Capacity Building Workshop on developing Community Learning Programme for Disaster Management

A two day capacity building workshop on disaster management using participatory communication was organized by the Dr. Anamika Ray Memorial Trust in collaboration with the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) at Jnan Taranga Community Radio Station, Housefed Complex from 20- 21 August, 2016.

The workshop was attended by ten participants from the two community radio stations in Guwahati viz. Jnan Taranga (KKHSOU) and Radio luit (Gauhati University). They were trained on developing Community Learning Programme, a model based on formative research developed by the Commonwealth of Learning, an intergovernmental organisation based in Canada. The participants were given an insight of the preparedness and mitigation measures that can be taken up at the community level to face any calamity and the messages to be disseminated on the awareness front to build resilience of the communities. The vulnerable areas in which narrowcasting could be carried out by community radio volunteers were also chalked out.

Resource persons constituted one official from ASDMA, Co-ordinators of Community Radio Stations and a Professor in Mass Communication & Journalism from Gauhati University along with one Delhi based participatory communication specialist from MARAA, who interacted with the participants regarding Development of Message Matrix of Community Learning Programme through video conferencing mode.

The outcome of the two day capacity building workshop was that both the radio stations will produce 10 community learning programmes on disaster preparedness each, where stakeholders and respective communities shall actively participate. The message matrix on disaster dos & don’ts will be created through formative research.