KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
– EVENT REPORT
(14-10-2026)

District Disaster Resilience Plan Workshop on October 14

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	District Disaster Resilience Plan Workshop on October 14
Event Date	14-10-2026
Duration of the Event	One day workshop
Event Venue	St. Peters Parish Hall, Pathanamthitta
Conducted / Organized by	DDMA Pathanamthitta
Details of the Event	In connection with the United Nations International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (themed *"Resilience Starts at Home"* for 2026), the DDMA hosted a comprehensive one-day workshop to formulate the **District Disaster Resilience Plan**. Building upon lessons from recurring monsoon calamities and specifically the flash floods of August 1, 2026, the workshop shifted the district's framework from post-disaster recovery to proactive, long-term resilience and risk reduction. **Speakers** • **Smt. Deenamma Roy — Inauguration** President, District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta. Will deliver the inaugural address at 10:00 AM. • **Dr. Murali Thtumarakudy — Keynote Address** Former Disaster Management Expert, United Nations. Having worked for a long time at the international level in disaster management and environmental sectors, he is a prominent voice in Kerala on safety and disaster preparedness. He will deliver the keynote address at 10:30 AM on the topic: *"Resilience Starts at Home: Global Lessons for a Disaster-Resilient Pathanamthitta."* • **Shri. Nizamudeen A., IAS — Session 1** District Collector & Chairperson, District Disaster Management Authority, Pathanamthitta. Will present *"District*

	Profile and Disaster Risk Overview" at 11:45 AM and moderate the afternoon open discussion. • **Dr. S. Abhilash — Session 2** Professor & Head, Department of Atmospheric Sciences; Director, ACARR, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT). Will present *"Changing Climate and Its Impact: Challenges and Strategies for District-Level Defense"* at 12:30 PM. • **Shri. Arun Kumar S. — Session 3** Deputy Director, Soil Conservation Department. Will present *"Natural Resource Management Through Watershed-Based Planning"* at 2:00 PM. • **Dr. Monish Jose — Session 4** Associate Professor, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA). Will present *"The Role of Local Self-Governments in Disaster Management and Resilient Community Building"* at 2:40 PM. The workshop witnessed active participation from Grama/Block Panchayat Presidents, Municipality Chairpersons, District Panchayat members, department heads, and key officials who evaluated regional vulnerabilities and past disaster impacts.
Total Number of Participants	147
Number of Females	77
Number of Males	70
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	Nil
Number of Children (below 18 years)	Nil
Role Played by the Officer(s)	*LSG DMPC Ani Thomas Idiculla provided the idea inception and coordinated the conduct of the training workshop.*
Output from the Event	The deliberations focused on eight major sectors: risk mapping, risk-informed planning, early warning systems (including local rain gauges and river sensors linked to Malayalam-language alerts), watershed approaches, ecosystem protection, departmental coordination, public participation, and the "Build Back Better" framework. Actionable ward-level profiles, departmental blueprints, and drafting recommendations were successfully generated.

Sendai Framework Priority Addressed	Sendai Framework Priority 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction
PM’s 10-Point Agenda – Point Number(s)	Point 5: Leverage Technology to Enhance the Efficiency of Disaster Risk Management
SDG Goal(s) Aligned	SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable."
Photos/Links	 

	

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