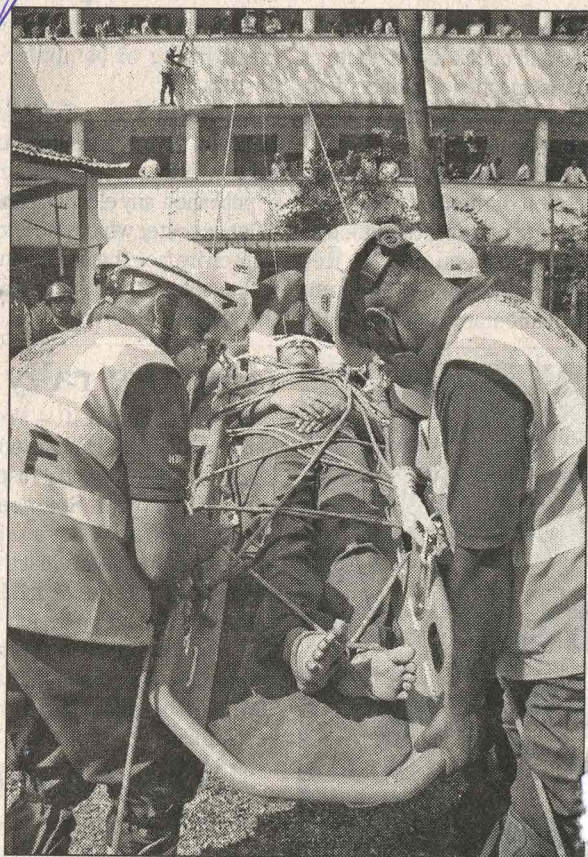
Besides, other departments like Health, Transport, Public Health Engineering Department, Power etc. are yet to realize their respective

roles. They need to prepare themselves to face the situation. They are to be sensitized on their respective roles, sources said.

The exercise also under-

scored the need to notify the Incident Response Teams of the State, naming the individual officers and specifying their individual roles, sources said.





Members of the NDRF and the Disaster Management squad conducting a mock drill on the premises of the Jorhat DC Office, on Monday. – UB Photos

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National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Disaster Management members taking part in a mock mega earthquake rescue drill in a shopping mall in Guwahati on Monday. – UB Photos



# Mega mock drill tests readiness

SAURAV BORA

Guwahati, March 10: Students of T.C. Girls' HS School had a close shave with a "rocky piece" of history today. Not many of them had heard of the 1897 Shillong earthquake till the "tremors" were felt around 11.30am.

"I came to know of the Shillong earthquake only today. But I shudder to think what would happen if an earthquake of this magnitude (8.7 on the Richter scale) were to really strike," said a Class VIII student of the school during the course of a mock drill conducted by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

She was among hundreds who watched an NDRF (National Disaster Rescue Force) team meticulously go about the drill.

"It was like a real-life scenario and we believe the exercise will educate our students about what to do when disaster strikes," the school's principal Himani Devi Bordoloi told *The Telegraph*.

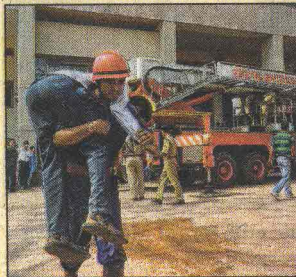
## DISASTER STRIKES, WELL, NOT REALLY

**11.30am** Earthquake measuring 8.7 on Richter scale rocks Guwahati

**11.35am** Civil defence personnel sound alert and start rescue act at T.C. Girls' HS School in Ambari

**11.45am** NDRF sets up temporary workstation, deploys dog squad to trace seven missing students

**11.47am** Three ambulances arrive



An NDRF official in action during a mock drill in Guwahati on Monday.  
Picture by UB Photos

**12.10pm** Missing students are found and evacuated from the old building. Two others stranded atop a two-storied building evacuated. Injured shifted to GMCH

**12.20pm** Two more students rescued

**12.35pm** A toxic gas chamber in the laboratory sealed to prevent leakage

**12.45pm** Operation over and 11 injured students rescued

Conducted in association with the state disaster management authorities of the region, the two-phase drill is the biggest ever exercise conducted in the country. In the first phase today, it was conducted in Guwahati, Jorhat, Itanagar, Ziro, Shillong, Tura and Gangtok and Mangan.

