

District Disaster Management And Response Plan

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The District Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan, includes the facts and figures that have been collected from various formal and informal sources with a view to meeting the challenges during any Natural Disaster.

Collection and classification of data are to be updated twice in May and November every year. The plan has been prepared with the following viewpoints.

1. Contingency Plan in a continuous process
2. All are not equal in a crisis situation
3. During relief measures social auditing ensures transparency

**Deputy Commissioner
Cachar , Assam**









OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN

In case of severe disaster mainly in case of earthquake and floods, there is every likelihood of loss of lives and damages to properties and disruption and dis-location of transport and communication system and discontinuation of essential services viz Electricity, Telephone, Water supply etc.

As such, It is imperative to minimize loss of lives and damages to properties etc by a well-coordinated plan of action in the pre-disaster, during disaster and after disaster under the command and control of the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar.

Disasters

Types of Disasters:

<i>Common Natural Disasters</i>	<i>Man Made disasters</i>
 Cyclone	 Chemical Hazards
 Flood	 Fire- House / Forest
 Earthquake	 Communal riot
 Hail Storm/ Whirl wind	 Accident- Road/ Railway

DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A District Disaster Management Committee has been formed in the district with the following members:

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Cachar.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Cachar.
3. The Joint Director of Health Services, Cachar.
4. The District Agricultural Officer, Cachar.
5. The Executive Engineer, PWD (Road), Cachar
6. The Executive Engineer, PWD (Blds), Cachar
7. The Executive Engineer, ASEB, Cachar
8. The General Manager, BSNL, Cachar
9. The Divn Forest Officer, Cachar
10. The Chairperson, Cachar Municipal Board, Silchar
11. The Project Director, DRDA, Cachar
12. The District Transport Officer, Cachar
13. The District Information and Public Relation Officer, Cachar
14. The District Vety. Officer, Cachar
15. The Supdt. Food & Civil Supplies, Cachar
16. The Inspector of School, Cachar
17. The District Elementary Education Officer, Cachar

18. The DI of Schools, Cachar
19. The Town & country Planning Officer, Cachar
20. The Station Officer, Fire Brigade Cachar
21. The Asstt. Director Handloom & Textiles, Cachar
22. The Officer In charge NCC, Cachar
23. The Dist. Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Cachar
24. The Platoon Commandant Home Guard, Cachar
25. The President, Zila Parishad, Cachar
26. The MLA, Silchar/ Dholai/ Sonai / Kotigorah / Lakhipur/ Udharbond / Borkhola
27. The Circle Officer, Silchar / Udharbond / Lakhipur / Katigorah/ Sonai.
28. The Secretary/President, Indian Red Cross Society, Cachar
29. The Secretary/President, Lions Club, Cachar
30. The Secretary/President Rotary Club, Cachar
31. The Secretary/president, Deshabandhu Club, Cachar

District Master Trainers under Disaster Risk Management Programme

Sl. No.	Name of the Master Trainee	Designation	Address
1	Sri P.J. Brahmachari	J.E. , PWD(Bldg)	EE, PWD(Bldg), Silchar
2	Sri M. S. Choudhury	Platoon Commander, Home Guards	Commandant, Home Guards, Silchar
3	Sri A.D.Choudhury	Marketing Officer, Jt. Director Of Agriculture	Jt. Director of Agriculture, Sadarghat, Silchar.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT

At A Glance

Important Facts and Figures

1. Geography :

Location	Southern Assam in North East India
Longitude range	92° 24' E and 93° 15'E
Latitude range	24° 22' N and 25° 8' N
Distance from State	365 Kms.
Area	1,809 Sq.Km.

Borders	North : Meghalaya & N.C. Hills Dist. South : Mizoram East : Manipur West : Bangladesh & Hailakandi Dist.
Major Rivers	Barak, Chiri, Jatinga, Sonai, Dhaleshwari, Katakhal
Major Hills	Bhuban Range Borail Range Rengti Range
Total Geographical Area	3,7861.1 Sq.Km
3. Administration	
Head Quarter	Silchar Town
Number of Sub-Divisions	2
Name of Sub-Division	Silchar & Lakhipur
Number of Circles/Tehsils	5
Name of Circles/Tehsils	Udharbond, Silchar, Sonai, Lakhipur, Katigora
Number of C.D. Blocks	15
Number of Police Stations	8
Number of Anchalik Panchayats	15
Number of Gram Panchayats	163
Number of Villages	163
Number of Towns	2
Name of Towns	Silchar (Municipal Board), Lakhipur (Town Committee)
4. Population (2001 Census)	
Total Population	14,42,141

