To impart Science & Technology Skills in the field of Electronics & Telecommunication

Promotional activities by Vigyan Prasar

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The governmental agencies have their own radio communication channels already existing

-The Police- -Armed Forces-Para-military Forces
-Fire Department-Inland Water Department-Meteorology Department-Electricity Department-

Not Uncommon !!

Police/Military/Navy/ Air force



Two way radio: Listen & Reply

Police

Industrial Man



Then why Amateur Radio as a second line of communication and the need to promote it?

Self Reliance/Capacity Building

- Ham Radio (Amateur Radio) is the only scientific activity in the world which requires a licence from the Telecommunication Authority of a country. It is a Do-It-Yourself activity where radio communication experimenters get an authorization to communicate anywhere in the globe. It is a skill more important than any other sports from national security point of view an to build a technically advanced resilient society; this is the reason NASA (USA) promotes it too.

- It is legitimized by ITU (International Telecommunication Union, Geneva) as socially constructive important technical activity and every member country of ITU on principle needs to promote it

- Without promoting it we cannot expect to have engineers with an entrepreneurial bend of mind and to Made in India (not just Make in India) possible.

- Like any other 'Science', it is also 'Science' and the backbone of communication (including science communication)

Different from other Science Promotional Activity

- Training (extensive theory & practical training)
- Examination (Radio theory & Practice)
- Licencing
- Setting up of a personal two-way radio communication station (Needs individual expertise. So it is tool to learn new technologies unlike just user of a technology)

Needs to get trained in Radio & Electronics (Both Theory and Practical) as per syllabus devised.

A 100 marks exam (Theory+Practical) is conducted by the Ministry of Communications. License is issued after passing of the examination by the WPC wing (Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing) of Ministry of Communications.

As per Indian Wireless Telegraph (Amateur Service) Rules, 2009

Amateur service' means a service of self-training, inter-communication and technical investigations Carried on by amateurs that is, by persons duly authorized under these rules interested in radio Techniques solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest

'Ham' – it is a noun (not an abbreviation)

Many people wrongly write it as '**HAM**' (correct is '**ham**'). It is an English word which is in use since the beginning of the history of radio and telegraphic communication dating back to nearly 172 year

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parents are of different races. halfcrown (or half a crown) a former British coin equal to two shillings and sixpence (121/2p). half-dozen (or half a dozen) a group of six. half-hearted without enthusiasm or energy. half-hour (or half an hour) a period of thirty minutes. half-life the time taken for the radioactivity of a substance to fall to half its original value. half measures actions or policies that are not forceful or decisive enough. half nelson a hold in wrestling in which you pass one arm under your opponent's arm from behind while applying your other hand to their neck, half-term Brit, a short holiday

halfway through a school term. halfway through a school term. half-timbered having walls with a timber frame and a brick or plaster filling. half-time (in sport) a short gap between two halves of a match. not half 1 not nearly. 2 Brit. informal to an extreme degree.

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halfback noun a player in a ball game whose position is between the forwards and fullbacks.

halfpenny or ha'penny /haypni/ noun (plural halfpennies or halfpence /hay-p'nss/) a former British coin equal to half an old penny.

halfway adverb & adjective **1** at or to a point equal in distance between two others. **2** to some extent.

halfwit noun informal a stupid person. half-witted adjective.

halibut noun (plural halibut) a large flat sea fish used for food.

halitosis /hali-toh-sis/ noun badsmelling breath.

hall noun 1 (also hallway) a room or space inside a front door, or between a number of rooms. 2 a large room for meetings, concerts, etc. 3 (also hall of residence) Brit a university building in which students live. 4 Brit a large country house.

hallelujah /hal-li-loo-yuh/ or alleluia /al-li-loo-yuh/ exclamation God be praised.

hallmark noun 1 an official mark stamped on objects made of pure gold, silver, or platinum. 2 a distinctive feature. •verb stamp an object with a hallmark. hallo ⇒ HELLO.

hallowed /hal-lohd/ adjective

1 made holy. 2 very honoured and respected.

Halloween or Hallowe'en noun the night of 31 October, the evening before All Saints' Day.

hallucinate verb (hallucinates, hallucinating, hallucinated) see something which is not actually there. **=** hallucination noun hallucinatory adjective.

hallucinogen /huh-loo-si-nuhjuhn/ noun a drug causing hallucinations. **■** hallucinogenic adjective.

halo /hay-loh/ noun (plural haloes or halos) 1 (in a painting) a circle of light surrounding the head of a holy person. 2 a circle of light round the sun or moon.

halogen /hal-uh-juhn/ noun any of a group of elements including fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine.

halt' verb come or bring to a sudden stop. • noun 1 a stopping of movement or activity. 2 Brit. a minor stopping place on a railway line. halt² adjective old use lame.

halter noun a rope or strap placed around the head of an animal and used to lead it. **Dhalter neck** a style of woman's top that is fastened behind the neck, leaving the shoulders, upper back, and arms bare.

halting adjective slow and hesitant. halve verb (halves, halving, halved)

1 divide into two halves. 2 reduce or be reduced by half.

halves plural of HALF.

halyard /hal-yerd/ noun a rope used for raising and lowering a sail, yard, or flag on a ship.

ham¹ noun 1 meat from the upper part of a pig's leg which is salted and dried or smoked. 2 (hams) the back of the thighs. **D** ham-fisted clumsy.

ham² noun 1 an actor who overacts.

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2 (also radio ham) informal an amateur radio operator. • verb (hams, hamming, hammed) informal overact. . hammy adjective. hamburger noun a small cake of minced beef, fried or grilled and typically served in a bread roll. hamlet noun a small village. hammer noun 1 a tool with a heavy metal head and a wooden handle, for driving in nails, 2 an auctioneer's mallet, tapped to indicate a sale. 3 a part of a mechanism that hits another. 4 a heavy metal ball attached to a wire for throwing in an athletic contest. verb (hammers, hammering, hammered) 1 hit repeatedly with a hammer. 2 (hammer away) work hard and persistently. 3 (hammer something in or into) make something stick in someone's mind by

constantly repeating it. 4 (hammer something out) work out the details of a plan or agreement. hammerhead noun a shark with

flattened extensions on either side of the head. hammock noun a wide strip of

canvas or rope mesh suspended at both ends, used as a bed.

hamper¹ noun a basket used for food and other items needed for a picnic.

hamper² verb (hampers, hampering, hampered) slow down or prevent the movement or progress of.

hamster noun a burrowing rodent with a short tail and large cheek pouches.

✓ no p: hamster, not hamp-.

hamstring noun any of five tendons at the back of a person's knee. • verb (hamstrings, hamstringing, past and past participle hamstrung) 1 cripple by cutting the hamstrings. 2 severely restrict.

hand noun 1 the end part of the arm beyond the wrist, with four fingers and a thumb. 2 a pointer on a clock or watch indicating the passing of time. 3 (hands) a person's power or control. 4 an active role. 5 help in

hamburger \rightarrow handicap

doing something. 6 a person who does physical work. 7 a round of applause. 8 the set of cards dealt to a player in a card game. 9 a unit of measurement of a horse's height. equal to 4 inches (10.16 cm). • verb give or pass something to. at hand (or on or to hand) near; easy to reach. from hand to mouth meeting only your immediate needs. hand grenade a grenade that is thrown by hand. hand in glove working very closely together. hand-me-down a piece of clothing that has been passed on from another person. hand-pick choose carefully. hands-on involving direct participation in something. hand-to-hand (of fighting) involving physical contact, in hand in progress, out of hand 1 not under control. 2 without taking time to think. handbag noun Brit. a small bag used by a woman to carry everyday

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personal items. handball noun 1 a game in which the ball is hit with the hand in a walled court. 2 Soccer unlawful touching of the ball with the hand or arm.

handbill noun a small printed advertisement handed out in the street.

handbook noun a book giving basic information or instructions.

handbrake noun a brake operated by hand, used to hold an already stationary vehicle.

handcuff noun (handcuffs) a pair of lockable linked metal rings for securing a prisoner's wrists. •verb put handcuffs on.

handful noun 1 a quantity that fills the hand. 2 a small number or amount. 3 informal a person who is difficult to deal with or control.

handgun noun a gun designed for use with one hand.

handhold noun something for a hand to grip on.

handicap noun 1 a condition that limits a person's ability to function physically, mentally, or socially.

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 As an Alternative Mode of Community Communication empowering people in a specific branch of practical science

To make the people self-reliant in radio communication technology

 To imbibe and interest in the art and science of radio communication technology

- A Do-It-Yourself activity for school children and students of the technical institutes (to complement theory with practical learning)

to create a pool of emergency radio communication volunteers

Vigyan Prasar Promotes it through various outreaching activities: PUBLICATIONS/STUDY MATERIAL



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"A Guide to Ham Radio" Published by Vigyan Prasar in 2000



Through Internet



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To just get a feel of how APRS activity is going on at other parts of the world here are a few links:

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Radio & Beyond!

On the New Delhi map displayed below, we can see hams doing APRS[®] communication [If they wish they may talk or otherwise exchange APRS digital data using their radios]. If they transmit APRS digital data on 144.800 MHz [which is VU2NCT APRS frequency], an APRS ready radio [Kenwood TH D7 AG] hooked to the Internet at



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In 2005 CBSE incorporated ham radio in its frontline curriculum on Disaster Management in Social Science (Class X)

Together Towards a Safer India Part III

A Stride Ahead

A Textbook on Disaster Management for Class X



4. Alternative Communication Systems... during disasters





In Monsoon-2004, severe flood situations in the States of Assam and Bihar caused major devastation. Many district head quarters got totally cut-off from the State head quarter and neighboring districts due to submerged telephone exchanges or damaged cables and disrupted roads and railways communication. In the worst affected districts the need for relief and rescue operation could not be communicated to the State head quarters. Realizing this, State

Government requested National Disaster Management Division of the Government of India to immediately send the emergency coordination kits containing satellite phones to establish communication links among the severely affected districts and state headquarters.

From the above case study, we see that during any major disaster or emergency situation, the communication links are totally disrupted. Therefore, it is crucially important to have completely functional communication links among Government authorities at various levels to provide adequate assistance to the affected population. This chapter tries to explain various basic telecommunication facilities, need for alternative communication systems during the large-scale natural disasteriemergency situations, and modes of emergency communication systems including satellite based communication systems.



CBSE incorporated a chapter on Ham Radio in a Class X textbook http://www.cbse.nic.in/DM%20ENGLISH.pdf

communications among the emergency response managers. Such Amateur volunteers provided commendable services during the Orissa super cyclone in 1999 and Gujarat earthquake in 2001.

In efforts to popularize the Amateur Radio in the country and develop a trained force of licensed Amateurs, Department of Information Technology has initiated a nation wide programme to establish Amateur Radio Stations at various places and provide the necessary training for interested Amateur Station Operators.

SATELLITE BASED COMMUNICATIONS SYS-TEMS

Satellite based Communication systems mean communication systems intended for users on the Earth but which have some equipment in space, i.e. a satellite. Different satellites carry out different jobs, such as taking weather pictures or finding accurate positions on earth

HAM operator helps families connect with tsunami victims

New Delhi, December 28 . The Tribune



An amateur radio enthusiast based in the Capital has succeeded where most government agencies have failed. Sandeep Baruah, a licensed HAM

operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and has helped relay messages between the people stranded on the island and their families back home.

of Sandeep Baruah, Vigyan Prasar was

in terms of latitudes and longitudes. Communications satellites are essentially radio relay stations in space and are sometimes referred to as COMSATs. The other words you may hear are SATCOMS for satellite communications in general and SATPHONE for a satellite phone terminal.

The most important feature of a communications satellite is the transponder - a radio that receives a conversation at one frequency and then amplifies it and re-transmits it back to Earth on another frequency.



TOGETHER, TOWARDS, A SAFER INDIA PART-III A textbook on disaster management for class X FIRST EDITION 2005 **REVISED EDITION 2006**



Promotional Activities

Lecture and Demonstration programmes in schools, colleges, technical institutes to create an awareness about ham radio (outreach programme)



Media coverage of our **Outreaching** activities

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HAM radio enthusiasts to help in disaster management

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DEHRADUN: The two-day workshop on HAM radio training started at the Doon University on Friday with the announcement of forming a network of HAM radio enthusiasts under the aegis of Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) and Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre (DMMC). This network would help during natural disasters and calamities by establishing radio links to connect to the people trapped in disaster affected areas.

The need for this network was felt in view of the problems in communication during the recent calamities at Uttarkashi and Rudraprayag where several people lost their lives.

Inaugurating the programme,

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the vice-chancellor of Doon University professor VK Jain shed light on the benefits of the HAM radio and various courses being run by the university on disaster management an the role of teachers at the time of natural calamities.

Addressing the first technical session, HAM radio specialist from Delhi Karan Bakshi gave lecture on 'How to form two way HAM radio network in Uttarakhand, repeater net-

working techniques interlinking HAM radio to internet: Echolink'.

In the second technical session, scientist at Vigyan Prasar Sandeep Barua said the HAM radio could be used at the time of calamities without even internet facilities and other links which makes it unique.

He stressed on imparting training in various districts for its use.

He gave a lecture on 'An overview of radio networking and use of different types of HAM radio communication equipment'. All the 13 convenors of the districts of Uttarakhand for UCOST took part in the programme.

The programme was conducted by UCOST district coordinator and associate professor at DAV College, Prashant Singh.

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रेडियो और इंटरनेट का भला क्या संगम फॉर है। क्या बिना सरकारी नियंत्रण के अपना रेडियो सेटअप तैयार किया जा सकता है। बिल्कुल, टेककृति में बतौर गेस्ट लेक्चरर आए विज्ञान प्रसार के साइंटिस्ट संदीप बरुआ ने हिन्दस्तान को 'हैम रेडियो' के आधुनिक और डिजिटल रूप की जानकारी दी। वताया कि आपातकाल खद देंगे। में जब सारे सिस्टम ध्वस्त हो जाते हैं श्री तब भी हैम रेडियो की मदद से सुचनाओं ए श्री ओ से का आदान-प्रदान किया जा सकता है। ति को हैम रेडियो को कंप्युटर से और कंप्युटर यों का को इंटरनेट से जोडकर टेक्स्ट मैसेजिंग फाइल अपलोड-डाउनलोड की जा ननुरूप ता है। सकती हैं। न की

श्री बरुआ ने बताया कि दरअसल हैम रेडियो वायरलेस बेस्ड टू वे कम्युनिकेशन है। बोलचाल की भाषा में यह इंटरनेट ऑफ दि पास्ट है। विश्वभर में रेडियो पर वतियाने के शौकीन सालों से हैम रेडियों के दीवाने हैं। वहुत कम खर्च में और साधारण सी किट के साथ इसका प्रयोग किया जा सकता है। इसके लिए सरकार से लाइसेंस लेना जरूरी है।

सरकार की ओर से संचार पर पाबंदी लगाने, प्राकृतिक आपदा के दौरान भी हैम रेडियो पर संपर्क बना रहता है। इसीलिए इसे थई पार्टी कम्युनिकेशन ζ

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कहा जाता है। गुजरात में भुज में आए भकंप के दौरान यह बहुत कारगर रहा। श्री बरुआ ने बताया कि इसका आधुनिक रूप और भी उपयोगी है। टू वे टानसीवर (टांसमीटर और रिसीवर) को लैपटॉप के साथ इंटरफेस कर रेडियो वेव्स की मदद से इंटरनेट से जोडा जा सकता है। इसके बाद टेक्स्ट मैसेजिंग से लेकर फाइल्स की अपलोडिंग-डाउनलोडिंग सब संभव है। डिजीपीटर (डिजिटल रिपीटर) होना जरूरी है। हैम रेडियो का आधुनिक रूप वार्तालाप, मौज मस्ती के साथ ही कम्युनिटी सविंस में भी कारगर है। देश में वेदर फोरकास्टिंग के लिए करीब 20 हजार स्टेशन की जरूरत है। हैं सिर्फ 300। हैम रेडियो को वेदर स्टेशन से जोड़कर किसानों को मौसम और फसल सम्बन्धी जानकारी देकर उत्पादन बढाया जा सकता है।

IIT Kanpur workshop

UCOST-Uttarakhand workshop

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शिविर में कैडेटस ने हैम रेडियो के बारे में जाना

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दैनिक भारकर

हरियाणा कृषि विश्वविद्यालय में चल रहें एनसीसी शिविर में कैडेट्स को गुरुवार को हैम रेडियो का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। विज्ञान प्रसार केंद्र दिल्ली से आए वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरुआ ने सभी केडेटस को बताया कि इसके माध्यम से बिना किसी मासिक बिल के फ्री में बात, लाइव चैट, मैसेजों का आदान प्रदान किया जा सकता है।

उन्होंने बताया कि हैम रेडियो की एक मात्र ऐसा संचार का साधन है, जो कि हर परिस्थिति में काम करता है। फिर चाहे वह वाद की त्रासदी हो अथवा सुनामी का सफाया। इससे कोई भी आदमी संचार साधनों से जुडा रह सकता है। वैज्ञानिक ने अपने प्रयोगों से भी कैडेट्स को परिचित कराया कि किस तरह से वायरलेस सेट के



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हिसार. एचएयू में कैडेदस को हैम रेडिया के बारे में जानकारी देते प्रशिक्षक।

तापमान जान सकते हैं अथवा वह वालीं की संख्या ज्यादा से ज्यादा कितनी दूरी पर किसी एंगल पर है। इतना ही नहीं वायरलेस से सेट देश में आवादी अरबों पार कर गई कैसे मैसेज भेजा जाए।

जाए।उन्होंने बताया कि यह सब रेडियो ले तो लिया है लेकिन मुफ्त में मिलता है बस इसकी एक माध्यम से किसी स्थान विशेष का ही सर्त है कि इसे उपयोग करने कर रहे हैं।

कर्मचारियों का प्रदर्शन, ज्ञापन सौंपा

हो। उन्होंने बताया कि इस समय है लेकिन हैम रेडियो का उपयोग किस तरह से आरकुट, याहू के 15 हजार से भी कम लोग कर तरीके से लाइव चैट किया रहे हैं। कई सेलिब्रेटी ने तो हैम इसका उपयोग बहुत कम ही लोग

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RCSC lauds Gagarin's pioneering flight and achievements

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A function was held on April 12 in New Delhi. RCSC



CITY BUZZ

Ham Radio network to be set up in Kaushambi

During the deliberation, Sandeep Baruah (Scientist-D. Vigyan Prasar, DST) emphasised the formation of the people's own ham radio alternative radio communication network as a 'hobby' and as a 'do-it-yourtheir own communication network without depending on other service providers. To establish an effective communication to be functional, it was suggested that several low cost **UHF/VHF Ham Cross**

The Kaushambi ham radio (Amateur radio technologies. A p a r t m e n t s Residents Welfare Association (KARWA), announced a VHF/UHF ham radio repeater network soon to be made functional at Kaushambi under the disaster mitigation plan. An awareness programme and workshop on

Radio) was organised by Association (KARWA) at Nanda Apartments, where children and senior citizens of the area got an opportunity to see the functioning of various ham

Kaushambi Apartments' Resident Ghaziabad on October 11

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Sandeep Baruah, scientist-D from Vigyan Prasar Welfare (Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) deliberated a presentation emphasising the need to establish a ham radio and electronics club for the children of the area whichwill help establishing an alternative radio communication network as a hobby and public service activity. Various instruments were installed at the roof of the 14th storied Nanda Apartments and its functioning was explained with the help of Vigyan Prasar Repeater Station (VU2DLR) located at South Delhi.

Hams (Amateur Radio Hobbyists) from all over the NCR region participated and assisted the programme by making radio contacts with the temporary ham radio station installed at Nanda apartments. Children were thrilled to senior hams. Francis demonstration.



Rebello (Ham call VU2XLZ) talked at length to the children via the ham radio setup from his ham radio station located at Green Park. Students were lular telephone network delighted to talk to him via the two-way ham radio communication system. Hams from as far as Gurgaon also exchange pleasantries with came on-the-air to assist the

self activity', which would also be useful in the event of any kind of emergency, because when the public telephone network and celbreak down during large scale disasters, people with ham radio licences and their personal radio communication equipments would be able to maintain

Band Repeater station may be installed on top of all the skyscrapers at Kaushambi. A similar setup was demonstrated to the children. A Ham Radio Club is in the process of formation where hams located near Kaushambi would provide their voluntary support in training the children and other interested people.

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ITH sophisticated tablet computers, smartphones and zillions of social netaround the internet, communicating with friends and dear ones does look simple and convenient, but imagine a day when all of these are snapped off in the blink of an eye by a powerful earthquake. That is when an amateur or ham radio comes in handy.

Primarily a recreational activity, amateur radio enables operators — also known as hams — to pick up airwaves to discover a new voice from an unknown land. But it has the potential to be an immensely useful disaster management tool, especially in times of an earthquake, flood, cyclone and even tsunami.

The concept and importance of ham radio — which involves the use of a combined unit of transmitter and receiver, called transceiver, to facilitate a two-way communication between broadcasters across the world — is yet to grab most people's attention. But this does not discourage the small spirited community of operators who consider it a self-training activity involving technical creativity and experimentation with wireless communication.

Sandeep Baruah — principal scientific officer at Vigyan Prasar, department of science and technology — explains, "It's their love for radio science and the thril of communicating with mostly self-assembled electronic devices that keep ham radio operators pursue their interest."

A portable amateur radio set can be operated using batteries and even solar power. And because only specific individuals attempt to connect with each other through radio waves, it hardly fails unlike most wireline services, phone and internet networks, which often fail victim to jammed bandwidth and overloaded routers during natural calamities. The hobbyists are referred to as amateurs because their systems are not included in commercial broadcasting or

similar two-way radio services often used by the defence forces or firefighters. An avid ham himself, Baruah first established his station at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, in 1989. 'It is an interesting method to discover new friends and disseminate knowledge among one another. Ham discuss almost everything under the sun, for which they rim 'nest' at scheduled times

and previously decided frequencies," he says. Over decades, these enthusiasts have helped to form new industries by significantly contributing to science, technology, engineering and social services. But the crucial role they play during crises and natural disasters deserves special mention.

The techno-tilheters can quickly set The techno-tilheters can quickly set up networks, helping speed up disaster relief. The 2004 tsunami cut nearly all communications with the Andaman Islands. Ham operators are not allowed to set up shop there because of security reasons, but a group of enthusiasts on vacation there did manage to get a station upand running. They then transmitted updates about the disaster to authorities in Delhi and other cities.

