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# Disaster Management Techniques by Deep Learning: A Review

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1 This article summarizes about the various  
2 methods/techniques based on deep learning  
3 available for predicting the likelihood of a disaster.  
4 Researchers have identified a number of disasters  
5 that can affect people, a few of them are volcano  
6 eruptions, floods, and earthquakes, etc.  
7 Convolutional neural network models are mainly  
8 used for post disaster management (i.e., analyzing  
9 the losses and damages). Damages occurred during  
10 a disaster are typically grouped into two categories:  
11 pre-disaster assessment and post-disaster  
12 assessment. The alerts regarding natural disaster  
13 prediction are performed during the pre-disaster  
14 assessment stage based on spatial and temporal  
15 information. But, during the post-disaster  
16 management, the losses are assessed (such as:  
17 damaged buildings or infrastructures) by  
18 unmanned aerial vehicles and drones. This will  
19 help to carry out the rescue operations. In  
20 literatures, deep learning has an important  
21 implication in catastrophe prediction and disaster  
22 management activities (such as: finding crowd  
23 evacuation routes and dealing with post-disaster  
24 scenarios). Some models used for natural disaster  
25 management are VGG16, LeNet5, VGG19,  
26 SEResNxt-50, and SPDA etc. This paper discusses  
27 about the pros and cons of various disaster  
28 management techniques. This will help the readers  
29 for developing an efficient disaster management  
30 technique.

31 **Keywords:** Deep CNN (DCNN), VGG16, VGG19,  
32 Pre-disaster management, Post-disaster management.

## 33 1. Introduction

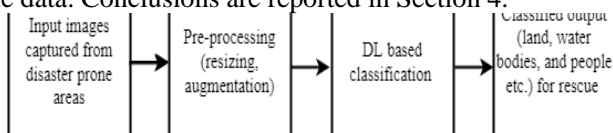
34 Natural and manmade disasters have become more  
35 common in recent years as a result of global climate  
36 change, infrastructure vulnerability, unplanned  
37 urbanization, and population development [1]. These  
38 above discussed alteration in nature affects the socio-  
39 economic condition of the affected area. Real-time  
40 geospatial data gathering and rapid mapping of  
41 degraded areas, along with rapid analysis of this data,  
42 play an essential role in reducing the negative social  
43 and economic repercussions of these conditions.  
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45 The manual pre-disaster and post-disaster  
46 techniques are slow and time consuming for  
47 identifying the damages due to flood, hurricanes,  
48 landscapes and volcanic eruptions. In the above-  
49 mentioned rescue operation is tedious and difficult.  
50 This current article mainly focusses on various  
51 approaches which are involved in the identification of  
52 pre-disaster and post-disaster using machine learning  
53 (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques. Few of the  
54 popularly used DL techniques are VGG16, LeNet5,  
55 VGG19, SEResNxt-50, and SPDA etc.