S.C. Population	1,78,624(1991 Census)
S.T. Population	16,563 (as per 1991 Census)
Rural Population	13,96,161
Population of Silchar Town	1,41,082 (as per 2001 Census)
Literacy Rate	68.42%
Females/1000 Males	59.85 %
Major Language	Bengali
Major Industry	Tea Processing, Cane Products, Food Products, Timber Sawing etc.
Number of Colleges	07
No. of Secondary/H.S. Schools	158
No. of Elementary Schools	1,234
No. Of Medical Colleges	01
No. of Engineering Colleges	01
No. of Polytechnics	01
No. of ITI	01
No. of Teachers Training College	01
No. of Law College	01
No. of Central University	01
No. of Govt. Hospitals	05

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No. of Banks	16
Major Railway Stations	Silchar, Cachar
Nearest Airport	Kumbhirgram (Silchar) (25 Kms. from SilcharTown)

Communication and Transportation

Cachar District is located at the southern fringe of the state of Assam, in the North-east India. Although various modes of communication to this district is available, due to the remoteness from the mainland of India, the existing transportation and communication facility is a major bottleneck in the development process of the district.

Road Communication

The major road link to the district is National Highways i.e. Silchar-Mizoram, Silchar-Badarpur-Jowai-Guwahati, Badarpur-Silchar-Manipur. There also inter district road communication with Hailakandi and Karimganj.

Road Distances from Silchar Town (In Kms.)

Outside District		Inside District	
Place	Distance	Place	Distance
Agartala	360	Udharbond	12
Aizwal	190	Sonai	15
Guwahati	365	Katigorah	32
Hailakandi	55	Kalain	25
Karimganj	55	Lakhipur	40
Shillong	225	Bhaga	45
Dharmanagar	120	Borjhalenga	25
		Salchapra	10
		Banskandi	09
		Binnakandi	30

Palonghat	20
Sonabarighat	07
Ranighat	13
Kashipur	15
Irongmara	21
REC point	11
Pailapool	35
Rajabazar	40
Rongpur	05
Nagatila	05
Medical Point	05
Masimpur	07
Dholai	32
Bagpur	20
Gumra	50

Rail Communication

In earlier times, rail communication used to be the most preferred mode of communication both for passenger and cargo. In the pre-independence era, Cachar Railway station was a major hub of rail communication as the whole of Assam and present day North-east was connected by a major rail link passing through present day Bangladesh. After Indian Independence, which was accompanied by partition of the land, the main rail link was sealed and Cachar railway junction lost much of its importance. Even now, a train service is operated through this truncated rail-link from Cachar Junction. The major rail links Silchar, Dharmanagar-Kumarghat (in Tripura), Silchar-Badarpur-Karimganj-Dharmanagar train service is also an important railway service, although with the rising popularity of the road transport system, this has lost much of its importance in the last few years. Rail links also exist between Cachar and Jiribam (Manipur) is also an important route.

The Hill Section of the N.F. Railway, connecting Lumding and Badarpur is a major arterial rail link of Barak Valley with the rest of the country. This single-track meter-gauge line passing through tortuous hill tracks in North Cachar Hills plays a role of immense importance in the economy of Cachar

District, and for that matter, for entire Barak Valley, Tripura, Mizoram and part of Manipur.

Air Communication

Cachar district have its own airport. The nearest airport at Kumbhirgram (near Silchar - in Cachar district) at a distance of 25 Kms. from Silchar town (10 Kms. from Udharbond) serves as the major communication link point for the people of Cachar. Indian Airlines (Alliance Air) operates flight services in the Silchar-Calcutta (7 days in a week) and Silchar-Imphal (3 days per week) Silchar- Guwahati(6days in a week) routes from this airport.

Cachar is one of the 27 districts of Assam. It comprises only two *Sub-division* which is also named as Silchar & Lakhipur Sub-Dvn. Below this level, there are 5 *Revenue Circles (Tehsils)*, namely – Silchar, Lakhipur, Sonai, Udharbond, Katigorah . Furthermore, from developmental angle, the district is divided into 15 *Community Development Blocks*. Below the block level set-up, there are 163 *Gram Panchayats* each comprising about ten villages on the average and governed by local-self bodies. From the angle of Police administration, the district area is divided among 8 *Police stations* – Silchar, Lakhipur, Katigorah, Sonai, Borkhola, Udharbond, Jirighat and Dholai

Administrative Set-up in Cachar District

Administrative Level	Name	Head Quarter
District	Cachar District	Silchar Town
Sub-division	Silchar Sadar Sub-division	Silchar Town
	Lakhipur Sub-Dvn	Lakhipur Town
Revenue Circle	Silchar Circle	Silchar Town
	Udharbond Circle	Udharbond Town
	Sonai Circle	Sonai
	Lakhipur Circle	Lakhipur
	Katigorah Circle	Katigorah

