

Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) Official Report: STUDENT POLICE CADETS (SPC) VISIT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Date: [6th – 7th February, 2024]

Introduction

The State Level Annual Residential Camp 2023-24 for Student Police Cadets (SPC), notably the YOUNG LEADERS CONCLAVE-24, is currently underway from February 4th to February 11th, 2024, at S A P Thiruvananthapuram. The event has seen the active participation of 600 Senior Cadets, consisting of 300 Boys and 300 Girls, accompanied by 200 supporting staff members, including Community Police Officers (Teachers) and Police Personnel.

Visit to KSDMA¹:

In line with the objectives of capacity building and raising awareness in disaster management, a visit was organized on February 6th & 7th for the SPCs to interact with the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) team of experts. This visit aimed to acquaint the cadets with disaster management tools & interventions. In two batches of 150 cadets each per day, totalling 600 cadets along with supporting staff, visited KSDMA from 10 AM to 1 PM, marking a significant engagement in disaster management initiatives.

Structured Phases of the Visit:

 Understanding KSDMA's Core Operations: Remya R & Rajeevan (Meteorologist), Keerthana Remesh (HA – Civil), Anaswara Devi B R (HA– Geology), Geethu S S (Communication Engineer), Mrudu Krishna K R (Field Assistant – Electrical), Raji Mol (Alert & Dispatch Supervisor), & Monisha S Mohan (Multi-Tasking Officer -

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Alert) provided invaluable insights into KSDMA's operations, covering critical aspects such as the EOC, Early Warning systems, KaWaCHaM & Emergency Call Center operations.

- 2. Capacity Building Session: Emphasis was placed on water safety, considering the alarming rate of drowning deaths in Kerala. The cadets were shown "Neerarivu (The Water anecdote)," a short film by KSDMA, raising awareness about drowning deaths & water safety. Subsequently, Clint Mathew Social Capacity Building Specialist conducted a discussion highlighting the significance of water safety and how tomorrow's leaders can effect positive change in society. Irshad Ismail, an MSW student from MES College who is presently undertaking an internship with KSDMA, played an active role in the session and provided assistance throughout.
- 3. Disaster Management Games: To expedite the learning process and enhance capacity-building in Disaster Management, exemplary solutions such as disaster management games were introduced. Two games, the Disaster Management Word Puzzle and Disaster Management Snake and Ladder, curated by the KSDMA team, were showcased for the cadets. Winners were honored with gifts. Ziya Arun HA Psychology, Sree Kavya T. A and Shinu A, GIS Technicians efficiently managed & organized the gameplay.

Logistical Support: The timely logistical support provided by Ashna Paniker and Sainul Abid, the multitasking officers, was pivotal in ensuring the seamless execution of the visit.

Conclusion:

The visit concluded with a vote of thanks by the cadets and Dr Midhila Mallika, State Project Officer, emphasizing the significance of such visits. These engagements underscore the vital role of SPCs in humanitarian causes & disaster management. By equipping them with essential knowledge & skills, SPCs can become effective agents of change & contribute significantly to community resilience & disaster preparedness.



Pictures from the visit:



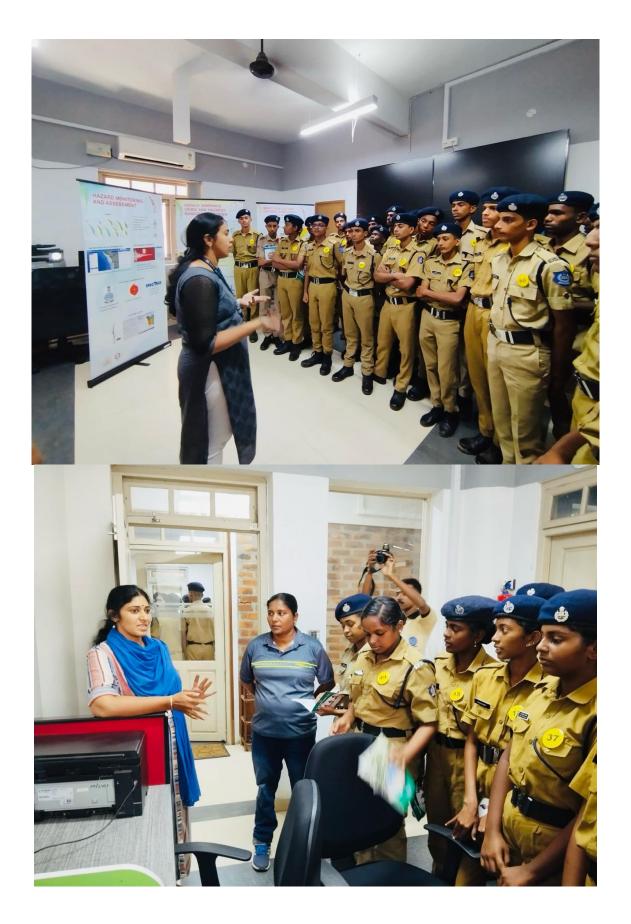






















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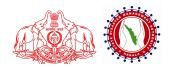
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Cadets" YOUNG LEADE Feb 2024 to 11 Feb 2	al Residential Camp 2023-24 for Student Police RS CONCLAVE-24" is scheduled to be held from 04 024 @ S A P Thiruvananthapuram. 600 Senior 300 Boys & 300 Girls and 200 supporting staffs	

Cadets comprising of 300 Boys & 300 Girls and 200 supporting staffs including accompanying Community Police Officers (Teachers) and Police Personnel are participating in the event. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers, Eminent personalities from different walks of life and Guest Faculties are also participating in this camp.

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In this connection it is requested that necessary permission may be granted to Cadets to visit your facility and for interaction & familiarization of DM equipment's .

Tentative schedule for Cadet visiting is mentioned below for reference.

Date	Cadets Nos Time
06 Feb 2024, Tuesday	100 Cadets 09.30 AM - 11.00 AM 100 Cadets 11.30 AM - 01.00 PM
07 Feb 2024, Wednesday	100 Cadets 09.30 AM - 11.00 AM 100 Cadets 11.30 AM - 01.00 PM
06 Feb 2024, Thursday	100 Cadets 09.30 AM - 11.00 AM
09-Feb 2024, Friday	100 Cadets 09.30 AM - 11.00 AM

Yours faithfully

NISHANTHINI R IPS Deputy Inspector General of Police -cum-State Nodal Officer

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