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Sub: Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra receives United Nations Sasakawa Award-2025 for Disaster Risk Reduction

India celebrates a moment of immense pride as **Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra**, Director General of Meteorology, **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**, has been awarded the **United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 for Disaster Risk Reduction**.

Established in 1986 with the support of **The Nippon Foundation**, the United Nations Sasakawa Award is the most prestigious international recognition in the field of disaster risk reduction. It honours individuals and institutions that have made outstanding contributions to building disaster-resilient communities.

The theme for 2025, ***"Connecting science to people: Democratizing access to innovation and technology for disaster-resilient communities,"*** underscores the significance of Dr. Mohapatra's groundbreaking work in minimising deaths due to any cyclone over the north Indian Ocean region, not only in India, but also in 13 WMO/ESCAP Panel member countries bordering the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Affectionately known as the **"Cyclone Man of India,"** he has been instrumental in making scientific forecasting accessible to vulnerable populations, thereby saving countless lives and minimizing disaster impacts across the country.

He pioneered **impact-based forecasting**, tailoring warnings for farmers, fishermen, infrastructure, and disaster managers. His people-centric approach brought accuracy, clarity, and trust.

This accolade not only recognizes Dr. Mohapatra's insightful leadership but also reaffirms **India's growing role in advancing global disaster risk management**.

The India Meteorological Department expresses sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences and Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences for their visionary leadership and encouragement for improvement of Early Warning System benefiting not only the country but also the entire region.



(a)Mr. Kamal Kishore, Secretary General, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of UNDRR presenting Sasakawa Award to Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department & 3rd Vice President of WMO, **(b)** Dr. Mohapatra presenting Thanksgiving speech for the honour, **(c)** Dr Mohapatra with other Awardees and **(d)** Indian delegation in Geneva

For viewing Dr. M Mohapatra receiving the Award, kindly click here:

<https://x.com/Indiametdept/status/1930698167009595657>

For viewing entire Award Ceremony, kindly click here:

https://youtu.be/VmG8G_bwiJ4

For details of Award, kindly click here:

<https://globalplatform.undrr.org/conference-event/2025-sasakawa-awards-disaster-risk-reduction-announces-shortlisted-candidates>