

What is Disaster?

“Disaster means a catastrophe, mishap, calamity or grave occurrence affecting any area from natural and manmade causes, or by accident or negligence, which results in substantial loss of life or human suffering or damage to, and destruction of property, or damage to, or degradation of environment and is of such a nature and magnitude as to be beyond the capacity of the community of the affected areas.”

-DM Act 2005

TYPES OF DISASTER

Generally, disasters are of two types – **Natural** and **Manmade**. Based on the devastation, these are further classified into major/minor natural disaster and major/minor manmade disasters.

Some of the disasters are listed below:-

<p>Major natural disasters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Flood· Cyclone· Drought· Earthquake	<p>Minor natural disasters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Cold wave· Thunderstorms· Heat waves· Mud slides· Storm
<p>Major manmade disaster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting of fires• Epidemic• Deforestation• Pollution due to prawn cultivation• Chemical pollution.• Wars	<p>Minor manmade disaster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Road / train accidents, riots· Food poisoning· Industrial disaster/ crisis· Environmental Pollution

Disaster Management Cycle

