

2nd - International Asian Partnership (IAP) Meeting 17-19 November 2015 Hotel Ashok, New Delhi

The Asia Leaders' Meeting towards Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and 2nd ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015 was organized at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi from 17-19th November 2015. The meeting was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh who in his inaugural speech said that India has moved ahead from disaster mitigation to risk reduction. Addressing the inaugural session of the Asia Leaders' Meeting towards Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and 2nd International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015 here today, Shri Rajnath Singh said that multi-dimensional aspects of disaster related risks should be dealt with affirmative action.



Shri. Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs lighting the lamp and addressing the gathering



Shri. Rajnath Singhji, Union Home Minister during the Inaugural address of IAP

Calling upon all entities, public and private, to strengthen the international support mechanisms for disaster risk reduction by sharing of reliable and affordable modern technology for capacity-building, the Union Home Minister hoped the Asia Ministerial Meeting and IAP meeting will set the agenda for the First Asia Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) after the advent of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) due to be held in New Delhi in November next year. Shri Rajnath Singh hoped the meeting would help devise future strategies for identification of risks, challenges and equal distribution of scarce resources ultimately contributing to achieve sustainable development goals.

The Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, in her opening remarks, stressed the importance of regional partnerships as a foundation for the effective implementation of the SFDRR over the next 15 years and the need to make risk the DNA of all development plans, to integrate DRR in all development programmes and to have measurable indicators.

Further, Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, conferred the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju, as the Asia Leader for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) on behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Shri Rijiju was conferred as the first regional champion for DRR after the Sendai Agreement, giving an impetus to Government of India's efforts to facilitate regional support towards enabling community resilience in the Asia-Pacific region. Lauding Shri Kiren Rijiju upon being conferred as the Asia Champion for DRR, Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that the constant efforts of Shri Kiren Rijiju in the field of Disaster Management have resulted into recognition of India as DRR regional Champion by the United Nations.



Shri. Kiren Rijiju being conferred with the Asia Leader for DRR on behalf of UNISDR during the event

Accepting the honour, Shri Rijiju acknowledged the important role of the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the field of Disaster Management and the personal guidance of our Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in the ascension of India as the leader in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction. Reiterating India's commitment towards forging regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, Shri Rijiju said all the South Asian countries are working together to achieve the target of reduced disaster risk by promoting knowledge sharing among the SAARC countries.

During the day, Shri Kiren Rijiju moderated a session consolidating the insights and experiences from previous hosts of AMCDRRs. Mr. Zou Ming, the Vice Minister, Ministry of Civil Affairs, People's Republic of China (host of the 1st AMCDRR in 2005), Mr. AHN Young Kyoo, Director General, Republic of Korea (host of 4th AMCDRR in 2010), Mr. Bernardus Wisnu, Deputy Chief, National Disaster Management Organization (BNPB) of Indonesia (host of the 5th

AMCDRR in 2012), Mr. Chayaboi Thitisak, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Royal Thai Government (host of 6th AMCDRR in 2014), Mr. Fumiaki Matsumoto, State Minister of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan (host of the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015), Mr. Tserendash Oyunbaatar, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia (host of 8th AMCDRR to be held in 2018) and Mr. Wais Ahmad Barmak, State Minister for Disaster Management Affairs and Chairman of ANDMA, Afghanistan, gave a presentation each of the DRR initiatives taken by their respective nations.

The function was attended by Ministers from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, South Korea and Thailand, delegates from various countries and international organizations.

Making a presentation on the 1st AMCDRR pos-Sendai Regional Plan and other initiatives undertaken by the Government of India, Dr. P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, proposed six strategies for implementing the regional SFDRR plan, which include multi-hazard and multi-stakeholder inclusive approach, shared vision and collective responsibilities, making DRR a development practice, risk-sensitive private investments, building local capacity and foster local leadership, and working towards common outcomes through partnerships across all levels. He also stressed the need to take a conscious decision on whether to quantify outcome indicators in the regional plan and ensuring the financial feasibility of the plan.

The meeting wrapped up with the launch of the 7th AMCDRR website by Shri Kiren Rijiju, and a vote of thanks by the co-chairs. The Asia Leaders' Meeting was followed by the 2nd ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015, a key regional platform providing necessary consultation and technical support to implement the SFDRR 2015-2030, jointly organized by The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The focus of the IAP meeting was to collectively set the policy direction for the implementation of the SFDRR in Asia and discuss substantive preparation for the seventh AMCDRR for the Asian Regional implementation plan of the SFDRR, scheduled to be held in New Delhi from November 14-17, 2016. During the day, the members discussed Government's updates for implementation of the Sendai Framework and priorities for the AMCDRR-2016 to be held in New Delhi. Shri RK Jain, Member Secretary, NDMA, Senior Officers from MHA and National Institute of Disaster Management attended the meeting. Government representatives of IAP member countries and key stakeholder organisations will continue to meet over the next two days in a series of consultations to share and ideate strategies around effective implementation of the SFDRR at the regional, national and local levels across the Asia region.
