




Event Name	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction- Recognition of Apda Mitra Volunteers Malappuram
Event date	12-12-2024
Event venue	Collectorate Conference Hall, Malappuram
Details of the event	<p>In observance of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024, themed "Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future," a programme was organized on December 12, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Collectorate Conference Hall, Malappuram. This event was jointly hosted by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Malappuram, and the Fire Force Department, Malappuram, to honor and recognize the contributions of trained Apda Mitra volunteers of Malappuram District.</p> <p>The event commenced with a welcome speech by District Hazard Analyst, Ms. Adithya T. S., who emphasized the significance of empowering community volunteers in disaster management. Sri Anwar Sadath P., Deputy Collector (LR), delivered the presidential address, highlighting the vital role of Apda Mitra volunteers in building community resilience.</p> <p>The Honourable District Collector, Sri V. R. Vinod IAS, inaugurated the programme. During the inaugural ceremony, he presented badges of honor and certificates to 10 outstanding Apda Mitra volunteers for their exemplary contributions to disaster management. Sri Mohammed Rafeeq, Additional District Magistrate, Malappuram, commended the efforts of the volunteers in disaster preparedness and response. Fire Force Station Officer, Sri</p>

	<p>Abdul Saleem, and Perinthalmanna Station Officer, Sri Babu Raj, shared their experiences and emphasized the importance of collaboration between volunteers and emergency services. Malappuram Apda Mitra Coordinator, Sri Mohammed Ali, applauded the dedication of the volunteers and discussed future plans for enhancing their roles.</p> <p>The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by LSGD Disaster Management Plan Coordinator, Ms. Afra C. P., who expressed gratitude to all participants and organizers. A total of 103 Apda Mitra volunteers attended the event in person, and certificates were distributed to 240 volunteers in recognition of their training and service.</p> <p>In the second session, a group discussion was held to address challenges faced by Apda Mitra volunteers in the field of disaster management. Volunteers expressed concerns about a lack of recognition from administrative departments and the general public. Their uniforms and roles are not widely known, leading to difficulties in gaining respect and cooperation during operations. Volunteers also reported that the toolkits provided during their training contained medicines, most of which have now expired, rendering them unusable. Female volunteers highlighted personal hygiene issues during rescue operations, including the lack of access to basic sanitation facilities, which forces them to limit water intake. Participants stressed the necessity of conducting refresher training sessions every six months to maintain and enhance their technical skills, such as rope-tying techniques and first aid practices, which tend to fade over time.</p> <p>The programme concluded at 5:00 PM with a group photo of all participants, marking the success of the event and the collective commitment to a resilient future.</p>
Number of females	20

Number of males	83
Number of trans genders	-
Number of children	-
Resource person/organizer from the side of SDMA/DDMA	Adithya T. S. District Hazard Analyst, DDMA, Malappuram
Photos	





Videos

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