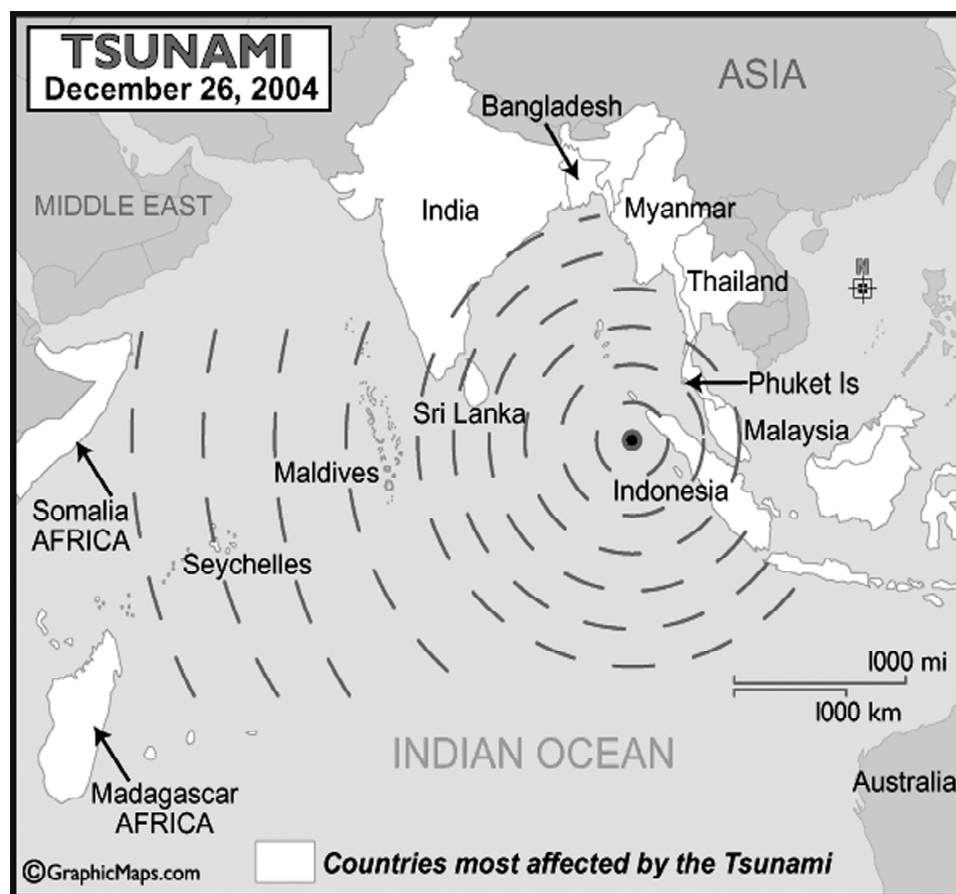


LESSON No. 19



TIMES OF EMERGENCY

On December 26, 2004 a tsunami caused catastrophic floods. It killed more than 2,83,000 people in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Maldives, Malaysia, India and parts of Africa. It is one of the worst natural disasters.



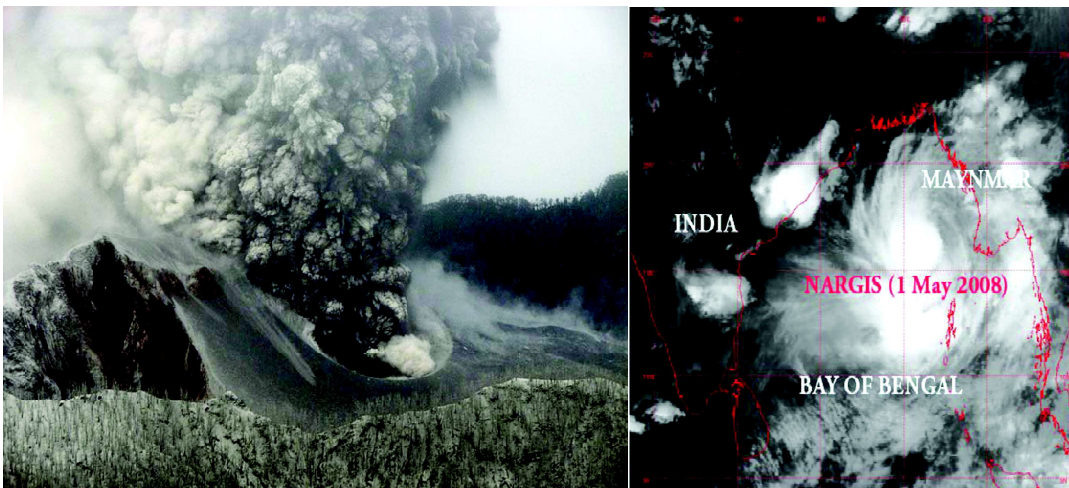
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Tsunami wave

Nargis is the name of a cyclone occurred in 2008. It killed more than 1,40,000 people in Myanmar. It is also claimed as one of the worst natural disaster in the decade.

