

alumnus Cabinet Minister Kiran Rijju named UN DRR Champion for the Asia Region



NEW DELHI: The **UN Office** for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) on Tuesday (17.11.2015) designated Union Minister of State for Home Affairs *Kiran Rijju* BA 1994 Hansraj LLB 1998 CLC as Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) *Champion for the Asia Region*.

The honour was conferred by Margarete Wahlstrom, special representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, during the inaugural session of the Asia Leaders' Meeting towards Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Asia.

Lauding Rijju's performance, Home Minister Rajnath Singh said: "The constant efforts of Kiran Rijju in the field of Disaster Management have resulted into recognition of India as DRR regional champion by the United Nations."

Accepting the honour, Rijju said: "This recognition is an onerous responsibility on India and in my personal capacity to make India, Asia-Pacific and the world a whole safer and better prepared to deal with any disaster."

Emphasizing the role of DRR in development and poverty eradication, he said: "We recognize the importance of including disaster and climate risk management as an integral part of developmental planning and programs to realize the global goals of sustainable development and poverty eradication."

The function was attended by Afghanistan, China, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea and Thailand ministers and delegates from various countries and international organizations.