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**Subject: Implementation of Disaster Management Initiatives-reg.**

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Kindly refer the communication received from the Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs (copy enclosed for ready reference), emphasizing the need to integrate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into the Higher Education ecosystem in alignment with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of building a resilient society.

In this regard, all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to take necessary steps towards implementation of the following initiatives:

**1. Establishment of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Clubs**

These clubs will serve as platforms to engage students and faculty in awareness, capacity building, and community resilience initiatives, which includes Hands-on-Training & capacity building, local planning & risk assessment, disaster awareness through interactive activities, sustainability and climate action, emergency preparedness and response etc. The suggestive list of activities are enclosed.

**2. Integration of 2-Credit Skill Enhancement Course on Disaster Management at the undergraduate level**

HEIs may consider integrating 2-Credit Skill Enhancement Course on Disaster Management at the undergraduate level across the country. This will help to create informed, trained and resilient youth capable of responding effectively to disasters. The course content and other modalities like optional, mandatory or value-added course etc. may be worked out based on feasibility, norms and in consultation with NIDM.

For additional details, HEIs can reach out to the nodal officer, Dr. Preeti Soni, from NIDM at Mob. No. 9717735481 or email: [preeti.nidm@nic.in](mailto:preeti.nidm@nic.in)

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Dear Dr. Joshi:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the productive discussions held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 between Sh. Syed Ekram Rizwi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education (MoE), and Dr. Preeti Soni, Senior Consultant, NIDM, Ministry of Home Affairs, at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting offered valuable insights and explored potential avenues for collaboration and innovation to integrate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into the Higher Education ecosystem.

2. In this regard, NIDM seeks your support for the implementation of the following major initiatives to achieve the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a resilient society:

i. **Establishment of DRR-Clubs in All Higher Educational Institutions-** Directions may please be issued to establish DRR-Clubs in colleges and university across the country. These clubs, will serve as platforms to engage students and faculty in awareness, capacity building, and community resilience initiatives. The **suggestive list of activities are Annexed.**

ii. **Integration of a Compulsory 2-Credit Skill Enhancement Course on Disaster Management** at the undergraduate level across the country. This will help to create informed, trained, and resilient youth capable of responding effectively to disasters.

3. We look forward to your valuable support in facilitating the above initiatives and the nodal officer from NIDM, Dr. Preeti Soni (Mob: 9717735481; preeti.nidm@nic.in), will be happy to provide any additional details as required.

*With regards,*

  
(Safi Ahsan Rizvi)

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Copy to: Sh. Syed Ekram Rizwi, Joint Secretary (Admin), Ministry of Education,  
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Encl: As above

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**Suggestive list of objectives and activities for DRR- Clubs**

**1. Hands-on Training & Capacity Building**

- Organize **First Aid & CPR training** in collaboration with health professionals.
- Conduct **fire safety drills and earthquake preparedness workshops** with local emergency responders.
- Arrange **disaster simulation exercises** to educate students on effective response strategies.
- Join NIDM e-learning courses for capacity building through <https://elearning.nidm.gov.in/local/home/index.php> and upload certificates.
- Join DRR courses on I-GoT <https://gotkarmayogi.gov.in/>.

**2. Local Planning & Risk Assessment**

- Assist in **campus vulnerability mapping** for identifying high-risk zones.
- Facilitate discussions on the **institution's Disaster Management Plan (DMP)** and suggest improvements.
- Organize **awareness campaigns** on early warning systems and evacuation protocols.

**3. Disaster Awareness through Interactive Activities**

- Host **documentary screenings** on fire safety, earthquake resilience, flood, climate change, and community preparedness.
- Conduct **poster-making competitions** and **thematic quizzes** on disaster risk reduction (DRR).
- Develop **interactive models** showcasing flood-resistant housing, earthquake-resistant structures, etc.

**4. Sustainability and Climate Action**

- Lead **tree plantation drives** and create **green belts** on campus.
- Promote **waste segregation, composting and up cycling initiatives** to reduce waste generation.
- Implement **water conservation projects**, such as rain water harvesting demonstrations.

**5. Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- Organize **mock drills** for fire, earthquake and chemical hazards in coordination with disaster response agencies.
- Train students on **crowd management and emergency communication** in case of a disaster.
- Develop **DRR club emergency response teams** to assist in campus safety measures.

**6. Any other activities suggested by DoHE, MoE**