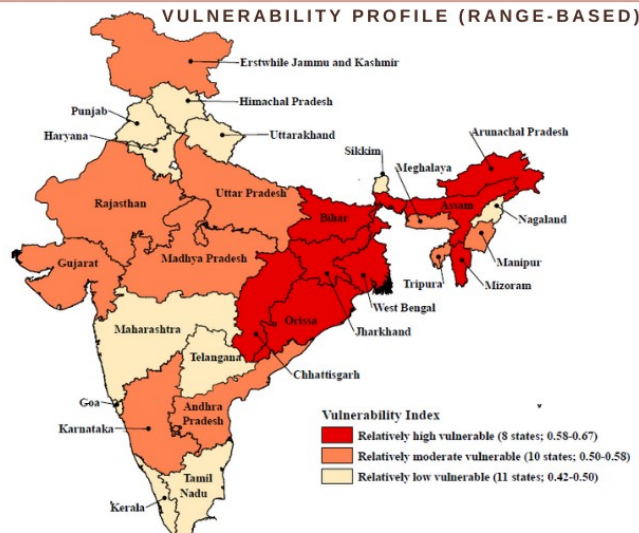
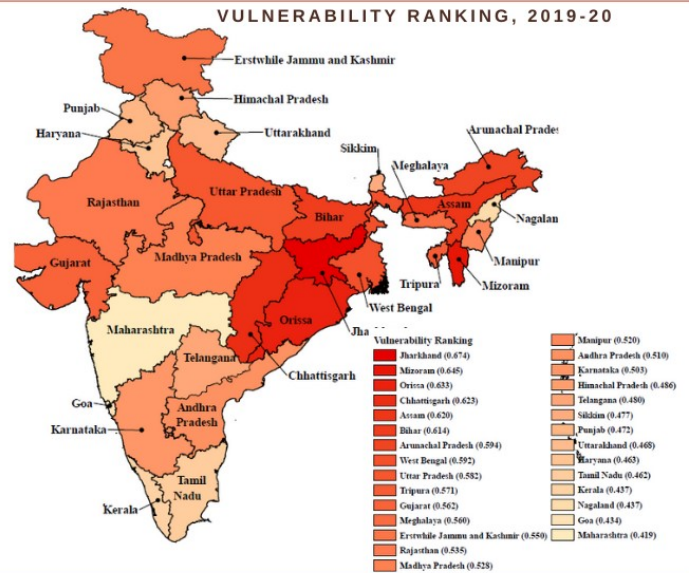


# VULNERABILITY INDICES OF THE INDIAN STATES



(Source: Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India Using a Common Framework, 2019-20)

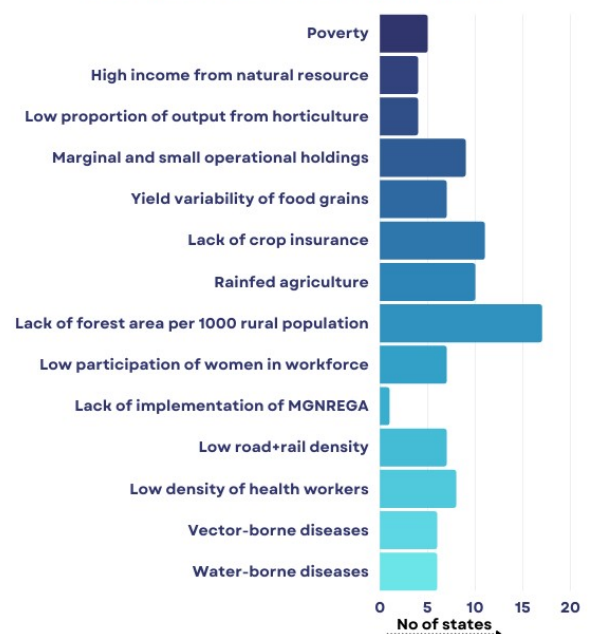


## A FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

### INDICATORS OF VULNERABILITY

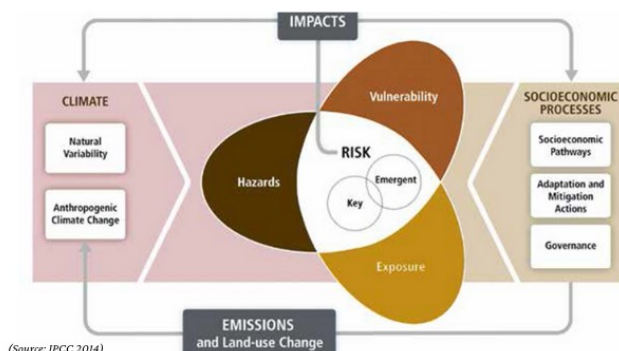
### MAJOR DRIVERS OF VULNERABILITY

<p><b>MNREGA</b> Acts as safety net by providing any adult member of a household registered under the scheme</p>	<p><b>Area covered under crop insurance</b> Crop insurance helps farming households mitigate losses caused by climate risks</p>
<p><b>Income shares from natural resources</b> Climate variability and change directly affect the productivity of natural resources.</p>	<p><b>Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD)</b> Temperature and rainfall variations can foster higher VBD occurrence</p>
<p><b>BPL Population</b> People with extremely low incomes, are among the most vulnerable to climate change</p>	<p><b>Marginal and small landholdings</b> Farmers experience immediate hardship in face of any climatic hazard.</p>
<p><b>Yield variability of food grains</b> The agriculture sector is extremely sensitive to climate fluxes, particularly rainfall variability</p>	<p><b>Share of horticulture in agriculture</b> Provide alternate income sources to agriculture as they are far less sensitive to the impacts of climate risks</p>
<p><b>Road and rail density</b> Focused on accessibility and connectivity, which are essential in regions that are exposed to climate and disaster risks</p>	<p><b>Water-Borne Diseases (WBD)</b> Lack of proper drainage, high incidence of open defecation, and frequent occurrence of floods lead to an increase waterborne pathogens</p>
<p><b>Women's participation in the workforce</b> Regions with more women in gainful employment would signify gender equality therefore such working women are less vulnerable to climate change</p>	<p><b>Forest area per 1,000 rural population</b> Forests also provide essential ecosystem services for the sustainable productivity of rural economies and building of adaptive capacity</p>
<p><b>The density of health care workers</b> The availability of doctors and health care specialists at medical institutions represents the functionality of these institutions.</p>	<p><b>Area under rain fed agriculture</b> Lack of irrigation indicates a lack of adaptive capacity to mitigate the impacts of climate risks, leading to increased crop loss</p>



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The Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, i.e., IPCC-AR5 (IPCC, 2014) defines the risk of climate change at the intersection of 'Hazard', 'Exposure' and 'Vulnerability'



(Source: IPCC 2014)

The first step in Adaptation to future climate change- Reduce vulnerability and exposure to present climate variability

**Vulnerability**  
"considered as a system property indicating predisposition of a natural ecosystem or a socio-economic system to be adversely affected".

**Exposure**  
"the presence of people, livelihoods, species or ecosystems, environmental functions, services and resources in places and settings that could be adversely affected".

**Hazard**  
"the potential occurrence of a natural or human-induced physical event that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts as well as damage or loss to property, infrastructure, livelihoods, service provisions, ecosystems and environmental resources".