



India Assumes Chairmanship of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre

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India took over as Chair of the **Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)** for 2024-25, playing a pivotal role in global and regional [Disaster Risk Reduction \(DRR\)](#).

- ADPC is an **autonomous international organisation** focused on disaster risk reduction and climate resilience in **Asia and the Pacific region**.
 - It was founded by **India and eight neighboring countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**.
 - ADPC operates as an autonomous international organisation governed by the Board of Trustees, with **headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand** and sub-centers in operational countries.
- India has spearheaded international efforts in DRR, notably through the establishment of the [Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(CDRI\)](#) and India is committed to the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction \(SFDRR\)](#), which it signed during the **Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction** in 2015.
- The [Disaster Management Act of 2005](#) establishes the legal and institutional framework for disaster management in India at national, state, and district levels.
 - The [National Disaster Management Authority \(NDMA\)](#) is the apex body responsible for policy formulation, while the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) oversee state and district-level policies and plans.
- **Key Institutions: National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** focuses on capacity development, training, research, functions under **NDMA**.
 - [National Disaster Response Force \(NDRF\)](#) **the world's largest rapid reaction force dedicated to disaster response. It is a specialised response force for natural and man-made disasters, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear emergencies. It operates under NDMA's direction.**

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