

MULTI-STATE MOCK EXERCISE ON CYCLONE, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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Goa, Maharashtra and Karnataka will participate in a multi-state-level mock exercise on cyclone and cyclone-induced disasters on October 1, 2026, with the objective of strengthening inter-state coordination, emergency response and operational preparedness.

The exercise is coordinated by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and follows an Orientation and Coordination Conference held on September 21, 2026. The exercise is scheduled at the Goa State Secretariat on September 28, followed by preparatory activities, site surveys and rehearsals on September 29 and 30, 2026.

As part of the preparations, the District Magistrates of North Goa, South Goa and the Kushavati districts in the State reviewed the preparedness with the line departments and other stakeholders, taking stock of the arrangements and ensuring coordinated response mechanisms for the exercise.

The mock exercise will cover 24 locations across Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra, including multiple sites in North, South and Kushavati Districts of Goa. The exercise is designed around a severe cyclone scenario involving a storm surge of up to three metres in coastal, creek and riverine areas and rainfall of 175–200 mm over 24–36 hours, Road blockage due to incessant rains, Rescue of Fishermen from Rough Seas, Fuel Leakage resulting in fire, Drowning incident at water fall, etc.

A key focus will be the establishment of Unified Command at the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC), District Emergency Operations Centres (DEOCs) and exercise sites. The system will bring together district administration, line departments, police, fire services, medical agencies, armed forces, CAPFs, industry and critical infrastructure operators for coordinated response and resource mobilisation.

The exercise will also test Emergency Support Functions covering search and rescue, communications, transportation, fire and emergency services, public works, medical services, water and sanitation, energy, public safety, emergency shelter, critical infrastructure and logistics.

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