

DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, IDUKKI

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION-

13th October 2020

Introduction

The United Nations General Assembly has designated October 13th as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction to promote a global culture of disaster risk reduction. In 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, the international community was reminded that disasters hit hardest at the local level with the potential to cause loss of life and great social and economic upheaval. Sudden onset disasters displace millions of people every year. Disasters, many of which are exacerbated by climate change, have a negative impact on investment in sustainable development and the desired outcomes.

On the occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk reduction, The District Disaster Management Authority, Idukki has organized online classes for Panchayath officials, National Service Scheme Volunteers, public and IAG volunteers. The aim of the training program was to raise awareness among the people on how disaster mitigation activities can be improved with the participation of the public and volunteers and how to mitigate the severity of disasters.

About the Programme

On the International Day for Disaster Risk reduction (October 13), the online training program started at 2.30 pm. The Training program was

inaugurated by Hon'ble District Collector H. Dineshan IAS and the key note address was given by Shri. James Mathew, Idukki District NSS Program Coordinator. Inauguration was followed by the training session.

Session 1

First session started with the presentation of Shri Fahadh Marzook, Hazard Analyst from State Disaster Management Authority. He spoke on Early Warning Mechanism and Dissemination.

Session 2

Second session started at 3.45 pm by Shri. Vijeesh P, State project Coordinator, Sphere India. The topic of the session was the role of volunteers in disaster management.

The programme was concluded by the vote of thanks by Shri. Rajev T R Hazard Analyst, DEOC, Idukki.

Conclusion

Approximately 120 people attended the training programme. Participants were made aware of the role of volunteers in disaster relief activities and early warning systems in Kerala and its dissemination. In the context of Covid 19, participants were also made aware of the precautions to be taken in disaster management activities.