

Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction Policies

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Risk, hazard and disaster in India: a perspective from law and governance

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Abstract

Fear of disaster in the minds of human beings is as old as human civilization. The fear of disasters has given rise of many mysterious practices among human beings. By the passage of time, man realizes that mysterious practices are not enough to prevent loss in such unforeseen circumstances and they must act in advance to mitigate the loss. Consequently, a systematic approach to study the disaster started. There has been change in the approach from time to time. In ancient India, there was understanding that considered disasters as an act of God and there is limited scope for human intervention to mitigate the same, whereas modern approach to disaster is based on principle that disasters are not the killer rather human obstruction and structures kill the human beings.

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