

Measuring Disaster Risks in India

Measuring anything in India is difficult, may it be rainfall or fall of number of families below poverty line. But now it is possible to measure disaster risks and resilience at sub-national level in India. Thanks are due to a comprehensive study that includes suitable risk index. The study is by Dr. P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti ([Click here](#)).

Not much thought is recently given by authorities and academics on measuring risks in India. The recent Fourth Work Disaster Congress at Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai was an exception. The good work is done at various levels. What is yet to come out is a range of methods and tools to research risks and resilience in India. The above study offers a way ahead.

Risks and resilience are understood in various sectors in various ways. As a result a fuzziness surrounds these concepts. The above study helps the readers find at least one way to overcome this fuzziness.

Most of risks and resilience work in India—may it be research or policy or projects—is at national or community level. Very little work is done on sub-national level. Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) work is a recent exception. Recent interest to build State Disaster Management Authority's (SDMA's) Human Resource Development (HRD) capacities is another exception. The above study gives us state-wise information on sub-national needs. May it be for human resource development or may it be for investments in risk reduction at state level.

The above study is an important addition to National Disaster Management Plan launched by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in June 2016.