

## **FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

The National Disaster Management Authority in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) decided to hold eight face-to-face training programmes (FFTPs), all of two days duration, with a view to enhancing the capacity of Panchayati raj members, ULB sand officials on the preparedness and awareness aspect as well capacity building in case of disasters. The IGNOU selected our organization for this purpose in Patna district. We successfully conducted the training programme where about 300 persons from the above three segments got the training. Regional Centres of IGNOU organized similar programmes in other parts of Bihar. The FFTP programme was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Our Centre invited experts from relevant fields for training purpose. The participants liked the method of training as we adopted classroom lectures, videos , classroom exercises by the participants and practical demonstration by the 10th battalion of National Disaster Response Force. NDRF Jawans apprised trainees how a household items like dry coconut shells, empty bottles etc. can save ones lives for atleast four hours in flood. The participants in general and PRIs in particular were trained to identify the hazard, risk, vulnerability assessment (HRVA) of their respective panchayats for better preparedness.

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