At the casualty loading point, set up in the school here this morning, civil defence volunteers were seen administering first aid.

"As the first respondents, it is our job to inform other agencies when a quake strikes. In the drill today, we deployed 13 volunteers. Our job (today) was to rescue those victims who were easily accessible," said Tarun Chandra Baishya, assistant deputy controller (senior), civil defence, Assam.

Minutes later, a 30-odd strong NDRF team arrived and took over.

"We resorted to rope res-

cue method to evacuate students and had to tear open a shutter with an electric arc to free those stranded in an Assam type structure," said Marut Pandey, deputy commandant of 1st battalion of NDRF.

Similar drills were conducted at a shopping mall in the Ulubari area, at the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Bijulee Bhawan in Paltan Bazar and at a residential apartment in

Kharguli.

At GMCH, 26 medical personnel, with the help of NDRF and SDRF personnel, transported 150 "patients" to a makeshift hospital.

In Jorhat, a post-quake scenario ("civilian services breaking down, electricity turned off, mobile towers and a part of the government hospital damaged") was created to carry out the drill. Jorhat deputy commissioner Solanki Vishal Vasant and NDMA director (disaster mitigation) B.S. Agarwalla assessed the exercise by summoning the stakeholders.

NDMA observers submitted their report at the debriefing session in the afternoon. "It was observed that there was a need for a fail-safe communication system, capacity building of SDRF personnel and update of resource inventory for faster decision making," an official of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority said.

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## Mock drills in Guwahati to raise quake awareness

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**Guwahati:** In order to create awareness among the common people about the steps to be taken during an earthquake, the National Disaster Management

Authority (NDMA) in association with the State Disaster Management Authorities of all the eight northeast states conducted a multi-stage mega mock drill for a hypothetical earthquake of 8.7 magnitude. The workshop was organized at different sites in Guwahati and Jorhat on Monday.

The mock exercise, which will cover all the eight NE states and 16 cities, will be conducted in two phases.

Hospital, residential apartment, school, office building and shopping mall have been selected as the site for the exercise. In Guwahati the mock drill was conducted at Bijulee Bhavan, TC Girls' High School, GMCH, Subham Apartments, Uzanbazar, Reliance Trends Mall and in Jorhat the sites were Jorhat DC Office, Jorhat Government boys High School, Jorhat Medical College and Hospital, Vishal Mega mart and Madhukunj Apart-

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National Disaster Management Authority members take part in a mock drill in Guwahati on Monday

The mock drill kick started with a siren indicating a major earthquake. Responding agencies of the state as well as NDRF conducted search and rescue operations in the sites and evacuated the occupants.

Those evacuated were taken to hospitals. Capacity building of state disaster response (SDRF) personnel, better coordination among the stake holders, fail-safe communication, better coordination among the various state government departments and chalking out of appropriate policy decisions are regarded as the need of the hour.

"With more such mock drills we will be better prepared to deal with earthquakes," said M Sashadhar Reddy, vice chairman of



