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**First Annual BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise in New Delhi**

India is hosting the First Annual BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise from 10-13 October 2017 in Delhi.

The Exercise follows the call of BIMSTEC Leaders at the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat hosted by Prime Minister in Goa in October 2016 for closer cooperation in disaster management through joint exercises. India had offered to host the first Exercise at the 17th BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting (Kathmandu, 7 February 2017).

The main focus of the Exercise is to create synergy and synchronize efforts to institutionalize regional cooperation and inter-governmental coordination efforts on disaster response among Member States.

About 135 delegates from all BIMSTEC Member States including senior level officials dealing with related policy and operational aspects are participating in the Exercise.

The Exercise will have simulated scenarios in the areas of flood management and building collapse search & rescue, including Table Top Exercise (TTX), Field Training Exercise (FTX) and an After Action Review (AAR).

Hosting of the Exercise is in keeping with India's commitment to share its expertise and capabilities in disaster management with the Region.

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