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Q10

**Case study. There is a disaster-prone State having frequent landslides, forest fires, cloudbursts, flash floods and earthquakes, etc. Some of these are seasonal and often unpredictable. The magnitude of the disaster is always unanticipated. During one of the seasons, a cloudburst caused devastating floods and landslides leading to high casualties. There was major damage to infrastructure like roads, bridges and power generating units. This led to more than 100000 pilgrims, tourists and other locals trapped across different routes and locations. The people trapped in your area of responsibility included senior citizens, patients in hospitals, women and children, hikers, tourists, ruling party's regional president along with his family, additional chief secretary of the neighbouring State and prisoners in jail. As a civil services officer of the State, what would be the order in which you would rescue these people and why? Give justifications.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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**Disaster Management Act, 2005**

Statutory frame for rescue and relief; it supports organised command, not a private VIP airlift.

**Article 21, Constitution of India**

Life is not graded by party post; triage must be equal for equal need.

**Medical triage**

Treat the most life-threatened who can be saved with the resources in hand; hospitals in a flood are the first such cluster.

**Duty to persons in custody**

Prisoners cannot evacuate themselves; leaving them is a failure of State care, whatever their sentence.

**NDRF / SDRF**

Specialist disaster forces whose sorties should follow incident-command triage, not a political phone call.

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