

# International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction, 2014

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## One day awareness workshop on ‘Elders in need of Palliative Care during Disasters’

Held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Institute of Land and Disaster Management, Thiruvananthapuram

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Report



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## **1 Background**

The KSDMA and ILDM with the support of GoI-UNDP Project on Enhancing institutional and community resilience to disasters and climate change (2013-17) celebrated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction at ILDM on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014. In line with the theme of IDRR day, 2014 – ‘Step up: Ageing Population’, a one day long awareness programme on ‘elders in need of palliative care during disasters’ was organized.

### **1.1 Objectives:**

Objectives of the workshop were to create awareness to the stakeholders in disaster management regarding:

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Activities of KSDMA and ILDM in Disaster Risk Reduction
- Sensitizing youth regarding palliative care and the special needs of such patients such that special care may be delivered to them in the event of calamities that affect them
- Release of various maps and books produced by SEOC and ILDM

## **2 The Palliative Care Workshop**

The awareness workshop on ‘elders in need of palliative care during disasters’ began at 9 am. Three specialized trainers from Pallium India (<http://palliumindia.org/>) conducted the workshop with demonstrations and illustrations. Participants included representatives of Student Police Cadets, National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps etc. The classes handled included basics of palliative care, cancer – myth and reality, general knowledge regarding treatment options and palliative care during disaster times.

An evaluation was conducted after the workshop to understand the feedback of the participants. Students expressed high degree of satisfaction in the workshop content. However, they explained that hands on training with more than a day workshop would have been more beneficial. They also opined that a separate session may be kept in the State Disaster Management Plan wherein care for chronically ill individuals during disasters is specifically addressed. The workshop was stopped for a one hour period starting 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm prior to lunch for the inauguration session.

## **3 Inauguration session**

The inauguration session began at 12.00 pm. Shri. Amal Raj, Asst. Professor, Disaster Management Centre, ILDM delivered the welcome address. Prof. Dr. Keshav Mohan, Member, KSDMA & Director, ILDM chaired the function and delivered a brief introduction about the IDRR day and the need for conducting a special workshop on palliative care. Hon’ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management, Shri. Adoor Prakash delivered the inaugural address. He stressed up the need to be preparedness oriented instead of response oriented in disaster management. He highlighted the fact that young generation should be aware of the possible hazards that the state is exposed to and should learn and be prepared for undertaking basic response. He also reiterated that responsible local actions are needed toward build a safer world.

Hon’ble Minister released a number of maps and multi-media learning materials related to Disaster Risk Management, they being:

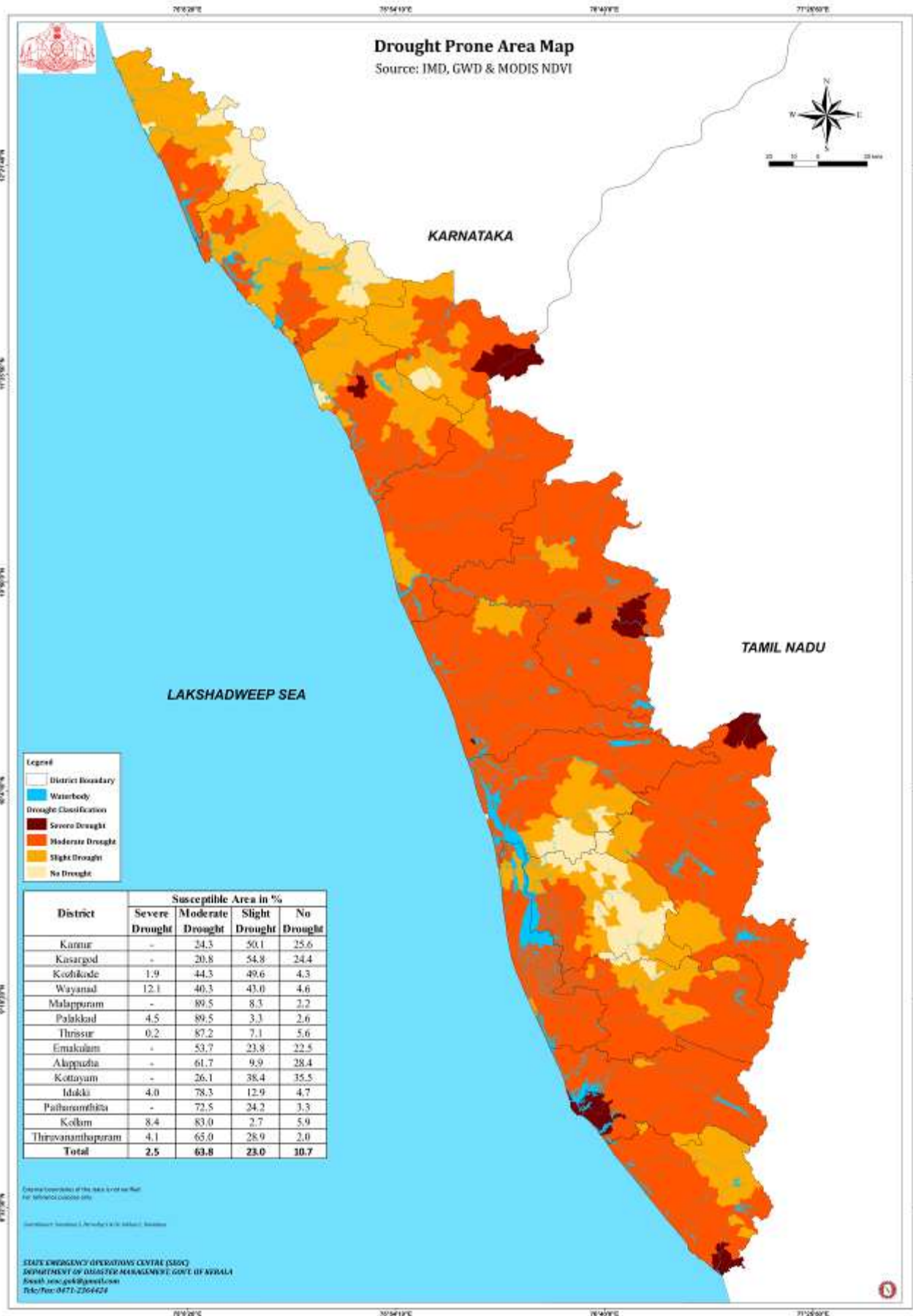
1. Cartoon animation short film on disaster risk reduction for children

