



# National Crisis Management Committee

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## Why in News?

The government of India has given **statutory backing** to the [National Crisis Management Committee \(NCMC\)](#) under the amended [Disaster Management Act, 2025](#), making it the **apex decision-making body** for national disaster response coordination.

## What are the Key Facts About the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)?

- **Constitution:** Formally constituted by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** under Section 8A(2) of the [Disaster Management Act, 2005](#). Earlier, it existed without formal statutory backing.
- **Composition:** The NCMC is headed by the **Cabinet Secretary**. Its members include the Union home secretary, defence secretary, secretary (co-ordination), Cabinet Secretariat and member and head of department, the [National Disaster Management Authority \(NDMA\)](#).
  - The chairperson of the NCMC can co-opt experts or officers from central/state governments or any organisation, **based on the nature of the crisis**.
- **Key Functions:** The NCMC assesses the country's disaster preparedness and issues directions to strengthen it.
  - It coordinates and monitors the response efforts of central and state governments, **NDMA**, and other agencies, ensuring smooth and unified disaster management across the country.

## Disaster Management Act, 2025

- The **Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025** aims to bring clarity and convergence among the various disaster management authorities and committees at national and state levels.
- The Act gives statutory status to key pre-existing bodies like the **NCMC** and the **High Level Committee**.
- It empowers NDMA and SDMA to directly prepare national and state disaster plans, earlier handled by the **National Executive Committee (NEC)** and **State Executive Committees (SECs)**.
- The Act provides for setting up **Urban Disaster Management Authorities (UDMAs)** in state capitals and large municipal cities and enables states to constitute their own **State Disaster Response Forces (SDRFs)**, addressing rising urban disaster vulnerabilities.