

Use technology fully 'for disaster reduction'

Information systems should be locally responsive: Mithi

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PUDUCHERRY: Lt. Governor Mukut Mithi has said that the recent technological advancement has increased the potential for application of communication technology in disaster mitigation.

At the same time, the advancement should be used for the benefit of mankind. Inaugurating a one-day workshop on "Integration of Technology with Community-based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)" organised by the Pondicherry Multipurpose Social Service Society (PMSSS) here on Wednesday, Mr. Mithi said that effective disaster preparedness required capacity to receive monitoring information and to convert it into credible and timely alert.

Stating that communication technology could enable establishment of networks lining emergency operation centres, broadcasting systems and frontline communities, he said that this network could educate the communities on disaster preparedness, track hazards, alert authorities and give timely warning to vulnerable sections. Information systems for disaster reduction should be open and locally responsive.



TACKLING ISSUES: Lt. Governor Mukut Mithi addressing a workshop on "Integration of Technology with Community-based Disaster Preparedness" in Puducherry on Wednesday. Archbishop of Puducherry and Cuddalore Most Rev Fr. Antony Anandarayar (extreme right) is in the picture.

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saying that the foundation's knowledge centres were able to alert the people of Nallavadu and Veerampatinam immediately after the first waves struck. The foundation was able to save hundreds of lives.

Mr. Mithi also appreciated the efforts of the PMSSS for

manner. Deliberations at the workshop should be documented and a line of action drawn up to evolve effective strategies for application of the technology in disaster mitigation.

Archbishop of Puducherry and Cuddalore Diocese Most Rev Fr. Dr. Antony Ananda-

technologies in disaster preparedness.

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