



Maharashtra's disaster management policies

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Mumbai was largely spared by Cyclone Nisarga which hit the Konkan coast this weekend, causing destruction in rural areas. Most of the damage has been limited to Raigad district and its talukas. The state government has allocated an initial amount of Rs. 100 crore for relief and rehabilitation purposes. The worst is over but there is a lesson in it for us. Climate change will continue posing a major threat to Maharashtra's development prospects. In this context, our state has much to learn from Odisha which has evolved its natural disaster planning from lessons learnt over time. It has developed resilient housing in cyclone prone areas and innovative relief packages addressing diverse livelihoods. This approach could also be gainfully incorporated into Maharashtra's disaster management strategies. Fortune favours not just the brave, but also those willing to change

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