



# Monthly Update

July– August 2010

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The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Chill4DRR. The profile picture features children with colorful handprints. The page has tabs for Wall, Info, Photos, Discussions, and Video. A post by Rahul Kumar is visible, dated August 25 at 11:56am, with the text "its a great initiative on your part, keep going..". Below it is a video post titled "Chill4DRR Chhoti Chhoti Baatien" with a play button icon and a duration of 0:34. Another post by Sanjay Pandey is dated August 21 at 10:52pm, stating "Chill4drr is a great effort towards building a culture of preparedness".

**Chill4DRR-An initiative to make disaster learning for children fun and entertainment**

## Congratulations!

*We congratulate Mr. Anil K Sinha, IAS (Retd), Hony. Chairman and Co-Founder GFDR, for being appointed as **Vice Chairman of Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA)**, with the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister in the Government of Bihar. He assumed the new office on 2nd August, 2010. We also take this opportunity to wish him all the best for his new assignment.*



*With warm regards,*  
  
*GFDR Family*

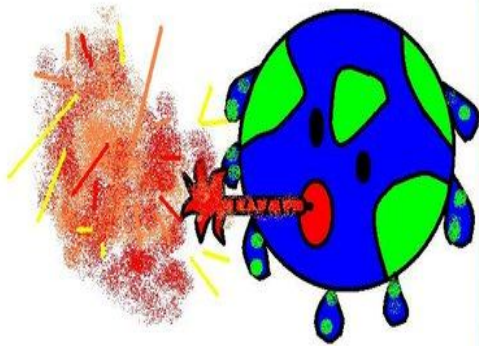
**Chill4DRR**

**Chill4DRR** is one of our initiatives to make disaster learning for children fun and entertaining. Please invite and encourage your children, family members and friends to participate in this forum and contribute in developing disaster resilient communities. Profile of Chill4DRR is also available on Facebook. In Chill4DRR, we bring you, two paintings related with flood and climate change. These paintings have also been uploaded on facebook. You can see more of such paintings in this link- <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Chill4DRR/134762343225405?ref=ts>



**Painting by:**  
**Aaishwarya Goel**  
**Class X-A**  
**Presentation Convent**  
**Sr. Sec. School**  
**S. P. Mukherjee Marg**  
**Delhi**

*a letter from mother earth →*



*the temprature is*  
*rising please save me*  
*i am melting*  
*help!help!!!!.....*  
*to the people living*  
*on earth*  
*from - mother earth*

**Painting by:**  
**Swasti Tiwari**  
**Class - V-C**  
**Cambridge School**  
**Indirapuram, Ghazia-**  
**bad**

## Visit to Jakarta by GFDR's Team Members

Mr. Anil K Sinha, Hony. Chairman and Co-founder GFDR and Mr. Kamal Sahi, Executive Vice Chairman, GFDR visited Jakarta, Indonesia for a week - 28th June to 4th July, 2010. This visit has facilitated in exploring synergies with organizations working for DRR for joint projects, research studies, etc. During the visit, our team members have been able to showcase some of the GFDR's ongoing as well as upcoming initiatives, which includes;

- Involving Corporates in DRR (connecting the corporate, community and the government),
- School Children in DRR (making disaster learning Fun and Entertainment for children, instead of the present bookish approach),
- Neighborhood Sensitization Programs (with focus on women, children and special needs groups – harnessing their untapped potential, energy and creativity),
- The Asian Film Festival on Disaster Risk Reduction (AFDRR),
- Launching of a popular magazine on Disaster Risk Management for a commoner, pedestrian, a lay person (as distinct from a journal which is for professionals with technical language).

It also provided an opportunity to discuss the above mentioned initiatives and initiate into forging collaboration in mutual and long term interest with organizations based in Jakarta. As a part of the tour, a Neighborhood Sensitization Program was also organized with the main aim to impart basic learning and orientation about impending disasters and emergencies among the residents. GFDR extends heartfelt gratitude to **Mr. K. Prabhakar**, Vice Chairman, Group General Manager, PT. Equity Commodities, Jakarta, Indonesia for his support and facilitating such a wonderful and prolific visit.



