

Program Schedule

Title: Preventing Drowning – Securing Open Water Sites to Protect Every Life

Date: 09.09.2025; Time: 15:00 hrs. – 17:00 hrs.

Time	Session Title	Expert/Speaker	Discussion Points
15:00 – 15:05	Welcome Address	Dr. Sandeep Pandey, GIDM	Purpose of the session Brief overview of the agenda
15:05 – 15:30	Drowning: The Urgency of Action	Shri Bharat Rathod, SP (IB), Gujarat/ Shri Nilesh Dubey, Rtd. Add. Collector, Gujarat	Recent incidents in Gujarat Gaps in civic safety approach
15:30 – 16:00	Understanding Drowning Hazards in Gujarat	Expert from NDRF	High-risk areas and age groups in Gujarat Role of awareness and supervision
16:00 – 16:30	Design and Policy Gaps about Site Safety	Expert from GUDM	Design flaws in public utilities Safe fencing, lids, signage Urban infrastructure safety, Policy gaps in drowning prevention Legal accountability of site owners and civic bodies
16:30 – 16:50	Panel Discussion: Immediate Actions for Gujarat	Moderator-led Panel with All Experts Shri A. A. Sheikh, Commandant Civil Defense, Gujarat	Quick interventions Coordination between agencies, Community partnerships
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Remarks & Way Forward	Dr. Sandeep Pandey, GIDM	Action plan summary collaborative efforts ahead