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"Community participation is the cornerstone of effective disaster management." Analyse this statement with suitable examples from India. Also discuss the challenges to community participation and measures to strengthen it.

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Disaster and disaster management.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Disaster Management Act, 2005

Provides the statutory framework for disaster management in India, emphasizing decentralized response mechanisms.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

Apex body mandated to lay down policies, plans, and guidelines for disaster management.

Aapda Mitra Scheme

Centrally sponsored scheme aimed at training community volunteers in disaster response skills.

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