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Disaster management centre opened

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MALAPPURAM: The district administration opened a disaster management centre at the Collectorate here on Thursday.

Deputy Collector M.C. Venugopal inaugurated the centre.

A control room functioning round-the-clock became functional at the centre. Village disaster management committees have been formed in 23 fishing villages spread across 11 panchayats in three taluks in the coastal region of the district.

Task forces will be formed soon by training volunteers in various areas of disaster management.

Advanced disaster alert systems will be set up in seven coastal villages and the district headquarters. The control room can be reached at 0483- 2736320.

The toll-free number of the control room will be 1077.

A demonstration and training session in disaster management was organised at the Collectorate on Thursday.

