

Disaster Risk Management

- India has taken rapid strides since 2001
 - Gujarat disaster management strategy widely acclaimed – **Honourable mention for Sasakawa Award**
 - Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Program initiated – **Helped develop a cadre of motivated and trained disaster management practitioners**
 - Disaster Management Act passed
 - National Disaster Management Policy and Guidelines issued by the NDMA

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Challenges

- Inadequate review of past disasters – **poor ability to learn from the past**
- Unable to evaluate future disaster risks
- Inability to fully engage various stakeholders
- Many programs based on **empirical** knowledge
- Mismatch in scale of problem and programs under implementation

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New Paradigm – Beyond Lessons

How to move from good/poor learners from the past to excellent managers of the future???

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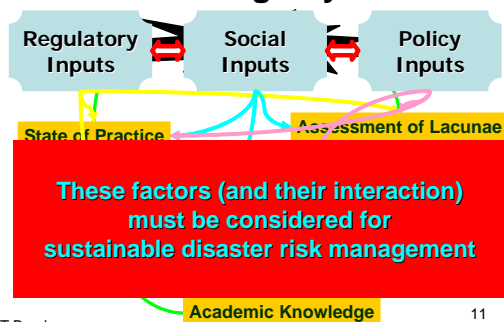
Knowledge Management

- Knowledge management is the **key** to effective disaster management in future
 - Knowledge of contributory factors
 - Knowledge of consequences of disaster
 - Knowledge of mitigation measures
 - Knowledge of preparedness measures
- Multi-disciplinary knowledge is required – **technical, administrative, social, political, financial, etc.**

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Knowledge Cycle



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Way Forward

- Lessons from the past provide important (but not total) knowledge
- Future strategies should be based on realistic understanding of disasters and the role of all stakeholders – **KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY**
- Strategies should aim to support sustainable development
- DRM should be embedded in various regular programs of all stakeholders

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