

**SAARC Regional Workshop - Member Countries to deliberate upon the best practices on  
Disaster Risk Reduction  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Hotel Ashok, New Delhi**

The first South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMEx -2015) hosted by Government of India, was successfully conducted from 23rd to 26th November 2015 in the National Capital Region. This exercise was followed by a day long SAARC Regional Workshop on sharing best practices on Disaster Risk Reduction which was held on 27th November 2015 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. The workshop was coordinated by the National Disaster Management Authority and National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The aim of the Regional workshop was to provide a platform to member countries for sharing best practices in the field of disaster risk reduction, experience sharing on Nepal Earthquake April 2015 as well as deliberating upon the outcomes of the SAADMEx.

The Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, Dr. P.K Mishra has inaugurated the Regional Workshop in the morning, today. During his inaugural address, Dr. Mishra stressed upon the need for a more coordinated effort to deal with disasters amongst member countries of the region. He further reinforced that it would be important to systematically invest in disaster risk reduction and preparedness activities and therefore there is an important need to quantify the targets enumerated in the Sendai Framework to achieve greater degree of risk resilience.



Shri. P.K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, H.E., Arjun Bahadur Thapa, Secretary General of SAARC and other Delegates during the Inaugural of the conference

This was followed by technical sessions where issues pertaining to best practices on disaster risk reduction and strengthening regional disaster response in the backdrop of Sendai Framework were deliberated in detail by member countries. The member countries appreciated the efforts of Government of India in organising the first exercise of responding to simulated situations jointly by response teams from SAARC countries in the region as well as the conduct of regional workshop, in particular the efforts of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in planning and making them successful and impactful.

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