**Project Report**

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have jointly completed the Project on "**Capacity Building in Disaster Management and Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions & Urban Local Bodies at District Level**". It aimed at building and strengthening the capacity of the target groups in the areas of disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery at the grassroots level; in consonance with the Paradigm Shift in disaster management in India from ‘reactive to pro-active’. The Project, undertaken in 54 districts from the selected 11 States, identified by NDMA, on the basis of their vulnerability to various natural and man-made, was very well received by the participants as well as other stakeholders. In all, 432 Face-To-Face Training Programmes (FFTPs), of two day duration each, were conducted mainly at IGNOU Study Centres under the supervision of the Study Centre Coordinators. The achievement of the Project emanated from a scientific methodology adopted through the targeted areas. Against the Project target of 16200 participants to be covered, 16479 participants attended the Programmes. These included 4623 women participants, that is, 28.05 per cent of the total participants. Thus, besides gender mainstreaming, inter-linkages between disaster management and development, as well as participation of multiple stakeholders were all positive indicators towards achievement of project goals.