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Q15

The frequency of urban floods due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discussing the reasons for urban floods, highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS III · 12 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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NDMA Urban Flooding 2010

National guidelines that treat urban flood as a distinct hazard and ask cities to map drains, warn, and prepare before the monsoon.

Mumbai 2005

26 July deluge that exposed Mithi encroachment, drainage failure, and the cost of a stalled megacity.

Chennai 2015

December floods linked to extreme rain and loss of wetlands and storm-water paths.

Nowcast

Very short-range IMD warning of intense rain, useful only if it reaches ward staff and the public in time.

Sponge measures

Parks, tanks, permeable surfaces, and rainwater harvesting that store or sink water instead of sending it all to a pipe.

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