

PRESS RELEASE

Distribution of Emergency Responder Kits (ERK) for Aapda Mitra Volunteers under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS)

Venue: U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong

Date: 4th November, 2025

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), East Khasi Hills in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Meghalaya, , successfully organized a programme for the distribution of Emergency Responder Kits (ERK) to trained Aapda Mitra Volunteers under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS) on the 4th of November, 2025, at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong.

The programme commenced with the arrival and felicitation of the Chief Guest, Shri Lakmen Rymbui, Hon'ble Minister In-charge, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Education, etc., along with other dignitaries.

The event began with a welcome address by Shri S. Warjri, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & CEO, DDMA, East Khasi Hills, followed by a documentary screening on the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme, highlighting the role and contributions of the volunteers in disaster response and preparedness.

Smti. R.M. Kurbah, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, DDMA, East Khasi Hills, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of community-based disaster preparedness and the active participation of youth volunteers in enhancing resilience at the grassroots level.

The programme also featured experience sharing by YAMS volunteer Miss Kerda Khongwir, and a speech by Col. Deepak Nambair, Commanding Officer 61 Bn Meghalaya NCC, on partnership perspectives with various stakeholders in disaster preparedness. .

Smti. M. War Nongbri, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, addressed the gathering, lauding the efforts of the volunteers and underlining the value of collaboration among departments, institutions, and communities in mitigating disaster risks.

A demonstration by the Aapda Mitra Volunteers showcased their skills and preparedness in emergency response scenarios.

In his address, the Hon'ble Chief Guest, Shri Lakmen Rymbui, appreciated the dedication of the trained volunteers and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening disaster preparedness through such capacity-building initiatives.

The highlight of the event was the distribution of Emergency Responder Kits to the trained Yuva Aapda Mitra Volunteers, equipping them with essential equipments to effectively respond to emergencies.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Smti. K. Wanniang, District Disaster Management Officer, Meghalaya State Disaster Management Authority,

The event marked another milestone in building a community-based disaster response mechanism in Meghalaya, empowering the youth to act as first responders during times of need.

Total Nos of volunteers trained under each organization till date as under

Youth Organisation	No. Of Volunteers
NCC	191
NSS	100
NYKS	94
MBS&G	49
Total	434

List of ERK and Programme Scheduled enclosed

EMERGENCY RESPONDER KIT

Sl No	Items
1	Personal floatation device (Life Jacket Made of polyurethane)
2	Torch or Emergency Light
3	Safety Gloves (Leather/canvas)
4	Pocket knife
5	First Aid kit
6	Gas Lighter
7	Whistle
8	Water bottle
9	Rucksack and mosquito net
10	Uniform Dress NDMA/SDMA/DDMA Logo
11	Water Resistant Closing /raincoat
12	Gum Boots
13	Safety Goggles
14	Safety Helmet (Water Rafting)
15	Static multipurpose Rope







**DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY RESPONDER
UNDER "YUVA AAPDA MITRA SCHEME"**

ORGANIZED BY

STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, MEGHALAYA

WEST KASHI DISTRICT, SHILLONG

**AT
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