Baruah himself was in Delhi at the time and among those in touch with this group of hams in the Andamans. He says, "I had received messages from different parts of the country and abroad, which I relayed to those stationed at Port Blair and vice versa."

Hams also supported rescue activities after the 9/11 terror attacks, Gu-

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Through 'packet radio', data can be

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to connect their devices to the com-

puter and log on to a local ham radio

server. The receiver gets only the cor-

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For instance, if a transmitted message

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This band of original social networkers continues an old tradition of licensed amateur broadcasting





SAY HELLO: <u>Sandeep Baruah demonstrating his amateur radio equipment in fron</u>: of schoolchildren during a workshop.

jarat earthquake in 2001, North America blackout in 2003, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Sichuan earthquake in 2008 and more recently the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Ham hum

Just a simple wire antenna connected to the transceiver is enough to attract ham radio frequencies. Licence bearers work using frequencies internationally allotted to them. If a particular wave is not already being used by another ham, it can be used to give a call to the operator in question. However, the calling procedure should adhere to international radio regulations.

One can give a general, or CQ, call to all stations around the world with his or her assigned 'call sign' on air to legally spot a specific operator or station.

With advances in the field of electronics and technology, ham radio has also undergone a lot of changes over the years. Like mobile phone users, ham entusiasts can now send text messages. Operators can even connect their radios to the web. For example, ham equipment connected to the internet in Guwahati can receive messages from other ham radio users in the city, while their conversation can be routed across the world through a system called Echolink.

Digital ham radio is a smart mode of et modem has a firmware which is in-

telligent enough to understand that the figure is not accurate, and so the radio connected to the computer will send back automated re-send request to the sender.

One can also send emails with the help of free software called 'Airmail', which functions more or less like Microsoft Outlook and can be useful at remote areas devoid of internet facilities. Sharing an instance, Baruah says, "I get messages from a sailor ham friend through such a system. He keeps sending stories while on long-distance voyages. He is supported by Winink 2000, an all-volunteer project that arranges

And there is more: hams can also receive images from space now. NASA launched a low earth orbit satellite recently enabling hams to lift pictures using a handheld transceiver and a tiny beam antenna called Yagi.

ISRO also launched a microsatellite called HAMSAT in 2005, enabling India to become one of the few countries in the world to launch an amateur radio satellite.

Highs & lows

The story of ham radio starts at the beginning of the history of radio itself. In 1895 when Guglielmo Marconi. beginner of long-distance radio broadcasts began sending signals over vast lengths, he also became the first amateur radio broadcaster. That same year Nikola Tesla also sent transmissions in the US. Indian scientist Sir J C Bose's experiments also contributed to the cause. Apart from providing voluntary help during national emergencies, hams are also said to have supported the Indian Independence movement.

Harn radio suffered a slowdown during global conflicts, when authorities suspended issuing licences and even asked operators to dismantle their devices fearing misuse of the technology by spies. However after the end of World War II, their number started growing again. It is sad that despite making signifi-

It is sad that despite making significant contributions over the years, little has been done to support the enthusiasts or at least raise awareness about ham radio among the public. Getting a licence is an uphill struggle, and so there are just about 15.000 authorised and practicing ham radio users in India, with a mere seven in the Northeast.

Following repeated petitions, the doit-yourself activity was incorporated in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) syllabus in 2006, with occasional workshops being conducted on IIT campuses and other educational institutions across the nation. Hams feel the scope of amateur radio is unlimited and so introducing the activity to youngsters could boost their mental faculties as well as impart a sense of unity and self-empowerment. The wireless, planning and coordination wing (WPC), which forms part of the ministry of communications and information technology, is the regulatory authority of amateur radio in India. Together with controlling radio waves, the WPC also assigns call signs and issues licences.

Any citizen above the age of 12, and with basic knowledge in electronics and radio science, is eligible to become an authorised ham operator after he

Frequency facts



In the early days of amateur radio, most professional operators would use the term ham to taunt the hobbyists, leading to the popularity of the synonym later on.

Rewarding the contributions of amateur radio, a postage stamp was issued in the US in 1964.

• Fox hunting is an interesting activity in which hams use direction-finding techniques to locate hidden transmitters.

Hamfests and DX-peditions are among the countable events conducted on regular intervals to promote amateur radio in India.

A deceased amateur radio operator is generally referred to as a silent key.

or she clears a 100-mark exam, conducted by the WPC at various wireless monitoring stations across the country. There are two such stations in the Northeast too — at Dibrugarh and Shillong — but due to concerns over ham radio turning into a security threat if fallen into the wrong hands, the examination has not been conducted in the region over the past few years.

Ritu Mahanta, a guest lecturer at an engineering college near the city, agrees that ham radio is an efficient tool for communicating during emergencies. Unfortunately, his own experience at getting a licence has been unsavoury. He first applied for it in 1990 as a student, but was rejected. Over time, he applied several times, to no avail. He then filed an RTI in 2011. "Today have the equipment, but can only hear hams communicating. Until 1 get my own call sign. I cannot transmit."

But enthusiasts here argue that ham radio is a fairly simple set up and any suspicious use can be easily detected with the help of direction finding antennas or the method of triangulation. They feel such irregularities could just be another instance of red-tapism and discrimination.

However it's a different story in most other states outside the region where the density of hams is higher, thanks to special clubs and related activities. Bangalore is also usually called the ham radio capital of India.

The hobbyists think more should be done to promote amateur radio in the region, especially for young citizens, who can serve as a band of communicators when the most active networking tools are knocked out by a natural calamity. त कुछ समय पूर्व प्रतिनियुक्ति पर यहा लाने म सफल रहा था। संस्थान के अफसरों का कहना है कि कुछ समय पूर्व ही निगम से हुछ जेई उपलब्ध कराने के लिए शासन से अनुरोध किया गया था। नके मिल जाने से गर्मियों में बेहतर जलापूर्ति व्यवस्था में मदद मिलेगी। पास भा ले गए था अब इस मुद्द का लेकर आढ़ती गोलबंद होने की तैयारी में हैं। सरकार से नाराज व्यापारी संगठनों की बैठकों में रणनीति तैयार की जा रही है। ज्यादा गुस्सा अनाज के ने आप ने आश्वासन के बाद भी समस्या जस की तस है। आढ़तियों की ओर से प्रदर्शन के साथ ही हड़ताल पर भी विचार किया जा रहा है।

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देहरादून। युवा महोत्सव में वैज्ञानिकों ने आपदा प्रबंधन प्रशिक्षण को बेहद जरूरी करार दिया। युवाओं को आपदाओं से बचाव और संचार के लिए हैम-रेडियो जैसे साधनों के प्रयोग के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया।

प्रादेशिक विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी युवा महोत्सव के तीसरे दिन आपदा प्रबंधन पर कार्यशाला में युवाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया गया। डीएमएमसी के निदेशक डा. पीयूष रौतेला ने कहा कि आपदाओं को रोकना संभव नहीं है। लेकिन समुचित प्रशिक्षण के जरिए इनके प्रभाव और नुकसान को कम किया जा सकता है। उत्तराखंड के संदर्भ में आपदा प्रबंधन महत्त्वपूर्ण विषय है। इसी कड़ी में प्रतिभागियों को हैम-रेडियो का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। विज्ञान प्रसार के वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरुआ ने हैम-तकनीक की बुनियादी बातों की जानकारी दी और हैम-रेडियो का प्रदर्शन किया। आपदा के वक्त अन्य संचार माध्यमों के फेल होने पर हैम-रेडियो से ही संदेशों का आदान-प्रदान संभव है। दोपहर बाद के सत्र में मुदा, जल संरक्षण एवं अनुसंधान



प्रशिक्षण : आपदा प्रबंधन के बारे में बताते प्रशिक्षक।

संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों डा. केपी त्रिपाठी और डा. ए रायजादा ने वाटर हारवेस्टिंग और वनीकरण में जल-संरक्षण की भूमिका की जानकारी दी। पर्यावरण शिक्षा संस्थान लखनऊ के वैज्ञानिक डा. गंगवार ने पर्यावरण संरक्षण विषय पर छात्रों को संबोधित किया। इस दौरान 'प्रकृति संरक्षण में विज्ञान का योगदान' विषय पर पोस्टर प्रतियोगिता भी आयोजित हुई। प्रतिभागियों ने मालदेवता पहुंचकर वैकल्पिक ऊर्जा के बारे जानकारी हासिल की। विभिन्न सत्रों में डा. एसएस साहनी, डा. प्रशांत सिंह, डा. विनोद कुमार, डा. केपी सिंह, डा. एमपी सिंह, डा. संजय भूटानी और भवतोष शर्मा आदि प्रमुख रहे।

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GANGTOK, March 9: Asixday certification training-cumworkshop on Ham Radio started today at Sikkim Science Centre, Marchak. The training programme is being organized by Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology with support from Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

The Quick Response Team under State Disaster Management department, teachers, media persons, NGOs and volunteers are undergoing the training programme which will cover in-depth Ham Radio studies, informs a press release.

During the workshop, the participants will also get to know the advance applications of Ham Radio such as packet radio and data transfer using PSK31.

The training programme will be followed by an examination to become certified HAM user which will be conducted by Union Ministry of Communication.

The inaugural session was

attended by Science & Technology principal secretary Anil Mainra as the chief guest.

While welcoming the resource persons and participants, Mainra explained the importance of alternative mode of communication during natural disaster and how it can save several lives if there are trained persons in remote areas to communicate with the help of such device.

He suggested all participants to be serious and take interest during the training so that the State's effort does not go waste.

Scientist Sandeep Baruah from Vigyan Prasar and former State Information Technology secretary Rajesh Verma are the resource persons.

During many of the past large scale disasters all over the world, Amateur Radio Service (Ham Radio) has proved its efficacy in quick dissemination of disaster management information like search and rescue, relief work, tracking of missing person, real-time plotting of vehicles and personnel involved in disaster management and transmission of weather telemetry data.

Gangtok resident s Mansarovar Yatra

Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, May 9: An assistant engineer working with the State Rural Development department has been selected to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu La route this year.

Toyanath Sharma (47) from Gangtok would visit Kailash Mansarovar through Nathu La in the fifth batch of the annual pilgrimage. Hisname wasselected after the computerised draw of lots conducted by the Union External Affairs (MEA) ministry in New Delhi on May 6.

Sharma said he is happy but not excited. "I am happy that my name has been listed out in the draw but I am not excited as I have to go through medical test," he told SIKKIM EXPRESS.

A total of 2,482 complete applications, comprising 1948 males and 656 females, were registered for the draw this year. Among them, names of 1,430 applicants have been selected to undertake the yatra starting from June 12.

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Ham radio training for Sikkim concludes

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GANGTOK, May 14: The weeklong State-level training on ham radio held at science centre at Marchak near Ranipool came to a close today.

The training programme was organized by Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology and supported by Vigyan Prasar, department of Science and Technology, government of India.

The training which started from May 9 had participants from across the districts comprising of Quick Response Team, members of SSDMA, media persons and NGOs members.

Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E and the main resource person of the training, imparted technical knowledge on ham radio with the skill of theory and practical.

The valedictory function today had the State Science &



Participants using ham radio sets during the training. SE Pic

Technology principal secretary Anil Mainra as the chief guest accompanied by former secretary Rajesh Verma as a guest of honour.

Mainra urged the participants to make ham radio a hobby as it is useful during the time of emergency. He further appealed all the participants to clear its first hurdle and possess the license after which the department will provide equipments.

The function also had a power point presentation by Verma, who is also a ham radio operator from Sikkim. He encouraged the participants to become ham operators and to help the people in the time of disasters. Land Revenue joint secretary Ganesh Khanal urged the trainees to be more dedicated and keep the skill in track. He further stated that the department in consultation with the Science & Technology department will soon start the amateur radio (ham radio) in Sikkim for emergency situations like natural disasters.

The trainees will have to appear and qualify a written exam which would make them eligible for a ham license to be issued by the Union Communication & IT ministry.

Amateurradio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the internet or cell phones. Ham radio plays a key role in the time of emergency like floods, earthquake, landslides etc when telecommunication network fails to work.



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देहरादून। यूकॉस्ट और ईएमआरआई 108 ने साथ मिलकर शनिवार को विज्ञान प्रसार नोएडा की तकनीकी सहायता से हैम रेडियो पर विशिष्ट व्याख्यान और प्रदर्शन कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया। उत्तराखंड के दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में मोबाइल नेटवर्क के काम न करने पर विकल्प के रूप में हैम रेडियो के उपयोग की जानकारी दी। कहा कि इसके वैज्ञानिक उपयोग से लोगों की जान बचाई जा सकेगी।

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इस तकनोकी कार्याशाला में प्रमुख वक्ताओं में यूकॉस्ट से निदेशक टॉ. राजेन्द्र ढोपाल, ईएमआरआई-108 के प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनूप नौटियाल तथा विज्ञान प्रसार के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरूआ ने उत्तराखण्ड के सुदुरवर्ती क्षेत्रों में फोन तथा मोबाइल नेटवर्क के काम नहीं करने का घायल या मरीजों के फोन प्राप्त न हो पाने के बिकल्प के रूप में हैम रेडियो के उपयोग पर विचार व्यक्त किए तथा चर्चा में भाग लिया। श्री संदीप बरूआ ने समाधान प्रस्तुत करते हुए कहा कि पूरे उत्तराखण्ड में 2-3 हैम रिपिटर स्टेशन लगाकर यूकोस्ट की सहायता र बने 32 हम रंडियाँ लाइंसेंस होल्डर के नेटवर्क द्वारा मोबाइल एम्बुलेंस र्षप्रधाईआई काल सेंटरों के सम्पर्क में रह सकती है। इसकी सहायता से एक्सीडेंट साइट पर एम्बुलेंस भेजने के लिए विभिन्न स्थानों पर हैम रेडियो सपोर्ट सिस्टम का प्रयोग किया जाएगा। इसके अनुप्रयोग का परीक्षण करने के लिए शोध ही ईएमआरआई एक संचार रहित मरीज की अधिक संख्या वाला क्षेत्र देखकर वुकॉस्ट तथा विज्ञान प्रसार की सहायता से हैम रिपिटर स्टेशन (मानव उहत) की स्थापना करेगी तथा परीक्षण एग्बुलेस में हैम रेडियो की सहायता से संचालित एपीआरएस अटोमैठिक पीजिशिनिंग रिपोटिंग सिस्टम लगाकर सम्पूर्ण नेटवर्क का उपयोग परखा जाएगा। यदि यह परीक्षण सफेल रहता है तो यह पूरे उत्तराखण्ड में लागू करके दर-दराज फे क्षेत्रों के मरीजों के लिए स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएं समय पर प्राप्त करने का एक उपयोगी वैज्ञानिक माध्यम सिद्ध होगा।

इस कंपयोगलों के दरपाटन सब में अपने सम्बोधन में डो. राजेद डोमाल, निरेतक पुकोस्ट ने कहा कि अल्य उपयोगी के साथ ही व्यास्थ्य सेवाओं के लिए हैम पेडियों के वैद्यानिक उपयोग से पुस्टन में घारलों व दूर्वा चिकिस्कींव सुविधा की अवस्थकता वाले मालते में उत्तर में दो की जान बवामे में उपयोग निंद्ध होगा डो. डोमाल ने कहा कि हैम रेडियों की एयबुलेंस गाडियों की स्मीड, दिशा, मुख्यालव से दूरी तेथा दारायसदा मेंको में प्रयोग से अपना संचार के क्षेत्र में राग्न ही समल्ला सांस्थल होगी।

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कैपिटल पब्लिक स्कूल, सरस्वती शिशु मंदिर, हर मिलाप इंटर कॉलेज, अंबेडकर इंटर कॉलेज, केंद्रीय विद्यालय डोगरा लाइन समेत 15 स्कूलों के बच्चे कार्यक्रम में हिस्सा लेंगे। इस बारे में विज्ञान प्रचारक संजय शर्मा ने कहा कि हमारा वलब बच्चों में विज्ञान के प्रति रुचि के लिए समय-समय पर ग्रामीण, देहात और शहरों में प्रदर्शनी और अन्य कार्यक्रम कराता है।

कार्यक्रम का काफी समय से था इंतजार

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संजय शर्मा, विज्ञान प्रचारक, वंद्रजोखर विज्ञान क्लब



स्कूलों में दिन्नान के कार्यक्रम के लिए में उत्यधिक प्रयास करती हूं। तगभग डेढ़ साल बाद हमें इस प्रोग्राम की अनुमति मिली है। पश्चिम में शायद यह पहला प्रोग्राम होने जा रहा है। रंजना गौड़, प्रयानावार्ब विद्या मंदर इंटर कॉलेज हमारी टीम के सदस्य हमें रेडियो के माध्यम से वैज्ञानिकों से बात कराएंगे। इसके लिए अमेच्योर रेडियो सिस्टम से तैयारी की जा रही है। संदीप बरवा, सीनियर वैज्ञनिक





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Rajesh Arya Deputy Director (Sr.)

Dated: 22.04.2010

Sen St. Soudeop Barush,

It was indeed a great pleasure having you with us at the Academy to deliver a talk to the Officer Trainees of the Professional Course, Phase-I (2009 batch) of the Indian Administrative Service.

Your talk was extremely well received and the trainees appreciated the issues and points highlighted by you during the session. On behalf of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. Mussoorie and the Officer Trainees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for having taken time off from your busy schedule to visit the Academy.

I hope you enjoyed visiting the Academy. I wish that your association with the Academy continues in the future as well.⁶

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Yours stated

Shri Sandeep Baruah Scientific Officer Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi **Appreciation Letter** from Centre for Disaster Management, Lal Bahadur Shashtri National Academy of Adminstration (IAS, IPS Training Academy where I Conducted traning for IAS probationers

Lecture and Technical Demonstration Programme at Nalgonda Telangana

Workshop on Ham Radio Digital Communications at SPAES School, Nalgonda



A Workshop on Ham Radio Digital Communications was conducted at SPAES School, Huzur Nagar, Nalgonda jointly by Vignan Prasar and NIAR on 27 Apr 2013. About 100 students and staff were introduced to various types of Amateur Radio Digital Communications. The lis planning to start an Amateur Radio Club shortly. Mr.Sandeep Baruah, VU2MUE from Vignan Prasar and Mr, Jose Jacob, VU2JOS,

DNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2004

HAM operator helps families connect with Tsunami victims

DELHI

RAMESH RAMACHANDRAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28 An amateur radio enthusiast based in the Capital has succeeded where most government agencies have failed. Sandeep Baruah, a licensed HAM operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and has helped relay messages between the people stranded on the island and their families back home.

Sitting at his terminal Tuesday afternoon, Baruah told The Tribune that he has received 10 "calls" over the past 48 hours. "I have received e-mails and SMSes from several places at home and abroad ... Bangalore, Ranchi, Pune and Thailand I have relayed all their messages to this team of HAM operators stationed at Port Blair and forwarded the replies from them to the families wherever they are," he said. One such distraught family is from New Delhi. Dr Karan Singh Chauhan, who teaches in a college here, was holidaying with his two sons and a daughter on the island when the Tsunami hit the shore. It had only been a few days from the time they reached Port Blair. "Fortunately," Dr Chauhan recalled, "There were these people staying on the fifth floor of the hotel where we were put up ... they had this equipment (HAM), so we asked them if they could relay the infor-

mation of our well-being to people back home."

Within hours, Sandeep Baruah was on the telephone informing Dr Chauhan's domestic help of their whereabouts. Dr Chauhan and his family, who returned to the Capital last night, have not spoken with Baruah yet but he is all praise for him and the amateur radio operators on the island for coming to his help in their hour of need. Baruah, meanwhile, has no regrets. He has no time for that for there are other calls to be attended to, he says as a distant station crackles at his terminal. Like Dr Chauhan, Mrs Cesar Maia from Bangkok, Thailand, has established contact with Baruah. She wants to if her husband is safe and sound on the island. "I have not received any news about her husband but I am trying ... the audio quality today is poor, so I might have to wait longer to hear from my counterparts stationed on the island," says Baruah, who is happy being Good Samaritan for people he has come to know only in the past few days. Meanwhile, Dr Chauhan is still to recover from his harrowing experience on the island. "Buildings were literally swaving from side to side, the hotel where we were staying was damaged ... there were cracks in the walls, the sea was violent and washed away anything and everything that came in its way ... even the boundary wall of a college nearby was swept away ... all of us spent the first night outside," he recalls before he,

his children and one other

family flew to Kolkata on

way to Delhi.



Sandeep Baruah, a licensed HAM operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair.

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The Municipal Corporation

of Delhi has also decided to

pay Rs. 4 crore to the Prime

Minister's Relief fund. This

fund is being raised by way of

Tamil Nadu.

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on TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

New DELHI, DECEMBER 28 The leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, has expressed grief over the widespread death and destruction caused by the Tsunami in southern India and many countries in the Indian Ocean. A meeting of the BJP legis lature party was called in this regard and it observed a twominute silence as a mark of respect to the deceased. The BJP legislators have also decided to donate their onecontributions from MCD month salary for the victims. councilors who are contribut-Meanwhile, the NDMC ing their one month's stipend Vice Chairperson, Tajdar and employees who are contributing one day's salary. The Babar, has moved a resolution for contributing Rs.one crore contribution of the latter adds as financial assistance from up to Rs 3 crore. the municipal funds. This is in According to the mayor, the addition to the token contri-

MCD has set up collection centres in all 12 zones under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner to collect relief materials. The material collected would be handed over to the Ministry of Home Affairs for transportation to the affected areas.

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Vigyan Prasar's Contribution To Emergency Communication Media Coverage During Tsunami operation

Vigyan Prasar's contribution to emergency communication During Bhuj Earthquake

NEW DELHI SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4 2001

EARTHQUAKE

From sinking Titanic to quaked Bhuj, ham picks up SOS

Saurabh Shukla New Delhi, February 3

THEY MADE news for the first time when they beat everybody by intercepting an SOS from a sinking Titanic in 1911. They were in action during the Morvi floods of 1979, Gulf War, Orissa cyclone, and the Latur and the Uttarkashi earthquakes. They are back again aiding the Gujarat relief effort in whatever manner they can. They are the ham radio operators.

