

ECHO OF ARUNACHAL

ToT on 'disaster management' comes to an end

ITANAGAR, Mar 26: A national level Training of Trainers (ToT) concluded today at the Rajiv Gandhi University complex. Gracing the valedictory programme, Prof H S Yadav, Director NERIST stressed on the difference between nuclear fission and nuclear fusion wherein disasters go beyond the realm or control of management mechanisms and emphasized on the need for disaster preparedness. The ToT that commenced yesterday was jointly organized by the Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies (CYDLS) and the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamil Nadu and brought together different stakeholders from different regions to capacitate them with knowledge and skills to be better prepared in handling and responding to disasters. The Dean of Social Sciences, Prof S K Singh highlighted the importance of equipping oneself and be better prepared for any eventuality in this era of technological advancements. The Commandant of 12 Bn NDRF, Umesh Kumar Thapliyal focused on the integration of theoretical and practical components and provided a broad overview on the roles and responsibilities of NDRF and how they respond to disasters in the country. The technical sessions of the day focused on institutional mechanisms and policy measures to deal with disasters, warning systems, role of airports in responding to disasters and the four R's related to disasters – Response, Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation services. Experts in the field like Prof Nandini Singh, Dean of Environmental Science, RGU, Dr Saumya, IGNOU, New Delhi, and Vimersh Yadav, Airport Authority of India, Guwahati attended the programme. The Registrar of RGU, Prof Tomo Riba, who chaired the panel discussion, shared his personal experience related to disasters in the region. The need to include the rich indigenous knowledge and practices of tribal communities in Arunachal Pradesh in designing and planning of any disaster preparedness training was expressed by the participants. The ToT shall formally conclude tomorrow with a field visit to NDRF, Doimukh and Dhemaji where practical demonstration on Disaster Management and Rescue Operations shall be organized with the help of the NDRF. On the whole, comprehensive components dealing with both theoretical and practical aspects of disaster were offered to the participants to mould them into 'equipped' disaster management professionals to deal effectively in any disaster situation.

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