




## RAILWAY ACCIDENT MOCKDRILL - PALAKKAD

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	Railway Accident Table Top Exercise & Mockdrill - Palakkad Division
Event Date	20/08/2025 & 21/08/2025
Duration of the Event	2 days
Event Venue	1. Tabletop Exercise - Railway Divisional Office, Palakkad 2. Mock Exercise - Palakkad Railway Yard
Conducted / Organised by	Southern Railway's Palakkad Division in coordination with the 4th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Arakkonam.
Details of the Event	<p>A full-scale Railway Accident Mock Drill was conducted on 21st August 2025 at Palakkad Junction Railway Yard, organised by Southern Railway's Palakkad Division in coordination with the 4th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Arakkonam. The exercise was aimed at evaluating and strengthening disaster preparedness and rescue capabilities for major railway accidents. A table top exercise to plan the simulation was conducted on 20th August at the Railway Divisional Office, Palakkad.</p> <p>The simulation commenced at 09:10 hrs, when the Station Manager of Palakkad Junction reported to the Divisional Control Office the derailment and capsizing of three express train coaches (S5, S6, and S7). To alert stakeholders, sirens were sounded at both the Divisional Office and Palakkad Junction, triggering immediate emergency response. Details were shared with relevant stakeholders from Palakkad DEOC after receiving the information from Railway authorities.</p> <p>The scenario escalated with a fire outbreak in one of the derailed coaches, requiring swift intervention by the Palakkad Fire and Rescue Services, who extinguished the flames. A request for NDRF was made by the Palakkad DDMA. The NDRF rescue team, led by Commander Shri Kapil, along with the Railway Mechanical Team and the Self-Propelled Accident Relief Train based at Palakkad, carried out coordinated rescue operations, cutting open coaches to evacuate trapped passengers.</p>



	<p>The exercise concluded at 10:45 hrs, lasting one and a half hours. A medical team from the Railway Hospital, supported by Sevabharathi ambulances, 108 Ambulance Service, and Railway Hospital ambulances, provided first aid and participated in the mock casualty management. Medical staff were also briefed on inter-agency procedures for handling fatalities. For the first time, the NDRF-trained canine squad was deployed in the mock drill, adding realism and demonstrating their capability in locating casualties and assisting rescue operations.</p> <p>The drill witnessed the participation of multiple agencies, including the Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police, Civil Defence Force of Southern Railway, Kerala Police, Kerala Revenue Department, District Disaster Management Authority, Kerala Health Department, Kerala Fire and Rescue Services, Bomb and Dog Squads, Forensic Department, and Fingerprint Bureau.</p>
Total Number of Participants	393
Number of Females	132
Number of Males	261
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	0
Number of Children (below 18 years)	0
Role Played by the Officer(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Lekha Chacko (District Hazard Analyst) - Observer &amp; Acted as a Liaison</li> <li>2. Ms. Asha V K Menon (LSG DM Plan Coordinator) - Observer</li> </ol>
Output from the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drill successfully tested the effectiveness of the railway disaster management plan.</li> <li>• Coordination between Indian Railways, NDRF, state departments, and local authorities was effectively demonstrated.</li> <li>• Rescue, medical, and firefighting teams showcased their readiness and interoperability.</li> <li>• The exercise helped identify minor gaps and areas for further improvement in multi-agency response.</li> </ul>



Sendai Framework Priority Addressed	SF1, SF2, SF4
PM's 10-Point Agenda – Point Number(s)	PM1, PM2, PM3, PM5, PM7, PM8
SDG Goal(s) Aligned	SDG3, SDG9, SDG10, SDG11, SDG17
Photo/Video/Media Links	<p><i>Table Top Exercise at Railway Divisional Office, Palakkad</i></p>  <p><i>Mock Exercise at Palakkad Railway Yard</i></p> 