*Discussing on future collaborations with stakeholders in Jakarta*



*Participants in the Neighborhood Sensitization Program in Jakarta*

## First Conference on “Disaster Preparedness for Hospitality Sector” (Commonwealth Games-2010)

First Conference on “**Disaster Preparedness for Hospitality Sector**” was organized jointly by PHD Chambers of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) and Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR). The Conference was supported by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and sponsored by Hotel Radisson and Hotel Crown Plaza.

The main objective of the conference was to prepare Hospitality Sector to be the ambassadors of nation's long cherished tradition of welcoming and serving ‘*Atithis*’ (the guest) from different countries,

with peace, pride and protection from all possible threats during forthcoming Commonwealth Games 2010 and contributing towards *Incredible India*. The event started on a high note with lighting of the auspicious lamp by Gen N C Vij, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (Retd.) Hon'ble Vice Chairman NDMA, Mr Anil K Sinha, IAS (Retd) Hon'ble Vice Chairman, BSDMA, Shri Ashok Kajaria, President, PHD Chamber, Shri Sandip Somany, Vice-President, PHD Chamber, Shri Anil Bhandari, Co-Chairman, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber, Mr Shiv Jatia, Tourism Committee PHDCCI. A detailed report will be updated on our website



*Inaugural session of the conference*



*Delegates from different organizations attending the conference*

very soon.

The conference was a pioneering event where various eminent dignitaries, academicians, delegates from hospitality sectors, students and many stakeholders shared views and discussed on various issues pertaining to disaster preparedness for hospitality sector. It was attended by more than 150 participants and 25 speakers deliberated on various issues. The workshop was one of a kind and has been able to spread invaluable knowledge.

**GFDR once again extends heartfelt gratitude to PHD Chamber, NDMA, sponsors, speakers, participants and other agencies that were directly or indirectly involved, in making the conference a grand success.**

## **The DRR Alliance – an online forum for collaboration between stakeholders**

GFDR extends support and actively participate in DRR Alliance. It aims to give a common platform and bring together private, public, non-profit, university and community partners, in order to generate cross-sectoral strategies to reduce vulnerability to disaster risk in India. Details of the DRR Alliance is available on the website- <http://www.drralliance.net/>

**GFDR congratulates Project Concern International (PCI), India** for initiating and facilitating a collaborative approach towards promoting a risk free community. We hope DRR Alliance as a community of organisations will grow manifold and enrich the country with qualified human resource for disaster mitigation.



*The DRR ALLIANCE on the webpage*

## Training Program on Mining and Safety at Indian Institute of Coal Management (IICM), Ranchi

The 'Mining and Safety' program was organized at IICM, Ranchi from 18-21 Aug, 2010. A group of 36 officers ranging from middle level management to senior level management attended the program. Mr. Anil K Sinha and Mr. Anuj Tiwari of GFDR were invited to make presentations on disaster and other related issues concerning mining operations. They made presentations during the four sessions which were spread over two-days. Presentations were made on **Disaster Management Plan: Development and Execution, Governance in Disaster Management, Incident Command System and Integrated Disaster Response.**



*Sharing knowledge during the program*



*Participants of the training program*

The participants were very keen in understanding the whole mechanism behind disaster risk reduction and the respective roles of various stakeholders. A group exercise was also given to the participants for better understanding of issues and challenges before various stakeholders and their respective roles. The participants were divided in six groups – the organization, district administration, medical team, community and local leadership, media team and state and central government. Each group discusses about their respective roles on the occurrence of a particular disaster. The discussion came out with a better understanding and coordination amongst the stakeholders. The participants requested for more similar exercises in future. GFDR will propose to conduct a separate program on disaster management for mine workers and management at IICM.

## Data Users' Seminar for Senior Secondary School Teachers/Principals

The National Level Data Users' Seminar for Senior Secondary School Teachers/Principals was held in Dehradun. The three days seminar commenced on 25-27 July, 2010. It was organized by the Learning in Geography, Humanities, Technology and Science (LIGHTS) and supported by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Central Waters Commission and Ministry of Environment and Forests. The seminar aimed to train teachers to use data effectively as a teaching tool and also to make them familiarize with data users. Thus, the main objective of the seminar was to undertake capacity building of the participants.

