

# SOP Workshop for National Level Earthquake, Tsunami Mock Exercise held

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 11/— / A day-long workshop was held to redefine Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of different line departments of the A & N Islands in the conference hall of Megapode Resort on Wednesday. The workshop was jointly organized by the Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration and Indian Tsu-



nami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC), Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad as a preparatory activity for the conduct of National Level Earthquake and Tsunami Mock Exercise scheduled to be held in November 20-22, 2013.

Inaugurating the workshop, the Chief Secretary stressed upon the participants to translate the Disaster Management knowledge into practice. Brig (retd) Dr. B K Khanna, Sr. Consultant, National Disaster Manage-

ment Authority, New Delhi enlightened the participants with his versatile experience of conducting Mock Drills, Workshops, Trainings etc. in various States/Districts in the country and also ran through PPP on how to conduct mock exercise at National Level. Dr. Srinivas Kumar, In-charge, ITEWC, INCOIS presented his PPP at length as to how they function with state of the art technology at INCOIS, Hyderabad by detecting Earthquakes and analysing of data gener-

ated by the gauges installed at sea and land and further dissemination of bulletins at National, State & District Level Stakeholders by the INCOIS and displayed Mock Exercise experiences in his presentation and also helped in redefining stakeholders SOPs in terms of on-going Mock Exercise. A familiarization Exercise on Tsunami test bulletins was also conducted for better understanding of bulletins by Dr. Srinivas Kumar along with Mr TKS Ajayan, Assistant Director, (Ops).

The Asst. Commandant, W. N. Sandrew, National Disaster Response Force, Arrakonam, Tamil Nadu made power point presentation on search & rescue operations, roles & responsibilities of the 4th Bn of NDRF. He subsequently explained search & rescue equipments and its technical knowhow.

A Power Point Presentations on SOPs on Disaster Management was made by the A&N Police, Health Department, District Administration (S/A) and A&N Command. The Director, Disaster Management at the concluding session highlighted the SOP on Disaster Management in accordance with IRS.

Earlier, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (DM&RR) welcomed the gathering. He said that the workshop is intended to enhance the existing SOPs of stakeholders to gear up for the mock exercise which is in the offing and asked the participants to go through the Manual prepared specifically for upcoming National Level Mock Exercise and to provide valuable suggestions if any. He also highlighted the importance of upcoming Mega Mock Exercise where PRIs & Community Task Forces will have a greater role to play at the grass roots level.

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