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# Seminar on disaster management today

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A national seminar on "Organisation and infrastructure for management of disasters" to be held in the City tomorrow, will focus on tackling the core issues relating to managerial skills and preparedness of the administrative machinery of the country during natural disasters.

Organised jointly by National

Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and the Alumni Association of Jadavpur University Bangalore Chapter (AAJUB), the seminar will witness a host of speakers from the government and non-government organisations, the defence sector, and eminent thinkers deliberating on the different technology options available with the country for disaster management.

Addressing a press conference

here today, NIAS Director Roddam Narasimha and NIAS Controller Maj Gen M K Paul lamented that even today the country lacked the required infrastructure and managerial skills for disaster management. For instance, Prof Narasimha pointed out that while there was no dearth of financial and human resource availability after the Bhuj Earthquake in January this year, the system failed to effectively utilise the

services offered. The seminar to be held at the NIAS campus will be inaugurated by Home Minister Mallikarjun Kharge at 9 am tomorrow. Nuclear scientist Raja Ramanna, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner N Vishwanathan, and noted economist Dr D M Nanjundappa will speak. There are also sessions on nuclear emergency response system and railway safety at the meet