

## **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Every year October 13<sup>th</sup> is observed as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction as designated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote a global culture of disaster risk reduction. From 2016 onwards, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) started the *'Sendai Seven'* campaign on the IDDRR to highlight the seven targets put forth by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. In 2021, this is target F of SFDRR - Substantially enhance international cooperation to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the present Framework by 2030.

The District Disaster Management Authority, Kasaragod organized two webinars on October 13, 2021 as part of observ the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. The details of the two events are given below.

**Event 1: Online Training for Principals/ HMs on School Safety Measures** 

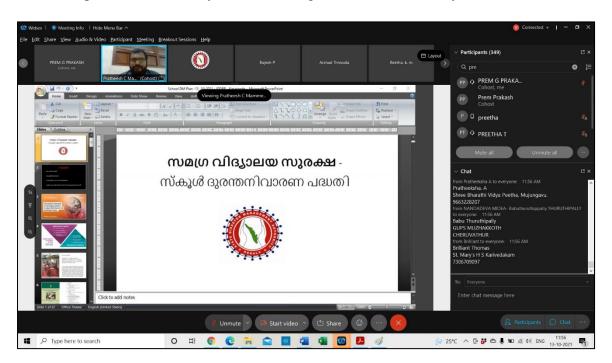


The State Govt had taken the decision to reopen schools which were closed as part of COVID-19 containment measures, from November 01<sup>st</sup> onwards. Such a long gap between academic sessions never are very rare and hence it needs sufficient preparation to ensure the safety of schools, students, teachers and non-teaching staff for a fruitful academic environment. In this

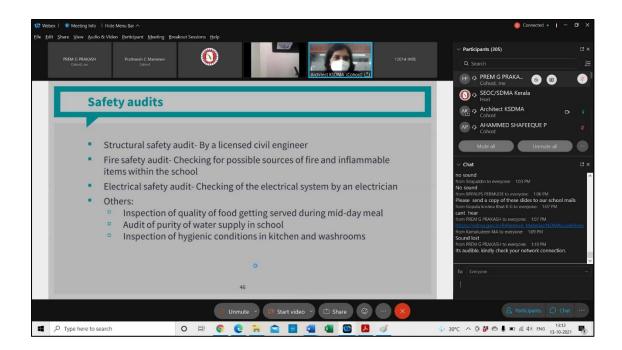
background, the District Disaster Management Authority, Kasaragod in association with the Department of Education, Kasaragod and Kerala State Disaster Management Authority organized an online training for the Principals and HMs of all public schools in the district. The training session started at 1130 am.

The inaugural session was chaired by Smt. Pushpa K V, Deputy Director of Education, Kasaragod. Sri. Sajeed S, Deputy Collector (Endosulfan Cell), Collectorate, Kasaragod inaugurated the event. Sri. Prem G Prakash, Hazard Analyst, DEOC, Kasaragod moderated the session and extended welcome to all the dignitaries and participants. The training sessions were handled by Dr. Pratheesh C Mammen, UNICEF Project Coordinator, KSDMA and Smt. Indu V, Architect, KSDMA.

The first session by Dr. Pratheesh C Mammen delved into the School Safety Guidelines issued by the National and State Disaster Management Authorities and the various measures ear marked in those guidelines for ensuring safety of schools. These include constitution of School Safety Advisory Committee at the district level, school level School Safety Committees, preparation of School Safety Plans with the involvement of children and its yearly updation, conducting mock drills to check the operationality of plans etc. He underlined the importance of imbibing a 'culture of safety' in children right from the school days.



In the second session Mrs. Indu V explained about various structural and non-structural measures associated with school safety. She discussed about the provisions contained in National Building Code and other rules and acts that mandates safety of children at school.



Sri. Ahammed Shafeeq P, LSG DM Plan coordinator, Kasaragod rendered vote of thanks. The webinar got over by 1.20 pm. **Maximum participants recorded in the webinar – 375** 





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