

Environment, Development and Disaster: Challenges and Policy Responses in India

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Abstract: *Environment, development and disaster management are closely interconnected dimensions of sustainable development. Rapid economic growth, increasing population, urbanization, industrialization and excessive exploitation of natural resources have created serious environmental challenges across the globe. India, as a developing nation, faces the dual challenge of maintaining economic growth while ensuring environmental sustainability. Climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, land degradation, water scarcity and increasing disaster risks have emerged as major concerns affecting both ecological balance and human well-being. This review examines the relationship between environment, development and disasters in the Indian context. It discusses major environmental issues, the implications of climate change, disaster risk management strategies, environmental governance mechanisms and policy interventions adopted by the Government of India. The study emphasizes the need for an integrated approach that combines environmental protection, economic development and disaster preparedness to achieve sustainable development goals..*

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