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Inauguration of a three-day Basic Training Programme on CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Emergency Management for Seaport Emergency Handlers at HRDC Centre of VPA from 18.04.2023 to 20.04.2023

Visakhapatnam Port Authority, in association with National Disaster Management Authority, is organising a three-day Basic Training Programme on CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Emergency Management for Seaport Emergency Handlers at HRDC Centre from 18.04.2023 to 20.04.2023, covering the following Topics:

- Chemical: Basic Chemical Agents, use of Technology for Chemical emergency Management.
- Biological: Basics of Biological Emergencies, Biological Emergency Management
- Radiological: Basic Radiation Emergency Packing & Material, Radiation Emergency Management
- Nuclear: Nuclear Emergency Preparedness.
- Sensitization and Mock Exercises by NDRF.

Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Chairman, VPA, has graced the Inaugural Session as Chief Guest.

The main motive of this Training Programme is to sensitise VPA Officers, CISF, PPP/BOT Operators and Police Department about CBRN Emergencies. The contents of this training programme are designed by a team of Senior Scientists, Experts from NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority), INMAS (Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences under DRDO), NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) and IPA, to specifically suit the SEA PORTS. This Sea Ports Module is scheduled to be conducted in all Major Ports in a phased manner.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman / VPA stated that appropriate training is the key to the right level of preparedness against any disaster. He added that Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) disasters need a specialised training with mock exercises at regular intervals. He further stated that apex agencies such as National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Defence Research and Development Organisation, BARC under Dept. of Atomic Energy, senior-most Scientists and Experts are visiting Visakhapatnam Port to sensitise VPA Officers, Doctors, CISF, PPP/ BOT Operators and Police Department on CBRN Emergencies. He advised the Port officials to utilise the Training Programme and get awareness on managing the consequences of such hazards.

Shri Durgesh Kumar Dubey, IRTS, Deputy Chairman, Shri T. Venu Gopal, Secretary, HoDs and Port Officers participated in the programme.

