



Event Name	<b>Training – Teachers Brigade - Disaster Management Basics</b>
Event date	02nd February 2025
Event venue	KSTA Mandiram, Palakkad
Details of the event .	<p>I had the opportunity to lead a Disaster Management awareness session for school teacher volunteers of Palakkad district at KSTA Mandiram, Palakkad on 02.02.2025.</p> <p>The training began with an introduction to essential Disaster Management terms such as disaster, hazard, risk, vulnerability, capacity, and the components of the disaster management cycle—preparedness, prevention, response, relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and mitigation.</p> <p>We explored the types of disasters and reviewed major disaster events from across the world, India, and Kerala. School-related incidents reported in India were highlighted to establish context and relevance. The hazard profile and disaster scenario of Kerala were presented, followed by an overview of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and the governance mechanisms functioning at national, state, and district levels.</p> <p>The session also covered the key features of Local Self Government (LSG) Disaster Management Plans, School Safety Plans, and the Orange Book on emergency response. Emphasis was given to preparedness measures, including the NDMA Pocketbook on Do's and Don'ts, emergency kits, toll-free helpline numbers, evacuation routes, and fire safety. To illustrate the importance of awareness and early action, the story of Tilly Smith was shared as a case study.</p>
Number of females	33
Number of males	52
Number of transgenders	0



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