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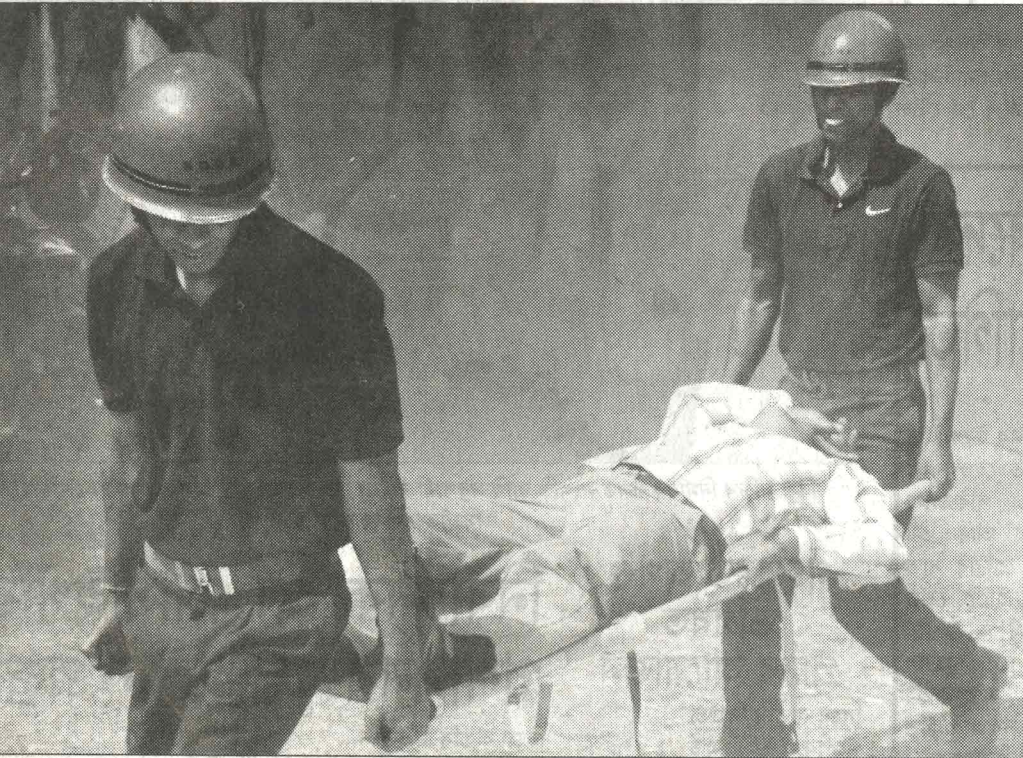
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ভূমিকম্পৰ সময়ত এন ডি আৰ এফ আৰু দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনাৰ সদস্যসকলে ভূমিকম্পপীড়িতক উদ্ধাৰ কৰাৰ দৃশ্য, যোৰহাটত।

গুৱাহাটী, ১০ মাৰ্চ : ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনা প্ৰাধিকৰণে অসম ৰাজ্যিক দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনা প্ৰাধিকৰণৰ সহযোগত গুৱাহাটী মহানগৰ আৰু যোৰহাটত আজি এক 'বহুতৰপীয়া বৃহৎ মক্ ড্ৰিল' অনুষ্ঠিত কৰে। ১৮৯৭ চনত শিলঙত অনুভূত হোৱা ৮.৭ প্ৰাবল্যৰ ইতিহাসৰ অন্যতম বৃহৎ ভূমিকম্পটোক আঁৰি হিচাপে লৈ আজি এই মক্ ড্ৰিল অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হয়। গুৱাহাটী মহানগৰীৰ গুৱাহাটী চিকিৎসা মহাবিদ্যালয় হাস্পতাল, টি চি স্কুল, উলুবাৰীস্থিত ৰিলায়েন্স ট্ৰেণ্ডছ শ্বপিং মল, বিজুলী ভৱন, শিলপুখুৰীৰ শুভম এপাৰ্টমেণ্ট আৰু যোৰহাট চহৰৰ মেডিকেল কলেজ, উপায়ুক্তৰ কাৰ্যালয়, বিশাল মেগা মাৰ্ট, চৰকাৰী বালক উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় আৰু মধুকুঞ্জ এপাৰ্টমেণ্টত এই মক্ ড্ৰিল চলোৱা হয়। বহুতৰপীয়া বৃহৎ মক্ ড্ৰিলৰ অংশ হিচাপে ভূঁইকঁপ অহাৰ প্ৰতীকাত্মক জাননী হিচাপে আজি দিনৰ ১১-৩০ বজাৰ লগে লগে সমূহ স্থানতে চাইৰেন বজাই সকলোকে সজাগ কৰি দিয়া হয়। সক্ৰিয় কৰা হয় সংশ্লিষ্ট জিলাস্থিত আপদকালীন আৰু অভিযান কেন্দ্ৰ (ডি ই অ' চি)। আনহাতে, অসম সচিবালয়স্থিত ৰাজ্যিক দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনা প্ৰাধিকৰণৰ কাৰ্যালয়টো ৰাজ্যিক আপদকালীন আৰু অভিযান কেন্দ্ৰলৈ ৰূপান্তৰ কৰি সকলো অভিযানৰ তদাৰকী আৰম্ভ কৰা হয়। মক্ ড্ৰিলৰ বাবে নিৰ্দিষ্ট কৰা মুঠ ১০টা স্থানতেই এন ডি আৰ এফ, এছ ডি আৰ এফ, অগ্নিসেৱা বাহিনীকে ধৰি সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলো বিভাগে প্ৰতীকী অৰ্থত উদ্ধাৰকাৰ্য আৰম্ভ কৰে। ম'বাইল ফোন আৰু ইণ্টাৰনেট সেৱা ভূমিকম্পৰ ফলত বিচ্ছিন্ন হোৱা বুলি ধৰি লৈ প্ৰতি স্থানৰপৰা ৰেডিঅ' বাৰ্তাযোগে ক্ষয়-