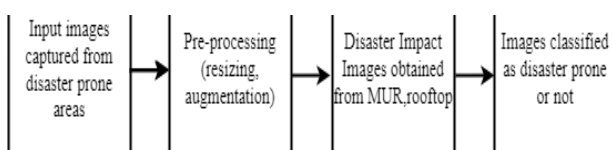
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57 Till date, many individuals have suffered  
58 significantly as a result of a lack of resources with a  
59 proper computational method which were used for  
60 disaster and pandemic management, that proved  
61 effective. It was impossible to foretell a calamity and  
62 extent of damage which was caused in a disaster-prone  
63 area. Post-disaster mitigation methods are not  
64 previously available, but the advent of various  
65 computational techniques in recent years has aided in  
66 evacuation and rescue operations. Major problem is  
67 the identification of various regions which are severely  
68 affected, loss of lives and amount of destruction which  
69 are caused where the traditional methods fail hence  
70 there is a need for use of DL techniques for image  
71 classification which provide better results in terms of  
72 performance of the models. The Deep convolutional  
73 neural networks (DCNNs) have made use of disaster  
74 prediction from the images captured and track the  
75 disaster scenarios. DCNNs have utilized various  
76 techniques for disaster identification process. In a few  
77 explicit disaster scenarios, pretrained models (such as:  
78 VGG16, and VGG19) were used for identification of  
79 hurricane. For post-disaster assessment management  
80 strategies, convolutional neural network (CNN) was  
81 applied for image classification in smart urban  
82 infrastructures [4]. Various segmentation algorithms  
83 (based on neural networks) have been used for aerial  
84 images. In case of hypothetical model, such as the  
85 digital twin paradigm, computer vision-based  
86 approaches [10] have been used for creating the  
87 simulated environment to that of natural disaster. Here,  
88 the method commonly used video footage for  
89 gathering data, data aggregation, and multi-actor  
90 game-theoretic decision making.  
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1 It is observed from various works that multi-layer  
 2 perceptron (MLP) model has been used for flood  
 3 forecasting [3]. It consists of input layer, output layer  
 4 and hidden layer. Barring the input nodes, every other  
 5 node is called a neuron which utilizes a nonlinear  
 6 function for activation. Some other hybrid models  
 7 such as bagging forest by penalizing attributes (BFPA),  
 8 decorate forest by penalizing attributes (DFPA) that  
 9 use bagging for flood risk assessment. Agent-based  
 10 modelling (ABM) is applied to detect natural  
 11 phenomena like wildfire land suppression and  
 12 hurricane on large groups [19]. Few more models like  
 13 risk assessment sentiment analysis (RASA) uses  
 14 tweets and sentiment scores [22]. CNN architecture is  
 15 used to train on internal visual data from hurricane  
 16 Dorain regions for hurricane flood prediction [30].  
 17 Different models, like recurrent neural network  
 18 (RNN) versions, are focused on sound classification in  
 19 natural disasters [25]. Collaborative framework can be  
 20 used to reduce on landslide images [27]. In this paper,  
 21 various disaster management techniques have been  
 22 discussed along with their advantages and  
 23 disadvantages.

24  
 25 Disaster management using the different systems  
 26 that can be utilized to carry out tasks like prediction,  
 27 classification, and computer vision tasks can be  
 28 represented using DL approaches. The remaining  
 29 portion of the article is structured as follows: Various  
 30 disaster management strategies are covered in Section  
 31 2. Section 3 discusses about the database used for  
 32 disaster management and the website for downloading  
 33 the data. Conclusions are reported in Section 4.



(a)



(b)

**Fig.1:** Steps for disaster management: (a) pre-disaster management, (b) post-disaster management.

43 Fig. 1 (a) discusses about the pre-disaster  
 44 management where the input images are captured from  
 45 disaster prone areas then preprocessing is performed  
 46 using techniques such as image resizing and image  
 47 augmentation techniques are employed. These images  
 48 are used for deep learning (DL) based classification.  
 49 Finally, the resultant output class is obtained as the  
 50 region of waterbodies, land before disaster  
 51 occurred (the actual images pre-disaster). In Figure

52 1(b) it has images which are captured post disaster  
 53 images, various pre-processing resizing and  
 54 augmentation is performed. The MUR rooftop images  
 55 includes postdisaster and finally the images are  
 56 classified to identify the disaster impacted areas.

## 57 2. Literature Review

58 Different studies that employ DL techniques (such  
 59 as: Deep CNN (DCNN), and BERT models) are used  
 60 for the pre-assessment and post-assessment of  
 61 disasters during the scenarios such as: volcanoes,  
 62 hurricanes, and earthquakes. Other types of disasters  
 63 that occurred in various regions of the world that have  
 64 used diverse methodologies. Various disaster  
 65 management techniques available in the literature are  
 66 discussed below.

67  
 68 Devaraj et.al (2021) [1] developed a model for  
 69 hurricane disasters using DCNN. The architecture has  
 70 used VGG19 with layers comprising 2D convolution  
 71 layers, 2D max-pooling layers in addition to fully  
 72 connected layer and output layer have been used for  
 73 hurricane damage prediction. In the case of disaster  
 74 prediction, there are two groups for damage  
 75 prediction: training data for no damage class and  
 76 testing data for damage class. A total 10000 images  
 77 were equally present with damage class and without  
 78 damage class. 20% images from each class have been  
 79 used for testing and validation.