Mr. Anil K Sinha, Chairman and Cofounder GFDR, also participated in the seminar and he presented a paper titled "**Understanding Disaster through Data: Special Mention of Disaster Preparedness in Educational & Other Institutes**". In the presentation, he also highlighted on the importance and need of disaster data and how data can be used for disaster risk reduction. **GFDR congratulates the organizers for hosting the seminar on this much relevant topic.**



## New Team Member

We are pleased to have two new members in the GFDR team. **Mr. Kamal Sahi** has joined as **Executive Vice Chairman** and **Mr. Abhinav Walia** has joined as the **Project Officer**.

**Mr Kamal Sahi** has been associated with the corporate sector for more than twenty five years. He worked with CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) as head of their offices in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Patna. Later, he moved to the international Division of CII, handling the West Asia, North America and SAARC Desk. After CII, Mr.Sahi represented a British Company in India, Indonesia and Thailand, handling their international business and also represented Rajshree Sugars and Chemicals Ltd. in Delhi. Subsequently, Mr. Sahi was also Advisor to All India Management Association. He brings his eminent background and rich experience of the corporate sector, both national and international to GFDR.



**Mr. Abhinav Walia**, has done Masters in Disaster Mitigation and also completed PG Diploma in GIS and RS. Besides, he has completed Diploma in Computer Applications. He was also visiting scholar in University of Dhaka, Disaster Management Centre and attended many workshops and conferences on the Disaster Management in India as well as overseas. He has been working in the field of GIS/ICT and Disaster Management for the past 5-6 years. In this tenure, he has been associated with NGOs and Corporate sector.



Dear Victoria,

Thanks for sharing the monthly update. I must congratulate the entire team of GFDR for taking up great initiatives like the Chill4DRR. This is indeed a very innovative way for promoting disaster risk reduction and reducing vulnerability. GFDR has struck the right chord by engaging children in DRR activities. The Neighborhood Sensitization Program is another feather in the cap. Apart from these, the participation in various forums at regular interval shows sincere effort in sharing and building concrete knowledge on disasters and related issues.

I am really proud of the fact that I got the opportunity to work with a very competent team of GFDR. I am doing my bit towards DRR by imparting knowledge to my students.

Best Wishes,

**Prashant Khattri**

**Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology**

**Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Maharashtra**



**Come.. lets share and learn .....in Chill4DRR (Children for DRR)**

## First Asian Film Festival on Disaster Risk Reduction (AFFDRR)

Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR) and Asian Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC), Kobe, Japan announce the launch of the First Asian Film Festival on Disaster Risk Reduction (AFFDRR) at Fourth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) from 25-28 October, 2010 at Incheon, Republic of Korea. To read more please visit Prevention Web website: <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14302>

## Second and Third Conference on Disaster Preparedness (Commonwealth Games-2010)

GFDR and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry join hands to organize series of conferences on Disaster Preparedness (Commonwealth Games- 2010).

**The First Conference on Disaster Preparedness for Hospitality Sector** was held on Friday, August 6, 2010 at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, PHD House, 4/2 Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi - 110016. India.

**The Second Conference** is scheduled to be held on 16th of September 2010. The venue for the conference is Jaipuria Institute of Management, A-32A, Sector 62, Noida- 201309. India.

**The Third Conference** is also scheduled to be held on 24th September, 2010 in Gurgaon, Haryana. We will be updating the exact venue very soon. The conference schedule and other details of the upcoming conferences will be updated shortly on our website - [www.gfdr.org](http://www.gfdr.org)

Upcoming Events

## From Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Sincere apology for delay in circulating the news on activities conducted in July, 2010. As you must be aware, this time we have brought out a combined update for two months that is July and August, 2010, due to rescheduling of the circulation date of the monthly update.

Please feel free to share this space to disseminate news from your end. Do write to us for any queries and feedback. **We will be happy to publish your feedbacks as we do every month.**

Please do visit and take part in **Chill4DRR** and march ahead together to promote a safer future generation.

Best Regards,

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