ক্ষতি আৰু হতাহতৰ তথ্য ৰাজ্যিক আপদকালীন আৰু অভিযান কেন্দ্ৰই সংগ্ৰহ কৰে। কেন্দ্ৰটোত ইতিমধ্যে উপস্থিত থকা দায়িত্ববাহী বিষয়া (ৰেচপনচিবল অফিচাৰ) হিচাপে ৰাজ্যৰ মুখ্য সচিব জিতেশ খোচলা, 'ইনচিডেণ্ট কমান্ডাৰ' হিচাপে অতিৰিক্ত মুখ্য সচিব (ৰাজহ আৰু দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনা) সুভাষ দাস, ন'ডেল বিষয়া হিচাপে পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ প্ৰধান সচিব ডি এছ ভাস্কৰকে ধৰি শীৰ্ষ বিষয়াসকলক প্ৰতীকী ৰূপত সংগৃহীত তথ্য মুহূৰ্তে মুহূৰ্তে জনাই থকা হয়। নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কক্ষত বায়ুসেনা, অসামৰিক প্ৰতিৰক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, পৰিবহন, তথ্য আৰু জনসংযোগ, খাদ্য আৰু অসামৰিক যোগান, গড়কাপ্টানি, জনস্বাস্থ্য কাৰিকৰী বিভাগকে ধৰি সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলো বিভাগৰ বিষয়া তথা প্ৰতিনিধি উপস্থিত থাকে। পৰিস্থিতিৰ সামগ্ৰিক বুজ লৈ যাবতীয় নিৰ্দেশনা জাৰি কৰে দায়িত্ববাহী বিষয়া তথা মুখ্য সচিব জীতেশ খোচলাই। পৰৱৰ্তী সময়ত তেওঁ অতিৰিক্ত মুখ্য সচিব (ৰাজহ আৰু দুৰ্যোগ ব্যৱস্থাপনা) সুভাষ দাসকে ধৰি আন শীৰ্ষ বিষয়াৰ সৈতে মক্ ড্ৰিল অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱা গুৱাহাটীৰ পাঁচ ঠাইত ক্ষেত্ৰ পৰিদৰ্শন কৰে আৰু পৰিস্থিতি তথা প্ৰতীকী উদ্ধাৰ কাৰ্যৰ বুজ লয়। উল্লেখযোগ্য যে অসমকে ধৰি সমগ্ৰ উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চল অতি ভূঁইকঁপপ্ৰণয়ন অঞ্চলত অৱস্থিত। সেয়ে সম্ভাৱ্য আপদৰ বাবে সপ্তম থকা তথা সজাগতা সৃষ্টি কৰাৰ উদ্দেশ্যে আজি এই বৃহৎ মক্ ড্ৰিল অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হয়। এই মক্ ড্ৰিল দুৰ্ঘটনা সঁহাৰি ব্যৱস্থাৰ আৰ্হিত ৰূপায়িত হৈছে নে নাই, এন ডি এম এৰ পৰ্যবেক্ষকে প্ৰতিটো দিশ পৰ্যালোচনা কৰে। উল্লেখযোগ্য যে এনেধৰণৰ আন এক বৃহৎ মক্ ড্ৰিল অহা ১৩ মাৰ্চত শিলচৰত অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হ'ব।





ভূমিকম্পৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ল'বলগীয়া সাৱধানতাৰ সন্দৰ্ভত প্ৰদৰ্শিত এক মক ড্ৰীল, টি চি স্কুলত



ভূমিকম্পৰ বাবে সাৱধানতা! বিজুলী ভৱনত দুৰ্যোগ প্ৰশমন বিভাগীয় কৰ্মীৰ আখৰা, সোমবাৰে