

**National Workshop**  
**Forging Partnerships: Capacity Building for DRR**  
May 21-22, 2018  
Venue: Hotel DV Manor, Vijayawada

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) Southern Campus Foundation stone was laid by Shri. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India in the presence of Shri. Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State Home Affairs, Shri. Kollu Ravindra, Minister for Law and Justice, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Shri. Konakalla Narayana, Member of Parliament, Machilipatnam and Dr. Manmohan Singh IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management at Kondapavuluru Village, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District on 22nd May 2018. To commemorate this occasion, NIDM organized a 2-days national workshop on "Forging Partnership: Capacity Building for DRR" in association with APHRDI, Government of Andhra Pradesh and UNICEF from 21- 22 May 2018 at Vijayawada. The aim of the workshop was to build India a disaster resilient country by enhancing the capacity of the state institutions (particularly the Administrative Training Institutes) by building partnership between the various stakeholders for this purpose.

The valedictory function of two-day workshop was attended by Shri R. K. Jain, Member NDMA; Smt. Rajni SekhriSibal, AS (DM), MHA; Shri Sanjeev Jindal, JS (DM), MHA; Shri B. H. Anil Kumar, Executive Director, NIDM; Shri. Chakrapani IAS (Rtd), Director General, APHRDI and Mr. Lars Bernd, DRR Chief, UNICEF.

The valedictory session led to the evolution of idea that focussed on developing partnerships and coordination with State Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) to hold State level dialogue between ATI, Sectoral Institutes, Universities, UN agencies in the State, NIDM and other stakeholders to draw plan of action for capacity building and operationalizing the plans.

It was proposed to have Round table dialogue to draw capacity building policy for National, State, District, Local Authorities and for Capacity Building on Disaster Risk Reduction in near future. A dialogue also to foresee long term commitments for stakeholders – UN agencies, World Bank, INGOs and Embassies, Sectoral Ministries etc.

To address the vulnerability of children and women to disasters and climate change, there is a need of establishing specific thematic centres of excellence in NIDM campuses, which can be done by building partnerships with UNICEF and many other public-private players at National, Regional and State level. In support of this, UNICEF committed to extend its support in complete form to establish Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction Center in NIDM campuses.

During the discussion, it was proposed that it is important to build capabilities of Master trainers through national and international experiences, to develop knowledge, Attitude and skills. There is also a need to develop effective monitoring and mentoring system, so as to enable each state with a minimum of 200 master trainers to support state machineries and to ensure institutional mechanisms are in place.

The session concluded with a note of establishing NIDM as one-stop shop for knowledge management for national wide Disaster Risk Management.