Ministry of Home Affairs



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## India disaster-resilient and further strengthen the disaster risk reduction system

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, to participate as the Chief Guest in the 20th Foundation Day Celebrations of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) on Sunday, 19th January 2025, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. On this occasion, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for projects worth around 220 crores.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is now adopting a zero-casualty approach for disaster management, rather than a relief-centered approach. This approach aims to achieve the goal of Zero Casualty during disasters.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah, will inaugurate the campuses of three important centers on Sunday, including the Southern Campus of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), the 10th Battalion of the NDRF, and the Regional Response Centre (RRC) in Supaul (9th Battalion). Under the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Vision@2047, both NIDM and NDRF are playing a crucial role in making India disaster-resistant and strengthening the disaster risk reduction system in the country. While NDRF is taking a leading role in disaster response, NIDM is making significant contributions in human resource development, capacity building, training, research, documentation, and policy formulation.

Shri Amit Shah will also lay the foundation stone for a new 'Integrated Indoor Shooting Range' at the National Police Academy (NPA) in Hyderabad, where IPS probationary officers will be trained in firing skills. This 'Integrated Indoor Shooting Range' will be 50 meters long and will have 10 lanes, allowing ten individuals to practice firing simultaneously. The shooting range will be operational in all weather conditions, fully automated, and technologically advanced. It is being constructed at a cost of ₹27 crore. The state-of-the-art technology of this range will be in line with international standards, and it will be a unique facility among all police organizations in the country.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the NDRF has set an extraordinary example of dedication, efficiency, and professionalism in the field of disaster management. Since its formation, this battalion has participated in over 800 missions, saving the lives of more than 15,000 people and evacuating over one lakh citizens to safe locations.

In the 2016 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi outlined a 10-point agenda for disaster risk reduction, which continues to guide India's disaster management policy. In line with the 10-point agenda given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Indian Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR-NIDM) has been established under the auspices of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM). The aim of this network is to highlight the role of education, research, and training in building disaster resilience, and to develop model curricula for integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) at various levels.

To meet the needs of the southern part of the country, the central government established the Southern Campus of NIDM in Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014. This campus has been partially operational since May 2023, and in a short span of time, more than 44 training programs have been organized, with over 2,130 stakeholders trained in various aspects of disaster management.

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