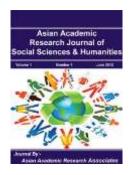


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NATURAL DISASTERS AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY, POLITY AND ECONOMY OF ASSAM (FROM THE 19TH TO THE MID OF THE 20TH CENTURY AD)

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ABSTRACT

Natural disaster is the phenomena of sudden physical, ecological imbalances occur in geographical settings of the nature. From the very beginning of the history, human being has been facing many natural problems. Sometimes it takes place in a dangerous manner and then harm upon the human being. In order to collect food from nature, the primitive men had to face varieties of adverse natural phenomena, such as ferocious animals, epidemics, climatic hazards, landslides, earthquakes, volcanoes, heavy flood, deluge created by melting of expansive ice-sheets etc. When these natural phenomena cause damage to man and his artefacts, they can properly be called as natural disaster. Natural disaster is the effect of a natural hazard. In the process of the evolution of the earth's surface, series of natural events have been occurring continuously.