

One-Day International Conference on

GeoDRR–2026 Geography of Disaster in the 21st Century: Challenges, Preparedness and Adaptations

(Hybrid Mode)

Date: March 27th, 2026, Friday



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In collaboration with

**Integrated Institute of Disaster
Management**

Research & Development Cell,
Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, India.

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State Islamic University of Madura,
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About the International Conference

The one-day international conference on “GeoDRR–2026: Geography of Disaster in the 21st Century: Challenges, Preparedness and Adaptations” is an academic and professional event that focuses on the intersections between disaster risk and geographical dimensions. Disaster of geography in the 21st century prominences on understanding the spatial patterns, causes, and impacts of natural hazards and their interaction with the human systems. Climate change, rapid urbanization, and environmental degradation have increased disaster risks globally. International initiatives such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) emphasize preparedness, resilience and risk reduction. In India, institutions like the National Disaster Management Authority strengthen disaster governance.

The State of Tamil Nadu faces cyclones and floods from the Bay of Bengal, highlighted by events like the 2015 Chennai Floods and the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, stressing the importance of preparedness and adaptive planning. Thus, the geography of disasters in the 21st century emphasizes a shift from reactive disaster response to proactive risk reduction, integrating scientific

knowledge, spatial planning, and community resilience to build safer and sustainable societies.

About TNOU: Tamil Nadu Open University was established by an Act of the Legislature of Tamil Nadu in 2002 and commenced its academic operations in 2003–2004 with a mission to democratize higher education through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. The University’s academic programmes are duly recognized by UGC–DEB, NCTE, RCI, and AICTE. It has been accredited with NAAC A+ Grade in its first cycle and has also been granted 12B Status by the UGC, reflecting its academic excellence and institutional quality. Over the past 22 years, TNOU has witnessed remarkable growth, serving diverse learner communities including working professionals, rural learners, women, and marginalized sections. Headquartered in Chennai, the University remains committed to inclusive, flexible, and technology-enabled higher education across Tamil Nadu and beyond.

About the Department of Geography: The Department of Geography, under the School of Sciences, offers Postgraduate programmes and Ph.D. (Regular Mode), fostering advanced knowledge and research in both core and emerging domains of Geography. The Department

specializes in Physical Geography, Human Geography, Health Geography, Environmental Studies, Disaster Management, Geospatial Technologies and Climatology. Emphasizing strong theoretical foundations alongside applied research, it integrates contemporary geospatial tools to address real-world environmental and developmental challenges. The Department has organized periodically National and International Seminars, Conferences, and Workshops, contributing significantly to research dissemination, community engagement, environmental awareness, climate resilience, and regional development planning. Through its academic and outreach initiatives, the Department plays a vital role in capacity building and sustainable development.

About IIDM: The Research & Development Cell, Integrated Institute of Disaster Management (IIDM) serves as a dynamic platform for promoting interdisciplinary research, innovation, and capacity building in the field of disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. The Cell actively encourages academic research, consultancy projects, policy-oriented studies, and collaborative initiatives with national and international institutions. Through its research-driven approach, the R&D Cell of IIDM aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice, support

evidence-based policymaking, and strengthen institutional and community resilience against natural and human-induced disasters.

About UIN Madura: The State Islamic University of Madura: (*Universitas Islam Negeri Madura*), Indonesia, is a prominent public Islamic higher education institution committed to integrating Islamic values with modern scientific knowledge. Located in Pamekasan, Madura, East Java, the university offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Islamic studies, social sciences, education, economics, law, and science and technology. UIN Madura emphasizes academic excellence, research innovation, community engagement, and international collaboration, fostering holistic education that balances spiritual, intellectual, and professional development. Through seminars, joint research, and global partnerships, the university actively contributes to sustainable development and cross-cultural academic exchange at both national and international levels.

