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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Need to Strengthen NIDM to play a bigger role in the Capacity Building efforts in the Country : Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NDMA at NIDM, New Delhi, 08 June 2011**

Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority said that there is a need to look at different ways to strengthen National Institute of Disaster Management to play a bigger role in the capacity building efforts in the Country. He was speaking at an interactive session with the faculty of NIDM this afternoon. Taking note of the fact that about 33,000 people have been trained so far over the last several years, Shri Reddy wanted an assessment to be made about the number of officials to be trained at different levels and prepare a plan to strengthen NIDM to achieve this.

He also said that there is a necessity to evaluate different States and Organizations on the basis of optimum utilization of the trained manpower in their respective fields. He again emphasized that the capacity building activities of the States should be reinforced through State ATIs. There is also a need to constantly review and update the training modules to make it more focused and purposeful. Shri Reddy stressed about the importance of using innovative methods of training by NIDM and called for building up of appropriate audio-visual resources for the purpose.

Shri Reddy assured the faculty of the Institute that he would take up the issue of allotment of land for construction of a building for permanently locating

NIDM where all necessary infrastructure can be built in tune with the best Disaster Management Institutes in other parts of the world.

This was the first visit of Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman to NIDM. He was accompanied by five other members of NDMA namely Shri. B.Bhattacharjee, Shri. J.K.Sinha, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr J.K. Bansal, Shri. T. Nanda Kumar, Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed, and Dr. Noor Mohammad, Secretary, Ms. Sujata Saunik, Joint Secretary (Policy & Plans) besides other officials of NDMA. On his arrival, he was received by Shri R.K. Srivastava, Joint Secretary(DM), MHA who is in-charge of Executive Director, NIDM.

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