KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - EVENT REPORT (10/11/2025)

Human Animal Conflict: State Specific Disaster Management Strategy

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	Session: Human Animal Conflict - State Specific Disaster Management Strategy
Event Date	10/11/2025
Duration of the Event	1.5 hours
Event Venue	State Forest Training Institute, Walayar, Palakkad
Conducted / Organised by	State Forest Training Institute, Walayar, Palakkad
Details of the Event	A training session on "Human-Animal Conflict: State-Specific Disaster Management Strategy" was conducted for Forest Department officials at the State Forest Training Institute, Walayar, Palakkad, on 10th November 2025 as part of their refresher training. The session began with an overview of the Disaster Management framework in India and Kerala, providing participants with a foundational understanding of disaster risk reduction, institutional mechanisms, and the relevance of multi-sectoral coordination. The discussion then shifted to the emerging challenge of Human-Animal Conflict (HAC) in Kerala, analyzing the increasing frequency of incidents, human and animal casualties, livelihood losses, and social impacts. The rationale behind declaring HAC as a State-Specific Disaster was highlighted, linking it to the need for coordinated action beyond the mandate of the Forest Department alone. The final part of the session focused on the role of the Disaster Management Authority in addressing HAC—its powers under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, integration with district- and state-level planning, and the importance of aligning forest sector preparedness with the broader disaster management framework.

Total Number of Participants	45
Number of Females	22
Number of Males	23
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	00
Number of Children (below 18 years)	00
Role Played by the Officer(s)	Ms. Asha V K Menon (LSG DM Plan Coordinator) - Resource Person
Output from the Event	• **Enhanced Understanding:** Forest officials gained clarity on the rationale for declaring Human-Animal Conflict as a State-Specific Disaster and its implications for preparedness and response. • **Institutional Awareness:** Participants were sensitized to the legal framework under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and the coordinating role of the State and District Disaster Management Authorities. • **Inter-Departmental Linkages:** The session highlighted the importance of coordination between the Forest Department, Disaster Management Authority, Revenue Department, Local Governments, and community-based mechanisms. • **Operational Insights:** Officials understood the integration of disaster management principles—such as risk assessment, preparedness, mitigation, and communication—in addressing HAC. • **Capacity Building:** The training reinforced the role of forest officials as key stakeholders in multi-sectoral disaster response, encouraging proactive participation in planning and field-level coordination.
Sendai Framework Priority Addressed	SF1, SF2, SF3, SF4
PM's 10-Point Agenda – Point Number(s)	PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4, PM5, PM7, PM8, PM9
SDG Goal(s) Aligned	SDG1, SDG2, SDG3, SDG4, SDG5, SDG8, SDG10, SDG11, SDG13, SDG15, SDG16, SDG17

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