After trying for two days to track his brother in Gandhidham, Jodhpur's VK Banchal despaired. But then somebody suggested he should try 'ham' radio operation network in Delhi. He did. A few hours later, his telephone rang. "Your brother Sanjay is safe," said the caller.

Local administration carrying on demolition or damaged outldings in only. Photo, manion overlap

The same ham network helped Delhi's Dr Sujata get in touch with her husband in Anjar, one of the worst hit areas.

High frequency radio transmitter/ receivers are the standard equipment for all hams, who have to pass a stiff international test to get their licence. The word 'ham' is said to have been taken from the first letters of the three pioneers of radio communications: H (from Hertz), A (from Armstrong, inventor of Oscillator circuit), and M (from Marconi). Functioning out of a tiny shack in Delhi with whatever little manpower they have, these 'hams' have been sending "emergency disaster communication messages" to the Gujarat amateur radio operators' network.

They get back-up support from other individual hams in Delhi, who are keeping grack of the government agencies' requirements plus passing on the distress messages.

Savs Sandeep Baruah, one of the hams associated with the Delhi station, "We have five base stations operating — in Anjar, Bachau, Bhuj, Gandhidham and one located right inside the Chief Minister's residence. There are some mobile units too, who quickly relocate themselves to send us the replies to our queries about the situation in remoter parts of the state."

The Delhi hams have been flooded with calls from all parts of India. "Some from Bihar, Bengal, Rajasthan and even from areas in Gujarat," says Baruah. But it's not an easy job tracking people and relaying messages.

Especially for those operating out of remote areas of Gujarat. "There's no power in many areas. Our radio sets can't run for very long on batteries alone," says a Gujarat ham, Dalbir Singh. A big draw on battery power is adverse weather. "Often messages have to be re-routed through hams in Mumbai or Hyden bad as direct communication is not possible," he explained.

"For most hams, this is purely voltatary work," explains <u>Dr Kamble</u> of the DST, agreeing that there was need for more hams in the country. Barely 2,000 of the 10,000 licencees are active now. A related factor restricting growth of ham-culture in India is government's lack of support, lamented an enthusiast. Reason: Costly equipment — mostly imported (nothing less than Rs 40,000) and no relaxation on customs duties.

Fresh round of tremors spreads panic among quake survivors

Rathin Das

Ahmedabad, February 3

A FRESH tremor, measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale, this morning coupled with the doomsday prediction of a local astrologer spread panic among the locals here.

The self-styled astrologer, Ambalal Damodardas Patel. who mal with a few shopkeepers raising shutters.

Minister of State for Home Haren Pandya urged the panicstricken people not to succumb to imaginary fears. He announced that 50 teams of engineers and

Cases registered

builders and architects would have nothing to do with these teams, the Minister asserted.

Meanwhile, the State Government has decided to build a memorial for the school children who were killed while marching through Anjar on Republic Day. An additional ex-gratia payment of Rs 50.000 would be made to the

Sharjah trip could still be a reality

EVEN THOUGH Union Sports Minister Uma Bharti did not approve of India participating in the three-nation tournament in Sharjah for the quake victims in Gujarat, sources close to the Ministry of External Affairs and the PMO said the February 8-11 tournament could still be a reality. The sources said, Minister of External Affairs Jacwant Sinch -

No scientific link between corpses, epidemics: WHO

DISMISSING MYTHS in the aftermath of natural disasters, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that communicable diseases do not usually occur after earthquakes. However, epidemic risk factors were the rupture of water sanitation, interruption of public health services such as immunisation and lack of control

WHO report, after the Turkey quake, said.

It said the health hazard associated with bodies was negligible and the contamination may occur in very limited cases when the corpses are in contact with the water system and transmit gastro-enteritis.

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person]. Thanks to **Sumit Sh De**, **#VU2BCC** who took this shot for me! 73 de **#VU2MUE** On behalf of North Eastern hams I assured that East India Ham Festival would also be organized in future in some exotic beautiful place in the North East! **O Mandarmani** ham event is a grand success. **#hamradio #amateurradio**



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SUNDAY HINDUSTAN TIMES, NEW DELHI/GURUGRAM MARCH 17, 2019

Ham session: Socialising via airwaves

RADIO GAGA Hailed as the first true social networking medium, ham radio continues to thrive even in this age of Twitter, Skype, Facebook and smartphones

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Pradeep Kumar (L) and Rajesh Chandwani (R) at the latter's home in Gurugram. The unique jargon of hamdom, which believes i philosophy of 'One World One Language', has its own special words, phrases, O-Codes and numbers, vocessa



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India has more than 16,000 ham radio operators, and theirs is a unique world with its own special words, phrases, 0-Codes and numbers. Here is everything you wanted to know about ham radio

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Hindustan Times, 17th March 2019. The story starts with a Communication from VP to a Ham and ends with information On Vigyan Prasar's role in Promoting ham radio

NEW DELHI: It is 9 pm, and Pradeep Kumar hasjust started conducting, whathe calls, the 'Net', an on-the-air-meeting. "CQ, CQ, this is Victor Uniform 2 Echo X-ray X-ray calling and standing by. Any station on the frequency?" he speaks into the mike.

Soon, a male voice crackles on the speaker: "This is Victor Uniform 2 Mike Uniform Echo. I could not copy you properly. Can you please repeat your call sign?"

Kumar presses a button to increase the signalling power of the transceiver, and repeats himself.

"I have no problem in copying you now," says the person on the other side. The two discuss the signal quality, the to personal computers, use digital modes such as PSK31 and PACTOR that enable radio-to-radio emailing, including text and pictures. "But older hams still take pride in using the Morse Code," says Sofi.

ALTERNATIVE MODE

Vigyan Prasar, a Delhi-based autonomous Institute under the Union government's department of science and technology, organises a range of activities to promote ham radio, including technology demonstration and lectures, and offers study material to aspiring hams to prepare for The Amateur Station Operator's Certificate (ASOC) licensing examination conducted by the Department of Telecommunications.

"Ham radio is far from dying; in the pastfew years, there has been arise in the number of hammeets, festivals and other such events. We get many requests from all over the country for study material on hamradio. We are trying to promote it as an alternative communication system," says <u>Sandeep Baruah</u>, a scientist and in-charge of the Vigvan Prasar Amateur Radio Club Station in Delhi. "It is a hobby that fosters scientific temperament and empowers you. Disaster communication has been a major contribution of hams."

Gopal Madhavan, president, the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI), the oldest non-profit organisation that works

The First Social Network: Chewing the Rag With India's Ham Radio Operators

Rohan Swamy, 22 July 2014

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In an office in Qutub Institutional Area, Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E with the Vigyan Prasar, a part of the Department of Science and Technology, sits down to listen for ham radio operators in a 7,000 mile radius around Delhi. His cabin, a small, cramped place, located in a corner of a second floor office is littered with books and radio equipment, an unfinished directional antenna, and a laptop connected to another receiver.

As his system goes live, little coloured dots on the screen begin appearing all over Europe, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. A few in India and South Africa complete the picture.

NDTV Gadget News **On Vigyan Prasar** (22 July 2014)

NDTV web link https://tinyurl.com/y45ssz7n
Outreach Programmes





Imparting hands-on Experience to technical students (BITS Pilani)

Another ham at a distant corner of the country talks to the students and help me to give a successful demonstration



Only retired hams can help me



Success of long distance communication demo also depends on good ionospheric propagation condition

I install homemade dipole antennas at the location of the demonstration



Provide resource materials (Morse Code learning cassettes, CD on Ham Radio, Books, Collection of technical know-how on low cost ham radio kit building







Guiding students to assemble kits

Presently guiding three students from Manipal University to assemble an APRS tracker Weather Balloon Payload







Coordinating FOXHUNT (a radio direction finding sports)



Lecture/Demo/Training/Awareness Programmes



Funding is needed to Promote Ham Radio

- INFRATRUCTURE BUILD-UP The State of the Art Centres at different states to work as Resource Centre providing Continuous Training
- Regular Technical Workshops in collaboration with promoting Bodies required (1 workshop in each of the states in a year total
- hams without equipment need to be provided with ham transceiver kits which they would build under expert guidance



Demo at Shimla

Further Upgradation required



New Azimuth-Elevation control Required



Manual Rotor Controller

A/D rotor controller interfaced to computer

Automatic Satellite Tracking



Rotor controller is hooked for calibration. Azimuth & Elevation Rotors tested

ELEVATION - AZIMUTH DUAL CONTROLLER

G-5500

VHF Ham Repeater Station VU2DLR (for relaying of line-of-sight ham transmissions)



Mock drill at Gurgaon (December 1 2006) at the behest of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)



A Better Prepared Amateur Radio Response

ave you been listening to or reading the comments of the homeland security and emergency management leadership? Have you heard their remarks and thought about how they apply to amateur radio? This month we'll take a look at a few of the puzzle pieces and see if we're getting the message.

Preparation and Preparedness

For decades the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been responsible for preparing and responding to disasters. FEMA has now been integrated into the Department of Homeland Security as the department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, under the day-to-day direction of Chief Operating Officer Ron Castleman and Undersecretary Mike Brown, who often speaks on the topics of preparation and preparedness.

Over the summer, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge spoke at a Public Preparedness Symposium. In his speech, he discussed a tabletop exercise in which he and 25 governors participated. According to Ridge, the exercise pointed out that in many cases you do not have all of the information that you would like to have, but 'you have to os something. You can't wait until you have it all."

Ridge continued, "You can't secure the country from Washington, DC. You need partners all around the country in order to make it safer and more secure ... Homeland security must be a priority in every home, every city, every neighborhood across America."

"Our goal is to achieve seamless protection, a nation knit tightly together by shared vigilance, readiness, and communication," said Ridge. "Vigilance, readiness, and communication. And nowhere is this more important than in the area of emergency preparedness."

"No government entity, no organization, no information expert can replace individual responsibility. Olitzens must choose to take actions." Ridge continued. "And our job is to make the choice an easy one. The success of our preparedness efforts and ultimately the entire homeland security mission depends on the involvement and work of individual citizens. Because if our communities are to rise to new levels of preparedness and security rise to make levels of preparedness and security each individual American must choose to make emergency planning a priority—a priority in our homes and our places of work and in our schools."

Disasters Spawn Preparedness

According to Secretary Ridge, "If you ask people in south Florida or the Outer Banks of North Carolina about preparedness, they already know about buying supplies, keeping extra batteries handy, and even having a hurricane evacuation route planned. They get it. They hope they're not

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Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge: "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it!" (Department of Homeland Security photo)

going to be hit by a hurricane. Chances are pretty good ... they may or may not, but they're not going to wait for chance. They get prepared."

"I'm just amazed," said Ridge, "that more people don't think of it in terms of providing some peace of mind to their own lives and to their own families." He wants to see people "respond when they have to without thinking about it," and says he feels that there is a willingness on the part of Americans to take on this responsibility."

Public Goal

Ridge continued, "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it, pleasa...that by the end of this year, we want at least 50 percent of Americans to have accepted heir responsibility to be ready. It's a communication plan; some form of training to assist at the time of a disaster, the kit set aside, the readiness kit. We need to get 50 percent by the end of the year, and I think we can get it done. "The Department of Homeland Security will add

strength to the existing Ready Campaign by launching two new endeavors, Ready for Business, Ready for Kids. It will continue to work with the Citizen Corps to encourage participation from families across America, whether by preparing family ready kits and emergency plans or volunteering to aki in disaster planning or engaging in CPPA and training exercises to help people in a life threatening situation.

"Tree been amazed at the number of people who have come forward to serve on Citizen Corps councils. All walks of tife, all backgrounds, all communities. I think we're near 1000 communities that have a Citizen Corps. You meet some fascinating people. One fellow is in charge of the emergency radio network. You've got a bunch of ham radio operators in a th-state area. He's got them networked together."

Unification

Before September 11th every state, every city, and even individual response teams had their own pro-

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Training and Response in India

North America is not the only place amateur radio operators are active in emergency communications. Hams in India and other countries actively provide emergency communications support. This past summer, amateur radio operators participated in a simulated earthquake communications drill in the Northeast District of Delhi.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority notified local hams about the "earthquake." Immediately, three teams of ham radio operators rushed to several critical locations to provide emergency communications. Stations were established at the Office of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Police Headquarters, Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and the Divisional Commissioner's office.

According to Sandreep Barauh, VU2MUE, the communications teams brought mobile rigs, antennas, batteries, and solar-panel power backups. A digital communication setup was also established at the Divisional Commissioners Office. Two-meter links were established on simplex when the local repeater failed because of the earthquake. THs were also used for local communications. Messages were passed from the 'disaster site' on behalf of the police and tire departments, Government officials visited the ham stations and feit that amateur radio can play a very important role in disaster communications. The hams were also able to demonstrate the use of Echolink in emergency communications.

In July, five members of the Mumbai Amateur Radio Society (MARS) sprang into action on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the United Nations Development Program. They were sent to the flood-ravaged areas of Bihar.

Nilesh Rathod, head of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service, said, "There is a huge crisis in Bihar, but what is startling

cedures for emergency incidents. "For the first time," Ridge now says, "the National Response Plan provides a comprehensive roadmap for everyone to follow. As part of this plan, the National Incident Management System was introduced so that those involved in emergency response understand what their role is—and have the tools they need to be effecuse. Its the nation's first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response and it unifies federal, state, and/coal lines of government into one coordinated effort. This integrated system makes America safer by establishing a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders—at every level of government—will use to conduct response actions."

All-Star Playbook

Ridge describes the system as "the playbook for the NFL Pro-Bowl Game." "When you bring together the best players from 26 different teams," he explains, "a plan of 'blue 42, slant right, release' might mean one thing to the quarterback, another thing to the wide receiver, and yet another to the linemen. At the call of 'hike,' chaos might break out on the field. At the very least, the play won't be successful. Now everyone shows up on game day with the same playbook. They will have the same preparation, the same goals and expectations, and-most important-they will be speaking the same language. When the quarterback calls a play, everyone will know what they are supposed to do. And in this battle, safety is far better than two points-in fact, it is the only result worth anything at all. Of course, a plan is nothing without the people to execute it, and many of you will play a vital role should we ever have to put our plan into action.

Ham Radio is Ready

Now let's take a look at some of the ways amateur radio is

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Sandeep Barauh, VU2MUE, provides communications during a simulated earthquake exercise. (Photo courtesy of VU2MUE)

is that everyone seems used to the floods and the horrific living conditions."

He said that in the town of Sitamarhi the roads and rails were washed away. The local residents were building bamboo bridges to and charging people to cross them. That is how they recovered the cost of making the bridge and earned a living.

In order to get to his communication assignments, Nilesh would have to jump into a Jeep or risk wading through leech-infested waters.



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American amateur radio journal CQ (October 2004) covering a mock drill conducted during a simulated eartquake at the behest of NDMA at North West District of Delhi



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Ham Meets (for activity coordination) & Technical Lectures



Training Materials



State Level Training Programme Uttarakhand 2006









Examination conducted by Ministry of Communications



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Students appearing for licencing examination





Ham Radio Operators provide voluntary emergency communication services during natural calamities when the other modes of communications break down

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VP/ 905/HAM/CO/2004 DATE: 30.12.2004 MESSAGE RECEIVED BY **HAM RADIO VU2HFR (KOLKATA)** FROM **VU4NRO/VU2MYH (CAR NICOBAR)** ON **30.12.04** AT **1:15PM ON 14.190** MHz

MESSAGE RECEIVED AT HAM RADIO STATION VU2NCT/VU2MUE (Vigyan Prasar)

MESSAGE TO :

DIRECTOR (EMR), DTCGHS, NEW DELHI FAX : (011)23073467 LL : (011)23017302 / 9313743755

REPORT OF CENTRAL MEDICAL TEAM DATED 29.12.2004

The team has started its work in Car Nicobar the worst affected island.

- 1) All 15 villages affected also IAF staff quarters. Of 20,000 population, as estimated 3,000 are dead and an equal number missing.
- 2) Other neighbouring island in Nicobar island of 1383 population 682 are missing.
- Survivors are moved to higher areas in the jungles in the centre of the island. Roads are blocked by fallen trees.
- 4) D.C. coordinating rescue and relief efforts. Local Hospital 120 beds operational. There are no sterile supplies/dressings. O.T., XRAY and autoclave will work once generator requisitioned from Port Blair is received.
- 5) Our team is working fully with 3 specialists from Port Blair. Around 150 cases mostly injuries have been treated. 20 cases referred for management to Port Blair were airlifted by Air Force. 4 patients are dead.

Disposal of dead : This was done by burial. They have accepted advise for mass cremation. 530 bodies dispos. Local water sources being identified and chlorination arranged.

- 6) Medical supplies is relief material from Gujarat collected from A.F. base and brought to hospital. Additional supplies from Port Blair expected on 30th December. Staff only 5 nurses are working round the clock, additional nursing staff and doctors expected from Port Blair on 30th December. 3 teams including medical were sent out today to establish contact with local villages provide first aid arrange for moving seriously injured to hospital and for disposal of dead bodies.
- Telemedicine conference held with Port Blair authorities and requirement informed. Plan for epidemic preparedness discussed with MS of Hospital. Add survey and fever survey being initiated.
- 8) Measles vaccine supply awaited for immunizing children in 6 month, 5 year age group.

29.12.2004

Coordinator Central Medical Team

Relayed by: Sander Baruah, Senigr Scientific Officer, Vigyan Prasar

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Handling governmental relief messages during Tsunami

Technology combined: Quoted by CQ (America)



Pilot HS1HBJ used his airplane to survey damage in Thailand. (Photo courtesy of Phat, HS1WFK)

Nicobar Island the next morning on a military aircraft and established communication between Port Blair and Nicobar. Hundreds of messages were passed each day between the mainland and the affected areas. One report said the number of messages reached 30,000. The only link for thousands of Indians and other country people who were worried about their friends and families on the islands was ham radio.

"Our station in the control room became the center of messages between Port Blair and Nicobar Island," said Prasad. "Survivors in Car Nicobar were hams of the country located on the mainland have helped us in relaying the messages whenever there was skip between our stations in the islands. When telephone lines were restored on Tuesday, the 28th of December, the information received on the radio about the survivors from Car Nicobar, that they were alive, was conveyed to their anxious relatives on the mainland. We also helped about 15 foreign tourists, including several from the U.S., to send news to their families."

VU2JOS, along with other government officials, was sent to Hudbay Island for relief activity. "The common man was totally happy in utilizing our service, and the magnitude of their satisfaction on receiving the information about the welfare of their kith and kin was beyond one's imagination," said Prasad. Tremors continued for the next six days.

As the strong aftershocks continued throughout the night, the station remained on the air passing traffic to the Indian mainland. While some telephone service was restored the next day, the DXpedition operators reported the local authorities were "quite hungry for information on casualties in the region, since they have only a trickle of news from the outside. It seems that amateur radio is showing its value during a severe crisis." ciated by the "Chief Secretary" of the Andamans.

Technology Combined

During recent disasters we have seen the growing use of the internet combined with amateur radio. This disaster was no different. Sandeep, VU2MUE, said the "different technologies complemented each other."

A very long relief message for New Delhi was transmitted by Mohan, VU4/VU2MYH, in Car Nicobar on 30 December, VU2MUE could not copy the message because of poor propagation. The message was copied by Horey, VU2HFR, in Calcutta for relay to New Delhi. Instead of relaying the message on the air, VU2HFR in Calcutta typed it on his laptop computer and e-mailed it to Sandeep, VU2MUE, for further relay to the Director of Emergency Medical Relief Control Room in New Delhi, Confirmation that the message had been delivered was relayed back to the disaster area via amateur radio. Dr. Ravindran, Director of Emergency Medical Relief, thanked the ham radio volunteers for their support in handling government relief messages.

Many of the relief messages handled dealt with the daily number of deaths, missing, and injuries that each of us heard on the news. The Andamans

Certificate of Appreciation for Tsunami Emergency Communication Support

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AMATEUR RADIO



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This Certificate is awarded to: Mr / Ms. Sandeep. Baruali, VU2MUEin recognition of valuable contributions to "Tsunami Emergency Communications / Promotion of Amateur Radio" at the International Seminar on Amateur Radio Communication in Disaster Management organized by NIAR at Chennai on 18th April, 2005.





S. SURI, VU2MY CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR N.I.A.R My Home Station in 1998. Now it is just a little upgraded but not at all up to expectation



Other science promotional activities

During the year 2004, successfully supervised and coordinated Vigyan Rail Mobile Science Exhibition across the country:

- Bareilly (06 Jan-Jan 08, 2004)
- Lucknow (09 Jan-13 Jan, 2004)
- Kanpur (14 Jan-17 Jan, 2004)
- Guwahati (15 Feb-20 Feb 2004)
- Dimapur (21 Feb- 23 Feb 2004)
- Tinsukia (24 Feb- 27 Feb 2004)
 - Tirupati (12 Apr- 15 Apr, 2004)
 - Chennai (16 Apr- 22 Apr, 2004)
 - Mumbai (28 May- 4 June, 2004)
 - Pune (05 June- 9 June, 2004)
 - Jaipur (08 July-12 July, 2004)
- Gwalior (15 July- 17 July, 2004)









Vigyan Rail Mobile Science Exhibition




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The Mobile Science Exhibition at Lucknow attracted a huge crowd
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Participation in Disaster Management 2008 International Exhibition (organized at the behest of National Disaster Management Authority)











VP Ham Stand at Disaster Management 2008 Exhibition



Future plans

To establish HF Emailing Gateways at every district Headquarters (this network will function independent of Internet with provision to hook to Internet



To install 400 units in 400 district HQ estimated budget is Rs. 8 crore To replicate low cost ham radio kits with indigenously developed technology

To come out with an affordable HF ham transceiver. Indigenous Technical Know-How already available Cost would be kept below Rs.15,000/- or may as

Initially 20 pieces would be produced/replicated

Estimated budget Rs. 3 Lakh

BITX is a kit designed by Ashar Farhan (a computer engineer, Hyderabad)



An American company is replicating it at \$ 90

We have the expertise to replicate low cost ham radio kits



I assembled a much complicated design in 1993

Bringing out a Publication (book) related to Low-Cost Ham radio kit building

At present different write-ups, technical articles, circuit diagrams etc. related to indigenous lowcost kit building are available to us but if we bring out a compilation of all these, it would be a great boon to the novice as well as the licensed hams. This would be sort of a one stop resource book available in India.



