



5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

For Prelims: ICDRI, CDRI.

For Mains: Disaster Management.

Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister of India, addressed the [5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(ICDRI\) 2023](#).

What is ICDRI?

- **About:**
 - **ICDRI is the annual international conference of the [Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(CDRI\)](#)** in partnership with member countries, organizations and institutions to strengthen the global discourse on disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- **Highlights of ICDRI 2023:**
 - The Prime Minister said that since [India is leading the G20 group](#), the **CDRI will be included in many important discussions**.
 - This means that the solutions discussed in the CDRI will be considered at the highest levels of global policymaking.

What is CDRI?

- **About:**
 - **CDRI** is an Independent International Organization consisting of global partnership of national governments, [United Nations](#) agencies and programs, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and academic and research institutions.
 - It aims to increase the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks, thereby ensuring [sustainable development](#).
 - It was launched in 2019, at the [United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York](#).
 - CDRI is India's second major global initiative after the [International Solar Alliance \(ISA\)](#).
 - The CDRI **Secretariat is based in New Delhi**, India.
- **Members:**
 - Since its inception, **31 countries, 6 international organisations and 2 private sector organisations** have joined CDRI as members.
- **Significance for India:**
 - CDRI provides a platform for **India to emerge as a global leader in climate Action and Disaster Resilience**.
 - It boosts India's soft power, but more importantly it has wider connotation than just economics, as synergy between disaster risk reduction, [Sustainable Development Goals](#)

([SDGs](#)) and Climate Accord provides for sustainable and inclusive growth.

What are the Initiatives of CDRI?

- **Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS):**
 - India launched this initiative as a part of the CDRI that would focus on building capacity, having pilot projects, especially in [Small Island Developing States or SIDS](#).
 - SIDS face the biggest threat from climate change.
 - India's space agency [ISRO](#) will build a special data window for them to provide them with timely information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coastline monitoring etc. through satellite.
- **Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund:**
 - The Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund is a fund supported by both the [United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)](#) and [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction \(UNDRR\)](#).
 - It is a trust fund that will be managed by the **United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (UN MPTFO)** to help in improving the ability of infrastructure systems to withstand disasters, with a special focus on developing countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

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