



FAMEX 2024-Familiarisation Exercise by NDRF

Event Name	FAMEX 2024-Familiarisation Exercise by National Disaster Response Force
Event date	2024 December 16 - 20
Event venue	Kottayam District
Details of the event	<p>Kottayam District Disaster Management Authority and National Disaster Response Force jointly organised Familiarisation Exercise of NDRF with the help of Kerala State Disaster Management Authority during 16 - 20 December 2024 at various locations of Kottayam District.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit to Major Accident Hazard Units(MAH): The NDRF team along with the Local body officials visited the Meriya Petroleum Limited, Thalayolaparambu and Surya Petroleum, Erattupettah- the Major Accident Hazard/Industrial Units of the Kottayam district. The visit witnessed the interaction between the officials and employees on the safety measures and emergency management capacities of the units. 2. Visit to Landslide Vulnerable areas of the district: The NDRF team along with the Local body officials visited the Landslide prone areas of Kanjirappally Taluk in the district. The locations included Koottickal, Kavaly and Plappally which were seriously destructed during the landslide events occurred on 2021 october 16 that claimed 12 lives. 3. Community Awareness Programme: The NDRF team conducted an awareness programme for the flood vulnerable communities of Kottayam Taluk at SNDP Hall, Kanjiram, Thiruvapp. The awareness programme was beneficial as they shared practical knowledge on disaster risk reduction, first aid and rescue during flood situations. 4. Student Awareness Programme: The student awareness programme by NDRF was conducted at Poonjar Engineering College in which the NSS volunteers and students actively participated to gain knowledge on disaster risk reduction measures, first aid and various other safety techniques. 5. Flood Water Rescue Mock Drill: A mock drill was conducted on the scenario of Flood Water Rescue on 19/12/2024 at Kavanattinkara Boat Jetty, Nearby DD DTPC Office, Kumarakom. A TableTop exercise was conducted on the

	<p>previous day to ensure the participation of line departments in which each department was assigned with their respective roles and responsibilities. There was appreciable participation from the local authorities, communities, line departments, Civil Defence and Apta mitra volunteers in the mock drill. The mock drill helped to validate the strengths and weaknesses of the authority in managing such disasters and also witnessed how such rescue operations are carried out by NDRF.</p> <p>6. Awareness programme for Boat owners and Boat Handlers: The boat owners and boat handlers of Kottayam district were given safety training by NDRF on 19/12/2024 at DD DTPC Office, Kumarakom. Around 60 Boat owners and Boat handlers attended the training programme which helped understanding the safety measures, first aid, rescue operations to save lives during boat journeys.</p> <p>The 5 day Familiarisation Exercise was highly informative to the authorities as well as to the vulnerable communities of Kottayam District and it will definitely contribute to the disaster risk reduction and capacity building efforts of the District Disaster Management Authority. Grateful for the FAMEX 2024 by NDRF for contributing much towards creating a disaster resilient community in the future.</p>
Number of girls	60
Number of Boys	95
Number of trans genders	0
Number of children	
Resource person/organizer from the side of SDMA/DDMA	Jointly organized by Kottayam District Disaster Management Authority and National Disaster Response Force

Photos



Introductory meeting of NDRF team with District Officials



MAH Unit visit- Surya Petroleum Erattupettah



Visiting Vulnerable areas-Koottickal Landslide area



Table Top Exercise and mock drill on Flood Water Rescue



Students Awareness Programme



Boat Safety Awareness programme

Link to the programme Photos:-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14IjIKVMLJvAsfz8QONLdrZjeTC35JVPF?usp=sharing>

Videos

Link to the Programme Videos:-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xesefb8JYnyrwwBXehzA0QlgH0qZK5xX?usp=sharing>

