# **Disaster Management Class 01**

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## GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT DISASTERS AND INTRODUCTION (01:07 PM)

Looking at PYQs and discussion around them to get an idea of the topics.

## **DISASTER MANAGEMENT PYQ DISCUSSION (01:27 PM)**

- Discussion of PYQs of Disaster Management
- 2011 NDMA Its National Executive Committee
- 2013 Disaster and pre-disaster management. Keywords vulnerability and risk assessment.
- 2014 Preparedness, El Nino and La Nina events.
- 2015 Important Words Earthquakes, Preparedness, Mitigating, significant gaps. Keywords Preparedness, mitigation, and the gaps in it.
- 2016 Important words Urban floods, high-intensity rainfall, Keywords Reasons for urban floods, the mechanism for preparedness to reduce risk.
- 2017 Keywords Tsunami, NDMA guidelines, Preparedness to reduce risk, cause, and factors responsible.
- 2018 Important words Measures taken by India for DRR, before signing the Sendai Framework, Different from the Hyogo Framework. Keywords Disaster Risk Reduction, Sendai Framework, and Hyogo Framework.
- 2019 Important words Vulnerability. How and in what ways can vulnerability to disasters be characterized?
- 2020 Keywords Preparedness, Disaster management, Hazard zonation mapping, disaster mitigation in case of landslides.
- 2020 Important words Disaster management, earlier reactive approach. Keywords Disaster management, Reactive approach.
- 2021 Keywords Vulnerability, Earthquake, hazards zonation mapping.
- 2022 Keywords Hazard, Coastal Management Techniques.
- 2023 Keywords Dam Failures, life and property, causes of dam failure.

#### **DISASTER AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (02:34 PM)**

- Under this, we shall be studying 1) Geographical Events, Natural and Man-made; 2) Concepts; 3) Structure Indian and International Structures for Disaster Management
- Concepts -
- 1) Hazard;
- 2) Vulnerability;
- 3) Risk;
- 4) Disaster;
- 5) Management. A proactive approach to Disaster management deals with Pre-Disaster. Post-disaster is a reactive approach and fits in Post-Disaster. Mitigation is a Pre-Disaster scenario.

## HAZARD (03:02 PM)

Hazard has the potential to cause harm if not used properly. When we use the word hazard and disaster
management, we broadly classify it as events that have a higher potential of causing harm and they can
be classified into natural hazards or man-made hazards.

## Natural Hazards (03:17 PM)

- There are 5 categories of natural hazards. These are-
- 1) Geophysical Disasters Earthquake/ Mass movement of earth materials -

Short **Main Event Family Description/Secondary** Disaster Landslide following earthquake; • Urban fires triggered by earthquakes; • Liquefaction - the 1) GeophysicalEarthquake/Mass movement water-saturated soil from a transformation of (partially) solid state to a liquid state caused by an earthquake. - Mass movement of earth materials, usually down slopes Surface displacement of earthen materials due to ground shaking triggered by volcanic eruptions A type of geological event Volcano near an opening/vent in the Earth's surface including volcanic eruptions of lava, ash, gas, hot vapor, and pyroclastic material. Tsunamis are difficult to categorize they are essentially an oceanic process manifested as a coastal waterrelated hazard. Tsunami Tsunami waves travel at very high speed across the ocean but as they begin to reach shallow water they slow down, and the wave grows steeper. Avalanche, a large mass of loosened earth material, snow, or ice that slides, flows or falls rapidly down a mountainside under the force of gravity Coastal Erosion - The - Flood temporary or permanent loss • Landslides Hydrological of sediments or landmass in • Wave Action coastal margins due to the action of waves, tides, or anthropogenic activities. Flash Flood Hydrological -Heavy or excessive rainfall in

> a short period of time produces immediate runoff,

creating flooding conditions within minutes or a few hours.

Cyclone, Storm Surge, Tornado, Convective Storm, Extra-Tropical Storm, Wind

Hazard is caused by shortlived, micro- to mesoscale extreme weather

Cold Wave, Derecho

3) Meteorological and atmospheric conditions

Extreme Temperature, Fog, Frost, Freeze, Hail, Heatwave

that may last from minutes to days.

Lightning, Heavy rain Sandstorm, Dust-storm

Snow, Ice, Winter Storm,

Blizzard

Unusual, extreme weather

Drought

4) Climatological

conditions related to longlived, meso to macro-scale atmospheric processes ranging from intra-seasonal GLOF to multi-decadal climate variability.

Extreme hot/cold conditions

Forest/Wildfire fires

Subsidence

5) Biological

Epidemics: viral, bacterial, parasitic, fungal or prion

infections

Exposure to germs and toxic substances

Insect infestations Animal Stampedes.

## **VULNERABILITY (03:43 PM)**

- Hazard is with respect to the factors causing the effect whereas vulnerability is with respect to the affected by the hazardous event.
- Vulnerability includes the effect on life, property, and environment.
- Vulnerability is the characteristics and circumstances of a community, asset, or environment that make it susceptible to the damaging effects of a hazard.

# Factors Increasing Vulnerability (03:56 PM)

- 1) Rapid population growth
- 2) Spread of humans to all corners of the earth
- 3) Degradation of the environment
- 4) Agriculture
- 5) Industrialisation and Urbanisation
- 6) Deforestation
- 7) Mining
- 8) Services like transportation
- 9) Creation of a large population of poor poor living conditions
- 10) Blind adherence to cultural practices
- 11) War and internal security problems
- 12) Gender inequality
- 13) Lack of awareness and lack of development planning

**TOPIC FOR NEXT CLASS - TYPES OF VULNERABILITY**