Police Station	Silchar P.S.	Silchar Town	
	Sonai P.S.	Sonai town	
	Udharbond P.S.	Udharbond	
	Katigorah P.S.	Katigorah	
	Jirighat P.S	Jirighat	
	Lakhipur	Lakhipur	
	Borkhola	Borkhola	
	Dholai	Dholai	
	Development Blocks	Silchar Dev. Block	Silchar
		Salchapra Dev Block	Salchapra
Tapang Dev Block		Tapang	
Katigorah Dev Block		Katigorah	
Kalain Dev Block		Kalain	
Banskandi Dev Block		Banskandi	
Binnakandi Dev Block		Binnakandi	
Lakhipur Dev Block		Lakhipur	
Rajabazar Dev Block		Rajabazar	
Sonai Dev Block		Sonai	
Palonghat Dev Block		Palonghat	
Narshingpur Dev Block		Narshingpur	
Borjhalenga Dev Block		Borjhalenga	
Udharbond Dev Block		Udharbond	
Borkhola Dev Block		Borkhola	

Details of Health Infra-structure in Karimganj District

Particulars	Reference Year	
	2001	2002
1. Hospital	05	05
2. Dispensary	05	05
3. Community Health Center	01	01
4. Primary Health Center	08	08

5.	Mini Primary Health Center	12	12
6.	Subsidiary Health center	06	06
7.	Sub Center	18	18
11.	Rural Family Welfare Center		
	(a) Main Center	08	08
	(b) Sub-center	265	265
12.	T.B. Clinic	2	2
13.	Leprosy Treatment Center	11	11

PLAN FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT (Flood & Earthquake)

Railway Line

Railway line from Silchar to Lumding via Badarpur and from Silchar- Badarpur – Dharmanagar run through this district. Area Manager, NF Rly Badarpur is being requested to prepare a contingent plan for early repair of any railway track if damaged due to any natural calamity.

PHE & ASEB

THE Executive Engineer of these two departments are also being directed to prepare a contingent plan for early restoration of water supply and power supply in case of any damage caused due to natural calamity. He is also directed to be prepared for any emergency.

Medical

Joint Director of Health Services is being requested to alert all his doctors and para-medical staff and also to keep all types of live saving drugs at their disposal at all hospitals, PHE, Sub-Centers etc at attend any eventuality.

Food & Civil Supply

Supdt. of Food & Civil Supply will work out the stock position of food grains in the district and keep some stocks of food grains at different places of the district so that relief operation is not hampered in case of disruption of communication. For this purpose he will work out the minimum need of food grains required for this district and submit to the Undersigned to move to Govt.

for special allotment to maintain an emergency stock. And also to ensure safety of existing petroleum products.

Communication System

All Sub-divisions, Circle Offices, Block Offices, Police Stations are well communicated with telephone system, but the interior places are not covered by telephone system, SP will work out requirement of wireless set for every Police Centers situated in the remote corner of the district so that these sets can be utilized in need. A demand of wireless set will be placed before the Govt. in due course.

SDO phones will work out a contingent plan of posting his technical staff at his all exchanges in the district that would be able to take up steps on priority basis to restore telephone connection in case of damage. In that case staff with required materials will have to be posted at certain points of the district wellhead

Road Communication

Apart from the 03 major National Highways there are about more than 1200 kms(approx) road length connecting various corners of the district. There are more DRDA rural roads in the district. In case of any damage due to natural calamity, the BRTF, PWD and DRDA authorities are being requested to take up a contingent plan of posting technical staff with material at certain corners of the district so that they can take prompt steps to restore any damage road.

Fire Fighting Organization

Local Fire Fighting Organization will also prepare a contingent plan in this regard and submit requisition for necessary equipments.

Police

The SP will also draw up a contingent plan for rescue operation by police personnel and direct all his officers posted away from HQ to extend help and cooperation in case of rescue and relief operation if needed.

DI&PRO

DIPRO will keep all his sets ready and personnel available so that all types of announcements/publicity can be made at a short notice and also help district administration in awareness generation programme on disaster management.

District Emergency Operation Center

A District Emergency Operation Centre will function in the HQ with the members of the District Disaster Management Committee or with their representative wherefrom all required instruction could be passed to the field. In that center emergency equipments & information will be kept which can be use at the time of emergency.

Veterinary Department

The Veterinary department will keep minimum stocks of medicines. In case of shortage of medicines to take-up the matter with proper authorities. The department has to keep contact with Tea Gardens authorities for green grass at the time of emergency e.g. flood.

BLOCK, GP & VILLAGE LEVEL DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Apart from the District Disaster Management Committee, Block Disaster management Committee has been formed in under the Chairmanship of president, Anchalyak Panchayat & all the block level line department officials are member of that committee including the representative of local NGOs/CBOs in every block of Cachar district. Block Development Officer is the member secretary & he will look after all the activities of disaster management at block, GP& village level.

GP Disaster Management Committee has been formed in the GP level and at the village level committee formation is under process. At the block & GP level the training and awareness programme on disaster management is going on.

