

South Asia Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (SAADRI) at CoEDMM, IIT Roorkee

The South Asia Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (SAADRI) is formed at the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (CoEDMM), IIT Roorkee, India on 13th November 2020.

On 6th November 2020 during the First Jai Krishna Memorial Lecture hosted by the CoEDMM, IIT Roorkee, the IIT Roorkee Director, Professor A K Chaturvedi announced the commencement of SAADRI in CoEDMM, IIT Roorkee. Other dignitaries present were Ms Mami Mizutori, UNDRR Head & Special Representative to UN Secretary-General, Dr P K Mishra, Sasakawa Laureate of UNDRR and Principal Secretary of PM of India, and 500 plus dignitaries & participants online.

The SAADRI aims to deepen the understanding of disasters in the South Asia Region including climate change impact, learn from evidence-based lessons, investigate and resolve implementation challenges, to achieve better resilience, infrastructure and technology adoption systems, improved livelihood of people, and promote societal safety culture by integrating knowledge and technologies.

At the formation stage SAADRI will start with members from 5 South Asian countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. And it will co-opt members from other countries too. The SAADRI Secretariat can be reached at SAADRI@iitr.ac.in and SAADRI.iitr@gmail.com.

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