

Int'l conference on health and shelter at JMI from Feb 22



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The Centre for [North East](#) Studies and Policy Research at Jamia Millia Islamia organises a two day [international conference](#) on February 22-23 "[When the Mountains move and the waters rise](#)" with a focus on disaster management especially health, trauma and housing.

It will address the need to include [community](#) concerns and priorities [as](#) well [as](#) robust research in informing and redesigning policies. This assumes priority given the devastation caused by recent earthquakes in Nepal and [Manipur](#) and the vulnerability of the entire NER [as](#) well [as](#) the Himalayan region to seismic activity.

In addition, the need for vernacular architecture (traditional housing) will also be emphasised including the Mishing style houses along the [Brahmaputra](#), the Assam-type house [as](#) well [as](#) the importance of allying traditional styles to modern technology to make buildings, villages and cities safe during disasters. Innovations from the Sunderbans, the North-[east](#) and other places will be presented along with official framework for improved safety and outreach.

The conference is being conducted in collaboration with the [National](#) Institute for Disaster Management in [New Delhi](#), the North Eastern Council and the [National](#) Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Policy (Ahmedabad).

Speakers and participants include Kiren Rijiju, MoS for [Home](#), Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla of Mizoram, [Prof](#) Shiv Vishwanathan, Dr. Shekhar Pathak of PAHAR, PD Rai, Sikkim MP [as](#) well [as](#) members of the [state](#) disaster management teams from different states, officials, specialists, researchers and activists from NE states, Uttarkhand, other parts of [India](#) [as](#) well [as](#) Nepal.

[One](#) of the highlights will be the Centre's Annual Cultral Evening showcasing Northeastern musical talent: this time it is the turn of rap singer BK Hrangkhawl, performing to the theme of 'Roads to Peace: take me home'.. Other groups will also be performing at the Safdar Hashmi Ampitheatre on February 23rd evening.

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