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Governor addresses National Workshop on Disaster Management

ITANAGAR, Aug. 29, 2014 - The Governor Lt. Gen.(Retd) Nirbhay Sharma inaugurated the two-day National level Workshop on Disaster Management held at NERIST today, organized by the department of Civil Engineering and Centre for Management Studies, NERIST. The workshop aims to develop a perspective plan to negotiate with Arunachal's vulnerability to disasters.

The Governor called upon the experts from various fields to contribute towards a viable action plan which will go a long way in strengthening the disaster management and vulnerability reduction strategies for the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh to face the challenges of floods, fire, river erosions, landslides, storm damages and earthquakes.

Expressing his concern over the trail of destruction caused by the monsoon, Governor said the incessant and torrential rainfall has also taken its toll on precious lives including three young lives. It has caused extensive damage to surface communication, road links and infrastructure and public properties.

Stressing on giving special thrust to disaster prevention, he said that general public at large has a very important role to play in it. "The State Government on its part has to particularly ensure that the Building Bye-Laws in Urban areas are adhered to and blatant de-forestation is stopped or else, the fury of Mother Nature will come with full might." We need to realize that we reside in a zone of young Himalayan hills and mountains with very fragile and sensitive soil condition and hence unplanned urban growth and construction activities must be strictly regulated.

Director, NERIST, Dipankar Pal, informed that the Workshop will conclude with a plenary session which will be also attended by Chief Secretary.

Faculty members, students and also other invitees attended the workshop.

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