

IMA HQ DISASTER MANAGEMENT CELL

The movement for Disaster Management was started by then our National President Dr. Ajay Kumar and Hon. Joint Secretary Dr. Dharm Prakash. The IMA HQ Disaster Management Cell formerly formed in the year 2007. The cell has following nine members with National President and Hon. Secretary General as ex-officio members. Dr. Chetan N. Patel (Chairman), Dr. Dharam Prakash (Convener), Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Ajoy Kumar Singh, Dr. V. U. Seethi, Dr. K. Vijaya Kumar, Dr. Vijay Punjabi, Dr. Upendra Kumar, Dr. Manvendra Goswami. After three years 1/3 members will retire by rotation. They are eligible for re-appoint by CWC. The 1st National Workshop was organized at Vadodara. During the inauguration function then National President Dr. Ajay Kumar released IMA HQ DMC logo. Uptill now total 6 meetings of the cell were held at the site of CWC and proper line of action was decided. As per the decision taken in the meeting, a manual of Disaster Management is prepared and was released during IMACON 2007 at Nagpur. The manual is very informative including the list of all members of state & local branch DMC. The manual has been sent to all the state & local Disaster Management Cell members.

A meeting of Disaster Management Cell (DMC) was held on 26th April 2009 at Goa. The progress was reviewed. As per decision, a separate e-mail account has been opened. The email address of the cell is isimahqdmc@gmail.com. We have started briefing the members regarding the activities of the cell. Awareness & certificate programme for IMA members have been finalized. The detail report of the meeting is given elsewhere in the Agenda Papers.

During this year 6th meeting of the Cell was held on 31st October 2006 at Nagpur. In this meeting Following three members are nominated Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Upendra Kumar & Dr. A. Selvarajan in place of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Upendra Kumar & Dr. Manvendra Goswami. The detail report of the meeting is given elsewhere in the Agenda Papers.

IMA HQ DMC is thankful to IMA HQ for sanctioning Rs.1,00,000/- as per the decision taken in the meeting of IMA HQ DMCon 12th April 2008.

A letter was sent to all State & Local branch Presidents & Hon. Secretaries requesting them to form State & Local Branch of IMA DMC if not yet formed. They are also requested to inform the IMA HQ DMC, if there is any change in the State / Local Disaster Management Cell. Dr. Chetan N. Patel personally contacted State Presidents & Hon. State Secretaries regarding formation of Disaster Management Cell.

IMA HQ DMC with the help of IMA Gujarat State Branch had organized a 2nd National workshop on Disaster Management and more than 500 IMA members had participated. Members appreciated the presentation from National Institute of Disaster Management. This has helped IMA to come closer to Government National Agencies. The important aspect of the workshop was representation of more than 13 state branches from all over India and lively discussion which has helped us to finalization of Guidelines on certain issues. The detail report of the workshop is given elsewhere in this Agenda papers.

IMA HQ DMC has published a manual on Disaster Management. A work is in progress for publication of 2nd Edition of Manual on Disaster Management. Members are requested to go through the manual.

From this year IMA HQ DMC has started IMA President Disaster Relief Fund. The interest of which will be utilized for Awareness & Training programme. I am glad to say that Past President IMA Gujarat State Branch Dr. Savailal Patel has donated Rs. 5000/-. He is the first person to donate for this. On behalf of IMA HQ DMC, I request the worthy members to donate generously.

IMA HQ DMC and Sphere India has joined hands to gather and prepared a questioner & on the basis of feedback, a training programme for individuals & institutional level will be arranged. I request the members to fill up the questioner & pass on the information to as many as IMA members.

A full length paper "Role & Responsibilities of Indian Medical Association" written by Dr. Chetan N. Patel, Chairman, IMA HQ DMC has been accepted for publication by second India Disaster Management Congress organized by National Institute of Disaster Management, Government of India. He represented Indian Medical Association to the congress.

To help the people of Flood affected areas of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, IMA HQ send a request letter to all State Branch President, Hon. Secretaries and CWC Members. In response to this appeal many State & Local branches alongwith individual members contribute to "IMA Disaster Management Fund".

Many local branches are doing activities. We request the office bearers of the branches to report them.

This year the WHO Day theme is "Safety in Hospital Services during Emergencies" IMA Vadodara has organized a lecture on Hospital Safety during Disasters keeping in mind with the patients. We request the local branches to organize such awareness programmes.

IMA Goa DMC organized a workshop on Friday 28th March 2009 at Goa Medical College, Bambolim. Dr. Peter Patel, Rotary Club of Birmingham was the Resource person. Total 73 members participated. The groups were divided and given exercise.

IMA Goa DMC had organized an interactive session on Friday 28th March 2009 at Dona Paula at 8 pm. Total 34 members participated.

IMA Goa State Disaster Management Cell Members regularly meet & review the progress & activities. They have planned to organize half day CME for the IMA Members, Govt. & Health Services doctors. They are also in a process of Awareness & Preparedness programmes at local branch level. Dr. Vallabh Dhaimodkar, member Secretary regularly reports to IMA HQ DMC regarding their activities.

Dr. Sibadatta Chaudhuri, Chairman, IMA Bengal State Disaster Management Cell had reported the relief work (Medical) done in the cyclone affected area of State. They worked to gather with District Magistrate & Government authorities. Bengal State Branch along with its IMA Kakdwip & IMA Basirhat branch had taken part in medial relief work. IMA Tollygunge Branch had contributed medicines, clothing food etc. Dr. Sibadatta Chaudhuri, himself actively involved in the relief camp and supervised & taken part in all the activities of relief work. The important aspect of the relief work is that continuous more than 15 days, a OPD relief campus were organized by State Branch in collaboration with International Agency. All these activities are helpful in uplifting of IMA image in the Society.

IMA Virudhunagar District Branch had organized a programme for Community on Maduarkulam reiver bank on the subject – Disaster Management – Dealing with floods – 86 people had participated. The branch had also organized "Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation" training programme at AK Polytechnic. 420

students took training in basic resuscitation. Dr. A. Selvarajan, Hon. Secretary of the branch is the key person for all this activities.

Upto 15th December following state & local branches have formed Disaster Management Cell.

State	State Br.	No.of Local Br.
Andhra Pradesh	Yes	01
Assam	-	01
Bengal	Yes	05
Chhattisgarh	Yes	01
Goa	Yes	07
Gujarat	Yes	05
Haryana	Yes	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	06
Jammu & Kashmir	-	01
Jharkhand	Yes	-
Karnataka	-	01
Maharashtra	Yes	05
Madhyapradesh	Yes	-
Orissa	Yes	-
Punjab	Yes	02
Rajasthan	Yes	02
Tamilnadu	Yes	09

So total 13 State branches and 46 local branches have formed Disaster Management Cell. We request the state & local DMC to arrange atleast one programme.

2nd National Disaster Management Congress - 09

The 2nd India Disaster Management Congress was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi from 4th to 6th November 2009. The congress was organized by National Institute of Disaster Management, Govt. of India and supported by WHO, World Bank, UNDP, Unicef, USAID & Public Health Foundation of India.

More than 500 Scientists, researchers and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines, from the earth and space sciences to agriculture and forestry, engineering and medicine, social and behavioural science, administration and management and practitioners from international, regional, national and local

governments and a host of non governmental organisations with rich variety of experiences had attended the congress for three days.