

One Day National Conference
DISASTER MANAGEMENT: PERSPECTIVE AND REINSTATEMENT

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Day: Saturday

: GUESTS:

Inaugural Ceremony

Hon. Inaugurator

Shri. Devendraji Fadanvis

Hon. Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra

Hon. Conference Chair

Dr. Chandansingh Rotele

Hon. President OCCSW, Nagpur

ACSW, Bhandara, Chimur & MSWMSF

Guest of Honour

Dr. Sanjay Dudhe

Hon. Pro Vice Chancellor, RTMNU, Nagpur

Mr. Shubhash Chaudhari

Hon. Director, National Fire Service College,
Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs

Mr. G. S. Saini

Hon. Ex. Director, National Fire Service College,
Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs

Chief Guest

Dr. Ashok Borkar

Hon. HOD of Sociology, RTMNU, Nagpur

Dr. Kedarsingh Rotele

Hon. Vice President OCCSW, Nagpur

Speakers

Ms. Shiwalee Deshpande

Hon. Director, Prahar Samaj Jagruti Sanstha, Nagpur

Mr. Ankush Gawande

Hon. District Disaster Management Officer

Ms. Surabhi Gajbhiye

Hon. Program Director SAAD

Valedictory

Mr. Rajendra Uchke

Hon. Chief Fire Officer, NMC

Dr. Aruna Gajbhiye

Hon. Free Lance Researcher

Dr. Ashok Borkar

Hon. HOD of Sociology, RTMNU, Ngp.

Dr. Sarala Shanwarte

Hon. Off. Principal of ACSW, Bhandara

Dr. Mahedrakumar Meshram

Hon. Off. Principal of OCCSW, Nagpur

Convenor: Dr. Kavita Kanholkar

Coordinator: Dr. Chandrashekhar. Malviya

Co-coordinator: Prof. Shalini Tore

Venue: Ravi Bhavan, civil lines, Nagpur

Introduction:

Orange City College of Social Work, Nagpur, Athawale College of Social Work, Bhandara, National Fire Service College, Nagpur, Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs and Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur organized a one-day National Conference on "**Disaster Management: Perspective and Reinstatement**" on Saturday, September 24, 2022. The conference was organized at Ravi Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Inaugural Session:

Inaugurating the inaugural session of the one-day National Conference, Hon'ble Pro. VC, RTMNU, Nagpur, Chairperson of the program Respected Dr. Chandansingh Rotele, President, OCCSW, Nagpur, ACSW, Bhandara, Chimur, MSWMSF, Nagpur, Ex. Member of Senate, Member of Academic Council, RTMNU, Nagpur. Guest of Honour, Hon. Rajesh Chaudhary, Director, National Fire Service College, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Shri. G. S. Saini, Hon. Ex. Director, National Fire Service College, Government of India, as special guest Hon. Dr. Ashok Borkar, HOD., of Sociology, RTMNU, Nagpur, Dr. Kedarsingh Rotele, Vice-President, OCCSW, Nagpur facilitated as the esteemed guest of the conference. During the conference, the proceeding of the conference in the UGC Care listed journal, 'NIU International Journal of Human Rights' was published at the hands of Shree Devendraji Fadanvis, Hon. Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra and all the hon. Dignitaries present in the conference was concluded. He extended his best wishes to the college and appreciated the efforts taken by the institution for organizing the conference and publishing the journal.

The conference began with the University song sang by the students of the college. This was followed by the recitation of the Preamble of the Constitution of India. The program started with the lamp lighting ceremony.

The inaugurator of the conference Dr. Sanjay Dudhe sir, Hon. Pro. Vice Chancellor, RTMNU, Nagpur guided regarding the forms of disaster with references to the respective responses to the disaster. He instated that the disaster management is a significant part of the society and the responses differ including the government, private organization and their roles in the same. He said that the Covid era had been a major disaster where the people reached out to each other irrespective of the various dangers. He also appreciated the people of Fire Service College who are trained to help each other by risking their lives.

His discourse was followed by the address by Mr. Rajesh Chaudhari, Hon. Director, National Fire Service College, Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. He said that the modern infrastructure should be designed in such a way that provides sufficient exit points in case of any kind of disaster that may occur. He also enlightened regarding the different ways and means of rescuing the victims of the disasters. He also focused upon the various measures that should be adopted while the constructions of any kind of infrastructure. Unfortunately, the same are overlooked by the people. He insisted upon the need of research in the field of disaster management to create awareness regarding the same among the common people. He also explained how Covid has increased the importance of medical services of all kinds in the society. He also insisted that people should not let their guards down and be carefree as far as Covid is concerned. He also strongly hoped that the conference ekes out a good remedy and solution regarding the problem of disaster management.

