

Development of mountain areas over the years is upsetting the Ecological balance. suggest appropriate measures to sustain the Ecological balance

Introduction :

Recent report released by - Himachal Pradesh's Department of Environment, Science & Technology

- Mountains areas are highly vulnerable to natural disaster.

Threats to Hilly regions:

- Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand faces challenges from the vagaries climate.

- At least 25 people were killed over the weekend as torrential rains triggered flash flood & landslides.

Challenges - early warning forecasts :

India meteorological department - fortnightly, weekly even three hourly weather forecasts

✓ within these are integrated warnings - flash floods & lightning.

✓ not always accurate

✓ not provided early enough - authorities

Elided - authorities:

✓ Though the risks of infrastructure development in hills of unstable terrain - often neglected by authorities;

- The Elided the risks on the name of balancing the demands of people

Measures:

i) Increased risk and cost to projects - factored when they are tendered by government

ii) The government must adhere - strict scientific advice regarding development