Glimpses of Disaster Awareness Campaigns organised earlier:

1. Gujrat (Valsad to Ahmedabad)	31 Cities	Sept. 2005
2. Maharashtra (Jalgaon to Kolhapur)	13 Cities	Aug. 2011
3. Odisha (Cuttack to Jajpur Road)	12 Cities	Sept. 2011
4. Odisha (Bhubaneshwar to Rourkela)	13 Cities	Sept. 2011
5. WB & Jharkand (Kolkata-Ranchi-Howrah)	12 Cities	Nov. 2011
6. Haryana, Punjab, J&K (Panipat to Jammu)	21 Cities	Sept. 2012



Bhubaneshwar: Governor of Odisha H.E. Mr. M. M. Bhandari flagging off the Nature, Environment & Disaster Management Campaign from Bhubaneshwar to Rourkela.



Sholapur: Campaign Program at Zilla Parishad Solapur. Smt.Nalini Chandele, Vice President, Rashtriya Mahila Congress,(2nd from right) & Shri Bhaliram Kaka Saate, President, Zilla Parishad(2nd fron Left) Solapur & Others.



Ahmedabad: Group Photo of Campaign team with the Governor of Gujrat H.E. Mr Naval Kishore Sharma.

Various Topics

Suggested for Campaign Programs

- Reasons for disasters and their Management
- Missing dimensions in disaster management
- Spiritual wisdom in Managing Disaster
- Harmony with Nature
- Healing the Environment
- Spiritual Empowerment
- Re-establishment of Disaster-free peaceful, prosperous & happy society
- Importance of Positive thinking in disaster management
- Coping with Trauma
- Utility of Rajyoga Meditation in successfully facing the disasters.
- The Power of Let go.



Cuttuck: Inauguration of Campaign from Cuttuck to Jajpur Road by Hon'be Minister Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak (4th from Left) & Hon'ble Minister Shri Suryo Narayan Patro (3rd from right) by lighting the candles.

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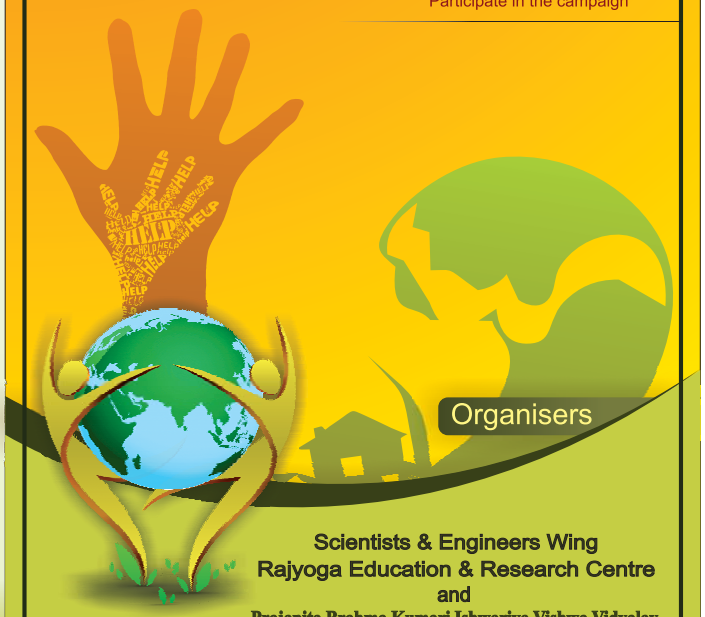
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NATURE, ENVIRONMENT & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Nature & Environment

This world is said to be a wonderful play between Prakriti and Purush - A play of soul(Atma) with nature made of five elements (earth, water, air, fire and ether). Our body is composed of these five elements. When there is harmony and balance between these five elements in our physical body, it remains healthy and all the organs work properly. When this balance gets disturbed, body is prone to disease. Fever, heart problems, diabetes, hypertension, etc are various manifestations of this imbalance. Similarly, when these elements of external nature are in balance and harmony, it is called heaven. All the elements of nature were a source of happiness during that time. When this balance and harmony was lost, nature gradually became a source of pain and misery.

