



Aapada Mitra Programme

Why in News

Recently, the government has announced plans to have [Disaster Management Volunteers \(Aapda Mitras\)](#) in 350 districts of the country also released documents for **Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)**

- CAP is a simple but **general format for exchanging all-hazard emergency alerts** and public warnings over all kinds of networks.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** that was launched in May 2016. **NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority)** is the implementing agency.
- It is a programme to identify suitable individuals in **disaster-prone** regions who can be trained to be first responders in times of disasters.

▪ Aim:

- **To provide the community volunteers** with the skills that they would need to **respond to their community's immediate needs** in the aftermath of a disaster thereby enabling them **to undertake basic relief and rescue tasks during emergency situations** such as [floods](#), [flash-floods](#) and **urban flooding**.

▪ Objectives:

- **Training institutions** to be empanelled by respective States/UTs at the State/UT level.
- **To train community volunteers** in life saving skills of disaster response (flood relief and rescue), coordination, assistance, and provide personal protective equipment and emergency responder kits;
- To create a **Community Emergency Stockpile/Reserve** at the district/block level containing essential light search and rescue equipment, medical first aid kits, etc;
- To **disseminate training and education tools** developed under the project to more flood prone districts in subsequent phases of the scheme.

▪ Other Disaster Related Initiatives:

◦ Indian:

- [National Disaster Response Fund.](#)
- [Disaster Management Act, 2005.](#)
- [Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(CDRI\).](#)

◦ Global:

- [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#)
- [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) (UNDRR).

National Disaster Management Authority

- NDMA is the **apex statutory body for disaster management** in India. It is headed by the Prime Minister of India.
- It was formally **constituted on 27th September 2006**, in accordance with the [Disaster Management Act, 2005](#).
- Its primary purpose is **to coordinate response to natural or man-made disasters and for capacity-building in disaster resiliency and crisis response**.
- It **envisages to build a safer and disaster resilient India** by a holistic, proactive, technology driven and sustainable development strategy that involves all stakeholders and fosters a culture of prevention, preparedness and mitigation.

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