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### **A one-day seminar chaired by Chief Secretary Mr. Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S., on the lessons learned from the twin calamities of December 2023 and future steps - 03.02.2024**

Tamil Nadu is prone to multiple hazards and the recent past is marked by an increased frequency of climate change induced extreme weather events. The extreme weather events of December 2023, viz., Michaung Cyclone and Extremely heavy rainfall and flooding in Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu, are that impacts of climate change induced disasters, which are becoming massive and interconnected.

In this context the Chief Secretary to Government had organised a one day workshop on "Learnings from Twin Natural Calamities of December 2023 and Way Forward". To understand the experience of the officials who were directly involved in the Twin Calamities, this workshop provided a forum to brainstorm the challenges faced during the Twin Calamities of December 2023 and evolve the way forward. Their knowledge, Experience and Collective wisdom is expected to guide the State to prepare itself for the future.

The officials were grouped into 7 teams and they discussed on

1. Multi-Hazard Early Warning System
2. Response – Search, Rescue and Evacuation
3. Relief distribution
4. Temporary Recovery and Reconstruction
5. Urban Planning to Mitigate Floods
6. Community Engagement
7. Media Relationship

Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, Heads of the Departments, Police, Fire Services, District Collectors, Corporation Officials and Technical Experts both from State and Central Government participated in the group discussion and came out with valuable action plans.

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