Important Dates

- **Last Date for Abstract Submission:** March 20th, 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: Decision will be communicated within 24 hours of submission, subject to review by the Review Committee.
- **Date of Registration Closing:** March 25th, 2026
- **Date of Conference:** March 27th, 2026

Major Themes:

1. Disaster Governance and Policy Perspectives
2. Climate Change and Extreme Events
3. Spatial Dimensions of Disaster Risk
4. Mountain Hazards and Environmental Degradation
5. Coastal and Marine Disaster Risk Management
6. Disaster Risk in Urbanisation & Infrastructure
7. Social Vulnerability and Inclusive DRR
8. Tourism Safety, Security, and Crisis Management
9. Community-Based Disaster Risk Preparedness
10. Disaster Recovery, Reconstruction and Resilience

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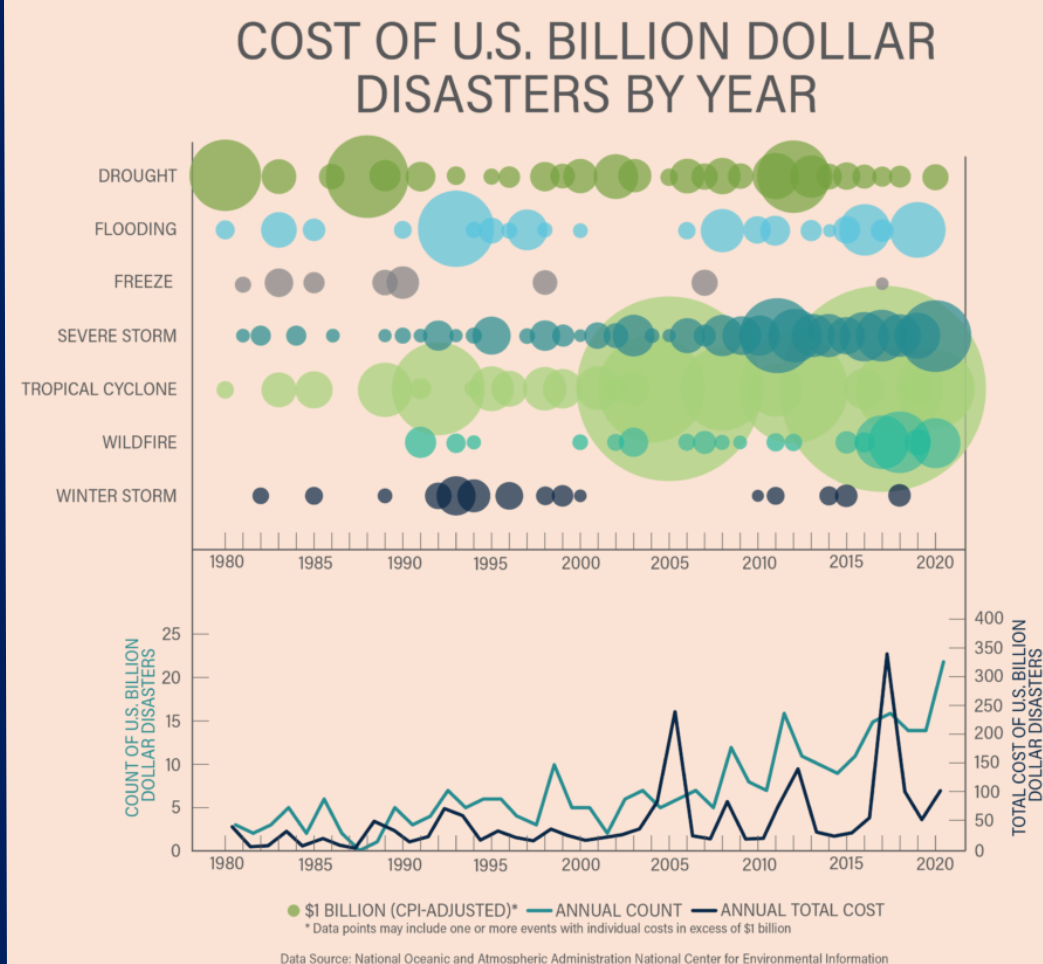
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