

### **Ms Preeti Negi (India)**



I am Preeti Negi, hailing from Kinnaur, a tribal region in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. I hold a Master's degree in Disaster Management and a Bachelor's degree in Geography (Honours). With over eight years of professional experience in disaster management, I have worked extensively at both national and district levels, contributing to disaster risk reduction (DRR), response coordination, and community capacity building.

Currently, I am serving as the Training and Capacity Building Coordinator at the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. My responsibilities include designing and implementing DRR initiatives, conducting community awareness programs, organising mock drills, and strengthening disaster resilience through innovative and community-centred approaches. I have also played a critical role in coordinating disaster response operations during major calamities in Himachal Pradesh, ensuring effective and timely ground-level interventions.

Previously, I served as a Young Professional at the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), where I contributed to research and data collection on COVID-19 cases across India in 2020. This experience provided me with a deeper understanding of disaster management at the national level, especially in dealing with complex, large-scale emergencies.

As a Visiting Researcher (VR) at the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), I aim to expand my expertise by focusing on developing community-based disaster preparedness strategies to enhance grassroots-level resilience, exploring cost-effective and locally tailored disaster-resilient infrastructure solutions, and understanding Japan's advanced application of technology and innovation in disaster management.

This opportunity will enable me to integrate global best practices into the disaster management frameworks of my home state and country. My ultimate goal is to enhance disaster preparedness, reduce vulnerabilities, and contribute to building safer, more resilient communities in disaster-prone regions of India.

I extend my sincere gratitude to ADRC, the Government of India, and the Government of Himachal Pradesh for this incredible opportunity to participate in the VR Program. I look forward to contributing to and learning from this esteemed platform.