Homebrewing Zonel Resources FOR THE HAM RADIO

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Hi! This is the area where I have a collection of articles, circuits related to homebrewing. You need to have "Acrobat Reader" to read these articles. To download the file, you may need to 'right click' and then select save target as' option.

Acknowledgment:

OM Sahruddin, VU2SDN & OM Adolf Shepherd, VU2AF (Amateur Radio Society of India) for providing the old issues of "Radio" (Journal of FARSI) and "Ham Radio News (Journal of ARSI). I am also grateful to OM Mani T.K., VU2ITI, who had generously sent me the photocopies of his book "Ham Radio Projects". The compilation of articles/circuits/hints & tips for homebrewers would continue in this section.

WARNING! It is illegal to possess and operate a wireless transmitter without a valid government licence

🖥 VU2VWN 40m QRP Transmitter (2,438 kb)

(Courtesy: Easy to Build HAM RADIO PROJECTS VOL 1 by K.R. Vasantha Kumar, VU2VWN. Published by Thushar Baby, Crystal Publications, Cochin 683565)

🖥 Modification of VU2VWN 40m QRP TX for 20m (23 kb)

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> RM-96 Cost effective Transceiver by VU2RM (2,311 kb) (Courtesy: http://www.qsl.net/vu2upx)

To Establish a DSTAR Digital Repeater at New Delhi



With Digital Voice & High Speed Data

What is D-STAR?

D-STAR is a new ham radio system which offers digital voice and data communication. It connects repeater sites over microwave links and the Internet and forms a wide area ham radio network. The DSTAR system provides a new capability and functionality to the ham radio world and increases the efficiency of emergency communications.

Cost of two Repeater Approx. Rs. 1.5 Lakhs

What can the D-STAR system do? 128kbps digital data and 4.8kbps digital voice communication

The D-STAR system provides not only digital voice (DV mode) communication but also digital data transmission (DD mode). It can exchange various data files such as graphics, images, etc, at 128kbps.

voice and data can reach further than ever

Multiple repeater links by radio and the Internet provide long distance communication to virtually anywhere.

Internet application available

The D-STAR system uses the TCP/IP protocol, so when connected with a PC, web, e-mail and other Internet applications are available.

Wireless Internet Access

No matter where you travel within the DSTAR network, you can access the web, e-mail, text messages and multimedia messages.

Independent network

In DD mode, ID-1 can transfer data directly with another ID-1 without the use of a repeater. This is useful for establishing a simple network where a D-STAR repeater does not exist or D-STAR services are not required.

Increase efficiency of emergency communications

Out in the field, fast emergency information is the key. Send pictures and weather charts to or from a remote location with the ID-1. "A picture is worth a thousand words", and efficient send/receive opens up your repeater for other emergency communications. Contribution to promotion of Amateur Radio/Telecom as an Alternative Mode of Community Communication for DIY Electronics and emergency preparedness radio networking

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DoB:	06.09.1969 (Age 52)

Shri Sandeep Baruah joined Vigyan Prasar in June 1998. At the time of joining he was entrusted to promote amateur radio as an alternative mode of community communication. He had carried out other projects under DST as a PI when assigned apart from amateur radio outreaching activities. Even before joining Vigyan Prasar he was involved in the promotion of amateur radio (ham radio) during his college days. He received his radio communication licence in 1989 when he was a student of Assam Agricultural University. He came out with a guidebook on amateur radio in 1993 which was widely used during those early days of amateur radio in India by the novice. Amateur radio outreaching activities carried out by him throughout the country are covered by various national media from time to time. Vigyan Prasar published a guidebook on amateur radio written by him in 2000, which is widely used by radio and electronics clubs across the country.



During the last 20 years he was invited as a Guest Speaker by many of the country's premiere institutes and stakeholder agencies where he carried out training and technology demonstration programmes. Some of the premiere institutes where he conducted lecture and demonstration programme are:

1. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Centre for Disaster Management (CDM), Mussoorie



Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Mussoorie - 248 179 (Uttarakhand) INDIA

Rajesh Arya Deputy Director (Sr.)

Dated: 22.04.2010

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Soudeop Baruah,

It was indeed a great pleasure having you with us at the Academy to deliver a talk to the Officer Trainees of the Professional Course, Phase-I (2009 batch) of the Indian Administrative Service.

Your talk was extremely well received and the trainees appreciated the issues and points highlighted by you during the session. On behalf of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie and the Officer Trainees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for having taken time off from your busy schedule to visit the Academy.

I hope you enjoyed visiting the Academy. I wish that your association with the Academy continues in the future as well.²⁷

Shri Sandeep Baruah Scientific Officer Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi

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- 12. Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
- 13. Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, Delhi
- 14. Manipal University Jaipur
- 15. University of Engineering & Management (UEM), Jaipur
- 16. Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
- 17. National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur
- 18. Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai
- 19. Poornima College of Engineering, Jaipur
- 20. ABES Engineering College Ghaziabad
- 21. Royal Global Engineering College, Guwahati
- 22. Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana
- 23. Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College, Ludhiana
- 24. Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Management and Technology, Guwahati (GMIT Guwahati)
- 25. Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati
- 26. Assam Police Radio Organization, Guwahati
- 27. Army Technology HQ, Delhi
- 28. Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE), DRDO, Chandigarh
- 29. National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), Hyderabad
- 30. Birla Industrial & Technological Museum Kolkata
- 31. Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE)
- 32. Punjab State Council for Science &-TGPG, Chandigarh
- 33. Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI), Dehradun
- 34. IETE Guwahati Centre
- 35. National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi
- 36. Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai (Guwahati off campus)







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International seminar at ABES Engineering College



Shri Baruah is the custodian of New Delhi's Amateur Radio Relay Station VU2DLR which was made operational funded by NCSTC in 1998

International visibility

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A Better Prepared Amateur Radio Response

ave you been listening to or reading the comments of the homeland security and emergency management leadership? Have you heard their remarks and thought about how they apply to amateur radio? This month we'll take a look at a few of the puzzle pieces and see if we're getting the message.

Preparation and Preparedness

For decades the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been responsible for preparing and responding to disasters. FEMA has now been integrated into the Department of Horneland Security as the department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, under the day-to-day direction of Chief Operating Officer Ron Castleman and Undersecretary Mike Brown, who often speaks on the topics of preparation and preparedness.

Over the summer, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge spoke at a Public Preparedness Symposium. In his speech, he discussed a tabletop exercise in which he and 25 governors participated. According to Ridge, the exercise pointed out that in many cases you do not have all of the information that you would like to have, but "you have to do something. You can't wait until you have it all."

do something. You can't wait until you have it all." Ridge continued, "You can't secure the country from Washington, DC. You need partners all around the country in order to make it safer and more secure ... Homeland security must be a priority in every home, every city, every neighborhood across America."

"Our goal is to achieve seamless protection, a nation knit tightly together by shared vigilance, readiness, and communication," said Ridge. "Vigilance, readiness, and communication. And nowhere is this more important than in the area of emergency preparedness."

"No government entity, no organization, no information expert can replace individual responsibility. Citizens must choose to take actions," Ridge continued. "And our job is to make the choice an easy one. The success of our preparedness efforts and ultimately the entire homeland security mission depends on the involvement and work of individual citizens. Because if our communities are to rise to new levels of preparedness and security, each individual American must choose to make emergency planning a priority—a priority in our homes and our places of work and in our schools."

Disasters Spawn Preparedness

According to Secretary Ridge, "If you ask people in south Florida or the Outer Banks of North Carolina about preparedness, they already know about buying supplies, keeping extra batteries handy, and even having a hurricane evacuation route planned. They get it. They hope they're not

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Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge: "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it!" (Department of Homeland Security photo)

going to be hit by a hurricane. Chances are pretty good ... they may or may not, but they're not going to wait for chance. They get prepared."

going to wait for chance. They get prepared." "I'm just amazed," said Ridge, "that more people don't think of it in terms of providing some peace of mind to their own lives and to their own families." He wants to see people "respond when they have to without thinking about it," and says he feels that "there is a willingness on the part of Americans to take on this responsibility."

Public Goal

Ridge continued, "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it, please....that by the end of this year, we want at least 50 percent of Americans to have accepted their responsibility to be ready. It's a communication plan; some form of training to assist at the time of a disaster, the kit set aside, the readiness kit. We need to get 50 percent by the end of the year, and I think we can get it done.

"The Department of Homeland Security will add strength to the existing Ready Campaign by launching two new endeavors, Ready for Business, Ready for Kids. It will continue to work with the Citizen Corps to encourage participation from families across America, whether by preparing family ready kits and emergency plans or volunteering to aid in disaster planning or engaging in CPR and training exercises to help people in a life threatening situation.

"I've been amazed at the number of people who have come forward to serve on Citizen Corps councils. All walks of life, all backgrounds, all communities. I think we're near 1000 communities that have a Citizen Corps. You meet some fascinating people. One fellow is in charge of the emergency radio network. You've got a bunch of ham radio operators in a tri-state area. He's got them networked together."

Unification

Before September 11th every state, every city, and even individual response teams had their own pro-

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Training and Response in India

North America is not the only place amateur radio operators are active in emergency communications. Hams in India and other countries actively provide emergency communications support. This past summer, amateur radio operators participated in a simulated earthquake communications drill in the Northeast District of Delhi.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority notified local hams about the "earthquake." Immediately, three teams of ham radio operators rushed to several critical locations to provide emergency communications. Stations were established at the Office of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Police Headquarters, Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and the Divisional Commissioner's office.

According to Sandeep Barauh, VU2MUE, the communications teams brought mobile rigs, antennas, batteries, and solar-panel power backups. A digital communication setup was also established at the Divisional Commissioner's Office. Two-meter links were established on simplex when the local repeater "failed" because of the earthquake. HTs were also used for local communications. Messages were passed from the "disaster site" on behalf of the police and fire departments. Government officials visited the ham stations and felt that amateur radio can play a very important role in disaster communications. The hams were also able to demonstrate the use of Echolink in emergency communications and the potential for retrieving weather information.

In July, five members of the Mumbai Amateur Radio Society (MARS) sprang into action on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the United Nations Development Program. They were sent to the flood-ravaged areas of Bihar.

Nilesh Rathod, head of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service, said, "There is a huge crisis in Bihar, but what is startling

cedures for emergency incidents. "For the first time," Ridge now says, "the National Response Plan provides a comprehensive roadmap for everyone to follow. As part of this plan, the National Incident Management System was introduced so that those involved in emergency response understand what their role is—and have the tools they need to be effective. It's the nation's first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response and it unifies federal, state, and local lines of government into one coordinated effort. This integrated system makes America safer by establishing a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders—at every level of government—will use to conduct response actions."

All-Star Playbook

Ridge describes the system as "the playbook for the NFL Pro-Bowl Game." "When you bring together the best players from 26 different teams," he explains, "a plan of 'blue 42, slant right, release' might mean one thing to the quarterback, another thing to the wide receiver, and yet another to the linemen. At the call of 'hike,' chaos might break out on the field. At the very least, the play won't be successful. Now everyone shows up on game day with the same playbook. They will have the same preparation, the same goals and expectations, and—most important—they will be speaking the same language. When the quarterback calls a play, everyone will know what they are supposed to do. And in this battle, safety is far better than two points—in fact, it is the only result worth anything at all. Of course, a plan is nothing with out he people to execute it, and many of you will play a vital role should we ever have to put our plan into action."

Ham Radio is Ready

Now let's take a look at some of the ways amateur radio is

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Sandeep Barauh, VU2MUE, provides communications during a simulated earthquake exercise. (Photo courtesy of VU2MUE)

is that everyone seems used to the floods and the horrific living conditions."

He said that in the town of Sitamarhi the roads and rails were washed away. The local residents were building bamboo bridges to and charging people to cross them. That is how they recovered the cost of making the bridge and earned a living.

In order to get to his communication assignments, Nilesh would have to jump into a Jeep or risk wading through leech-infested waters.



International visibility: Mock Emergency Communication Report by American Amateur Radio Journal CQ October 2004 issue

Contribution to promotion of Do-It-Yourself Radio/Telecommunication/Electronics

 He organized approximately 400 Radio & Electronics Workshop all over the country for technical institutes and schools which include NIDM, LBSNAA, HIPA, IIT Kanpur, BITS Pilani, IIT Roorkee, IIT Guwahati, VIT Vellore, NIT Hamirpur, Manipal University Jaipur, Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai, NSIT Delhi, Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College Ludhiana, Royal Global University, Guwahati, UEM Jaipur, ABES Engineering Collge, Ghaziabad, Snow & Avalanche Research Institute, Chandigarh, UCOST, Sikkim S&T Council etc..

- He supported Emergency Communication during all the past large scale disasters in the country (Bhuj Earthquake, Tsunami, Nepal Earthquake) through Vigyan Prasar's radio communication infrastructure.
- More than 100 officials under NIDM were trained and licensed in amateur radio last year.
- New Delhi's first amateur radio repeater station VU2DLR run by Vigyan Prasar which is operational and maintained by Vigyan Prasar for last 25 years which was a project granted by NCSCT. It caters to the relay need of licensed radio communicators.
- Coordinated with NASA for 5 International Space Station –Astronaut & Student Interaction Programme held at different schools of the country including Gujarat Science Centre



NASA-ARISS Astronaut Student Ham Radio Contact programme at Meerut

- Wrote more than 50 popular articles and do-it-yourself book "Radio Communication".
- He mentored 400 students to assemble a toy radio transmitter at IISF-2019 Kolkata and established a Guinness World Record

Guinness World Record in Largest number of students building radio transmitter at IISF 2019 Kolkata

An event coordinated by Vigyan Prasar, the first of its kind Guinness World Record where largest number (490) of school students from different schools in Kolkata were successful in assembling a toy radio transmitter in just 10 to 15 minutes, where Guinness World Records Judge tested all the assembled radio transmitters to check whether transmissions took place one by one for more than an hour and finally declared that the record is established as his requisite of 250 functional units were exceeded by 268 units working. The record was set on 7th November, 2019 and certificate was formally handed over to the Union Science & Technology Minister.

Ref: Rajya Sabha TV's "Science Monitor" coverage of the event: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yask6qjj</u>

PIB tweet: https://twitter.com/PIB India/status/1192379701802569728?s=20

The PIB tweet of the event had total 984 likes and total social media impressions of the event created was 1286.





CERTIFICATE The most people assembling radio kits simultaneously was achieved by Vijnana Bharati and **Ministry of Science and Technology** (both India) at Science City, Kolkata, India on 7 November 2019. OFFICIALLY AMAZING RECORD HOLDER

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THE sophisticated tablet computers, snartphones and zillions of social net-with friends and dear ones does look simple and convenient, but imagine a day when all of these are snapped off in the blink of an eye by a powerful earthquake. That is when an amateur or ham radio comes in handy. Thiradily arecational activity, amateur radio enables operators — also known as hims — to pick up airwaves to discover a new voice from an unsome thas the sheet in a substantiation of the soft and the set of the set

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helped to form new industries by sig-mificanty contributing to science, tech-nology, engineering and social services. But the crucial role they play during crises and natural disasters deserves special mentions appeal mention. The techno-inhibit and the set of the service of the services. But set of the service of the

Hams: Riding the radio waves

This band of original social networkers continues an old tradition of licensed amateur broadcasting





SAY HELLO: Sandeep Baruah demonstrating his a during a workshop.

Jarat earthquake in 2001, North Amer-ica blackout in 2003, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Sichuan earthquake in 2008 and more recently the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Ham hum

Just a simple wire antenna connected to the transceiver is enough to attract ham radio frequencies. Licence bear-ers work using frequencies interna-tionally allotted to them. If a particular wave is not already being used by an other ham, it can be used to give a call to the operator in question. to the operator in question. However, the calling procedure should adhere to international radio regulations.

One can give a general, or CQ, call to all stations around the world with its or her assigned call sign on air to legally spot aspecific operator or station. The station of the station of the station of the termine statistic or station of the statistic operators also undergone a lot of changes over the years. Like mobile phone users, ham equipment connected to the internet of Guwahati can receive messages. Operators can even connect their ra-equipment connected to the internet in Guwahati can receive messages from other ham radio users in the crity, while heir conversation can be routed across the world through a system. Digital ham radio is a smart mode of

ONLY specific individuals attempt to connect with each other through radio waves, therefore, it hardly fails unlike most wireline services, phone and internet networks, which often fall victim to jammed bandwidth and

overloaded routers during natural calamities

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communication. Here all details are strend into stand sized digital pack-ets, which are then automatically tam-timed using malowaves in small barss. Through 'packet radio', data can be ramsmitted in various formatis includ-ing document, image or even video. To send or receive reado mails, hams need to connect their devices to the com-puter and log on to a local ham radio server. The receiver gets only the cor-rect data, thanks to an automatic error detection system. To rinstance, if a transmitted message reads. 'Hello, I am now at the rescue any. Sofa. 300 pople have been evac-uated. 'And if, due to some radio wave at the receiver's end, 90 may be digi-ted or demodulated a 9.8 But the pack-et modem has a firmware which is in-

telligent enough to understand that the figure is not accurate, and so the radio connected to the computer will send tack automated re-send request to the sender. One can also send emails with the help of free software called 'Airmail', which functions more of less like Microsoft Outiook and can be useful a termoie Sharing an instance. Barnah sens, "I get messages from a sailor ham fired frough such a system. He keeps send-ing stories while on long, distance towy-asses, He is supported by Winlink 2000, an all-volunteer project that arranges for sending emails through radio. "And there is more hans can also re-ceive images from space now. NASA launched a low earth orbit satellite re-cently enabling hans to lift pictures us-ing a hancheid transceiver and a time artemat called 'aga." SKO also launched a microsstellite ob ecohostin 2005, enabling India ob ecohostin 2005, enabling India ob ecohostin 2005, enabling India ob eschosting. Heaves

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SEVEN SISTERS POST Guwahati, Friday, February 3, 2012 THIRD EYE 9

In the early days of amateur radio, most professional operators would use the term ham to taunt the hobbyists, leading to the popularity of the synonym later on.

Rewarding the contributions of amateur radio, a postage stamp was issued in the US in 1964.

Fox hunting is an interesting activity in which hams use direction-finding techniques to locate hidden transmitters.

Hamfests and DX-peditions are namesis and Dx-peditions are among the countable events conducted on regular intervals to promote amateur radio in India.

A deceased amateur radio operator is generally referred to as a silent key.





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HAM radio enthusiasts to help in disaster management

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DEHRADUN: The two-day workshop on HAM radio training started at the Doon University on Friday with the announcement of forming a network of HAM radio enthusiasts under the aegis of Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) and Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre (DMMC). This network would help during natural disasters and calamities by establishing radio links to connect to the people trapped in disaster affected areas.

The need for this network was felt in view of the problems in communication during the recent calamities at Uttarkashi and Rudraprayag where several people lost their lives.

Inaugurating the programme,

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the vice-chancellor of Doon University professor VK Jain shed light on the benefits of the HAM radio and various courses being run by the university on disaster management an the role of teachers at the time of natural calamities.

Addressing the first technical session, HAM radio specialist from Delhi Karan Bakshi gave lecture on 'How to form two way HAM radio network in Uttarakhand, repeater networking techniques interlinking HAM radio to internet: Echolink'.

In the second technical session, scientist at Vigyan Prasar Sandeep Barua said the HAM radio could be used at the time of calamities without even internet facilities and other links which makes it unique.

He stressed on imparting training in various districts for its use.

He gave a lecture on 'An overview of radio networking and use of different types of HAM radio communication equipment'. All the 13 convenors of the districts of Uttarakhand for UCOST took part in the programme.

The programme was conducted by UCOST district coordinator and associate professor at DAV College, Prashant Singh.

