

## Concept Note

### **Third Regional Conclave of SDMAs**

**Venue: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

**30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022**

Disaster Management (DM) Act, 2005 provides for setting up of a three-tier institutional arrangement for disaster management in the country, at National, State and District levels. Accordingly National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) and District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) have been constituted. It is important that these agencies work in coherence and close coordination to work towards developing a disaster resilient India.

There have been many important initiatives and efforts at all levels which have resulted in disaster risk reduction and effective management of many disasters. States also take several initiatives for preparedness, mitigation and risk reduction and have set examples to learn from them. Every disaster results in many good practices and many lessons learnt. Exemplary measures taken by a particular State/UT in the field of preparedness, mitigation and risk reduction need to be replicated by other States/UTs.

NDMA is committed towards building capacities at State and local level towards effective disaster risk reduction and management of disasters. In order to ensure effective coordination between NDMA and SDMA and to promote collective learning between different SDMAs, **NDMA planned to organize Regional Conclaves of SDMAs, involving States/UTs facing similar kinds of hazards and vulnerabilities** with the objective to provide a platform to SDMAs/Institutions to share their best practices, lessons learnt and to discuss other issues pertaining to disaster management in their States/UTs. This would result in enhanced capacity of States, cross learning between SDMAs and strengthening SDMA-NDMA partnership.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the States. SDMAs lead the disaster management system at the State level. However, it is also a fact that barring a few States, the Department of Disaster Management and SDMAs function separately. There is a need for change for greater synergy between these two parts of the disaster

management system. Similarly, there are many States/UTs, which are yet to get to that level of preparedness as compared to other States/UTs.

Though there are certain provisions of the DM Act, 2005, assigning the responsibilities to the Central and State Governments both to work in tandem, there is a lot more to be done on the ground for effective coordination between the two for taking effective measures in disaster risk reduction and management. Innovative ideas for adaptation and mitigation to the increased intensity and frequency of disasters owing to Climate change impact are also important to capture.

### **Grouping of SDMAs/Institutions for Regional Conclave:**

In order to achieve desired outcome of the proposed exercise, NDMA has planned for 4 Regional Conclaves, by grouping the States/UTs based on some commonalities of issues, hazards and vulnerabilities. This will help them in sharing their concerns and practices more effectively. The States/UTs will be grouped as below:

**– Group – 1: Coastal and Island States (11)**

**States / UTs** - Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Goa, A&N Island, DDNH&DD, Lakshadweep and Puducherry

**Venue – Chennai, Tamil Nadu      Date: 8-9 March, 2022**

**– Group – 2: Himalayan States (12)**

**States / UTs** -Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh

**Proposed Venue –Gangtok, Sikkim      Date: 14-15 Oct, 2022**

**– Group – 3: Indus and Gangetic States (6)**

**States / UTs** -Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, NCT of Delhi and Chandigarh

**Venue – Lucknow, UP, 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022**

**– Group – 4: Central and Western States (7)**

**States / UTs** -Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana

**Proposed Venue –Gandhinagar, Gujarat Proposed Date: Jan, 2022**

**First Regional Conclave of SDMAs was organised on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**

The first Regional Conclave of SDMAs was organised in Chennai, in collaboration with the Government of Tamil Nadu involving 11 coastal and island States/UTs of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry on 8-9 March, 2022.

**Outcomes of the First Regional Conclave at Chennai:**

Following were important outcomes of the Chennai Conclave:

- Need for more structured and systematic exchange in terms of making the most of each State's innovation in the space of technology.
- To work towards ensuring a minimum capacity at the district level.
- Last mile connectivity for all programmes and projects.
- Focus on neglected hazards, like coastal erosion.
- To improve upon the district, state and national level reporting on progress against Sendai Framework for action.

**Second Regional Conclave of SDMAs was organised on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at Gangtok, Sikkim.**

**Issues for Discussions were as under :**

- I. State's perspective of disaster management in India
- II. Progress and achievements vis-à-vis SFDRR
- III. Institutional setup and strengthening at State level and District level
- IV. State's Expectation from NDMA
- V. NDMA's Expectation from States
- VI. Issues and challenges in working towards disaster resilient India
- VII. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt
- VIII. Cross Learning between States – replication of best practices
- IX. Scientific & technological advancement by local institutions

### **Third Regional Conclave of SDMAs on 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

This conclave will use the benefits of the learning of the previous conclaves, and will focus on Flood, Earthquake, Drought, Heat Wave, Cold Wave, Lightning & Thunderstorm and Events of Mass Gathering.

#### **Level of Participation:**

The Conclave aims at giving due representation from States and NDMA/Central Government to discuss issues relevant to NDMA and States. Participants from following categories will be invited in the Conclave:

- i. Members/Senior Officials of NDMA/MHA (DM Division)
- ii. Senior Officials of NIDM
- iii. Senior Officials of NDRF
- iv. Members/Senior Officials of SDMA / DM Departments of States / SIDM or ATI
- v. Senior Officials of other important central and State Departments
- vi. Technical & Academic Institutions / organizations
- vii. Invited Experts

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

The Conclave aims to get results in following:

- I. Better understanding and coordination between NDMA and SDMAs
- II. Roadmap for institutional strengthening
- III. Cross learning between States
- IV. Replication of best practices & prototype development
- V. Strategies for multiplier effect of lessons learnt
- VI. Documentation of Scientific & technological advancements
- VII. Resolution of relevant issues, if any

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