

## **Regional Conclaves of SDMAs**

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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.

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

In order to achieve desired outcome of the proposed exercise, NDMA planned 4 Regional Conclaves, by grouping the States/UTs based on commonalities of issues, hazards and vulnerabilities. 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 + 1)**

**States / UTs** -Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh (West Bengal was also invited)

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

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

**States / UTs** -Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, NCT of Delhi and Chandigarh (Assam, Rajasthan and West Bengal were also invited)

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

**- Group – 4: Central and Western States (7 + 2)**

**States / UTs** -Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana (Punjab and Haryana also being invited)

**Proposed Venue –Gandhinagar, Gujarat Proposed Date: Jan, 2023**

Issues discussed during these Regional Conclaves are as below:

- 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

**Participants in the Conclaves:**

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 of the Conclaves:**

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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**First Regional Conclave of SDMAs, Chennai (TN) - (8 - 9 March, 2022)**



**Second Regional Conclave of SDMAs, Gangtok (Sikkim) - (14-15 Oct, 2022)**



**Third Regional Conclave of SDMAs, Lucknow (UP) - (30 Nov - 1 Dec, 2022)**