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Portable radio communication demo during Youth Festival at Uttarakhand

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पार्टी कम्युनिकेशन उन्हें बुव कहा जाता है। गुजरात में भूज में आए रखा औ भूकंप के दौरान यह बहुत कारगर रहा। इस तक-श्री बरुआ ने बताया कि इसका आधुनिक सस्ते अं रूप और भी उपयोगी है। टू वे ट्रानसीवर विश्वसी (टांसमीटर और रिसीवर) को लैपटॉप कानपुर के साथ इंटरफेस कर रेडियो वेव्स की गुरुद मदद से इंटरनेट से जोड़ा जा सकता है। नॉलेज वि इसके बाद टेक्स्ट मैसेजिंग से लेकर आयोजि लेने आ फाइल्स की अपलोडिंग-डाउनलोडिंग सब संभव है। डिजीपीटर (डिजिटल फैब्रिकेः रिपीटर) होना जरूरी है। हैम रेडियो का 10 वर्ष आधुनिक रूप वार्तालाप, मौज मस्ती के चिप तेर साथ ही कम्युनिटी सविंस में भी कारगर घर, दप चावियों है। देश में वेदर फोरकास्टिंग के लिए करीब 20 हजार स्टेशन की जरूरत है। किया ज हैं सिर्फ 300। हैम रेडियो को वेदर अलग स्टेशन से जोड़कर किसानों को मौसम मिलेगा और फसल सम्बन्धी जानकारी देकर ज्यादा व उत्पादन बढाया जा सकता है। तकनीवि

रेडियो सेटअप तैयार किया जा सकता है। एण्ड बिल्कुल, टेककृति में बतौर गेस्ट डीओ लेक्चरर आए विज्ञान प्रसार के साइंटिस्ट प्रशन संदीप बरुआ ने हिन्दस्तान को 'हैम कृति रेडियो' के आधनिक और डिजिटल रूप करने की जानकारी दी। बताया कि आपातकाल खद देगे। में जब सारे सिस्टम ध्वस्त हो जाते हैं, ए श्री तब भी हैम रेडियो की मदद से सुचनाओं ओ से का आदान-प्रदान किया जा सकता है। ति को हैम रेडियो को कंप्यूटर से और कंप्यूटर यों का को इंटरनेट से जोड़कर टेक्स्ट मैसेजिंग. ननुरूप फाइल अपलोड-डाउनलोड की जा ति है। सकती हैं। श्री बरुआ ने बताया कि दरअसल ान की हैम रेडियो वायरलेस वेस्ड टू वे राएगा। कम्युनिकेशन है। बोलचाल की भाषा में में को यह इंटरनेट ऑफ दि पास्ट है। विश्वभर लोमीटर में रेडियो पर वतियाने के शौकीन सालों ही मदद से हैम रेडियो के दीवाने हैं। वहुत कम मने आ आर्मी के खचं में और साधारण सी किट के साथ इसका प्रयोग किया जा सकता है। इसके लिए सरकार से लाइसेंस लेना जरूरी है।

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तकनीकी सहायता से हैम रेडियो पर विशिष्ट व्याख्यान और प्रदर्शन कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया।
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संपर्क में रह सकती है। कार्यशाला में यूकॉस्ट के वैज्ञानिक अधिकारी डॉ. डीपी उनियाल, डॉ. बीपी प्रोहित, डॉ. आरएस भारद्वाज, जिला समन्वयक डॉ.
पुरोहित, डॉ. आरएस भारद्वाज, जिला समन्वयक डॉ.
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Ham Radio network to be set up in Kaushambi

During the deliberation, Sandcep Baruah (Scientist, D, Vigyan Prasar, DST) emphasised the formation of the people's own ham radio alternative radio com-munication network as a 'hobby' and as a 'do-it-your-

their own communication network without depend-ing on other service providers. To establish an offective communication to be functional, it was sug-gested that several low cost UHF/VHF Ham Cross

The Kaushambi Apartments Association (KARWA), announced a VHF/UHF ham radio repeater net-work soon to be made func-tional at Kaushambi under the disaster mitication

The Kaushambi Apartments Residents Welfare Association (KARWA), announced a VHF/UHF ham radio repeater net-work soon to be made func-the disaster mitigation plan. An awareness pro-gramme and workshop on

Sandeep Baruah, scien-tist-D from Vigyan Prasar (Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) deliberated a presentation emphasising the need to establish a ham radio and electronics club for the chil-

empirission of the field of and electronics club for the chil-dren of the area whichwill help establishing an alter-native radio communica-tion network as a hobby and public service activity. Various instruments were installed at the roof of the l4th storied Nanda Apartments and its func-tioning was explained with the help of Visyan Prasar Repeater Station (VU2DLR) located at South Delhi. Hams (Amateur Radio Hobbyists) from all over the NOR region participated

Hobbyists) from all over the NCR region participated and assisted the programme by making radio contacts with the temporary ham radio station installed at Nanda apartments. Children were thrilled to exchange pleasantries with senior hams. Francis

Rebello (Ham call VU2XLZ) talked at length to the chiltalked at length to the chil-dren via the ham radio setup from his ham radio station located at Green Park. Students were delighted to talk to him via the two-way ham radio com-munication system. Hams from as far as Gurgaon also came on-the-air to assist the demonstration.

self activity', which would also be useful in the event of any kind of emergency, because when the public telephone network and cel-lular telephone network break down during large scale disasters, people with ham radio licences and their personal radio comtheir personal radio com-munication equipments would be able to maintain

Band Repeater station may be installed on top of all the be installed on top of all the skyscrapers at Kaushambi. A similar setup was demon-strated to the children. A Ham Radio Club is in the process of formation where hams a located near Kaushambi would provide their voluntary support in training the children and other interested people.



Workshop at Ghaziabad



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उत्तराखंड में जरूरी है हैम रेडियो का प्रसार

देहरादून कार्यालय संवाददाता

उत्तराखंड जैसे विषम भौगोलिक स्थिति वाले इलाको में आपदा के समय हैम रेडियो सैकड़ों लोगों की जान बचा सकता है। इसलिए प्रदेश में ज्यादा युवाओं को

हैम रेडियो का इस्तेमाल करना आना चाहिए। यह विचार शुक्रवार को दून

का आर स किया जा रहा हा उद्धादन मवताष शामा, डा. डापा ठोनवाल, डा. करते हुए यूकॉस्ट के महानिदेशक डॉ. राजॅंद्र डोमाल ने कहा कि प्रदेश के सभी जिलों में हैम रेडियो संचालन लाइसेंस जुल्लपति प्रो. चैंके जैन ने कहा कि आपदा के समय जब मोबाइल व संचार के अन्य संचालन डॉ. प्रशांत सिंह ने किया।

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• दून विश्वविद्यालय में यूकॉस्ट की कार्यशाला शुरू

• आपदा के समय हैम रेडियो की उपयोगिता पर चर्चा

संसाधन जवाब दे जाते हैं तो हैम रेडियो विश्वविद्यालय में शुरू हुई कार्यशाला में ही काम आ सकता है। संदीप बरुआ का विशेषज्ञों ने व्यक्त किए। कहना था कि इसके ज़रिए मुस्किल कार्यशाला का आयोजन युकॉस्ट हालात में लोग आसानी से सम्पर्क साध भारता प्रबंधन एवं न्यूनीकरण केंद्र सकते हैं। डॉ. सरिता खंडका, डॉ. की ओर से किया जा रहा है। उद्घाटन भवतोष शर्मा, डॉ. डीपी उनिवाल, डॉ.





शिविर में कैडेट्स ने हैम रेडियो के बारे में जाना

भास्कर न्यूज हिसार

हरियाणा कृषि विश्वविद्यालय में चल रहें एनसीसी शिविर में कैडेट्स को गुरुवार को हैम रेडियो का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। विज्ञान प्रसार केंद्र दिल्ली से आए वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरुआ ने सभी केडेटस को बताया कि इसके माध्यम से बिना किसी मासिक बिल के फ्री में बात, लाइव चैट, मैसेजों का आदान प्रदान किया जा सकता है।

उन्होंने वताया कि हैम रेडियो की एक मात्र ऐसा संचार का साधन है, जो कि हर परिस्थिति में काम करता है। फिर चाहे वह वाढ की त्रासदी हो अथवा सुनामी का सफाया। इससे कोई भी आदमी संचार साधनों से जुड़ा रह सकता है। वैज्ञानिक ने अपने प्रयोगों से भी कैडेटस को परिचित कराया कि किस तरह से वायरलेस सेट के माध्यम से किसी स्थान विशेष का



हिसार. एचएयू में कैडेदस को हैम रेडिया के बारे में जानकारी देते प्रशिक्षक।

तापमान जान सकते हैं अथवा वह ं वालीं की संख्या ज्यादा से ज्यादा कितनी दूरी पर किसी एंगल पर है। हो। उन्होंने बताया कि इस समय इतना ही नहीं वायरलेस से सेट देश में आबादी अरबों पार कर गई कैसे मैसेज भेजा जाए।

जाए।उन्होंने बताया कि यह सब रेडियो ले तो लिया है लेकिन मुफ्त में मिलता है बस इसकी एक इसका उपयोग बहुत कम ही लोग ही सर्त है कि इसे उपयोग करने कर रहे हैं।

रियों का प्रदर्शन, ज्ञापन सौंपा

है लेकिन हैम रेडियो का उपयोग किस तरह से आरकुट, याहू के 15 हजार से भी कम लोग कर तरीके से लाइव चेंट किया रहे हैं। कई सेलिब्रेटी ने तो हैम

Training for NCC at Hisar

DEHRADUN I SATURDAY I OCTOBER 27, 2012

HAM RADIO TRAINING WORKSHOP STARTS

DEHRADUN: The two-day State level ham radio orientation training workshop began at Doon University on Friday. The programme was jointly organised by Uttarakhand State Council



for Science and Technology (UCOST), Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi and the Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre (DMMC), Uttarakhand. In his inaugural address, UCOST director general Rajendra Dobhal laid emphasis on providing special training to those who have procured ham radio licences in the State. Doon University Vice Chancellor Prof VK Jain highlighted the importance and use of ham radio and informed the participants about courses related to disaster management at postgraduation which are offered in the university.



हैम रेडियो पर दिल्ली हुई बात

लपाकर (निर्जत स्थान से पिपम हालता में दूसरी जगहों पर संपर्क सापने का तरीका सिरवाया। विज्ञातिक संदीन बरुआ ने कहा कि राज्य के विभिन्न करनों और राज्य से कि रिडेतो के लाहसे सरे दिरर जार ते जो आपय के समद से कहाँ जानें बचाई जा सकती है। उन्होंने खतावा - सूकॉस्ट के महानिदेशक डॉ. राजेंद्र डोमाल ने प्रकारिय में हम सेडिवो सिर्वावर लानो पर मान्नारिय के।

प्रोलेट में हेम रेडियो रिसीवर लगाने प सहमवि दे थे है। इस मौके पर जा. प्रसांत सिंह, डॉ. जुलहत हॉगर, डॉ. अनिल नौटियार्ट्, जा. विवोद कुमार, जा. कमला नोसी, बॉ. सिवोद कुमार, अनय राजयुर, बुनेसे राठीड, रागीज नौटियाल, जा. कमले नोसी, प्रमसी पांडेय, निर्मल रावत, सुरेसे मरवाल, डॉ. लिलिल नोसी, भावन पिलवाल आदि उपस्थित रहे।



RCSC lauds Gagarin's pioneering flight and achievements

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A function was held on April 12 in New Delhi. RCSC



हैम रेडियो के जरिये संवाद स्थापित

और केंद्रीय विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी लगाने की अनुमति देने के लिग	और केंद्रीय विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी	मंदिर में हैम रेडियो का स्थाई ऐटीन लगाने की अनुमति देने के लिग यूकांस्ट के महानिदेशक डों.पर्वेड डोमाल का आभार व्यावत किया उन्होंने कहा कि उत्तराखंड में एमबीपीजी कॉलेज हल्हानी, राजीत गांधी नवोदय विद्यालय देहयदून में स्थापित हैम रेडियो आपदा संचा केंद्रों को अधिक मजवूत किय जाएगा। इसके साथ ही सभी जिले में आपदा प्रबंधन के तहत सहायत का लिए हैंम रेडियो लाइसेंस पार्वक का नेटवर्क सुदुइ किया जाएगा।
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HAM RADIO TRAINING WORKSHOP STARTS

DEHRADUN: The two-day State level ham radio orientation training w or k s h o p began at Doon University on Friday. The programme was jointly organised by Uttarakhand State Council

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for Science and Technology (UCOST), Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi and the Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre (DMMC), Uttarakhand. In his inaugural address, UCOST director general Rajendra Dobhal laid emphasis on providing special training to those who have procured ham radio licences in the State. Doon University Vice Chancellor Prof VK Jain highlighted the importance and use of ham radio and informed the participants about courses related to disaster management at postgraduation which are offered in the university. देहरादून, रविवार 31 मई 2009 देहरादून संस्करण वर्ष 9 अंक 24 पृष्ठ 12 आमंत्रण मुल्य 1,00 र



खेत्र म हम राख्या क उपयाग पर सयुक्त गांध्य को आयाजने कर गहन विचार विमर्श किया। इस तकनोकी कार्याशाला में प्रमुख वक्ताओं में युकॉस्ट से निरेशक ठॉ. राजेन्द्र होपाल, इंएमआरआई 108 के प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनुप नीटिवाल तथा खिजान प्रसार के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप वरूआ ने उंतराखण्ड के सुदूरवर्ती क्षेत्रों में फोन तथा मेवाइल देवर्यक के काम नहीं करने का पालन था मरीजों के फोन प्रान न हो पने के किकल्प के रूप में हैम रेडियो के उपयोग पर विचार व्यक्त किए तथा चर्चा में पाग लिया। श्री संदीप करूआ ने समाधा प्रसुत करते हुए कहा कि पूरे उत्तराखण्ड में 2-3 ठैम रिफिर स्टेशन तगाकर युकोस्ट की सहायता स बने 32 हम रोडयों वास्त्र झोरबर के नेटवर्क द्वारा मोवाहल प्रजुलेस संप्रधार्थ क्रां 2-3 ठैम रिफिर स्टेशन तगाकर युकोस्ट की सहायता स बने 32 हम रोडयों जास्त्र की रेस रास्त्रती के रास्त्र सिंह सबक्त सिंह राज सं एससीडेंट साइट पर एम्युलेंस मेजने के लिए विभिन्न स्थानों पर हैम रेडियो सपीटे सिल्टम का प्रयोग किया वाएगा। इसके अनुप्रगोग का परीक्षण करने के लिए एगेव की इंप्रफाराजमा एक स्टेश स्टित मरीज की अधिक संख्या वाला क्षेत्र रेखकर युकॉस्ट तथा विज्ञान प्रसार और संख्या से में पिछिट स्टेशन (मानच उत्ता) की स्थापत्रा करेगी तथा परीक्षण एम्युलेस में हैमे रेडियो की सहावता से संचालित एपीआरएस अटोमैठिक पांजीशीनोंग रिधीटिंग सिल्टम लागात राम्यूण नेटवर्म दायायाखण्ड व्ययोग परछा आएगा करने का एक उपार्थगी बीताकि साध्यमय सुविधाएं सामय पर प्राजा खोन तथा का एक उपार्थगी की के लिए स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएं सामय पर

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संपलना कालल काल ईएमआदर्श के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनुप नीटियाल ने इस अवसर पर एक व्याख्यान दिया जिससे उन्होंने 108 एम्युलेस सेवा के उत्तराखण्ड में स्थापना से अब तक के विकास व भविष्य की योजनाओं के साथ की विभिन्न विभागे के साथ किए ममन्दव के बारे में बतावा के त्रोंग अपने अनुभवों के आधार पर उन क्षेत्रों के बारे में बतावा उन्होंने अपने अनुभवों के आधार पर उन क्षेत्रों के बारे में बतावा उन्होंने अपने अनुभवों के आधार पर उन क्षेत्रों के बारे में बतावा जहां के मरीजों की बान मांबाइल नेटवर्फ न होने के कारण चिकित्सा सुविधा न पहुंचनेन की वजह से जोखिम में रहती है। क्ष्री नीटियाल ने कहा कि मुकारत तथा विजान प्रसार को संडावता से क्षेत्र दिवो स्पार्थ तथा के सहायता से एम्बुलेस को युलाकर चिकित्सकीय मन्दद व प्राथमिक विकित्सा खाए कर सको।



मरीजों के मददगार बनेंगे हैम रेडियो देहरादून। उत्तराखंड विज्ञान प्रौद्योगिको परिषद ईएमआरआई मिलकर मरीजों के लिए एक नई पहल करने जा रहे

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EARTHQUAKE

From sinking Titanic to quaked Bhuj, ham picks up SOS

Saurabh Shukla New Delhi, February 3

THEY MADE news for the first time THEY MADE news tor the inst time when they beat everybody by intercepting an SOS from a sinking Titanic in 1911. They were in action during the Morvi floods of 1979, Gulf War, Orissa cyclone, and the Latur and the Uttarkashi earthquakes. They are back again aiding the Gujarat relief effort in whatever manner they can. They are the ham radio operators

After trying for two days to track his brother in Gandhidham, Jodhpur's VK Banchal despaired. But then somebody

suggested he should try 'ham' radio opera-tion network in Delhi. He did, A few hours later, his telephone rang. "Your brother Sanjay is safe," said the caller.

The same ham network helped Delhi's Dr Sujata get in touch with her husband in Anjar, one of the worst hit areas. High frequency radio transmitter/

all hans, who have to pass a stiff interna-tional test to get their licence. The word 'ham' is said to have been taken from the first letters of the three pioneers of radio communications: H (from Hertz), A (from Armstrong, inventor of Oscillator circuit), and M (from Marconi).

Functioning out of a tiny shack in Delhi Functioning out of a tiny shack in Delhi with whatever little manpower they have, these 'hams' have been sending "emer-gency disaster communication messages" to the Gujarat amateur radio operators' network.

They get back-up support from other individual hams in Delhi, who are keeping strack of the government agencies' require-ments plus passing on the distress messages

ages. Says Sandeep Baruah, one of the hams Save five base stations operating — in Anjar, Bachau, Bhu, Gandhidham and one located right inside the Chief

Minister's residence. There are some mobile units too, who quickly relocate themselves to send us the replies to our queries about the situation in remoter parts of the state."

The Delhi hams have been flooded with calls from all parts of India. "Some from Bihar, Bengal, Rajasthan and even from areas in Gujarat," says Baruah. But it's not an easy job tracking people and relaying messages.

Especially for those operating out of remote areas of Gujarat. "There's no power in many areas. Our radio sets can't run for very long on batteries alone," says a Gujarat ham, Dalbir Singh. A big draw on battery power is adverse weather. "Often messages have to be re-routed through hams in Mumbai or Hydeerabad as direct communication is not possible," he explained.

explaned. "For most hams, this is purely voluntary work," explains <u>Dr Kamble</u> of the DST, agreeing that there was need for more hams in the country. Barely 2,000 of the 10,000 licences are active now. A related For the second s customs duties

No scientific link between

Fresh round of tremors spreads panic among quake survivors

Rathin Das Ahmedabad, February 3

tion of a local astrologer spread panic among the locals here.

The self-styled astrologer, Ambalal Damodardas Patel, who

mal with a few shopkeepers raising shutters

Minister of State for Home A FRESH tremor, measuring 5.0 Haren Pandya urged the panic-stricken people not to succumb to on the Richter scale, this morning coupled with the doomsday predicimaginary fears. He announced that 50 teams of engineers and **Cases registered**

builders and architects would have nothing to do with these teams, the Minister asserted.

Meanwhile, the State Government has decided to build a memorial for the school children who were killed while marching through Anjar on Republic Day. An additional ex-gratia payment of Rs 50.000 would be made to the Sharjah trip could still be a reality

EVEN THOUGH Union Sports Minister Uma Bharti did not approve of India participating in the three-nation tournament in Sharjah for the quake victims in Gujarat, sources close to the Ministry of External Affairs and the PMO said the February 8-11 tournament could still be a reality. The sources said, Minister of External Affairs Jaswant Sinch

corpses, epidemics: WHO DISMISSING MYTHS in the WHO report, after the Turkey aftermath of natural disasters, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that communicable diseases do not usually occur after earthquakes. However, epidemic risk factors were the rupture of water sanitation, interruption of public health services such as immunisation and lack of control ore like m

quake, said. It said the health hazard associat-

ed with bodies was negligible and the contamination may occur in very limited cases when the corpess are in contact with the water system and transmit gastro-enteritis.

"A relationship between cadavers and epidemics has never been scially demonstrated or

Bhuj Earthquake Emergency Communication News in Hindustan Times


NDTV Coverage of Emergency Radio Communication



Training in a Delhi School



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Licensing examination.

VP News

State Level Ham Radio Training Programme in Uttaranchal

Astate level ham radio training programme was organized by Vigyan Prasar at Dehra Dun jointly with the Uttaranchal State Council for Science & Technology (U-COST) and National Service Scheme (NSS), Uttaranchal, from June 7 to 29, 2006.

Uttaranchal being in a highly seismic zone, this effort was initiated to impart radio communication skills to the NSS volunteers and to set up a ham radio



NSS volunteers listening to ham radio transmissions during a demonstration programme

Workshop on Innovative Experiments in Physics

A two day workshop on 'Innovative Experiments in Physics' was held at Army Public School, Lucknow on 30 and 31 May, 2006. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. V.D. Gupta, former Vice Chancellor of Allahabad University. Ms K. Dasgupta Misra, Vigyan Prasar welcomed the participants and made a presentation on Vigyan Prasar and its activities. The workshop was attended by more than 35 teachers of physics from various districts of U.P. The participants were from Varanasi, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Jaunpur, Barabanki, and so on. After the inauguration, the demonstration of innovative experiments in Physics was shown by Shri Mukesh Roy of IIT, Kanpur. More than twenty five innovative experiments in Physics were demonstrated to the participants. Teachers appreciated the workshop and *Contd. on page...21*



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Marie-Sophie Germain

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A Workshop on Ham Radio Digital Communications was conducted at SPAES School, Huzur Nagar, Nalgonda jointly by Vignan Prasar and NIAR on 27 Apr 2013. About 100 students and staff were introduced to various types of Amateur Radio Digital Communications. The lis planning to start an Amateur Radio Club shortly. Mr.Sandeep Baruah, VU2MUE from Vignan Prasar and Mr, Jose Jacob, VU2JOS,



Pilot HS1HBJ used his airplane to survey damage in Thailand. (Photo courtesy of Phat, HS1WFK)

Nicobar Island the next morning on a military aircraft and established communication between Port Blair and Nicobar. Hundreds of messages were passed each day between the mainland and the affected areas. One report said the number of messages reached 30,000. The only link for thousands of Indians and other country people who were worried about their friends and families on the islands was ham radio. "Our station in the control room became the center of messages between Port Blair and Nicobar Island," said Prasad. "Survivors in Car Nicobar were

hams of the country located on the mainland have helped us in relaying the messages whenever there was skip between our stations in the islands. When telephone lines were restored on Tuesday, the 28th of December, the information received on the radio about the survivors from Car Nicobar, that they were alive, was conveyed to their anxious relatives on the mainland. We also helped about 15 foreign tourists, including several from the U.S., to send news to their families."

VU2JOS, along with other government officials, was sent to Hudbay Island for relief activity. "The common man was totally happy in utilizing our service, and the magnitude of their satisfaction on receiving the information about the welfare of their kith and kin was beyond one's imagination," said Prasad. Tremors continued for the next six days.

As the strong aftershocks continued throughout the night, the station remained on the air passing traffic to the Indian mainland. While some telephone service was restored the next day, the DXpedition operators reported the local authorities were "quite hungry for information on casualties in the region, since they have only a trickle of news from the outside. It seems that amateur radio is showing its value during a severe crisis." ciated by the "Chief Secretary" of the Andamans.

Technology Combined

During recent disasters we have seen the growing use of the internet combined with amateur radio. This disaster was no different. Sandeep, VU2MUE, said the "different technologies complemented each other."

A very long relief message for New Delhi was transmitted by Mohan, VU4/VU2MYH, in Car Nicobar on 30 December. VU2MUE could not copy the message because of poor propagation. The message was copied by Horey, VU2HFR, in Calcutta for relay to New Delhi. Instead of relaying the message on the air, VU2HFR in Calcutta typed it on his laptop computer and e-mailed it to Sandeep, VU2MUE, for further relay to the Director of Emergency Medical Relief Control Room in New Delhi, Confirmation that the message had been delivered was relayed back to the disaster area via amateur radio. Dr. Ravindran, Director of Emergency Medical Relief, thanked the ham radio volunteers for their support in handling government relief messages.