Now a days we see the ferocious face of nature from time to time, so much so that existance of human life on earth is now threatened. Environmental pollution today has lead to Acid Rains, Green House effect, Holes in Ozone layer, Climate Change, Melting of polar Ice, etc. Careless exploitation of nature is leading to more natural disasters like floods, famine, cyclone, earthquake, tsunami, etc. If this goes on unchecked, it can lead to economic and political instability world over and ultimate destruction of human civilization as we know.

Disaster Management

India has been traditionally vulnerable to natural disasters on account of its unique geo-climatic conditions. Floods, droughts, cyclones, earthquakes and landslides have been a recurrent phenomena. About 60% of the landmass is prone to earthquakes of various intensities; over 40 million hectares is prone to floods; about 8% of the total area is prone to cyclones and 68% of the area is susceptible to drought. In the decade 1990-2000, an average of about 30 million people were affected by disasters every year. The loss in terms of private, community and public assets has been astronomical. Similarly at the global level, there has been considerable concern over natural disaster. Even as substantial scientific and material progress is made, the loss of lives and property due to disasters has not decreased. It was in this background that the United Nations General Assembly, in 1989, declared the decade 1990-2000 as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction with the objective to reduce loss of lives and property and restrict socio-economic damage through concerted international action, specially in developing countries. The super cyclone in Odisha in October, 1999, the Bhuj earthquake in Gujarat in January, 2001, and the horrible tsunami during December- 2004, underscored the need to adopt a multi dimensional endeavour involving holistic dimension beyond phases of disaster management that include mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Missing Dimensions

If we are to deal adequately with the unpredictable world of natural and man-made disaster, then it is time that we broaden our current paradigm, to deal with all dimensions of life- physical, mental, social, and spiritual. In the areas of disaster relief and recovery, considerable thought is given to the individual, social and cultural costs of the effects of disaster. Little attention is being paid to the necessity and efficacy of inner resources and spiritual strength as a substantial means of handling, coping with and recovering from both the psychological and physical effects of disaster. It is proposed that these inner strengths can be learned and practiced in times of peace to become a part of the arsenal of techniques available for people to call on in times of disaster. Loved ones can die, material possessions can be lost, health may be compromised but these inner strengths endure.

At the internal level whenever these crisis situations arise, we get stressed out and our quality of life is affected tremendously. When the internal states flare up to the full level, we express them through words and actions and this can cost immeasurable damage. It is said ... Wars are born in the minds of men ... and it is there that the defense of peace must be constructed ...



Panipat: Inauguration of NEDM Campaign from Panipat to Jammu from 16th September to 4th October 2012

The Brahma Kumaris have been involved in the management and recovery processes of several disasters in India and abroad and have found that a multi-pronged, inter-disciplinary approach would be very effective to tackle this important challenge facing humanity today.

About the Organiser

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, the organisers of the conference, have been working for the last seventy five years, imparting spiritual knowledge and teaching Rajyoga Meditation. This work is presently being carried on through more than 9000 centres spread over 137 countries spanning the five continents. The institution has consultative status as an NGO with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and with UNICEF of the United Nations.

The Scientists & Engineers Wing (SEW) of Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation(RERF) is celebrating the year 2012-13 as its Silver Jubilee year. The wing (SEW) is actively engaged in educating the scientific and technical personnel to make their work more self-fulfilling and reflective of the needs of the society. It motivates them to work on preservation of environment and betterment of qualities of life and also undertake scientific research on Rajyoga, consciousness and other aspects of metaphysics. More than one thousand five hundred members of the wing are actively involved in these activities, through seminars, conferences, exhibitions, environmental awareness and disaster management campaigns etc, so that the gulf between science and spirituality can be bridged and the social evils prevailing in the society can be eradicated.



Kolkata: Inauguration of Campaign (West Bengal & Jharkand) by Prof. Dr. Siddhartha Datta, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University and Shri SK Basu, former GM, L&T along with others.