

# **Innovation Challenge for Disaster Risk Reduction**

## **1. Introduction and Objective**

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Disaster Management department, Govt. of Assam is planning to celebrate the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR, 2017) on **13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, to achieve the global target of *Reducing exposure of communities to different Hazards and thereby reducing displacement during disasters*.

The effort of the Disaster Management Authority is to bring together different stakeholders such as policy-makers, administrators, departmental functionaries, WDMCs, NGOs, community leaders and private stakeholders for a comprehensive consultation on disaster risk reduction and preparedness and to identify opportunities for disaster risk management. In the process certain practices can be adopted by the communities for reducing their vulnerability to hazards. The Authority will set up an exhibition space in the event/workshop organized, to give an exposure to the selected start-ups/entities/innovators, working in the field of disaster management. Innovations related to disaster management like GPS based solutions, search and rescue operations, relief and reconstruction, locally developed life-saving objects, low cost shelters and sanitation, indigenous innovations etc. may be submitted. Such initiatives will be showcased during the event/ workshop organised by ASDMA. This will give an exposure on the available prospects to the various stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction.

The objective of the Innovation Challenge for Disaster Risk Reduction is to identify start-ups /innovators working in the field of disaster management in Assam.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Any start-up/entity in the area of disaster risk reduction/management/recovery, such as technological innovations-GPS based solutions, environmental hazard reduction solutions, search and rescue operations, reconstruction, locally developed life-saving objects, low cost shelters, etc. The innovations should preferably be cost-effective solutions.

## **Application process**

Duly completed and fully filled prescribed application forms must be submitted via email before **4:30 pm** on **5<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**. Participant will have to fill out the application form along with photographs and submit in the email [drrinnovationsasdma@gmail.com](mailto:drrinnovationsasdma@gmail.com) and <https://assam.mygov.in/home/do>. On submission; participant will receive a confirmation email. If confirmation email is not received within 3 days kindly contact organizers at-

**Assam State Disaster Management Authority**  
**Ancillary Block, Janata Bhawan, Dispur,**  
**Guwahati-781006**  
**Phone No. 0361-2237221/9859035721/9957033967/8473926566**

Should organizers require additional information, they will contact the registered participant via email. Participant is recommended to duly provide any additional information as instructed.

## **Selection process**

A panel of judges constituted under the guidance of the Disaster Management officials/ Science & Technology department/ Centre for Innovation/Govt. Administrators of relevant fields will select upto top 12 applicants. The applicants may be called to the Authority's office to give a demonstration and presentation on their innovation, if need arises. Selection criteria will be as per the following-

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weightage</b>
Creativity of the Concept	40
Applicability in Disaster Management	40
Technical Specification	20

The selected innovators will be informed of their selection via email/fax/telephone by around **11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017.**

The selected innovators will be invited to showcase their innovations at the event/ workshop organized by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority. The exhibition lay out and stall size will be shared closer to the event. The participants will be expected to travel, at their own cost, to Guwahati a day in advance to set up the stall at the exhibition organised. Two members from each group would be invited to travel to Guwahati and be present at the event.

## **5. Intellectual Property**

The organizers do not claim ownership over Intellectual Property Right (IPR) for the Innovation that is sent to the organizers by submitting an application. The IPR shall remain with the applicant at all times. However, we request you to not include any information that you may not want to share publicly.

## **6. Correspondence**

Any correspondence from to participant will be by email provided by the participant at time of filling the application form. Organizers are not liable in case of email delivery failures.

**For any queries, please send mail at: [drinnovationsasdma@gmail.com](mailto:drinnovationsasdma@gmail.com)**