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**Organizing Refresher Course
ON
“*Disaster Management*”**

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Introduction: Disaster is an event or series of events, which gives rise to casualties and damage or loss of properties, infrastructure, environment, essential services or means of livelihood on such a scale which is beyond the normal capacity of the affected community to cope with. Disaster is also sometimes described as a “catastrophic situation in which the normal pattern of life or ecosystem has been disrupted and extra-ordinary emergency interventions are required to save and preserve lives and or the environment”. **Disaster Management:** As per Disaster Management Act, 2005, “disaster management” means a continuous and integrated process of planning, organising, coordinating and implementing measures which are necessary or expedient for prevention of danger or threat as well as mitigation or reduction of risk of any disaster or its severity or consequences. Disaster management includes administrative decisions as well as operational activities that involve prevention, mitigation preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation. Disaster management involves all levels of government. Nongovernmental and community based organizations play a vital role in the process. Modern disaster management goes beyond post-disaster assistance. It now includes pre-disaster planning and preparedness activities, organizational planning, training, information management, public relations and many other fields. Crisis management is important, but is only a part of the responsibility of a disaster manager. The newer paradigm is the Total Risk Management (TRM) which takes a holistic approach to risk reduction.

Objectives: The main objectives of this refresher course is to:

- Prepare oneself to deal with any disaster
- Prompt response to any threatening disaster situation or disaster
- Assessing the severity or magnitude of effects of any disaster; evacuation, rescue and relief.
- Pre-disaster planning and preparedness activities, organizational planning,
- Crisis management.

The lecture sessions will be supplemented with practical demonstrations as well as the problem solving sessions.

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