

PRESS RELEASE



Training for Yuva Aapda Mitra Volunteers of East Khasi Hills District inaugurated

Shillong June 05, 2025: Shri. Shanborlang Warjri, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & CEO (DDMA) East Khasi Hills District today inaugurated the 7-day training programme for Yuva Aapda Mitra Volunteers of East Khasi Hills District at a programme held at Assam Rifles Public School, Laitkor. The programme was also attended by Col. Deepak Nambiar from 61st Meghalaya Girls Bn. NCC, Ms. P. Lyngba, District Disaster Management Officer, East Khasi Hills District among others.



The training was organized by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), East Khasi Hills District under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS), a flagship initiative of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Meghalaya State Disaster Management Authority (MSDMA). The scheme aims to build a trained volunteer force of youth for effective disaster preparedness and response in the district.

The training will be conducted by the team from the Central Training Institute, Civil Defence & Home Guards, Mawdiangdiang and Master trainers of Yuvva Aapda Mitra.



Under the scheme, 600 young volunteers from four youth organisations—NCC (National Cadet Corps), NSS (National Service Scheme), NYKs (Nehru Yuva Kendras) and Bharat Scouts & Guides—will be trained to serve as first responders during disasters. The distribution of volunteers includes 200 NCC cadets, 100 NSS volunteers, 100 NYKs members, and 200 Scouts & Guides. Volunteers will be trained in batches. The training of the first batch of volunteers for 65 NCCs started on 5th June, 2025.



The primary objective of the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme is to instill a spirit of voluntary contribution among the youth and to systematically engage them in disaster management activities through a structured institutional mechanism. The programme will help strengthen community-based disaster response and build local resilience.

Each selected volunteer will undergo a 7-day training programme on Disaster Management, Search & Rescue, and First Aid, which will be conducted in batches.

Upon successful completion of the training, every volunteer will receive an Emergency Responder Kit (ERK) containing essential rescue materials. In addition, they will be covered under a three-year insurance scheme that provides protection against life risk, injury, and disability.

These trained volunteers will be mobilized and utilized during various disaster preparedness and emergency response activities in the district, contributing significantly to saving lives and reducing disaster impacts.

The District Administration and DDMA expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and called for the continued support of institutions, families, and communities in encouraging youth participation in this crucial initiative.