The Hon. Vice- President of the institution, Dr. Kedarsingh Rotele sir guided regarding the importance of disaster management among the people. He also insisted regarding the significance of the rescue operations at the time of natural calamities. He viewed that the smart city has also created various problems like the evacuation of the water in case of heavy rain fall, which has remain unaddressed. Hence, he felt that the organizations of seminar and conferences on similar lines is extremely important. He felt that even if a disaster is unavoidable, the impact of the disaster can be mitigated with proper planning and implementation. He also stressed the need of the optimum use of organic and recycled products for saving the ecology.

Mr. G. S. Saini, Ex., Director, National Fire Service College, Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs asserted that the Covid period has been almost like house arrest for the people. However, the same had been extremely important for the welfare and safety of the people. He guided regarding the responsibility of the higher educational institutions to create awareness regarding the disaster management among the common people. He stressed that the govt. of India should ensure that the maps so sanctioned and the houses constructed should be in view of the natural disaster so as to keep the people safe. Unless this is done, the accession letters should not be sanctioned.

The role of social worker in the management and mitigation of the disaster is very important. It is the responsibility of the social work institutions to train the students and the empower them to tackle any kind of disaster. The public health sectors need social workers for dealing with the disaster. He cited the example of Japan where despite of the frequent natural disasters like super cyclone of 1999, the people are so trained to deal with the same impactfully. He also deliberated regarding the earthquake as to have the records of the same are now properly maintained. He said that, the natural disaster affected need psycho-social support.

He concluded that the climate change has resulted in to various natural disaster. The factors like coal mines production are responsible for the pollution. Hence it is the responsibility of the students, teachers and other stakeholders to manage disaster at individual, state and national level. It is important to have the core knowledge for disaster management. He concluded with his experience where he was called for a presentation on disaster management at Parliament House for presentation on safety and security, where he underlined the loopholes in security that can cause any threat and the Parliament House was attack in 2001.

Dr. Chandansingh Rotele, Hon. President, OCCSW, Nagpur, ACSW, Bhandara, Chimur, MSWEMSF, Ex. Member of Senate & Academic council, RTMNU, Nagpur, Ex. Member of NAAC Peer Team said that it is ironical that the disaster management meetings are organized in the AC offices and 5-star hotels that are far removed from the ground realities. According to him, the time management and the proper training is very important in the disaster management. The social worker has the major role to play in this where he can deal with the after effects of disaster. Similarly, NGO and government has a very important role in the same. He cited the example of various natural disasters like Tsunami and Pandemic create havoc. Later the government has to play a very important role in the prevention of the natural disaster. He stated that the natural disaster is a global problem and the proper utilization of the natural resources along with psychological motivation is important. He also elaborated his views with the examples of Latur in Maharashtra, Kedarnath in Uttarakhand and Tamilnadu. According to him, team work is important in disaster management and that every school should have a post of school social worker.

The inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Kavita Kanholkar, convenor. The guests were introduced by Prof. Dipratna Raut and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Nandkishor Bhagat.

First Technical Session: Disaster Management in Psychological Warfare

The first technical session was resourced by Ms. Shiwalee Deshpande, Hon. Director Prahar Samaj Jagruti Sanstha, Nagpur & Former Captain, Indian Air Force. She said that it is important that each country man should imbibe the qualities of the soldiers. She narrated her experiences during the natural disaster in Uttarakhand where the relief was provided to 11 villages with the help of all the volunteers. The 11,000 tonnes of grocery were provided as well. Even the cattle were saved during the flood in Mandakini River. She also narrated how the team of Prahar provided relief to the people of Bhuj in Rajasthan during the earthquake. She explained how the people were provided with relief by Prahar in 2019 Kerala floods. Also the work has been done during the Corona Pandemic.

He stated that a terrorist is the person who is the most scared. He also urged that a soldier should be remembered every time due to his selfless duty over the border that keeps everyone in the country safe and sound. She narrated her experience with Prahar and how the superstar Nana Patekar after meeting with Col. Deshpande came up with the idea of making the movie 'Prahar'. She strongly viewed that every citizen should have the quality of a soldier. All the educational institutions should provide compulsory training of the soldier. It is only then that the society will be disciplined and the country will become a world leader. She said that one should be like a soldier who are always ready for the mission irrespective of the details of the mission. She also explained about the proxy war and the border tensions between India and Pakistan.

