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3 villages to participate in UN sponsored Tsunami mock drill

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Summary: Seventeen line departments along with Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, National Disaster Response Force, NDMA and NIDM will be part of the mock drill. BENGALURU: Participating along with 23 other nations in the Indian Ocean, three villages from Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada will be part of a largescale Tsunami mock drill supported by the UN on September 7 and 8 of this month. The three villages include, Bettampaddy in Dakshina Kannada, Kodauru in Udupi and Majale in Uttara Kannada District. The drill will involve evacuation of around 750 people from the above selected villages. Simulation on causality management, traffic management and law and order situation will be done during the course of the drill. The drill will also facilitate exercising the standard operating procedures (SOPs) of emergency services and evaluating theirstate of readiness to handle tsunami-like emergency situations.

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Seventeen line departments along with Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, National Disaster Response Force, NDMA and NIDM will be part of the mock drill. The drill will start at 11:30 am and will last till 8:30 pm. The drill, known as IOWave16, is being organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission(IOC) of UNESCO, which coordinated the setting up of Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS) in the aftermath of the December 26, 2004 tsunami. The mock drill will comprise of two scenarios, with the first simulating an earthquake with a magnitude of 9.2 south of Sumatra, Indonesia, on 7 September and the second scenario will simulate an earthquake with a magnitude of 9.0 in the Makran Trench south of Iran and Pakistan on 8 September. The second scenario will trigger the mock drill in the three villages of Karnataka. The exercise will be conducted in real time lasting for about 12 hours and ITEWC will issue 15 tsunami bulletins to both national and regional stakeholders throughGTS, email, fax, SMS as well as on its website. The major objectives of IOWave16 include testing the efficiency of communication links between TSPs,NTWCs, Disaster Management offices and local communities at risk. The drill will also facilitate exercising the standard operating procedures (SOPs) of emergency services and evaluating their state of readiness to handle tsunami-like emergency situations.

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