

International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)

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In news- The Prime Minister of India recently addressed the inaugural session of the fourth edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure via video message.

About International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure-

- The ICDRI is the annual conference of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- It brings together member countries, organizations and institutions to strengthen the global discourse on disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.
- In 2018 and 2019, the first and second International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure took place in New Delhi, India and ICDRI 2021 was hosted virtually.
- The fourth edition of ICDRI was organized in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), from 4 to 6 May 2022 at New Delhi, in hybrid format.
- Along with Indian Prime Minister, Prime Ministers of Australia and Japan, as well as Presidents of Ghana and Madagascar, addressed the conference.

About Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)-

- CDRI is a multi-stakeholder global partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks, the private sector, academic and knowledge institutions.

- It is led and managed by national governments, where knowledge is generated and exchanged on different aspects of disaster resilience of infrastructure.
- **The aim of CDRI is to minimize the damage and disruptions.**
- It is also aimed towards achieving the adaptation goal.
- The CDRI Secretariat is based in New Delhi, India.
- **It was launched by the Indian Prime minister at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019.**
- The Prime Minister had initially announced India's intention to work with partner countries and key stakeholders to form a coalition working towards the goal of improving the disaster resilience of infrastructure at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held in November 2016 in New Delhi.
- **Twenty-six countries**, including the US, Germany, UK, Australia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Japan are already part of the coalition.
- Member Organizations:
 1. Asian Development Bank.
 2. World Bank.
 3. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
 4. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).
 5. ARISE – The Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies.
 6. CCRI – Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment.
 7. European Union.
- The **coalition will not create any new infrastructure** and rather, it will serve as a 'knowledge centre' for member countries to share and learn best practices with respect

to disaster-proofing of infra.

- It works towards making existing and upcoming infrastructure in member countries more robust and resilient against climate disasters such as floods, heat, cyclones, forest fires, and rain.
- **CDRI is India's second international climate initiative; the first was the International Solar Alliance (ISA),** launched at the 2015 Paris climate change conference.

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