With the examples of Kashmir, Khalistan the second world war, Russia and Ukraine, Iran and America war explained regarding the impact of the psychological war. She explained how the psychological war creates fear in the mind of people. Similarly, demoralization and motivation are the two sides of the same coin with regard to psychological war. The social media also play a major role in the psychological war.

The first technical session was conducted by Ms. Kalpana Mukunde and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Aarti Pawar.

Second Technical Session: Disaster Management Act

Mr. Ankush Gawnde, Hon. District Disaster Management Officer, Nagpur on his discussion on 'Disaster Management Act' discussed about the resilience and the way of the development of the quality of resilience by thinking and behaving in such a way that one adopts the strategy to cope with the challenging situation. He guided regarding the constitution of District Disaster Management Authority consisting of the members like collector as the chairperson, president of Zilla parishad as the co- chairperson, members from BSF, CRPF, ITPF, CISF as the important member. The supervision and command of the force is vested on the officer appointed by the central government with the designation of Director General of the NDRI.

He said that most of the natural disaster occur in the Asian and the Pacific region. He also commented that the geo climatic condition and the high degree of socio-economic vulnerability makes India a disaster-prone country in the world.

The Second technical session was conducted by Prof. Rachana Dhadade and the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Sulok Raghuvanshi.

Third Technical Session:

Ms. Surabhi Gajbhiye, Hon. Program Director, SAAD shared her experiences regarding the kerala flood, Latur earthquake, flash flood in Uttarakhand etc. She stressed the rehabilitation of people post pandemic and its importance. Moreover, dragging the people out of trauma is very important. Moreover, the capacity building of the people should be done. She explained her points with the example of flood in Rudraprayag, Jammu & Kashmir, Nepal earthquake in 2016 and Bihar flood.

The third technical session was conducted by Dr. Chandu Patil and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Arti Pawar.

Valedictory Session:

The valedictory session was graced by the presence of Dr. Chandansing Rotele, Hon. Chair of the session, Mr. Rajendra Uchake, Hon. Chief Fire Officer, NMC, facilitating as the chief guest, Dr. Aruna Gajbhiye, Hon. Freelance Researcher, writer and consultant for social development sector, Dr. Ashok Borkar, Hon. Guest, Mrs. Kirantai Rotele, Hon. Ex. Senate member, RTMNU, Nagpur. Dr. Sarala Shanware, Hon. Officiating Principal ACSW, Bhandara, Dr. Mahendrakumar Meshram, Officiating Principal, Nagpur.

Mr. Rajendra Uchake spoke at length about the pattern of work followed in the fire service department at municipal corporation. He informed regarding the relief fund provided for the national disaster events. The same is audited by PWD. He said that it is the responsibility of the Urban Development Ministry to develop the infrastructure in such a way that the disaster mitigates the impact. Similarly, the infrastructure and common public areas should be developed in such a way that the rescue operations are conveniently carried out. This also helps the conduct the planning of fire fighting and other disaster rescue operations.

Dr. Aruna Gajbhiye said that it is very important to have safety measures like fire extinguisher, the various safety measures in the different parts of schools and colleges. People are ignorant regarding the different kinds of fire extinguisher and that the expiry date of the fire extinguisher has to be checked. She said that no disaster is manmade but they are humanly induced. She focused upon the importance of waste management in the protection of ecology.

Dr. Ashok Borkar, stated that the various sociological theories are the result of the sociological risk emerging at the advent of the disaster and its concept. He also explained regarding the external factors of risk like manufactural risk that in the long run affects the society. He elaborated his discourse with the help of the theory of last classification where in the hierarchy of the society consist of the lower class that runs the entire social structure. It is headed by the higher class and the one that connects both the classes is the middle class.

Dr. Chandansingh Rotele in his presidential speech expressed that the disaster management and the reinstatement should be the first and foremost issue of relevance for the society. Unfortunately, he felt that it is conveniently ignore by the stakeholders. It is important that the people should be alert regarding the different aspects of disaster management. In this the

educational institutions have the major role to play in and the social work colleges should step forward to do so as their moral and ethical responsibility.

The session was conducted by Prof. Shalini Tore. The Vote of thanks for the conference was made by Dr, Chandrashekhar Malviya who expressed his gratitude to management, faculties and nonteaching staff of all the organizing institution. He also expressed his gratitude to the participant of the conference. He expressed gratitude to the staff of the Ravi Bhavan, Nagpur for the extension of all kind of possible support for the organization of the conference. The program was concluded with the National Anthem.