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FOREWORD

The State Disaster Management Plan has been prepared in the context of vulnerabilities and is based on the factors like ever growing population, rapid urbanization, development within high risk zones, environment degradation, climate change, state and national security, economy and sustainable development.

Arunachal Pradesh, due to its geographical location is vulnerable to various natural calamities like earthquake, flood/flash flood, landslide, hailstones/high speed wind, drought like situation, soil/ embankment erosion, cloud burst etc. There are multiple High Risk Multi Hazard Zones across the State. Apart from these natural hazards, the cultural and traditional lifestyle of the people of the State also makes them susceptible to various man-made hazards such as fire accidents due to fire-prone indigenous thatched house and Forest fires due to traditional way of Jhum Cultivation.

The State Disaster Management Plan of Arunachal Pradesh takes into account the mutlihazard vulnerability of the State and the global trend of disaster management. The plan pursues to facilitate execution of activities for prevention and preparedness, cooperation and coordination among all the stakeholders of the community. In order to prepare the Plan, the existing system has been studied; the prevailing documents and various stakeholders were consulted.

For this plan to be successful & far-reaching, it requires sincere cooperation between the various stakeholders which includes various Department/Agencies of State Govt. and Community. This will be a step towards constructing a society where Disaster Management is a culture, a habit and an essence of our daily lives so that we are able to present our next generation a Disaster Friendly and a Disaster Resilient Society.

The framework of the plan is based on the paradigm shift in Disaster Management from a relief centric approach to a regime that anticipates the importance of preparedness, prevention and mitigation. The team has followed the National Disaster Management Authority guidelines for preparing State Disaster Management Plan.

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