

National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project

Why in News?

Recently, a **High-Level Committee** chaired by the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation has approved Rs 1,115.67 crore for <u>disaster mitigation</u> and **capacity-building projects in various states.**

Key Points

- About the Committee:
 - The committee reviewed proposals to mitigate landslide risks in 15 states under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF).
 - It also approved funding from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for training and capacity-building initiatives for Civil Defense volunteers across all states and union territories.
- The National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project was approved for 15 states at a total cost of Rs 1,000 crore.
 - State-wise allocations:
 - Uttarakhand: Rs 139 crore
 - Himachal Pradesh: Rs 139 crore
 - Eight North-East States: Rs 378 crore
 - Maharashtra: Rs 100 crore
 - Karnataka: Rs 72 crore
 - Kerala: Rs 72 crore
 - Tamil Nadu: Rs 50 crore
 - West Bengal: Rs 50 crore
- Training and Capacity Building of Civil Defense Volunteers was approved for all states and union territories with a total outlay of Rs 115.67 crore.
- Previous Approvals by the Committee:
 - **Urban Flood Risk Mitigation Projects**: <u>Urban flood</u> risk management projects were approved for seven cities with a total outlay of Rs 3,075.65 crore.
 - GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) Risk Management Projects: GLOF was approved for four states at a total cost of Rs 150 crore under NDMF.

National Disaster Relief Fund

- National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was renamed as National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) with the enactment of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
 - It is defined in Section 46 of the **Disaster Management Act, 2005.**
- It is managed by the **Central Government to meet the expenses for emergency response,** relief and rehabilitation due to any threatening disaster situation or disaster.
 - It supplements the **SDRF** in case of a disaster of a severe nature, provided adequate funds are not available in the SDRF.

Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)

 A glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) is a type of catastrophic flood that occurs when the dam containing a glacial lake fails, releasing a large volume of water.

- This type of flood is **typically caused by rapid melting of glaciers or the buildup of water** in the lake due to heavy precipitation or the inflow of meltwater.
 - In February 2021, <u>Chamoli district in Uttarakhand witnessed flash floods</u> which are **suspected to have been caused by GLOFs.**

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