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Q16

With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of recent incidents of cloudbursts in many places of Uttarakhand.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS III · 12 marks · Disaster Management

Disaster and disaster management.

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Cloudburst

Very intense rain over a small area, often taken as about 100 millimetres in an hour, typical of Himalayan catchments.

Kedarnath 2013

June disaster of rain, landslides, and Mandakini flooding that exposed unsafe construction and pilgrimage pressure.

NDMA landslide guidelines

National guidance on mapping, land use, drainage of slopes, and public awareness for hill mass movements.

DM Act 2005

Creates NDMA, SDMA, and the legal duty to plan prevention and response, not only relief.

NDRF / SDRF

National and State disaster response forces that must be pre-positioned in the monsoon, not only flown after the road is gone.

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