

CDPC Activities 2024-2026

Comprehensive overview of the Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Climate Resilience activities spanning initial visibility building to strategic research and governance initiatives.

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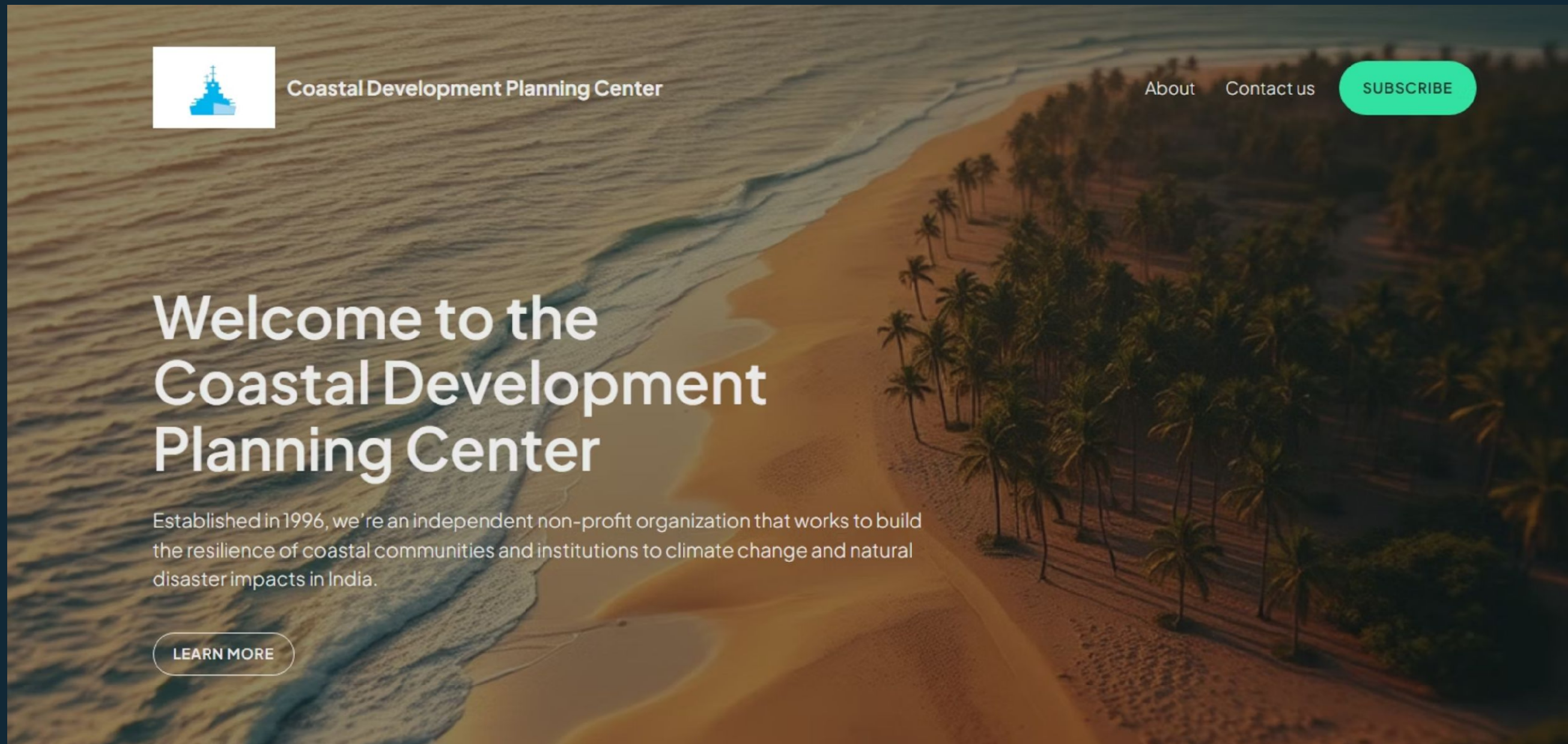
Phase I: Initial Activities and Visibility (2024–Early 2025)

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July 26, 2024 – International Mangroves Day Conference, Bhubaneswar

CDPC made its debut in high-level policy forums by joining this international event. The focus was on the role of mangroves in climate resilience and as natural shields against cyclones and storm surges. CDPC's presence helped it build visibility among government agencies, researchers, and civil society partners working in the coastal ecosystem space.



