

National Disaster Management Authority - UPSC Notes

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Disaster Management is a significant part of the general studies paper 3 in the [UPSC Syllabus](#). The topics internal security and disaster management are diverse and also important for both the prelims and the mains exams. These topics are also highly linked with [current affairs](#). Almost every question asked from them is related to current events. So, apart from standard textbooks, you should rely on newspapers and news analyses as well for these sections.

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- NDMA was established through the Disaster Management Act, 2005 enacted by the Government of India, and was formally constituted by Dec 2006.
- It is a **Statutory Body** for disaster management in the country.
- **Mandate:** Its primary purpose is to coordinate the response to natural or man-made disasters and for capacity-building in disaster resiliency and crisis response. It is also the apex body to lay down policies, plans and guidelines for Disaster Management to ensure a timely and effective response to disasters.

National Disaster Management Authority Vision

"To build a safer and disaster resilient India by a holistic, pro-active, technology-driven and sustainable development strategy that involves all stakeholders and fosters a culture of prevention, preparedness and mitigation."

Functions of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was established to follow the functions mentioned below:

- Implementing policies related to Disaster Management.
- Approving various plans like:
 - National Plans
 - Plans by different Ministries & Departments of the Indian Government
 - Other plans related to the National Plan.
- Laying down guidelines for State Government Authorities in accordance with the State Plan.
- Laying down guidelines for different Government Authorities in order to integrate the preventive measures for the Disaster or attenuation of its effect in their development plans & projects.
- Coordinating with the workforce and implementing the policies/plans necessary.
- Recommending the provision of funds necessary for mitigation.
- Depending on the Central Government, providing aid and support to the countries in need.
- Laying down guidelines and broad policies for the functioning of the NIDM (National Institute of Disaster Management).

Organisational Structure

- The Prime Minister is the ex-officio chairperson of the NDMA.
- The Cabinet Minister is the Vice-Chairman.

- The NDMA Secretariat, headed by a Secretary, is responsible for providing secretarial support and continuity.
- Along with this, NDMA has 8 Ministers of State as its Members.

UPSC Questions related to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

Who is the head of National Disaster Management Authority?

The Prime Minister is the ex-officio chairperson and the head of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Which Indian organization is contributing to disaster management?

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What are the stages of disaster management?

Disaster Management can be categorised into the following stages:

- Prevention
- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery
- Reconstruction

