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Prof. Santosh Kumar, an economist, disaster, risk reduction, and capacity development expert with **more than three decades** of combined experience of administration and academics in different positions in the Development Planning and DRR Sector.

An economist trained in Disaster Management and also studied Gender & Development. Backed with the exposure of administration and academics, he could lead the two Institutions as Director , namely SAARC Disaster Management Centre an inter-governmental body and National Institute of Disaster Management as ED I/C .

He could provide leadership role in the expansion of Institutions and expanded its academic persona to the international level. Training modules, Training Need Assessment, development of PDNA tools, bringing out publication on climate change, Rapid Disaster Assessment, Mainstreaming DRR, Disaster Management impact on South Asia and west Asia are the key.

During Kerala 2018 and 2019 floods his proactive initiatives led to the deep engagement of NIDM in carrying out PDNA study and also undertaking research and documentation activities. NIDM Southern Campus started with action and now new Child Centered DRR has been set up with the support of UNICEF. NIDM's Rohini Campus DPR and laying of foundation stone was done. For undertaking the Sendai framework forward assisted state governments.

He also participated in various national and international seminar as part of the Govt of India's delegation.

He has worked with Intergovernmental organization, World Bank, national and state governments in different capacities. As a Director SAARC Disaster Management Centre and also as additional charge of Executive Director I/C National Institute of Disaster Management led the organisations from front in achieving its objectives.

He brings rare combination of exposure variation from grass root to national to international levels in all aspects spanning DRR with special expertise in Post disaster loss assessment, Recovery and inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction. Many disaster risk reduction innovative tools have been implemented are to his credit. Visioning, strengthening and building sustainable institutions are his passi

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