What is disaster ?



Nargis Photograph

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A major incident which causes a great loss of life and property at a particular place is called a **disaster**.

Disaster can be of two types : Natural and man made.

Disasters like flood, earthquake, cyclone and drought are natural disasters.



Flood



Drought



Earthquake.



Cyclone

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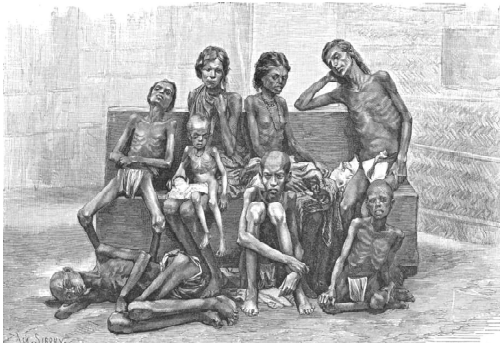
Fire, war, famine are man made disasters.



War



Famine



Starving victims



Fire

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Have you encountered flood ? Naturally flood takes place after a long heavy rain. Many commodities are submerged under water. Road and bridges are destroyed. During flood drinking water is a problem. ‘ Water water everywhere but no water to drink’ is the situation.



Water bottles

After flood generally epidemic is spread. Do you know the reason? Vaccination of some common diseases that may occur after flood should be done.

Name a family affected by flood.

Where do they take shelter ?

What are their properties damaged by flood ?

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Disaster of any kind is a very traumatic experience. Often people who lost property and their relative go in a state of shock. They need moral and emotional support. At such time community help is very useful. The community can arrange for food, shelter, clothing and medicine for the affected person.



Flood Camp

Appeal in Newspaper of Japan Tsunami



If a disaster happens in any country, people from all over the world contribute generously to help the sufferers.

The police help to maintain law and order during a disaster. They help in the rescue works also. Armed forces play a great role during disaster. Air force people drop food, water bottles, clothing to the affected area.

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Many organizations work to provide relief and support to the people during disaster. Some of these organisations are national and some are international.

Some organizations are -

**United Nations Children's
Emergency Fund (UNICEF),**



Red Cross Society,



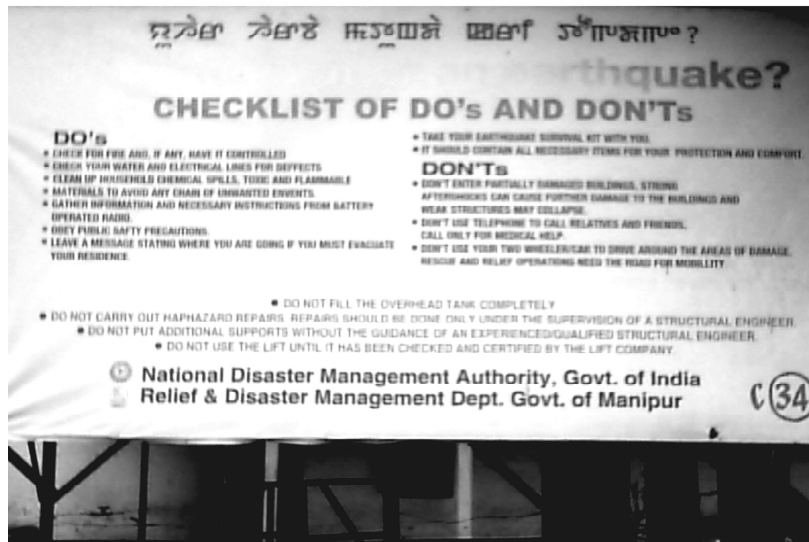
First Hand Foundation



Earthquake can damage structures on the earth without giving any hint. Till now earthquake can not be predicted. The causes of earthquake are beyond the control of human being. Awareness of the safety measures is a must for all of us.

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See the display shown here.



Do you understand the meaning of the display ? Write do's and don't during earthquake.

Do 's	Don't

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NSS

Disaster Management Scene

Don't forget we are in an earthquake prone region. Take up safety measure. Train yourself for rapid response. Don't panic.