



Human Animal Conflict: State Specific Disaster Management Strategy

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	Session: Human Animal Conflict - State Specific Disaster Management Strategy
Event Date	25/09/2025
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	<p>A training session on “Human-Animal Conflict: State-Specific Disaster Management Strategy” was held on 25th September 2025 for Forest Department officials at the State Forest Training Institute, Walayar, Palakkad.</p> <p>The session opened with an introduction to the Disaster Management framework in India and Kerala, offering participants a foundational perspective on disaster risk reduction, institutional mechanisms, and the importance of multi-sectoral coordination.</p> <p>Attention then turned to the growing challenge of Human-Animal Conflict (HAC) in Kerala. Participants examined the rising frequency of incidents, the toll on human and animal lives, livelihood disruptions, and broader social impacts. The rationale for declaring HAC as a State-Specific Disaster was emphasized, underscoring the need for coordinated interventions that extend beyond the Forest Department’s mandate.</p> <p>The session concluded with a focus on the Disaster Management Authority’s role in addressing HAC. Key discussions included the Authority’s powers under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the integration of HAC into state and district-level disaster management planning, and the significance of aligning forest sector preparedness with the wider disaster management framework.</p>
Total Number of Participants	44



Number of Females	22
Number of Males	22
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	00
Number of Children (below 18 years)	00
Role Played by the Officer(s)	Ms. Lekha Chacko (District Hazard Analyst) - Resource Person
Output from the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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