FAIL-PROOF AND FRUGAL HAM EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

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Indian policy makers and administrators by not setting up ham club stations within district EOCs are creating communication vulnerability led disasters resulting in avoidable mortality, morbidity, and infrastructure losses. This paper reports progress made in the ongoing research and next steps to write a white paper to create awareness for establishing ham club stations within district EOCs in India. The paper is complimentary paper of praxis talk paper Ham Club Station at Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, India. The paper explains why ham emergency communication is a fail-proof frugal system. The expected impact of the implementation of the research findings will be reduction of mortality, morbidity, and infrastructure losses after communication failures during many disasters.

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