Many of the relief messages handled dealt with the daily number of deaths, missing, and injuries that each of us heard on the news. The Andamans **DNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2004**

DELHI HAM operator helps families connect with Tsunami victims

RAMESH RAMACHANDRAN TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28 An amateur radio enthusiast based in the Capital has succeeded where most gov-ernment agencies have ernment agencies have failed. Sandeep Baruah, a licensed HAM operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Leands, and has capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and has helped relay messages between the people strand-ed on the island and their

ed on the island and their families back home. <u>Sitting at his terminal</u> <u>Tuesday afternoon, Baruah</u> told The Tribune that he has received 10 'calls'' over the past 48 hours. "I have received e-mails and SMSes from several places at home received e-mails and SMSes from several places at home and abroad ... Bangalore, Ranchi, Pune and Thailand ... I have relayed all their messages to this team of HAM operators stationed at Port Blair and forwarded the replies from them to the families wherever they are," families wherever they are," he said. One such distraught family is from New Delhi. Dr Karan Singh Chauhan, who teaches in a college here, was holidaying with his two sons and a daughter on the island when the Tsunami hit the shore. It had Isunami hit the shore. It had only been a few days from the time they reached Port Blair. "Fortunately," Dr Chauhan recalled, "There were these people staying on the fifth floor of the hotel where we were nut up. where we were put up ... they had this equipment (HAM), so we asked them if they could relay the infor-

mation of our well-being to mation of our well-being to people back home." Within hours, Sandeep Baruah was on the telephone informing Dr Chauhan's domestic help of their whereabouts. Dr Chauhan

and his family, who returned to the Capital last night, to the Capital last hight, have not spoken with Baru-ah yet but he is all praise for him and the amateur radio operators on the island for coming to his help in their hour of need. Baruah, mean-while, has no regrets. He has no time for that for there are other calls to be attendare other calls to be attended to, he says as a distant sta-tion crackles at his terminal. Like Dr Chauhan, Mrs Cesar Maia from Bangkok,

Thailand, has established contact with Baruah. She wants to if her husband is safe and sound on the island. "I have not received any news about her husband but I am trying ... the audio quality today is poor, so I might have to wait longer to hear from my counterparts stationed on the island," says Baruah, who is happy being Geod Samaritan for people he has come to know only in the past few days. Meanwhile, Dr Chauhan is still to recover from his harrowing experience on the island. "Buildings were literally swaying from side safe and sound on the island.

literally swaying from side to side, the hotel where we were staying was damaged ... there were cracks in the walls, the sea was violent walls, the sea was violent and washed away anything and everything that came in its way ... even the bound-ary wall of a college near-by was swept away ... all of us spent the first night out-side," he recalls before he, bis children and one other his children and one other family flew to Kolkata on way to Delhi.



sanceep Baruah, a licensed HAM operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair.

Delhiites chip in with relief TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28 The leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, has expressed grief over the wide-spread death and destruction caused by the Tsunami in southern India and many countries in the Indian Ocean. A meeting of the BJP legis-lature party was called in this regard and it observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the deceased. The BJP legislators have also

decided to donate their one-month salary for the victims. Meanwhile, the NDMC Vice Chairperson, Tajdar Babar, has moved a resolution for contributing Rs.one crore as financial assistance from the municipal funds. This is in addition to the token contribution from NDMC employ-ees for the quake victims of Tamil Nadu.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has also decided to pay Rs. 4 crore to the Prime Minister's Relief fund. This fund is being raised by way of

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contributions from MCD councilors who are contribut-ing their one month's stipend and employees who are contributing one day's salary. The contribution of the latter adds up to Rs 3 crore.

According to the mayor, the MCD has set up collection centres in all 12 zones under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner to collect relief materials. The material col-lected would be handed over to the Ministry of Home Affairs for transportation to the affected areas

Tsunami Emergency Communication News



Chandigarh . New Delhi . Jalandhar . Bathinda . Srinagar. Saturday, October 27, 2012 w

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Recognition by NCERT/CBSE

Considering the importance of Amateur Radio as an important alternative mode of communication, CBSE (after the Tsunami disaster) incorporated amateur radio (ham radio) into its Class X Social Study Syllabus on Disaster Management. The NCERT book under the above syllabus specifically highlighted contribution of Vigyan Prasar in their Class X book on Disaster Management. A copy of the NCERT book is available at: https://www.cbse.gov.in/DM%20ENGLISH.pdf

Vigyan is providing support to NIDM & NDMA

NIDM is using course material prepared by Vigyan Prasar for amateur radio tranining programmes which is available at: https://nidm.gov.in/PDF/trgreports/2018/September/24-28_nidm.pdf

Some of the State-Wise outreaching activities conducted by him are:

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	(ii)	http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy//documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_
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		Prasar In National Media/Uttarakhand ham radio training news D
		ream2047VigyanPrasar_Newsletter.jpg [State Level Training
		Programme News]
	(xi)	Shri attended as a Guest Speaker at Indian Institute of Technology
		Roorkee on the occasion of Cognizance 2009- annual technical
		festival of IIT Roorkee organized by students of electronics and
		computer department. A portion of his programme on Morse Code:
		Digital mode for interplanetary communication? Is at YOUTUBE:
		https://youtu.be/zXT08p80Sj0
	(xii)	At Bhimtal, Uttarakhand on February 18 & 19, 2005 Ham Radio
		Workshop during Workshop on Science & Technology for
		Development of Uttaranchal jointly with Jan
		Sikshan Santhan, Bhimtal
		http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/bhimtal/index.html
	(xiii)	Training Session on Ham Radio Digital Communication technologies
		was conducted by Shri Baruah, as a Guest Lecturer at Lalbahadur
		Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Centre
		for Disaster Management (CDM), Mussoorie for the IAS

	probationary officers. Shri Baruah received a letter of appreciation from Shri Rajesh Arya, IPS, Deputy Director (Sr.), CDM. Ref: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy//documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_ Prasar_In_National_Media/LBSNAA_CDM_Appreciation_Letter_fro mSHri_Rajesh_Arya_IPS_to_Sandeep_Baruah.jpg
Himachal Pradesh	 4 1. Bilaspur 2. Shimla 3. NIT Hamirpur [https://hamnith.wordpress.com/workshop-on-practical-implementation-of-ham-radio/] In continuation to the ham radio workshop conducted at NIT Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh last year to prepare the students to appear for the amateur radio licencing examination at International Monitoring Station, Ghitorni, New Delhi, a hands-on workshop was again conducted on 7th and 8th April, 2017 at NIT Hamirpur. Students were practically demonstrated ham radio antenna installation procedures [Social Media reference of the "Video Documentation" available at public link: https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/vu2muenithamirpur?source=embed]. During this worsksop Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E, Vigyan Prasar was also accompanied and assisted by Shri Atanu Dasgupta, VU2ATN - Retired General Manager (Telecom, Powergrid) who as an accomplished ham with vast technical experience. Students assembled a very low power 7 MHz ham radio transceiver during the workshop. A "Ham Radio Society" was formed by the NIT Hamirpur students under our guidance. Web Ref: https://hamnith.wordpress.com/
Sikkim	1State Level Training ProgrammeFrom May 8 to 16, 2016 A State Level Ham Radio Training Programmewasconducted by Vigyan Prasar for the tribal resource persons atGangtok, Sikkim for 50 participants from 4 districts of Sikkim conductedat Sikkim State S&T Council [Sikkim Science Centre]. The participantsare now awaiting ham radio licence from the Ministry ofCommunications as passed the Amateur Stationh Operator's CertificateExam conducted by Wireless Monitoring Station, Siliguri on May 25,2017 and the results were declared on 24th July.
	Media Coverage: [a] http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasa r_In_National_Media/Sikkim_Express_State_Level_Ham_Radio_Trainin g_New_10th_May_2016.jpg [https://tinyurl.com/y7696dnf] [b] http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasa r_In_National_Media/SikkimExpress_Ham_Radio_Training_News15Ma y2016.jpg [https://tinyurl.com/hts4pyv] [c] http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/03HamRadioNewsSikkimTrai ning2016forFB.jpg

	[https://tinyurl.com/he5xbz6]
Maharashtra	 1 Vigyan Prasar's ham radio expertise is sought by technical institutes in establishing satellite ground stations for receiving and tracking of the Low Earth Orbit [LEO] ham satellites. Necessary guidance was provided to Satellite Ground-Station Team, Atharva College Of Engineering, University of Mumbai. They have now successfully installed the system which was acknowledged by AMSAT-North America. Atharva Satellite Ground-Station was inaugurated at The Atharva College of Engineering, University of Mumbai in India on March 15, 2012 where Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E from Vigyan Prasar was Guest Speaker. He conducted lecture and demonstration attended by the student team at Atharva College of Engineering along with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay for the communication, telemetry and data acquisition of their Pratham student satellite project. During the formal inauguration on March 15, 2012 Students at Atharva Satellite Ground-Station successfully communicated to Delhi using the Indian ham satellite VO-52 covering a distance of 850 Miles from Mumbai Shri Baruah was acknowledged by the students for continuously guiding them inLinkdin/email messages as well as their website: http://www.atharvacoe.ac.in/ground-station/ Intps://tinyurl.com/yd4vs76m] To guide the students to receive Morse Code Telemetry Beacon from COEP built (College of Engineering Pune) ham radio satellite SWAYAM, a demonstration video is uploaded by Shri Baruah, while he was receiving the signal from the roof of his residence in the night. He is guiding the students in different technical aspects. The video is at: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/satellite/SWAYAM28June2016/SWAYAM_CW_28June2016Pass_Player.html
Rajasthan	 BITS Pilani [A Youtube documentation of a portion of the workshop can be viewed at: <u>https://youtu.be/zXT08p80Sj0</u>] Poornima College of Engineering, Jaipur Demonstration of Ham Radio Digital Communication at the National Festival of the Ham Radio Operators: On 6th of November, 2016 a Technical Session was conducted by Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E at the 25th National Conference of the ham radio
	 operators held at Mount Abu, Rajasthan which was live streamed on Internet in YOUTUBE channel at the following link: https://youtu.be/7VacLQeFNRM Shri Baruah received a hearty felicitation from the organizers for his 25 years of voluntary committed and dedicated service promoting ham radio in India. He was felicitated by the Chairman of the Conference Dr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, IPS. 400 hams from India and abroad attended the programme.

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	 Manipal University Jaipur University of Engineering & Management (UEM), Jaipur
	 6. Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
Haryana	 He is a Guest Faculty of Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA). During all the programmes related to Disaster Mitigation, Shri Baruah is training the Civil Defence Officials and other governmental employees. His name is included as an communication expert in the Directory of Resource Persons in Disaster Management brought out by HIPA [http://nidm.gov.in/PDF/Pubs/DM_Dir_2014.pdf] A video documentation at: https://youtu.be/gT9nA65qGCk_He conducted 12 training programmes at HIPA. Shri Baruah, attended as a Resource Person at Hisar Haryana Agriculture University National Workshop of NCC Cadets. Related National Media News of 1 Haryana R&V NCC Sqn, Hisar participating in the workshop was published in Dainik Bhaskar :
	 http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy//documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasar_In_National_Media/06Hisar_Agricultural_University_NCC_C_adets_National_Workshop.jpg Blue Bell Public School, Gurgaon Colonel's National Academy Public School, Gurgaon
Chandigarh/ Punjab	 Ham Radio Workshop at State S&T Council Punjab A Technology Demostration Programme was organized at Snow & Avalanche Study Estt. (Research and Development Center), Ministry of Defence, DRDO, Chandigarh on Semptember 16, 2010 where the integration of Automatic Weather Station to ham radio transceivers for real time telemetry transmission of weather parameters via a simulated network of high altitude ham radio digital repeaters (Digipeaters) was demonstrated and a technical session was conducted. Ref: <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy//documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasar_In_National_Media/SandeepBaruahVU2MUE_at_Snow_and_Avalanche_Study_Establishment_DRDO_Chandigarh.jpg</u> Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College, Ludhiana
National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT)	 100 More than 100 outreaching programmes were conducted in NCT [New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Noida]. Some of these are already listed is our previous reply. Outreaching activities are regularly conducted in the schools at different location in Delhi Some of the Programmes conducted in NCT are documented at YOUTUBE: https://youtu.be/AL3yAeTa2rM https://youtu.be/pybf0jhCEwI

(iii) <u>https://youtu.be/b5nteQPVvmo</u>
(iv) https://youtu.be/N75rU7u7vxY
(v) <u>https://youtu.be/oJU0aUcDZPU</u>
(vi) https://youtu.be/Zs0kIGbXUvU
(vii) https://youtu.be/JoURIjAR-RY
(viii) <u>https://youtu.be/BKEPXIIfbUk</u>
(ix) <u>https://youtu.be/2zLqKCAey5o</u>
International Disaster Management Exhibition 2008 Ham
Radio Demonstration
(x) <u>https://youtu.be/zeQkDT3ca11</u>
(xi) https://youtu.be/p5nWLDwrL7s
(xii) <u>https://youtu.be/sp4HciC0JuI</u>
3. Amateur Radio training programmes are regularly conducted by Shri
Sandeep Baruah at NIDM (National Institute of Disaster
1
Management)
4. NDTV interviewed Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E, Vigyan Prasar
on 22 July 2014 giving extensive coverage of his conversation referring
to Vigyan Prasar's role in promoting ham radio.
http://gadgets.ndtv.com/telecom/features/the-first-social-network-
chewing-the-rag-with-indias-ham-radio-operators-562745
[https://tinyurl.com/gwmxqqd]
5. NDTV again interviewed Shri Baruah during the Uttarakhand Disaster
Communication related to role of ham radio in disaster management;
the News is in Youtube: <u>https://youtu.be/10bdwqohRnk</u> Screenshot
grab of the news:
(1) <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan</u>
Prasar In National Media/HamRadio NDTV News VigyanPr
asar_Reference.jpg
(2) <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigya</u>
n Prasar In National Media/HamRadioPromotionalActivitiy of
Vigyan Prasar Featured on NDTV.jpg
6. The <i>Times of India Bangalore</i> [Bangalore Times] also interviewed
Shri Baruah and quoted him related to role of ham radio in disaster
management:
http://www.gsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham Radio in Vigyan P
rasar_In_National_Media/Bangalore_Times_April_27_2015_News_o
n_Ham_radio_in_Emeregency_Communication.jpg
7. In another article that came out in Seven Sisters Post Shri Baruah was
quoted for his role in promoting ham radio in India:
http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasa
r In National Media/01Seven Sisters Post February 03 2012 Article
by Reema Gowalla .jpg
8. Emergency communication Mock drill exercises were coordinated by
Vigyan Prasar at the behest of NDMA [previously NDM Division].
An emergency communication mock drill exercise conducted by
Vigyan Prasar at the behest of Ministry of Home Affairs was able to
draw international attention. The activity was highlighted/featured in
America's most popular Amateur Radio Magazine "CQ" in its
October 2004 issue citing our role and its importance specifically
mentioning Shri Baruah's coordination. The PDF copy of the article
can be accessed at

http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/CQAmericaCitingHamRa dioInVigyanPrasar.pdf [https://tinyurl.com/ya6tgwvj]

- 9. Shri Baruah attended as the 'National Expert' at the IEEE International Seminar on Ham Radio titled "INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATION & **COMPUTING IN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT" 14th &** 15th SEPTEMBER 2016 at ABES Engineering College in Ghaziabad ; the IEEE communication newsletter cited him acknowledging his skill; The "International Expert" commented in this newsletter: QUOTE "The lecture attracted many female students. As I noticed, Indian schooling is not worried about any decrease of interest for technical education for young women. The workshop was combined with a practical session performed by a skilled radio amateur, Sandeep Baruah, VU2MUE, scientist-E with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous body under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India." UNQUOTed from http://gcn.comsoc.org/amateur-radiolectures-poland-and-india [https://tinyurl.com/ych53tzr] ABES Engineering College News citing me and Vigyan Prasar: http://gn.dronacharya.info/Amateur Radio jan 2016.asp#ad-image-0 [https://tinyurl.com/ydg2kmoe]
- 10. THE TRIBUNE 2004 Tsunami Disaster Relief Ham Radio Operation News. They specifically cited the contribution of Sandeep Baruah during the Tsunami Emergency Communication http://www.tribuneindia.com/2004/20041229/delhi.htm [https://tinyurl.com/ya9wwewe] The scanned printed version of the news is at: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Tsunami operation news. gif [https://tinyurl.com/yb7o5wam]This was highlighted and The CBSE Class X text book can be downloaded from: https://www.cbse.gov.in/DM%20ENGLISH.pdf [Page No 36] where Shri Baruah's contribution is specifically mentioned. 11. NSIT New Delhi Ham Radio Workshop http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/HamRadioDigitalFusionTechnologyDemo ntrationatNetajiSubhasInstituteofTechnology.html [https://tinyurl.com/j4edrnf] 12. On April 12, 2016, Shri Baruah, as a Guest Speaker and expert in ham radio at Russian Embassy Cultural Centre on the occasion of Yuri Gagarin [who was a ham] Day. Demonstration of Digital communication was given and there was a video show in which the following video was played to make the participant's aware about NASA's ham radio satellite ARISSat-1 programme which was named KEDAR [radio call-sign of Late Yuri Gagarin] to commemorate the space flight of Yuri Gagarin. In this video it was demonstrated by him how amateur radio experimenters receive images transmitted from space. The video link: https://youtu.be/HTbnHZWDHUI The following news highlights my presentation:

https://in.rbth.com/arts/culture/2016/04/14/rcsc-lauds-gagarins-
pioneering-flight-and-achievements_584755
QUOTE: "Among the speakers were N. Ratnasree, Director, Nehru
Planetarium, Biman Basu, retired scientist, Council for Scientific and
Industrial Research, and Sandeep Baruah, Scientist "E", Vigyan
Prasar, Department of Science & Technology. A gathering
comprising science enthusiasts, students and social activists, attended
the function Describing the wider possibilities and vast potential of
scanning the world utilising the service of amateur radio, Baruah
pinpointed the access and exposure that a common man could
achieve in scientific observation by establishing contact with
cosmonauts and astronauts." UNQUOTE [
https://tinyurl.com/ycmhmg2k]
13. On 10th July, 2017, Army officials of the 21 Signal Group visited
Vigyan Prasar's ham radio facility deputed by Major Abhishek
Dwivedi for his officials to be acquainted with amateur radio
communication system and the possibility of incorporating ham radio
in the Armed forces as a second line of Communication.
14. A Ham Radio Kit Building Workshop and Ham Radio Demonstration
Programme was organized at Apeejay School Saket on 10th August ,
2017. During the kit building workshop the following instructional
material was given to the kids:
http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/homebrew/FMToyTransmitterAssemblyIn structionsEduSAT2017.pdf
[https://tinyurl.com/yb6rgy35]
15. Shri Baruah, participated as an expert at the National Programme
on "Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Situations
organized by National Institute of Disaster Management NIDM)
jointly with Directorate General of Doordarshan on January 18, 2017. Shri Baruah practically demonstrated different ham radio
technologies relevant to emergency communication for which a
temporary ham radio cross-band repeater system was installed at NIDM
as a relay station to demonstrate accessing of Delhi Ham Radio
Repeater Station VU2DLR located at Vigyan Prasar and local VHF
Line-of-Sight communication was established with another ham radio
station at Gurgaon operated by retired General Manager of Powergrid
Shri Atanu Dasgupta, VU2ATN, who addressed the participants as a
part of the demo. Ankur Puranik, VU2AXN, the Chief Commanding
Officer (Engineering & Wireless) of Disaster Amateur Radio
Emergency Services (DARES), Mumbai Civil Defence at NIDM
live streamed a portion of Shri Baruah's presentation/demonstration
which can be viewed at:
http://tinyurl.com/hvydvqw
16. A Session on Ham Radio was conducted by Shri Sandeep Baruah,
at Haryana Institute of Public Administration as Guest Faculty on 9th
May, 2017 where 50 Civil Defence Officials were introduced to ham
radio and preliminary training provided.
17. An activity book on "Radio Communication" for hands-on kit
building workshop was brought out by Vigyan Prasar authored by
Shri Baruah,. During the EduSAT Summer Science Festival 2017. A
radio transmitter kit building workshop was conducted at Vigyan
Prasar from June 14 to June 21, 2017, where students were trained

	hands-on to assemble a toy radio transmitter. Students were provided with the electronic component and other resources along with the guidebook on radio communication and the following instructional material: <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/homebrew/FMToyTransmitterAssemblyIn</u> <u>structionsEduSAT2017.pdf</u> [<u>https://tinyurl.com/yb6rqy35</u>]
Uttar Pradesh	 IIT Kanpur (3 workshops on ham radio was conducted by Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E, Vigyan Prasar at IIT Kanpur as Guest Lecturer) A detailed report for one of the programmes at: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy//documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasar_In_National_Media/IIT_Kanpur_Techkriti_2010Annual_Tech_ nical_Festival.pdf National_Media Coverage of the IIT Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_Prasar_In_National_Media/04HindustanTimes_IIT_Kanpur_Ham_Rep_ ort.jpg Gwalior Glory Public School, Gwalior St. Merry Public School, Gwalior Lucknow (During the Vigyan Rail Mobile Science Exhibition in 2004) During the National Ham Radio Conference (popular as Hamfest India) 2013 held at Gwalior, Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E, Vigyan Prasar deliberated a demonstration and presentation on ham radio digital communication to an audience of nearly 150 participants from across the country and neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh etc. Vidya Mandir_Inter-University_College_Meerut_NASA-astronaut contact programme Hamfest-India 2013 as distinguished guest speaker
Andhra Pradesh/Tela ngana	 Hyderabad (A Ham Radio Workshop for Sree Devi Engineering College students was conducted by Shri Baruah, at National Institute of Amateur Radio – NIAR. PDF Newsletter reference: <u>http://www.niar.org/images/ham-news/pdf/2013MarApr.pdf</u> <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_P_rasar_In_National_Media/Hyderabad_Programme_for_Sree_Devi_En_gg_College.jpg</u> A workshop on Ham Radio Digital Communication was organized at Vignan Techno SPAES School, Huzur Nagar, Nalgonda (erstwgile Andhra Pradesh now Telangana) on 27th April, 2013. Related News link: <u>http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_P_rasar_In_National_Media/SPAES_School_Nalgonda_Andhra_Prades h_Telengana.jpg</u>
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	Vellor] A ham radio technology programme was organized at VIT University, Vellor on 27th September, 2014 for the students of Electronics & Communications Engineering Department of Vellore Institute of Technology University, Vellore on the occasion of their Technical Festival graVITas 2014. Vigyan Prasar official Shri Sandeep Baruah attended and organized the programme as a Guest Speaker invited under the "Uncommon Indians" category]. APRS -A US Naval Academy ham radio technology was demonstrated to the students. It was demostrated how a map on a laptop can be changed by pressing a radio button remotely which cannot be done by a smartphone. Morse Code technology was also demonstrated as an alternative to digital modes of communication. Social Media reference: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10202898428116810.10737 41880.1085772931&type=1&1=14204a88ef
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Assam West Bengal	 8 1. Ham Radio Emergency Communication System was demonstrated by Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist, Vigyan Prasar at Guwahati Medical College during a workshop on ham radio: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/documentation/Ham_Radio_in_Vigyan_P rasar_In_National_Media/The_Assam_Tribune_HamRadio_News.jpg 2. Two workshops were conducted by Shri Baruah at IIT Guwahati. Related News: http://www.qsl.net/vu2msy/IITWorkshop.htm 3. Girijanada Engineering College 4. Assam Police Radio Organization HQ (2) 5. Royal Global Engineering College/School
	 A Ham Radio workshop was conducted at Birla Industrial and Technological Meuseum Kolkata on April 18, 2015 where 150 students from different schools participated. Study materials were provided to the students. Shri Sandeep Baruah, Scientist-E from Vigyan Prasar was invited as a "Guest of Honour" to the East India Ham Conference 2017 held at Kolkata, Mandarmoni Beach, West Bengal on 28 January, 2017 -organized jointly by Amateur Radio Convention and Conference Samity (ARCCS) Kolkata and by Society Of Radio Amateurs (SORA), Patna two ham radio promoting societies. A technical session was conducted by Shri Baruah where 100 hams from different states from East India participated.
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	Bosnia and Herzegovina in their Research Paper "A Low Energy
	APRS-IS Client-Server Infrastructure Implementation using
	Raspberry Pi ". The " Rationale " of their project is said to
	be from his research work cited in Page No. 2 of the paper for the
	22 nd Telecommunications Forum (TELFOR) Conference at
	Belgrade, Serbia.
	3. A full Length Research Paper on Amateur Radio was presented
	by Shri Sandeep Baruah is published in the final compendium
	brought out by TIFAC, DST in 2015. The paper was accepted and
	presented at the 6th Annual Conference of the International Society
	for Integrated Disaster Risk Management IDRiM -TIFAC 2015
	on "Disaster Risk Reduction:
	Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Growth" held from
	28-30 October 2015, New Delhi [The "Research Paper" Entitled
	"Radio Based Approach for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
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	panel of International Experts of IDRiM (International Society for
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Nearly 400 amateur radio outreaching activities were conducted by him during the last 20 year. Digital Mode of Communication is his domain of expertise which is motivating the younger generation to take up amateur radio for various digital communication experimentations.















