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Children training at the camp



GETTING THEM DISASTER-READY

Anoop Madhavan, founder of Survival Instincts, is all set to train 1,033 schools in Chennai to be earthquake ready. For the first time in Tamil Nadu, the government and its various departments will come together to participate in the 2014 Chennai quake response drill in association with Survival Instincts. Over 8 lakh students of Chennai will learn the six steps that one should engage in in case of an earthquake. "We are likely to witness these three natural disasters — cyclone, tsunami and earthquake — in our city. Since earthquakes come without notice, we decided to work with kids, to catch them young," says Anoop. The drill, which will be conducted in individual schools, will document and rectify loopholes during the evacuation. "The larger scheme is to get all the schools connected with the *Ezhilagam* (nerve centre of Tamil Nadu government departments) and create a central system of communication in the event of a disaster," points out Anoop.



Anoop Madhavan