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Preface

The Fifth World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) was organised in Delhi from 24th to 27th November 2021 jointly by the Government of Delhi, the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, and the Disaster Management Initiative and Convergence Society which created the platform of WCDM. Over the years, WCDM has emerged as the largest conference on disaster management in the developing world.

The theme of the Fifth WCDM was *Technology, Finance and Capacity*. 7 Plenary Sessions, 50 Technical Sessions and Special Technical Sessions were organised around this overarching theme. While eminent thought leaders and experts delivered keynote addresses and participated in the panel discussions of the Plenary Sessions. It is the Technical Sessions that received longest traction as Call for Papers was issued for these sessions months in advance and more than 600 researchers, practitioners and policy makers responded with abstracts of their ideas. These were reviewed by experts and subsequently, 250 of these abstracts were developed as full papers. This is the third of the five-volume series of compendium of these papers.

The papers have been published in the same form these were received without any peer review to provide a flavour of the raw ideas that emerged from the Technical Sessions of the conference. Some of these papers presented by the young researchers and practitioners may not have the rigours of academic disciplines, but these do reflect the cross current of thoughts that went around in these sessions of the Conference. These provide new ideas and insights that provide value to the current discourses on the subject.

These papers have been arranged under five broad themes– first: Disaster Risk Management, second: Nature and Human Induced Disasters, third: Coronavirus Pandemic, fourth: Disaster Response and fifth: Challenges and Opportunities of Disaster Management. Understandably the papers do not cover every aspect of the themes, these discuss only those aspects that the authors have chosen to highlight. The present volume is a compilation of 41 papers on the theme of Coronavirus Pandemic, which is further divided into five sub-themes, first: Management of the Pandemics of COVID-19: General Issues, second: Management of the Pandemics of COVID-19: Social Issues, third: Management of the Pandemics of COVID-19: Economic Issues, fourth: Management of the Pandemics of COVID-19: Issues of Health, and fifth: Management of the Pandemics of COVID-19: Issues of Mental Health.

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