Late 2024 – Launch of CDPC Website (cdpcindia.org)

Marked a key step towards institutional identity and outreach. Served three main functions: Knowledge Repository to host reports, papers, and policy briefs; Communication Hub as a central point for updates, events, and collaboration; and Visibility Tool showcasing CDPC's growing body of work to national and international partners.

The banner features a scenic background of a tropical beach with turquoise water, white sand, and palm trees. In the top left corner is the CPPR 20th Anniversary logo. In the top right corner is the logo for The Asia Foundation, with the tagline "Improving Lives. Expanding Opportunities". The main text is centered and reads "EVENT REPORT" in large white letters, followed by "WEBINAR:" and the title "Building Coastal Resilience: Innovative Approaches to Disaster Management in India" in a slightly smaller white font. At the bottom, a light brown rounded rectangle contains a calendar icon next to the date "6th JAN, 2025", a vertical line separator, and a clock icon next to the time "4 PM - 5 PM IST".

EVENT REPORT

WEBINAR:

Building Coastal Resilience: Innovative Approaches to Disaster Management in India

6th JAN, 2025 | **4 PM - 5 PM IST**

Jan 6, 2025 – CPPR Webinar on Coastal Resilience

CDPC contributed to "Building Coastal Resilience: Innovative Approaches to Disaster Management in India." Presented Indian case studies on disaster preparedness, particularly where traditional mechanisms are under stress from climate change. Highlighted gaps in risk communication, preparedness of local institutions, and integration of climate data into planning.



Mar 10, 2025 – Draft Paper Submission

Submitted draft paper: "Marine Disaster Preparedness Gaps in India (2019–2025)." Paper reviewed five years of marine hazard preparedness efforts.

Identified systemic weaknesses in cyclone shelters, early warning outreach, and resource allocation for fishing communities. First major knowledge product authored under CDPC's name.



ALL INDIA
DISASTER MITIGATION INSTITUTE

Virtual Roundtable on Coastal Disasters with a Focus on Extreme Heat: Perspectives from South Asia



Thursday, August 7, 2025



04:00 PM to 05:00 PM IST (+ 05:30 UTC)



Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5c87rsb8>



Scan here to register

SPEAKERS

MODERATOR



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Leading Disaster and
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Dr. M. Krishnaveni,
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Dr. (Cdr) Arnab Das,
Founder and Director,
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Center, India



Mr. Mihir R. Bhatt,
Director, All India
Disaster Mitigation
Institute (AIDMI), India



Mr. Spandan Pandya,
Ludwig Maximilian
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Join us for a timely roundtable exploring how extreme heat is rapidly intensifying coastal disasters across South Asia. From the Sundarbans to Sri Lanka's western coast, communities are facing a silent emergency of rising temperatures, water stress, collapsing livelihoods, and health risks. This event marks the launch of the new Southasiadisasters.net issue titled "Coastal Disasters with a Focus on Extreme Heat: Perspectives from South Asia", bringing together local voices, researchers, and policymakers to spotlight inclusive, gender-sensitive, and youth-driven solutions. Be part of the dialogue to shape a just and climate-resilient coastal future.

Supported by Coastal Development Planning Center.

Phase II: Coastal Resilience Roundtable

Aug 7, 2025 (Jointly with AIDMI)

Event: "Coastal Disasters with a Focus on Extreme Heat: Perspectives from South Asia."

Ishrat Shamim (Bangladesh)

Gendered vulnerabilities and empowerment.

**Muhammad Taher
(Bangladesh)**

South Asia as overlapping climate hotspot.

Dr. Krishnaveni (India)

Marine heatwaves as a "silent emergency."

Dr. Arnab Das (India)

Underwater Domain Awareness (technology-driven solutions).

Spandan Pandya

(Germany)
such as connectors between science & culture.

Way Forward & Impact from Roundtable

Way Forward

Agreed:

- 1 Initiate pilot projects in coastal districts.
- 2 Integrate extreme heat into disaster management frameworks.
- 3 Create regional consortium on marine heatwaves.
- 4 Focus on youth/women's leadership training.

Impact:

- CDPC emerged as a convener of regional dialogues.
- Built credibility by linking academic knowledge with policy and grassroots perspectives.

Final Integrated Timeline (2024-2026)

