

## **Mr. Prem Kumar, India**



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Mr. Prem Kumar has worked for 30 years to raise awareness of disaster risk reduction among people in the Himalaya region, which is prone to landslides, cloud bursts, avalanches and floods. He has trained 800 individuals from government, NGOs, students, teachers and local communities on rescue operations and disaster management. ‘The large number of disasters each year in the form of floods, cyclones, earth quakes, land slides, fires, avalanches and road accidents cause a lot of loss to life and property.

It is concerning that nothing much has been done in the area of disaster management at the community level. Most of the critical work is left to the defence and paramilitary forces,’ says Mr. Kumar. Mr. Kumar, with the help of the Mountaineering and Allied sports Institute, conducts short courses in first aid, use of ropes and knots in different situations, and improvised shelters in jungle, snow and desert areas. ‘We are getting good responses in the community level. The programmes are in local language so people can understand better. Trained people can save themselves and rescue others when sudden natural calamities occur.’

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