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DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONDUCTED TABLE TOP EXERCISE AT CINEMA HALL (ANAND PARADISE MULTIPLEX)



Under the guidance of Dr. Nitin Shakya, Director (Disaster Management), A&N Administration, the Directorate of Disaster Management, A & N Administration in coordination with A&N Police, A&N Police Fire Services and NDRF has organized a Table-Top-Exercise in the Cinema Hall (Anand Paradise Multiplex), Port Blair on **13.04.2023** for the conduct of Mock Drill on Earthquake on **18.04.2023** to test the preparedness and response system of the said Cinema Theater.

At the outset, Shri Gyan Singh, Asst. Director (Log.), DDM, A&N Administration welcomed all the stakeholders and Cinema Theater personnel and explained about the importance of conducting of Mock Drills in Cinema Theater and emphasized on the importance of awareness, preparedness and mitigation efforts with regard to Disaster Management. Shri Janik Ram, Asst. Director (Admn.) and Dr. Swapan Kumar Biswas, Sr. Consultant, DDM had clearly briefed the scenario of the proposed Mock Drill. The roles & responsibilities of each individual/ group of the said Cinema Theatre and supporting role of other stakeholders i.e. A & N Police, A & N Fire Services, Health, NDRF and District Administration, South Andaman had clearly defined to manage emergency situations during incidents/crisis. They had also highlighted about the advantages of having the **Standard Operating Procedure** (SOP)/Emergency Plan of Cinema Theatre for Disaster Management.

This was followed by briefed the roles & responsibilities of A&N Police, Fire Services and NDRF by Shri Ashok Chaubey, Inspector (Comm.), Shri Jagdish Verma, Inspector (Fire) and Shri Vishnu Singh, SI (NDRF) respectively.

They were also took the stock of preparedness for smooth conduct of the said Mock Drill on **18.04.2023** and they explicate the vital role to play by the Management of the Cinema Theater and stakeholders of Administration and other agencies at the time of any disaster. After a detailed deliberation, Mock Exercise Scenarios have been finalized for the conduct of Mock Exercise.
