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PREFACE

Arunachal Pradesh is prone to and has witnessed a recurring phenomenon of a diverse nature of hazards/disasters such as landslides, flash floods, floods, cloud bursts, lightning & thunderstorms etc. The State has also recorded major earthquakes in the year 1941, 1947 and 1950. Since the State is classified as Seismic Zone V region, the threat of yet another major earthquake looms. Further, unremitting and heavy rainfall in the state of Arunachal Pradesh has often proven to be calamitous to villages, towns and cities regardless of their location. Forest fire yet another disaster that threatens the scenic natural beauty of the State and causes extensive damage to flora and fauna.

Considering all the disaster events & their ill-effects, the state cannot afford to remain mute spectator during disasters and act only on after-disaster measures such as relief and rehabilitation. We are all aware of the fact that occurrence of natural calamities cannot often be avoided and most of the time cannot be predicted as well. However, the deleterious effect these have on the state can be largely reduced. For this, the State needs to be more vigilant and take major corrective and suitable pre-disaster measures such as awareness generation programmes for the public, children, and offices; conduct regular mock exercises/drills and by applying a well organized standard operating procedure (SOP) for any kind of eventuality. A comprehensive and sustainable plan needs to be drawn up not just to reduce the impact of disaster without compromising with the socio-economic development of the State.

The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) has accordingly unfolded the State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP-2019) with the above aim. A core group consisting of representatives from Central Government, other State Government and Scientific Institutions has been formed under the Department of Disaster Management, Arunachal Pradesh. Several consultative meetings/trainings/workshops have been held in order to achieve a more holistic attempt to develop such a plan. Through such meetings/trainings/workshops, the SDMP is reviewed by exchanging experiences and ideas gained, identifying chasm and at the same time strictly following the guidelines set by the National Disaster Management Authority for preparing State Disaster Management Plans.

This has led to the fruition of this new framework that encompasses a constant reality check on the ground and all possible eventualities that mitigates the damage through regular sustainable solutions. The Plan finalized thus, was approved by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

As is evident, this plan is an outcome of the collective effort of the experts Scientists and Technocrats etc. SDMP has been put in place to ensure participation of all Stakeholders, Officers and Officials of Govt. and representatives of Civil societies in unison as members of "Team Arunachal". With the main objective of strengthening the resolve of the State to be fully prepared, for any onslaught of Disaster. Pre-Disaster preparedness and mitigation-centric approach is the need of the hour. Once institutionalized they stay etched in the minds of the civil administration and society, thus habituating them to apply their presence of mind and follow the laid down drill whenever required.

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