



**D**isaster is a sudden, calamitous event that brings great damage, loss, destruction, devastation to life and property. The damage caused by disasters is immeasurable and varies with the geographical location and climate. **29<sup>th</sup> of October**, is the day on which the deadliest Super Cyclone had hit the State of Orissa in the year 1999. The day is being observed every year as the ‘**Orissa Disaster Preparedness Day**’ with a view to sensitize people about the possibility of disasters and the need for greater preparedness to meet such disasters. This day is also observed as the “**National Day for Disaster Reduction**”.



### **Celebration**



Various awareness raising activities and programmes are being undertaken on this occasion at different levels. The State level function will be held at Jayadev Bhawan at 10.00 AM on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Honourable Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Honourable Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management Shri Surjya Narayan Patro will preside over the function respectively. Sri Tarun Kanti Mishra, Chief Secretary, Orissa will be the Guest of Honour on this occasion. Individuals and organizations who have remarkably contributed for the cause of disaster management in the State will be felicitated in the function. On this day to create awareness among school children/ volunteers and citizens an exhibition of search & rescue equipment/ technique is being organized with participation of Orissa Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Fire Services, and the State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society s. The HAM Radio communication network set up in the State will be inaugurated on this occasion.



Vice-Chancellor's Cup for Elocution Competitions on Disaster Management themes was organized at the University level among the students of Post Graduate Departments and affiliated Colleges. A training programme on school safety was organized for the school teachers on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

Two high school teachers from each District participated in this training programme at the Regional Staff Training Institute, Prasara Bharati, Bhubaneswar. A competition among the volunteers of multi-purpose cyclone shelter level taskforces on search & rescue along with first aid techniques was organized at the State level on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. Taskforces constituted at village level in the served villages of cyclone shelters from six coastal districts participated in this competition. The competition was held at the State Fire Services Training Institute, Bhubaneswar.

Efforts are being made to involve more and more people from all sections of the society, including PRI members, students and NGOs/ CBOs to achieve greater impact in enhancing awareness about the natural hazards and their management through proper preparedness.



## **PROGRAMME**

### ***Theme: Technology and Disaster Management***

#### **October 29, 2009**

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| 10.00 am           | : | Arrival of Guests   |
| 10.00 am-10.05 am  | : | Garlanding the statue of Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das & ushering the guests to the Auditorium  |
| 10.05 am- 10.08 am | : | Welcoming Guests and introduction   |
| 10.08 am- 10.10 am | : | Observing two-minute silence in memory of all those who lost their lives in the super cyclone of 1999 and other disasters.              |
| 10.10am-10.12am    | : | Administering Disaster Preparedness Pledge by Shri Surjya Narayan Patro, Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management.               |
| 10.12am-10.20 am   | : | Welcome Address by Shri Nikunja K Sundaray, Special Relief Commissioner & Managing Director, Orissa State Disaster Management Authority |
| 10.20 am- 10.30 am | : | Address by Shri Tarun Kanti. Mishra, Chief Secretary, Orissa  |
| 10.30 am- 10.40 am | : | Address by Shri Surjya Narayan Patro, Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management   |
| 10.40 am- 10.50 am | : | Address by Chief Guest, Shri Naveen Patnaik Hon'ble Chief Minister.   |
| 10.50 am-11.00 am  | : | Release of Documents  |
| 11.00 am- 11.05 am | : | Inauguration of HAM Radio Network in Orissa   |
| 11.05 am -11.10 am | : | Launching of Application of Remote Sensing Technology for disaster management   |
| 11.10 am- 11.30 am | : | Felicitation  |
| 11.30 am- 11.35 am | : | Vote of thanks by Shri R.K. Sharma, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department                                |
| 11.35 am           | : | Departure of Guests   |