

# DISASTERS ARE NATURAL OR ANTHROPOGENIC IN ORIGIN ? – EXAMINING THE STATUS OF OCCURRENCE IN UTTARAKHAND AND TAMILNADU

## ABSTRACT

A disaster is a natural or man-made event that negatively affects life, property, livelihood or industry often resulting in permanent changes to human societies, ecosystems and environment. This paper try to analyse whether disasters that are occurring in India so frequently are man-made or natural. It tries to analyse the triangular interlinkages between disasters, geographical conditions and industrilisation. The present study intends to look into two states of India- Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to analyse whether disasters occurring here are man-made or natural. The paper also tries to analyse the economic, health and environmental damage caused by these disasters.

**KEYWORDS:** Disaster, natural, anthropogenic, economic damage, environmental damage, industrilisation.

## INTRODUCTION

A disaster is a natural or man-made event that negatively affects life, property, livelihood or industry often resulting in permanent changes to human societies, ecosystems and environment. Disasters can be of two types- Natural disaster and Anthropogenic disaster. Natural disasters are natural event such as flood, earthquake or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life. Anthropogenic disasters are those that are caused directly or indirectly