

The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), in collaboration with the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN), launched the Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths due to Extreme Heat (ACaSA) to address the rising risks of extreme heat. This two-day community-focused event on 17-18 March 2025 highlighted the urgent need to protect vulnerable groups, particularly small businesses and transport workers.

On Day 1, discussions focused on small businesses in Ahmedabad that face growing operational and health challenges during intense summer heat. Experts stressed that heat-related illnesses and deaths are largely preventable. Solutions shared included installing shade structures, enhancing ventilation, adjusting work hours, and ensuring hydration access. The ACaSA platform was launched as a center for research, training, and practical resources to support businesses in building heat resilience.

Day 2 convened over 400 transport workers from the Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS), who often endure long hours in extreme temperatures. AIDMI shared key strategies such as regular hydration, rest breaks, and access to cooling centers. The Mayor of Ahmedabad addressed the gathering, reinforcing the city's commitment to

climate resilience and worker safety.

Special appreciation was extended to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) for its continued leadership in combating extreme heat through proactive policies like the Heat Action Plan (HAP). AMC's collaboration and ongoing efforts play a crucial role in protecting lives and promoting community preparedness.

The launch of ACaSA marked a major step in creating a heat-resilient Ahmedabad, driven by community action, government support, and data-informed decision-making. With ACaSA, AIDMI aims to prevent avoidable deaths and build a safer future for all residents in the face of climate change.



Small businesses that are highly exposed to the extreme heat joined the launch event and discussed different adaptation measures with focus on safe practices, health safety and livelihood protection measures.



Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths (ACaSA)
અમદાવાદ કેસ સ્ટેશન ફોર એવોઈડેબલ ડેથ્સ (ACaSA)

EXTREME HEAT DEATHS ARE AVOIDABLE
અતિશય ગરમીથી થતા મૃત્યુ ટાળી શકાય છે

The Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths (ACASeA) is an initiative developed under the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) with the primary goal of reducing avoidable disaster deaths. By creating a community-based learning laboratory, ACASeA seeks to empower vulnerable populations and responders with the knowledge and capacity to prevent unnecessary fatalities caused by disasters.

The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) is committed to reducing the impact of extreme heat, particularly on vulnerable communities. AIDMI collaborates with ADN on a case-to-case basis.

અમદાવાદ કેસ સ્ટેશન ફોર અવોઇડેબલ ડેન્સ (ACAaS) એ અવોઇડેબલ ડેન્સ નેટવર્ક (ADN) હેઠળ વિકસાવવામાં આવેલી એક પહેલ છે જેનો મુખ્ય હેતુ આપતિથી થતા મૃત્યુ ઘટાડવાનો છે. સમુદાય-આધારિત શિક્ષણ પ્રયોગશાળા બનાવીને, ACAaS સંવેદનશીલ લોકો અને પ્રતિભાવ આપનારઓને આપતિઓને કારણે થતી બિનજરૂરી જાનહાનિ અટકાવવા માટે જાણ અને કમતો સાથે સજ્જત બનાવવાનો પ્રયાસ કરે છે.

ઓલ ઇન્ડિયા ડિઝાસ્ટર મિનિટેશન ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ (AIDMI) અતિશય ગરમીની અસર ઘટાડવા માટે પ્રતિબદ્ધ છે, ખાસ કરીને સંવેદનશીલ સમુદાયો પર. AIDMI ડેરા-ટુ-ડેરા આધારે ADN સાથે અભ્યાસ કરે છે.

OBJECTIVES

- Community Engagement and Learning
- Preventing Avoidable Disaster Deaths
- Capacity Development and Sustainable Impact
- Data and Decisions

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- સમુદાય જોડાણ અને શિક્ષણ
- ટાળી શકાય તેવા આપત્તિથી થતાં મૃત્યુ અટકાવવા.
- ક્ષમતા વિકાસ અને કમાઉ અસર
- ડેટા અને નિર્ણયો



Planchon, J.-Y. 1997.



ACaSA is a locally led initiative by AIDMI with ADN for capacity development and sustainable impact.

"It's fantastic to see the Avoidable Deaths Network's (ADN) Case Station for Avoidable Deaths (CaSA) model gaining momentum in India. With five CaSAs slated to launch this year, starting with the Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths due to Extreme Heat (ACaSA), I extend my congratulations to Mr. Mihir Bhatt, Mr. Vishal Pathak, and Mr. Manish Parek on this significant achievement. Case Stations represent a crucial local hub for research, outreach, and impactful work with high-risk, vulnerable populations most affected by injury and avoidable deaths. Building on the collaboration between ADN and AIDMI through the ADN-Santiago Network and the 'International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths' campaign, we eagerly anticipate our continued long-term partnership via the ACaSA initiative to drive meaningful change in Gujarat, India."

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