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"health, safety, security or economic well-being of citizens or the effective functioning of governments" stated by [14].

In recent years cheap and energy efficient (low energy) microcomputer devices such as Raspberry Pi (RPi) microcomputer became available which are suitable for education purposes [15, 16, 17, 18] which we used in our project to establish infrastructure for APRS reporting. Together with RPi it is possible to use software (in our case open source software) called software defined radio (SDR) to avoid using expensive hardware components where functions of hardware components are performed by software components [19]. The SDR Forum, in collaboration with the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) P1900.1 group defined SDR as:

"Radio in which some or all of the physical layer functions are software defined" [19]

Today there are numerous commercial SDR solutions (hardware and software) with prices in thousands of dollars.

C. Open source SDR, and hardware components for APRS client – server infrastructure

Together with SDR open source solutions such as pymultimonaprs [20] it is possible to use cheap hardware (digital receivers attached to PC) to capture analogue or digital signals and use them to process captured signals on microcomputers such as RPi. In this way it is possible to build cheap SDR solutions which can be used for APRS-IS infrastructure. Core hardware component for this solution is digital receivers which uses RTL2382U [21] chipset which are used as DVB-T tuner for reception digital signals. Functionality of this chipset is to capture

D. Rationale for establishing APRS using IGate on Raspberry Pi

We wanted to achieve more than one goal in this project because of APRS-IS potential in [24]:

"Accurate position information about mobile & fixed stations, direction finding for precise beaming. Tracking a mobile station [useful during emergency operation/tactical situation], Non-ham family members of a ham can track him/her and read messages. During emergencies, if the Internet does not fail. Monitoring of real-time weather information originated from ham radio weather stations. Plotting of objects on the map. For example an accident site, crash site, intimation about a traffic jam for route planning, fire site, flood, cyclone, land-slide, road blockage etc. Allows important information to be exchanged without human intervention. This is important during a tactical or emergency situation, when we need to concentrate on other important jobs [for example 'Search & Rescue']."

First goal was to test, research, and to build infrastructure for other projects and for potential disaster situations where radio communication was used [1,2,3] and can be used, and to involve other education institutions in similar projects. This will contribute in future research activities by offering research students real playground for hands on and test activities instead of using simulators. Well educated individuals in alternative communication can play crucial role in any ongoing or post disaster situation. Second goal was to use lessons learned, to build and document study case and to propagate practical and hands-on knowledge for education purposes. Third goal was to build initial infrastructure with two iGate nodes located at two sites in Sarajevo city









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Training and Response in India

North America is not the only place amateur radio operators are active in emergency communications. Hams in India and other countries actively provide emergency communications support. This past summer, amateur radio operators participated in a simulated earthquake communications drill in the Northeast District of Delhi.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority notified local hams about the "earthquake." Immediately, three teams of ham radio operators rushed to several critical locations to provide emergency communications. Stations were established at the Office of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Police Headquarters, Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and the Divisional Commissioner's office.

According to Sandeep Barauh, VU2MUE, the communications teams brought mobile rigs, antennas, batteries, and solar-panel power backups. A digital communication setup was also established at the Divisional Commissioner's Office. Two-meter links were established on simplex when the local repeater "failed" because of the earthquake. HTs were also used for local communications. Messages were passed from the "disaster site" on behalf of the police and fire departments. Government officials visited the ham stations and felt that amateur radio can play a very important role in disaster communications. The hams were also able to demonstrate the use of Echolink in emergency communications and the potential for retrieving weather information.

In July, five members of the Mumbai Amateur Radio Society (MARS) sprang into action on behalf of the Ministry of Home Atfairs and the United Nations Development Program. They were sent to the flood-ravaged areas of Bihar.

Nilesh Rathod, head of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service, said, "There is a huge crisis in Bihar, but what is startling

cedures for emergency incidents. "For the first time," Ridge now says, "the National Response Plan provides a comprehensive roadmap for everyone to follow. As part of this plan, the National Incident Management System was introduced so that those involved in emergency response understand what their role is—and have the tools they need to be effective. It's the nation's first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response and it unifies federal, state, and local lines of government into one coordinated effort. This integrated system makes America safer by establishing a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders—at every level of government—will use to conduct response actions."

All-Star Playbook

Ridge describes the system as "the playbook for the NFL Pro-Bowl Game." "When you bring together the best players from 26 different teams," he explains, "a plan of 'blue 42, slant right, release' might mean one thing to the quarterback. another thing to the wide receiver, and yet another to the linemen. At the call of 'hike,' chaos might break out on the field. At the very least, the play won't be successful. Now everyone shows up on game day with the same playbook. They will have the same preparation, the same goals and expectations, and-most important-they will be speaking the same language. When the quarterback calls a play, everyone will know what they are supposed to do. And in this battle, safety is far better than two points-in fact, it is the only result worth anything at all. Of course, a plan is nothing without the people to execute it, and many of you will play a vital role should we ever have to put our plan into action."

Ham Radio is Ready

Now let's take a look at some of the ways amateur radio is



Sandeep Barauh, VU2MUE, provides communications during a simulated earthquake exercise. (Photo courtesy of VU2MUE)

is that everyone seems used to the floods and the horrific living conditions."

He said that in the town of Sitamarhi the roads and rails were washed away. The local residents were building bamboo bridges to and charging people to cross them. That is how they recovered the cost of making the bridge and earned a living.

In order to get to his communication assignments, Nilesh would have to jump into a Jeep or risk wading through leech-infested waters.






















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कहा जाता है। गुजरात में भुज में आए भूकंप के दौरान यह बहुत कारगर रहा। श्री बरुआ ने बताया कि इसका आधुनिक रूप और भी उपयोगी है। टू वे ट्रानसीवर (टांसमीटर और रिसीवर) को लैपटॉप के साथ इंटरफेस कर रेडियो वेव्स की मदद से इंटरनेट से जोडा जा सकता है। इसके बाद टेक्स्ट मैसेजिंग से लेकर फाइल्स की अपलोडिंग-डाउनलोडिंग सब संभव है। डिजीपीटर (डिजिटल रिपीटर) होना जरूरी है। हैम रेडियो का आधुनिक रूप वार्तालाप, मौज मस्ती के साथ ही कम्यनिटी सविंस में भी कारगर है। देश में वेदर फोरकास्टिंग के लिए करीब 20 हजार स्टेशन की जरूरत है। हैं सिर्फ 300। हैम रेडियो को वेदर स्टेशन से जोड़कर किसानों को मौसम और फसल सम्बन्धी जानकारी देकर उत्पादन बढाया जा सकता है।



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देहरादून। यूकॉस्ट और ईएमआरआई 108 ने साथ मिलकर शनिवार को विज्ञान प्रसार नोएडा की तकनीकी सहायता से हैम रेडियो पर विशिष्ट व्याख्यान और प्रदर्शन कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया। उत्तराखंड के दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में मोबाइल नेटवर्क के काम न करने पर विकल्प के रूप में हैम रेडियो के उपयोग की जानकारी दी। कहा कि इसके वैज्ञानिक उपयोग से लोगों की जान बचाई जा सकेगी। ग

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CITY BUZZ

Ham Radio network to be set up in Kaushambi

During the deliberation, Sandeep Baruah (Scientist-D, Vigyan Prasar, DST) emphasised the formation of the people's own ham radio alternative radio communication network as a 'hobby' and as a 'do-it-your-

their own communication network without depending on other service providers. To establish an effective communication to be functional, it was suggested that several low cost **UHF/VHF Ham Cross**

The Kaushambi Apartments Residents Welfare Association (KARWA), announced a VHF/UHF ham radio repeater network soon to be made functional at Kaushambi under the disaster mitigation plan. An awareness programme and workshop on

ham radio (Amateur radio technologies. Radio) was organised by Kaushambi Apartments' Resident Association (KARWA) at Nanda Apartments, Ghaziabad on October 11 where children and senior citizens of the area got an opportunity to see the functioning of various ham

Happy Diwali **IBNITURE & INTERIORS** Real

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Sandeep Baruah, scientist-D from Vigyan Prasar Welfare (Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) deliberated a presentation emphasising the need to establish a ham radio and electronics club for the children of the area whichwill help establishing an alternative radio communication network as a hobby and public service activity. Various instruments were

installed at the roof of the 14th storied Nanda Apartments and its functioning was explained with the help of Vigyan Prasar Repeater Station (VU2DLR) located at South Delhi.

Hams (Amateur Radio Hobbyists) from all over the NCR region participated and assisted the programme by making radio contacts with the temporary ham senior hams, Francis demonstration.



Rebello (Ham call VU2XLZ) talked at length to the children via the ham radio of any kind of emergency, setup from his ham radio station located at Green Park. Students were delighted to talk to him via radio station installed at the two-way ham radio com-Nanda apartments. munication system. Hams Children were thrilled to from as far as Gurgaon also exchange pleasantries with came on-the-air to assist the

self activity', which would also be useful in the event because when the public telephone network and cellular telephone network break down during large scale disasters, people with ham radio licences and their personal radio communication equipments would be able to maintain

Band Repeater station may be installed on top of all the skyscrapers at Kaushambi. A similar setup was demonstrated to the children. A Ham Radio Club is in the process of formation where hams located near Kaushambi would provide their voluntary support in training the children and other interested people.



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The governmental agencies have their own radio communication channels already existing

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REEMA GOWALLA

ITH sophisticated tablet working sites floating around the internet, communicating with friends and dear ones does look

with friends and dear ones does look simple and convenient, but imagine a day when all of these are snapped off in the blink of an sye by a powerful earthquake. That is when un amateur or ham radio comes in handy. Primarily a recreational activity, am-ateur radio enables operators — also known as hams — to pick up airwaves to discover a new voice from an un-known land. But it has the potential to be an immensely useful disaster man-agement tool, especially in times of an earthquake, flood, cyclone and even tsunami.

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he says. Over decades, these enthusiasts have helped to form new industries by sig-nificantly contributing to science, tech-nology, engineering and social services. But the crucial role they play during crises and natural disasters deserves

The techno-tinkerers can quickly set up networks, helping speed up disas-ter relief. The 2004 tsunami cut nearly all communications with the Andaman all communications with the Andaman Islands. Ham operators are not allowed to set up shop there because of securi-ty reasons, but a group of enthusiasts on vacation there did manage to get a station up and running. They then trans-mitted updates about the disaster to authorities in Delhi and other cities. Baruah himself was in Delhi at the time and among those in touch with this group of hams in the Andamans. He says, "I had received messages from different parts of the country and abroad, which I relayed to those sta-tioned at Port Blair and vice versa." Hams also supported rescue activi-

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Hams: Riding the radio waves

This band of original social networkers continues an old tradition of licensed amateur broadcasting

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SAY MELLO: Sandeep Baruah demonstrating his an during a workshop. int in front of schoolchild radio equip

jarat earthquake in 2001, North Amer-ica blackout in 2003, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Sichuan earthquake in 2008 and more recently the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Ham hum

Just a simple wire antenna connected to the transceiver is enough to attract ham radio frequencies. Licence bear-ers work using frequencies interna-tionally allotted to them. If a particular wave is not already being used by an-other ham, it can be used to give a call to the operator in question. However, the calling procedure should adhere to international radio regulations.

One can give a general, or CQ, call to all stations around the world with his or her assigned 'call sign' on air to legally spot

a specific operator or station. With advances in the field of elec-tronics and technology, ham radio has also undergone a lot of changes over the years. Like mobile phone users, ham enthusiasts can now send text messages. Operators can even connect their radios to the web. For example, ham equipment connected to the internet in Guwahati can receive messages from other ham radio users in the city, while their conversation can be routed across the world through a system called Echoling called Echolink. Digital ham radio is a smart mode of

ONLY specific individuals

attempt to connect with each other through radio waves, therefore, it hardly fails unlike most wireline services, phone and internet networks, which often fall victim to jammed bandwidth and overloaded routers during natural calamities

communication. Here all details are sorted into standard-sized digital pack-ets, which are then automatically transmitted using radio waves in small bursts. Through 'packet radio', data can be transmitted in various formats including document, image or even video. To send or receive radio mails, hams need to connect their devices to the computer and log on to a local ham radio server. The receiver gets only the cor-rect data, thanks to an automatic error detection system.

For instance, if a transmitted message reads: "Hello, I am now at the rescue reads: Helio, I am now at the rescue camp. So far, 90 people have been evac-uated." And if, due to some radio wave propagation problem, the signal is weak at the receiver's end, 90 may be digi-tised or demodulated as 9. But the packet modem has a firmware which is infigure is not accurate, and so the radio connected to the computer will send back automated re-send request to the sender.

One can also send emails with the help of free software called 'Airmail', which functions more or less like Microsoft Outlook and can be useful at remote areas devoid of internet facilities.

Sharing an instance, Baruah says, "I get messages from a sailor ham friend through such a system. He keeps sending stories while on long-distance voy ages. He is supported by Winlink 2000 an all-volunteer project that arranges for sending emails through radio." And there is more: hams can also re-

ceive images from space now. NASA launched a low earth orbit satellite recently enabling hams to lift pictures us-ing a handheld transceiver and a tiny beam antenna called Yagi. ISRO also launched a microsatellite

called HAMSAT in 2005, enabling India to become one of the few countries in the world to launch an amateur ra-dio satellite.

Highs & lows

The story of ham radio starts at the be-ginning of the history of radio itself. In 1895 when Guglielmo Marconi, begin-ner of long-distance radio broadcasts began sending signals over vast lengths, he also became the first amateur radio broadcaster. That same year Nikola Tes-la also sent transmissions in the US. Indian scientist Sir J C Bose's experi-ments also contributed to the cause.

Apart from providing voluntary help during national emergencies, hams are also said to have supported the Indian

also said to have supported the indust independence movement. Ham radio suffered a slowdown dur-ing global conflicts, when authorities suspended issuing licences and even asked operators to dismantle their de-vices fearing misuse of the technolo-gy by spies. However after the end of World War II, their number started growing again.

World War II, their number started growing again. It is sad that despite making signifi-cant contributions over the years, little has been done to support the enthusi-asts or at least raise awareness about ham radio among the public. Getting a licence is an uphill struggle, and so there are just about 15,000 authorised and practicing ham radio users in India, with a mere seven in the Northeast. Following repeated petitions, the do-

a mere seven in the Northeast. Following repeated petitions, the do-it-yourself activity was incorporated in the Central Board of Secondary Ed-ucation (CBSE) syllabus in 2006, with occasional workshops being cenduct ed on IIT campuses and other educa-tional institutions across the nation. Hams feel the span of amateur radius Hams feel the scope of amateur radio is unlimited and so introducing the ac-

is unlimited and so introducing the ac-tivity to youngsters could boost their mental faculties as well as impart a sense of unity and self-empowerment. The wireless, planning and coordi-nation wing (WPC), which forms part of the ministry of communications and information technology, is the regula-tory authority of amateur radio in In-dia. Together with controlling radio waves, the WPC also assigns call signs and issues licences. and issues licences.

Any citizen above the age of 12, and with basic knowledge in electronics and radio science, is eligible to become an authorised ham operator after he

Frequency facts



In the early days of amateur radio, most professional operators would use the term ham to taunt the hobbyists, leading to the popularity of the synonym later on.

Rewarding the contributions of amateur radio, a postage stamp was issued in the US in 1964.

E Fox hunting is an interesting activity in which hams use direction-finding techniques to locate hidden transmitters.

Hamfests and DX-peditions are among the countable events conducted on regular intervals to promote amateur radio in India.

A deceased amateur radio operator is generally referred to as a silent key.

or she clears a 100-mark exam, con-ducted by the WPC at various wireless monitoring stations across the country. There are two such stations in the Northeast too — at Dibrugarh and Shil-long — but due to concerns over ham radio turning into a security threat if fallen into the wrong hands, the ex-amination has not been conducted in the section over the section of the secthe region over the past few years. Ritu Mahanta, a guest lecturer at an engineering college near the city, agrees that ham radio is an efficient tool for that ham radio is an efficient tool for communicating during emergencies. Unfortunately, his own experience at getting a licence has been unsavoury. He first applied for it in 1990 as a stu-dent, but was rejected. Over time, he applied several times, to no avail. He then filed an RTI in 2011. "Today I have the equipment, but can only hear hams communicating. Until 1 get my own call sign, 1 cannot transmt." But enthusians here argue that ham radio is a fairly simple set up and any suspicious use can be easily detected with the help of direction finding an-tennas or the method of triangulation. They feel such irregularities could just They feel such irregularities could just be another instance of red-tapism and discrimination.

and discrimination. However it's a different story in most other states outside the region where the density of hams is higher, thanks to special clubs and related activities. Bangalore is also usually called the ham radio capital of India. The hobbyists think more should be

done to promote amateur radio in the region, especially for young citizena, who can serve as a band of communi-cators when the most active network-ing tools are knocked out by a natural calamity.

A Better Prepared Amateur Radio Response

ave you been listening to or reading the comments of the homeland security and emergency management leadership? Have you heard their remarks and thought about how they apply to amateur radio? This month we'll take a look at a few of the puzzle pieces and see if we're getting the message.

Preparation and Preparedness

For decades the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been responsible for preparing and responding to disasters. FEMA has now been integrated into the Department of Homeland Security as the department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, under the day-to-day direction of Chief Operating Officer Ron Castleman and Undersecretary Mike Brown, who often speaks on the topics of preparation and preparedness.

Over the summer, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge spoke at a Public Preparedness Symposium. In his speech, he discussed a tabletop exercise in which he and 25 governors participated. According to Ridge, the exercise pointed out that in many cases you do not have all of the information that you would like to have, but "you have to do something. You can't wait until you have it all."

Ridge continued, "You can't secure the country from Washington, DC. You need partners all around the country in order to make it safer and more secure ... Homeland security must be a priority in every home, every city, every neighborhood across America."

"Our goal is to achieve seamless protection, a nation knit tightly together by shared vigilance, readiness, and communication," said Ridge. "Vigilance, readiness, and communication. And nowhere is this more important than in the area of emergency preparedness."

"No government entity, no organization, no information expert can replace individual responsibility. Citizens must choose to take actions," Ridge continued. "And our job is to make the choice an easy one. The success of our preparedness efforts and ultimately the entire homeland security mission depends on the involvement and work of individual citizens. Because if our communities are to rise to new levels of preparedness and security, each individual American must choose to make emergency planning a priority—a priority in our homes and our places of work and in our schools."

Disasters Spawn Preparedness

According to Secretary Ridge, "If you ask people in south Florida or the Outer Banks of North Carolina about preparedness, they already know about buying supplies, keeping extra batteries handy, and even having a hurricane evacuation route planned. They get it. They hope they're not

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Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge: "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it!" (Department of Homeland Security photo)

going to be hit by a hurricane. Chances are pretty good ... they may or may not, but they're not going to wait for chance. They get prepared."

"I'm just amazed," said Ridge, "that more people don't think of it in terms of providing some peace of mind to their own lives and to their own families." He wants to see people "respond when they have to without thinking about it," and says he feels that "there is a willingness on the part of Americans to take on this responsibility."

Public Goal

Ridge continued, "We've laid out a public goal, and you've got to help me meet it, please....that by the end of this year, we want at least 50 percent of Americans to have accepted their responsibility to be ready. It's a communication plan; some form of training to assist at the time of a disaster, the kit set aside, the readiness kit. We need to get 50 percent by the end of the year, and I think we can get it done.

"The Department of Homeland Security will add strength to the existing Ready Campaign by launching two new endeavors, Ready for Business, Ready for Kids. It will continue to work with the Citizen Corps to encourage participation from families across America, whether by preparing family ready kits and emergency plans or volunteering to aid in disaster planning or engaging in CPR and training exercises to help people in a life threatening situation.