2. Drought prone area map of Kerala
3. Major industrial accident hazard susceptibility map of Kerala
4. Village wise lightning frequency map of Kerala
5. Disaster in Numbers, 2013, Monsoon (June to December) – an abstract
6. Disaster in Numbers – Fact Sheet on Coastal Erosion related losses in Kerala (2002-2012) – an abstract
7. Disaster reporting mobile application for public
8. Handbook on Disaster Management – Volume 1 – Natural Hazard Susceptibility of Kerala
9. Handbook on Disaster Management – Volume 2 – Emergency Operations

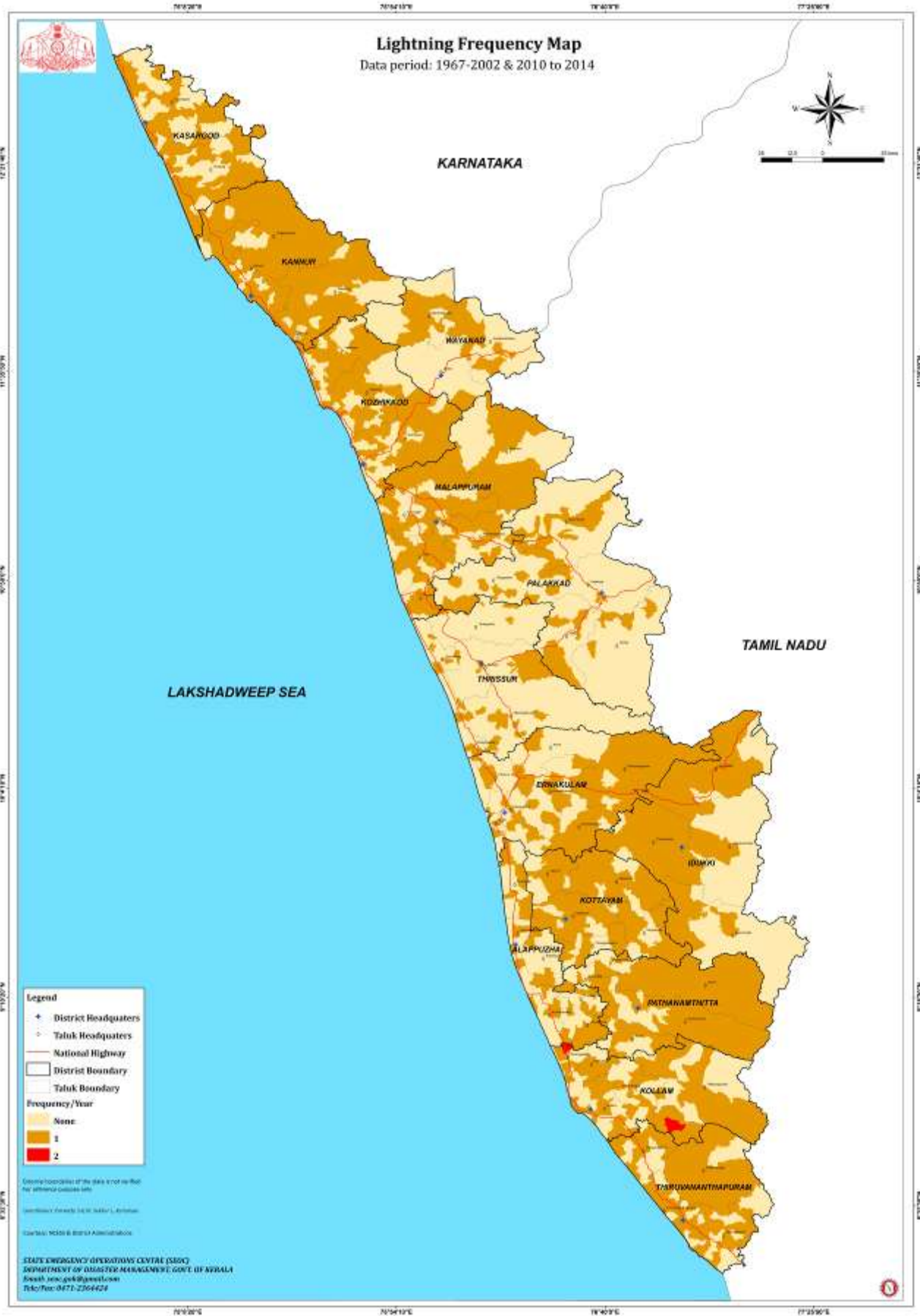
Dr. Sekhar L. Kuriakose, Member, KSDMA & Head (Scientist), State Emergency Operations Centre delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop on palliative care continued after the lunch till 3.30 pm and concluded with the distribution of the participation certificates.

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<http://disasterlesskerala.org/maps/>



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## Glimpses of the Event