All the Block Disaster Management Committee will prepare Block Disaster Management Plan along with big map in big size of their respective block showing the vulnerable areas and road communication with proper identification and it will be submitted to Deputy commissioner, Cachar. Similarly, in the GP & village level GP Disaster Management Plan & Community Contingency Plan will be prepare. In the block, GP & village level task forces will be made on disaster management.

During the flood all the Block Disaster Management Committee shall sent a W.T.Message to Deputy Commissioner at the end of each day by indicating No. of Truck/Vehicle/Boats required, amount of G.R. distributed, approximate population covered, area affected and location where Relief camps has been set up, total affected population both adult & minor etc.

All the Disaster management Committees have to identify the areas for rescue operations may have to be carried out and to ascertain before hand that

sufficient numbers of boats are available for the purpose. The rescue plan along with requirement of additional boats/speed boats must be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar.

Important Telephone Numbers

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Telephone	
			Office	Residence
<u>DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION / DRDA / NIC /</u>				
1	Smti S. Sengupta, I.A.S.	Deputy Commissioner, Cachar	245056(O) 245054(R) 9435072999(M)	233000(Fax) 232999(Fax)
2	Srmti B.S. Dutta, A.C.S.	A.D.C. (Dev.)	230441(O)	
3	Sri B.C. Nath, ACS	A.D.C (Rev)	233822(O) 9435072894(M)	
4	Sri T. K. Garlosa, ACS	A.D.C., Cachar	233831(O)	
5	Sri H. A. Laskar, ACS	S.D.O. (Sadar)	245473(O) 9435072126(M)	
6	Sri M.A. Laskar,ACS	Election Officer, Silchar	233983(O)	
7	Sri M. Haque, ACS	E. A.C	9435073934(M)	
8	Sri A. L. Choudhury, ACS	I/C Dy. Director of Supplies		
9	Mrs. D. Suchiang, ACS	EAC		
10	Sri, B.C. Nath, ACS	C.O. Sadar, Silchar		
11	Dr. K. Nath, ACS	C.O., Udharbond	268134	
12	Sri, S.N . Singh, ACS	C.O., katigorah	258463	
13	Sri B. Das , ACS	C.O., Sonai	258463	
14	Sri R.K.Laskar, ACS	C.O., Lakhipur	255446	
16	Sri R.S. Bhattacharjee	F.A.O.		
17	Sri P. Choudhury	D.I.O, NIC	260058	

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Telephone	
			Office	Residence
<u>POLICE</u>				
1	Superintendent of Police	S.P.	245866	
2	Addl. Superintendent of Police	Addl. S.P. (Hq)	245860(O)	237398 (R)
3	Deputy Suptd of Police	DSP(Border)	239664	
4	Deputy Suptd of Police	DSP (DSB)	245873	
5	Deputy Suptd of Police	D.S.P. (Hq)	245869	
6	Officer Incharge	Silchar P.S.	246279	

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Telephone	
			Office	Residence
<u>PWD (R)/ PWD(NEC)/ PWD (BLDG.)/</u>				
1	Executive Engineer	PWD (Roads)	230764	230182
2	Asst. Ex. Engineer	PWD (Roads)	260622	
3	Executive Engineer	PWD (NEC) Silchar	245868	
4	Executive Engineer	E.E., PWD (NEC), Silchar	269168	234575 234574
5	Suptd. Engineer	PWD		247138
6	Executive Engineer	PWD(Bldg.)	262267	
7	Suptd. Engineer	PWD (Bldg.)	237532	
<u>FLOOD CONTROL/IRRIGATION/PHE/ELECTRICITY</u>				
1	Executive Engineer	Flood Control, Cachar	2230454	269962
2	Addl. Chief Engineer	Flood Control Cachar	264112	
3	Executive Engineer	Irrigation, Cachar.	269684	
4	Executive Engineer	PHE, Silchar Dvn-I	247657	245799
5	Executive Engineer	PHE Sub- Div. II Silchar	236911	
6	Executive Engineer	ASEB, Cachar	234400	240488
7	Asstt. Executive Eng.	ASEB Silchar	241528	240560
<u>HEALTH / RED CROSS SOCIETY</u>				
1	Jt. Director of Health Services	J.D.H.S., Cachar	266966	
2	Addl. Chief Medical & Health Officer	Addl. C.M. & H.O., Cachar.	2245717	
3	Civil Hospital		245735	
4	Honorary Secretary	Secretary, I.R.C.	238107	

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Telephone	
			Office	Residence
<u>AGRIL./D.T.O./VETY</u>				
1	Dist Agricultural Officer	D.A.O., Cachar	247321	
2	Dist. Transport Officer	D.T.O., Cachar		
3	Dist. Vety. Officer	D.V.O, Cachar	233328	