

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & PLANNING MANAGEMENT

Course Code: CIV 406

Credit Units: 02

Total Hours: 20

Course Objective

The overall aim of this course is to provide broad understanding about the basic concepts of Disaster Management with preparedness as a Civil Engineer. Further, the course introduces the various natural hazards that can pose risk to property, lives, and livestock, etc. and understanding of the social responsibility as an engineer towards preparedness as well as mitigating the damages. The objectives of the course are i) To Understand basic concepts in Disaster Management ii) To Understand Definitions and Terminologies used in Disaster Management iii) To Understand Types and Categories of Disasters iv). To Understand the Challenges posed by Disasters vi) To understand Impacts of Disasters Key Skills

Course Contents:

Module 1: Introduction: (4 Hours)

Concepts and definitions: disaster, hazard, vulnerability, risks- severity, frequency and details, capacity, impact, prevention, mitigation).

Module 2: Disasters: (4 Hours)

Disasters classification; natural disasters (floods, draught, cyclones, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, coastal erosion, soil erosion, forest fires etc.); manmade disasters (industrial pollution, artificial flooding in urban areas, nuclear radiation, chemical spills, transportation accidents, terrorist strikes, etc.); hazard and vulnerability profile of India, mountain and coastal areas, ecological fragility.

Module 3: Disaster Impacts: (4 Hours)

Disaster impacts (environmental, physical, social, ecological, economic, political, etc.); health, psycho-social issues; demographic aspects (gender, age, special needs); hazard locations; global and national disaster trends; climate change and urban disasters.

Module 4: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR): (4 Hours)

Disaster management cycle – its phases; prevention, mitigation, preparedness, relief and recovery; structural and non-structural measures; risk analysis, vulnerability and capacity assessment; early warning systems, Post-disaster environmental response (water, sanitation, food safety, waste management, disease control, security, communications); Roles and responsibilities of government, community, local institutions, DRR programmes in India and the activities of National Disaster Management Authority.

Module 5: Disasters, Environment and Development: (4 Hours)

Factors affecting vulnerability such as impact of developmental projects and environmental modifications (including of dams, land- use changes, urbanization etc.), sustainable and environmental friendly recovery; reconstruction and development methods.

Course Outcomes:

- The application of Disaster Concepts to Management
- Analyzing Relationship between Development and Disasters
- Ability to understand Categories of Disasters and realization of the responsibilities to society

Examination Scheme:

Components	A	CT	S/V/Q/HA	EE
Weightage (%)	5	15	10	70

CT: Class Test, HA: Home Assignment, S/V/Q: Seminar/Viva/Quiz, EE: End Semester Examination; Att: Attendance

Text/Reference Books:

- <http://ndma.gov.in/> (Home page of National Disaster Management Authority)
- <http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/> (National Disaster management in India, Ministry of Home Affairs).
- Pradeep Sahni, 2004, Disaster Risk Reduction in South Asia, Prentice Hall.
- Singh B.K., 2008, Handbook of Disaster Management: Techniques & Guidelines, Rajat Publication.

- Ghosh G.K., 2006, Disaster Management, APH Publishing Corporation
- Disaster Medical Systems Guidelines. Emergency Medical Services Authority, State of California, EMSA no.214, June 2003
- Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) (Feb. 2007). IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings. Geneva: IASC