"I've been amazed at the number of people who have come forward to serve on Citizen Corps councils. All walks of life, all backgrounds, all communities. I think we're near 1000 communities that have a Citizen Corps. You meet some fascinating people. One fellow is in charge of the emergency radio network. You've got a bunch of ham radio operators in a tri-state area. He's got them networked together."

Unification

Before September 11th every state, every city, and even individual response teams had their own pro-



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हरियाणा कृषि विश्वविद्यालय में चल रहें एनसीसी शिविर में कैडेट्स को गुरुवार को हैम रेडियो का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। विज्ञान प्रसार केंद्र दिल्ली से आए वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरुआ ने सभी कैडेटस को बताया कि इसके माध्यम से बिना किसी मासिक बिल के फ्री में बात, लाइव चैट, मैसेजों का आदान प्रदान किया जा सकता है।

भारकर न्युज हिसार

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इस तकनीकी कार्याशाला में प्रमुख वक्ताओं में युकॉस्ट से निदेशक डॉ. राजेन्द्र डोभाल, ईएमआरआई-108 के प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनुप नौटियाल तथा विज्ञान प्रसार के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक संदीप बरूआ ने उलाराखण्ड के सुदुरवर्ती क्षेत्रों में फोन तथा मोबाइल नेटवर्क के काम नहीं करने का घायल या मरीजों के फोन प्राप्त न हो पाने के विकल्प के रूप में हैम रेडियो के उपयोग पर विचार व्यक्त किए तथा चर्चा में भाग लिया। श्री संदीप बरूआ ने समाधान प्रस्तुत करते हुए कहा कि पूरे उत्तराखण्डं में 2-3 हैम रिपिटर स्टेशन लगाकर युकोस्ट की सहायता से बने 32 हम रेडियाँ लाईसँस होल्डर के नेटवर्क द्वारा मोबाइल एम्बलेंस स्पमआईआई काल सेंटरों के सम्पर्क में रह सकती है। इसकी सहायता से एक्सीडेंट साइट पर एम्बुलेंस भेजने के लिए विभिन्न स्थानों पर हैम रेडियो सपोर्ट सिस्टम का प्रयोग किया जाएगा। इसके अनुप्रयोग का परीक्षण करने के लिए शीघ्र ही ईएमआरआई एक संचार रहित मरीज की अधिक संख्या वाला क्षेत्र देखकर युकॉस्ट तथा विज्ञान प्रसार की संहायता से हैम रिपिटर स्टेशन (मानय र्रहत) की स्थापनां करेगी तथा परीक्षण एम्बुलेस में हैम रेडियो की सहायता से संचालित एपीआरएस अटोमैटिक पोजिशिनिंग रिपोटिंग सिस्टम लगाकर सम्पूर्ण नेटवर्क का उपयोग परखा जाएगा। यदि यह परीक्षण सफेल रहता है तो यह पूरे उत्तराखण्ड में लागू करके दूर-दराज के क्षेत्रों के मरीजों के लिए स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएं समय पर प्राप्त करने का एक उपयोगी वैज्ञानिक माध्यम सिद्ध होगा।

इस कार्याशाला के उदघाटन सत्र में अपने सम्बोधन में डॉ. राजेन्द्र ढोभाल, निदेशक यूकोस्ट ने कहा कि अन्य उपयोगों के साथ ही स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के लिए हैम रेडियो के वैज्ञानिक उपयोग से दुर्घटना में घायलों व तुरंत चिकित्सकीय सुविधा की आवश्यकता वाले मामलों में जरूरत मंदों की जान बचाने में उपयोगी सिद्ध होगा। डॉ. डोभाल ने कहा कि हैम रेडियो का एम्बुलेंस गाडियों की स्पीड, दिशा, मुख्वालय से दूरी तथा एमएमएस भेजने में प्रयोग से आपदा संचार के क्षेत्र में शोघ्र ही सफलता हासिल होगी।

ई.एमआरई के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी अनूप नीटियाल ने इस अवसर पर एक व्याख्यान दिया जिससे उन्होंने 108 एम्बुलेस सेवा के उत्तराखण्ड.में स्थापना से अब तक के विकास व भविष्य की योजनाओं के साथ ही विभिन्न विभागों के साथ किए समन्वय के बारे में बताया। उन्होंने अपने अनुभवों के आधार पर उन क्षेत्रों के बारे में बताया जहां के मरीजों की जान मोबाइल नेटवर्क न होने के कारण चिकित्सा सुविधा न पहुंचने की वजह से जोखिम में रहती है। श्री नौटियाल ने कहा कि यूकोस्ट तथा विज्ञान प्रसार की सहायता से हम रेडियो सम्पर्क साधने का माध्यम बने ताकि सभी मरीज या घायल संदेश भेजकर काल सेंटर की सहायता से एम्बुलेस को बुलाकर चिकित्सकीय मदद व प्राथमिक चिकित्सा प्राप्त कर सके।

A Low Energy APRS-IS Client-Server Infrastructure Implementation using Raspberry Pi

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Abstract – Radio communication has great history of innovations. A hobby which helped in pioneering many innovations in radio communications that we are using today is radio amateurism. Hams are radio amateur hobbyists, which use radio communication to communicate, research, and explore new radio technologies and applications, such as Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS), which is digital communications information channel for Ham radio. Among other purposes APRS is used to report and map position of any stationery or mobile object via radio. In this paper we presented a low cost APRS client-server infrastructure using Raspberry Pi, APRSdroid, and software defined radio (SDR).

I. INTRODUCTION

Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) is real time radio amateur service able to transmit position reports, weather reports, messages between users which are processed and visualized. Position reports supported by ADRS, an analysis of ADRS. Interact Service (ADRS)

National Disaster Medical System [7]. In the 1990's there were no widely available digital and detailed geographical maps like today's google maps, and many maps have to be drawn manually. These maps were able to support smaller geographical areas compared with today's available mapping mechanisms which can span whole world. Today's technology allows usage of APRS-IS to transfer locally collected data, or local data collection point via TCP/IP using UDP, TCP, or HTTP directly to APRS-IS, or indirectly via RF and APRS Internet gateways [8] which is our choice since it eliminates need of operational GSM / GPRS or other network that would support TCP/IP communication between data collection point (GPS location data reporting using RF transceiver) and IGates [9] where IGate [9] is a gateway APRS station. IGate nodes are able to communicate in the same time with Internet and radio amateur nodes. The IGate's task is to allow packets to cross from the local RF network to the APRS-IS see Figure 1.

purposes is built which is ready to use. This opens research activities in designing and building different antennas because we have problems in reaching IGate server unit from client unit from specific distances.

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Ham radio training for Sikkim concludes

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GANGTOK, May 14: The weeklong State-level training on ham radio held at science centre at Marchak near Ranipool came to a close today.

The training programme was organized by Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology and supported Vigyan Prasar, by department of Science and Technology, government of India.

The training which started from May 9 had participants from across the districts comprising of Quick Response Team, members of SSDMA, media persons and NGOs members.

Baruah. Sandeep Scientist-E and the main resource person of the training, imparted technical knowledge on ham radio with the skill of theory and practical.

The valedictory function today had the State Science &



Participants using ham radio sets during the training. SE Pic

Technology principal secretary Anil Mainra as the chief guest accompanied by former secretary Rajesh Verma as a guest of honour.

Mainra urged the participants to make ham radio a hobby as it is useful during the time of emergency. He further appealed all the participants to clear its first

hurdle and possess the license after which the department will provide equipments.

The function also had a power point presentation by Verma, who is also a harm radio operator from Sikkim. He encouraged the participants to become ham operators and to help the people in the time of disasters.



The trainces will have to appear and qualify a written exam which would make them eligible for a ham license to be issued by the Union Communication & IT ministry.

Amateur radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the internet or cell phones. Ham radio plays a key role in the time of emergency like floods. earthquake. landslides etc when telecommunication network fails to work.



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The Quick Response Team under State Disaster Management department, teachers, media persons, NGOs and volunteers are undergoing the training programme which will cover in-depth Ham Radio studies, informs a press release.

During the workshop, the participants will also get to know the advance applications of Ham Radio such as packet radio and data transfer using PSK31.

The training programme will be followed by an examination to become certified HAM user which will be conducted by Union Ministry of Communication.

The inaugural session was

attended by Science & Technology principal secretary Anil Mainra as the chief guest.

While welcoming the resource persons and participants, Mainra explained the importance of alternative mode of communication during natural disaster and how it can save several lives if there are trained persons in remote areas to communicate with the help of such device.

He suggested all participants to be serious and take interest during the training so that the State's effort does not go waste.

Scientist Sandeep Baruah from Vigyan Prasar and former State Information Technology secretary Rajesh Verma are the resource persons.

During many of the past large scale disasters all over the world, Amateur Radio Service (Ham Radio) has proved its efficacy in quick dissemination of disaster management information like search and rescue, relief work, tracking of missing person, real-time plotting of vehicles and personnel involved in disaster management and transmission of weather telemetry data.

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Gangtok resident s Mansarovar Yatra

Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, May 9: An assistant engineer working with the State Rural Development department has been selected to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu Laroute this year.

Toyanath Sharma (47) from Gangtok would visit Kailash Mansarovar through Nathu Lain the fifth batch of the annual pilgrimage. Hisname was selected after the computerised draw of lots conducted by the Union External Affairs (MEA) ministry in New Delhi on May 6.

Sharma said he is happy but not excited. "I am happy that my name has been listed out in the draw but I am not excited as I have to go through medical test," he told SIKKIM EXPRESS.

A total of 2,482 complete applications, comprising 1948 males and 656 females, were registered for the draw this year. Among them, names of 1,430 applicants have been selected to undertake the yatra starting from June 12.

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AMATEUR RADIO (HAM RADIO) PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

igyan Prasar has been continuing with its effort to popularize the hobby of ham radio amongst school children. On April 24, 2002, a lecture-cum-demonstration Charles Robert Darwin programme on ham radio was organized by Vigyan Prasar for the students of Springdale R "AIDS is more than a School, Dhaulakuan, New Delhi. It was an exciting experience for the young students to medical problem" listen to and at the same time talk to an unknown person located hundreds of kilometers reg The Universal Physical away through short wave radio. Shri Dattatry Deogaonkar, VU2DSI, a ham radio operator Constants and the Cluster located in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra responded to the call given from VU2NCT club **Hypothesis** station of Vigyan Prasar and interacted with the children. Students from sixteen different R Agharkar Research schools in and around Delhi got an opportunity to attend another such programme Institute, Pune organized on May 3, 2002, on the occasion of a science fair 'Indradhanush-2002'. The science fair was organized by SEARCH (Society for Science & Environment, Awareness, Richard Sonnenfeldt Research, Communication & Heritage). The students interacted with Shri Dattatry for almost an hour exchanging varieties of information through the amateur radio club station Recent Developments in VU2NCT/MUE. The demonstration programme was assisted by Shri Sushil Dhingra, Science & Technology VU2LFA (New Delhi) by way of on-the-air contact with VU2NCT/MUE. Students from Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt. attended another awareness programme organized by Vigyan Prasar on May 8, 2002. Shri Muktesh Chander, VU2HJZ, an IPS official with the Delhi Police, also participated in the programme. The utility of amateur radio from the disaster mitigation point of view was explained by him to the students. Mrs. Bharthi Prasad, VU2RBI (New Delhi) and Shri Sushil Dhingra, VU2LFA (New Delhi) assisted the programme by establishing radio contact with the demonstration station VU2NCT/MUE.



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Ham Radio demonstration to Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt



Ham Radio demonstration at "Indradhanush-2002".

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State Level Ham Radio Training Programme in Uttaranchal

A state level ham radio training programme was organized by Vigyan Prasar at Dehra Dun jointly with the Uttaranchal State Council for Science & Technology (U-COST) and National Service Scheme (NSS), Uttaranchal, from June 7 to 29, 2006.

Uttaranchal being in a highly seismic zone, this effort was initiated to impart radio communication skills to the NSS volunteers and to set up a ham radio communication network for emergency communication. Fiftytwo Programme Officers and volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) from thirteen districts of Uttaranchal were trained for the Amateur Radio Licensing examination.

Inside





NSS volunteers listening to ham radio transmissions during a demonstration programme

The training programme was

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inaugurated on June 7 by Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Director, U-COST. Dr. V.B. Kamble (VU2VBK), Director, Vigyan Prasar and Shri B.K. Tyagi, Scientist 'D', Vigyan Prasar attended the inaugural ceremony as special guests. Shri Sandeep Baruah (VU2MUE), Scientist 'C', Vigyan Prasar was the main resource person during the entire training period. A few hams from

Workshop on Innovative Experiments in Physics

two day workshop on 'Innovative Experiments in Physics' was held at Army Public School, Lucknow on 30 and 31 May, 2006. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. V.D. Gupta, former Vice Chancellor of Allahabad University. Ms K. Dasgupta Misra, Vigyan Prasar welcomed the participants and made a presentation on Vigyan Prasar and its activities. The workshop was attended by more than 35 teachers of physics from various districts of U.P. The participants were from Varanasi, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Jaunpur, Barabanki, and so on. After the inauguration, the demonstration of innovative experiments in Physics was shown by Shri Mukesh Roy of IIT, Kanpur. More than twenty five innovative experiments in Physics were Teachers participating in the workshop demonstrated to the participants. Teachers appreciated the workshop and Contd. on page...21 . think scientifically, act scientifically ... think scientifically, act scientifically ... think scientifically, act ... Published and Printed by Dr. Subodh Mahanti on behalf of Vigyan Prasar, C-24, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110 016 & Printed at S. Narayan & Sons, B-88, Okhla Indl. Area, Phase - II, New Delhi - 110 020 Editor : Dr. V.B. Kamble



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DNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2004

HAM operator helps families connect with Tsunami victims

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

An amateur radio enthusiast based in the Capital has succeeded where most government agencies have failed. Sandeep Baruah, a licensed HAM operator who works in a government organisation by day and pursues his hobby from home at night, has managed to establish communication links with Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and has helped relay messages between the people stranded on the island and their families back home.

Sitting at his terminal Tuesday afternoon, Baruah told The Tribune that he has received 10 "calls" over the past 48 hours. "I have received e-mails and SMSes from several places at home and abroad ... Bangalore, Ranchi, Pune and Thailand I have relayed all their messages to this team of HAM operators stationed at Port Blair and forwarded the replies from them to the families wherever they are," he said. One such distraught family is from New Delhi.

Dr Karan Singh Chauhan, who teaches in a college here, was holidaying with his two sons and a daughter on the island when the Tsunami hit the shore. It had only been a few days from the time they reached Port Blair. "Fortunately," Dr Chauhan recalled, "There were these people staying on the fifth floor of the hotel where we were put up they had this equipment (HAM), so we asked them if they could relay the information of our well-being to people back home."

Within hours, Sandeep Baruah was on the telephone informing Dr Chauhan's domestic help of their whereabouts. Dr Chauhan and his family, who returned to the Capital last night, have not spoken with Baruah yet but he is all praise for him and the amateur radio operators on the island for coming to his help in their hour of need. Baruah, meanwhile, has no regrets. He has no time for that for there are other calls to be attended to, he says as a distant station crackles at his terminal.

Like Dr Chauhan, Mrs Cesar Maia from Bangkok, Thailand, has established contact with Baruah. She wants to if her husband is safe and sound on the island. "I have not received any news about her husband but I am trying ... the audio quality today is poor, so I might have to wait longer to hear from my counterparts stationed on the island," says Baruah, who is happy being Good Samaritan for people he has come to know only in the past few days.

Meanwhile, Dr Chauhan is still to recover from his harrowing experience on the island. "Buildings were literally swaying from side to side, the hotel where we were staying was damaged ... there were cracks in the walls, the sea was violent and washed away anything and everything that came in its way ... even the boundary wall of a college nearby was swept away ... all of us spent the first night outside," he recalls before he, his children and one other family flew to Kolkata on way to Delhi.



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Delhiites chip in with relief

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The leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, has expressed grief over the widespread death and destruction caused by the Tsunami in southern India and many countries in the Indian Ocean.

A meeting of the BJP legislature party was called in this regard and it observed a twominute silence as a mark of respect to the deceased. The BJP legislators have also decided to donate their onemonth salary for the victims.

Meanwhile, the NDMC Vice Chairperson, Tajdar Babar, has moved a resolution for contributing Rs.one crore as financial assistance from the municipal funds. This is in addition to the token contribution from NDMC employees for the quake victims of Tamil Nadu.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has also decided to pay Rs. 4 crore to the Prime Minister's Relief fund. This fund is being raised by way of contributions from MCD councilors who are contributing their one month's stipend and employees who are contributing one day's salary. The contribution of the latter adds up to Rs 3 crore.

According to the mayor, the MCD has set up collection centres in all 12 zones under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner to collect relief materials. The material collected would be handed over to the Ministry of Home Affairs for transportation to the affected areas.







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halfway through a school term. half-timbered having walls with a timber frame and a brick or plaster filling. half-time (in sport) a short gap between two halves of a match. not half 1 not nearly. 2 Bri. informal to an extreme degree.

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- halfback noun a player in a ball game whose position is between the forwards and fullbacks.
- halfpenny or ha'penny /haypni/ noun (plural halfpennies or halfpence /hay-p'nss/) a former British coin equal to half an old penny.
- halfway adverb & adjective 1 at or to a point equal in distance between two others. 2 to some extent.
- halfwit noun informal a stupid person. half-witted adjective.
- halibut noun (plural halibut) a large flat sea fish used for food.
- halitosis /hali-toh-sis/ noun badsmelling breath.
- hall noon 1 (also hallway) a room or space inside a front door, or between a number of rooms. 2 a large room for meetings, concerts, etc. 3 (also hall of residence) Brit. a university building in which students live. 4 Brit. a large country house.
- hallelujah /hal-li-loo-yuh/ or alleluia /al-li-loo-yuh/ exclamation God be praised.
- hallmark noun 1 an official mark stamped on objects made of pure

gold, silver, or platinum. **2** a distinctive feature. •verb stamp an object with a hallmark.

hallo → HELLO.

- hallowed /hal-lohd/ adjective 1 made holy. 2 very honoured and respected.
- Halloween or Hallowe'en noun the night of 31 October, the evening before All Saints' Day.
- hallucinate verb (hallucinates, hallucinating, hallucinated) see something which is not actually there. ■ hallucination noun hallucinatory adjective.
- hallucinogen /huh-loo-si-nuhjuhn/ noun a drug causing hallucinations. **a hallucinogenic** adjective.
- halo /hay-loh/ noun (plural haloes or halos) 1 (in a painting) a circle of light surrounding the head of a holy person. 2 a circle of light round the sun or moon.
- halogen /hal-uh-juhn/ noun any of a group of elements including fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine.
- halt¹ verb come or bring to a sudden stop. • noun 1 a stopping of movement or activity. 2 Brit. a minor stopping place on a railway line. halt² adjective old use lame.
- halter noun a rope or strap placed around the head of an animal and used to lead it. D halter neck a style of woman's top that is fastened behind the neck, leaving
- the shoulders, upper back, and arms bare. halting adjective slow and hesitant.
- halve verb (halves, halving, halved) 1 divide into two halves. 2 reduce or be reduced by half.
- halves plural of HALE
- halyard /hal-yerd/ noun a rope used for raising and lowering a sail, yard, or flag on a ship.
- ham' noun 1 meat from the upper part of a pig's leg which is salted and dried or smoked. 2 (hams) the back of the thighs. \Box ham-fisted clumsy.
- ham² noun 1 an actor who overacts.

2 (also radio ham) informal an amateur radio operator. • verb (hams, hamming, hammed) informal overact. **# hammy** adjective.

hamburger noun a small cake of minced beef, fried or grilled and typically served in a bread roll. hamlet noun a small village.

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- hammer noun 1 a tool with a heavy metal head and a wooden handle, for driving in nails. 2 an auctioneer's mallet, tapped to indicate a sale. 3 a part of a mechanism that hits another. 4 a heavy metal ball attached to a wire for throwing in an athletic contest.
- veb (hammers, hammering, hammerd) 1 hit repeatedly with a hammerd 2 (hammer away) work hard and persistently 3 (hammer something nor into) make something stick in someone's mind by constantly repeating it. 4 (hammer something out) work out the details of a plan or agreement.
- hammerhead noun a shark with flattened extensions on either side of the head.
- hammock noun a wide strip of canvas or rope mesh suspended at both ends, used as a bed.
- hamper¹ noun a basket used for food and other items needed for a picnic.
- hamper² verb (hampers, hampering, hampered) slow down or prevent the movement or progress of.
- hamster noun a burrowing rodent with a short tail and large cheek pouches.

✓ no p: hamster, not hamp-.

- hamstring noun any of five tendons at the back of a person's knee. •vew (hamstrings, hamstringing, past and past participle hamstring) 1 cripple by cutting the hamstrings. 2 severely restrict.
- hand noun 1 the end part of the arm beyond the wrist, with four fingers and a thumb. 2 a pointer on a clock or watch indicating the passing of time. 3 (hands) a person's power or control. 4 an active role. 5 help in

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doing something 6 a person who does physical work. 7 a round of applause, 8 the set of cards dealt to a player in a card game. 9 a unit of measurement of a horse's height. equal to 4 inches (10.16 cm). • verb give or pass something to, n at hand (or on or to hand) near: easy to reach from hand to mouth meeting only your immediate needs, hand grenade a grenade that is thrown by hand, hand in glove working very closely together, hand-me-down a piece of clothing that has been passed on from another person, hand-nick choose carefully, hands-on involving direct narticination in something, hand-to-hand (of fighting) involving physical contact, in hand in progress, out of hand 1 not under control. 2 without taking time to think.

- handbag noun Brit. a small bag used by a woman to carry everyday personal items.
- handball noun 1 a game in which the ball is hit with the hand in a walled court. 2 Soccer unlawful touching of the ball with the hand or arm.
- handbill noun a small printed advertisement handed out in the street.
- handbook noun a book giving basic information or instructions.
- handbrake noun a brake operated by hand, used to hold an already stationary vehicle.
- handcuff noun (handcuffs) a pair of lockable linked metal rings for securing a prisoner's wrists. • verb put handcuffs on.
- handful noun 1 a quantity that fills the hand. 2 a small number or amount. 3 informal a person who is difficult to deal with or control.
- handgun noun a gun designed for use with one hand.
- handhold noun something for a hand to grip on.
- handicap noun 1 a condition that limits a person's ability to function physically, mentally, or socially.





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