Press Release from the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

DDMA Gangtok Concludes First Batch of Three-Day Training Programme on AI Integration in Disaster Management

Gangtok, 27 November 2026: The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Gangtok, successfully concluded the three-day hands-on training programme on "AI Integration in Disaster Management" for its first batch of trainees today at the State Panchayat Resource Hall, GMC. The programme was organised in collaboration with Inquisitive Mindspace (IQM), an AI-based startup headquartered in Pakyong, Sikkim.

The initiative was undertaken under the guidance and support of Shri Rohan Agawane, IAS, District Collector-cum-Chairman, DDMA, Gangtok District, with the objective of strengthening the technical and operational capacities of disaster management personnel through the practical application of Artificial Intelligence.

The first batch comprised 50 DDMA officials from Gangtok District. The entire training programme was facilitated by Ms. Bijayata Kharel, Deputy Director, DDMA Gangtok, with technical sessions conducted by Shri Ritesh Uprety, Resource Person from IQM.

The training focused on the application of AI in disaster preparedness, risk assessment, early warning and response, providing participants with hands-on exposure to AI-based tools and techniques to strengthen disaster management operations.

During the concluding session, Shri Sonam Wongyal Lepcha, Joint Director, DDMA Gangtok, expressed his gratitude to the District Collector for initiating this important capacity-building programme. He also thanked the resource person from IQM for sharing his expertise, as well as the participants for their active involvement, and encouraged them to continue practising the tools and techniques introduced during the training until the official launch of the Early Warning System.

Following the successful completion of the first batch, the second, third and fourth batches of the training programme will be conducted shortly to ensure wider capacity building among DDMA personnel.

The initiative marks an important step towards integrating technology and innovation into disaster management and strengthening the preparedness and resilience of Gangtok District.