



Building hazards

Why in news: The recent Shahdara fire tragedy in East Delhi, which killed nine people, has renewed concerns regarding poor urban fire safety standards, emergency evacuation planning, electrical faults, and inadequate firefighting preparedness.

Key Details

- The Shahdara fire accident exposed poor emergency evacuation planning, causing the death of nine people.
- Safety measures such as electronic locks, inaccessible terraces, and metal grills became deadly obstacles during rescue operations.
- Several Delhi fire incidents have highlighted weak firefighting infrastructure and delayed emergency access.
- Electrical faults caused by overloaded air-conditioners and unsafe wiring are major causes of urban fires in India.



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