80  
 81 Parvathi et al. (2021) [2] developed a model for  
 82 managing wildfire and flood using imageclassification  
 83 task. The images were gathered from social media  
 84 posts. The images were categorized into training  
 85 (60,000 images) and testing (10,000 images).Kumar et  
 86 al. (2021) [3] developed a data framework using the  
 87 MLP classifier to depict monthly distributionof rainfall  
 88 over a particular region in the Indian subcontinent. The  
 89 model able to found the highest andthe lowest rainfall  
 90 along with precipitation in a geographical region  
 91 annually.

92  
 93 Chowdary and Bose (2020) [4] worked on the  
 94 images obtained from the earthquake affected region  
 95 of Central Mexico to detect the presence of people  
 96 buried behind debris. Authors have used hot encoding  
 97 technique to assign '0' for representing the images  
 98 without human body parts and '1'for presence of  
 99 human body parts. The dataset was divided in the ratio  
 100 of 80:20.

101  
 102 Daud et.al (2022) [5] focused on two different kinds  
 103 of disasters such as flood and earthquakes by drones.  
 104 They have classified the disaster management into four  
 105 categories (such as: (a) planning or disaster  
 106 administration, (b) exploration and saving lives  
 107 operations, (c) transportation, and (d) training.

1 Cheng et al. (2021) [6] worked on videos obtained  
2 by five different drones for post-hurricane disaster  
3 management at Bahamas (from Great Guna Cay and  
4 Marsh Harbor). Three videos were captured with a  
5 resolution of 1280 x 720 and two videos were with  
6 resolution of 1920 x1020. All the videos have 30  
7 frames/second. Here, CNN architecture was used for  
8 detecting building flaws.

9  
10 Gupta et.al (2021) [7] experimented extensively on  
11 the satellite imagery data from the 2018 tsunami that  
12 affected Palu, Indonesia. The disaster impact  
13 assessment, compares satellite imagery before and  
14 after a disaster to find variations in roads and buildings.  
15 Authors have used a segmentation network to identify  
16 the objects in the pre-disaster and the post-disaster  
17 aerial images. The difference in expected road  
18 masking is used to update open-street-map (OSM)  
19 data in order to find accessible routes. Authors have  
20 dilated the buildings and roads in the segmented  
21 images with a tiny kernel (dimensions of 5 x 5) for  
22 several iterations for improved image resolution. The  
23 pre-processed images are cropped to 416 x 416 pixels,  
24 augmented (flipped horizontally and vertically), and  
25 normalized before training by the model. Images after  
26 the disaster were used for inference and assessment.

27  
28 Moishin et al. (2021) [8] developed a model for  
29 flood forecasting. Authors have determined the  
30 research site's flood index (IF) by analyzing the  
31 previous 29 years flood data. A total of data points at  
32 daily time-steps was found to be 10,585. Antecedent  
33 IF and precipitation were treated as input parameters.  
34 Furthermore, 80 percent of the data was assigned to  
35 the model for training and 20 percent of the data being  
36 used for the model testing. Kim et al. (2021) [9]  
37 analyzed the natural disasters (such as: volcano  
38 eruptions, floods, and earthquakes, etc.) using DNN to  
39 estimate the financial loss on construction sites.

40  
41 Chao et al. (2021) [10] used the model to identify  
42 natural disaster images from digital twin cities in USA.  
43 The model has used various categories of data (i.e.,  
44 social media posts, volunteer, crowd sourced data,  
45 aerial images, maps, reports, and news articles). Jena  
46 et al. (2021) [11] used a CNN network to analyze the  
47 effect of earthquake (in the North-Eastern parts of  
48 India) and its categorization.

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50  
51 Pham et al. (2021) [12] used DNN to study the flood  
52 disaster in five basic steps (such as: (a) flood risk  
53 evaluation, (b) flood hazard assessment, (c) flood  
54 exposure assessment, (d) flood vulnerability  
55 assessment, and (e) flood risk map analysis). Authors  
56 have integrated the DNNs model and the multi-criteria  
57 decision analysis method to analyze the time series  
58 meteorological and streamflow data to updated river  
59 cross-sectional data.

60  
61 Saja et al. (2021) [13] mainly focused on the natural  
62 disaster images (such as: floods, volcano eruptions,  
63 and earthquakes etc.) to access with social resilience.  
64 This method identified surrogates to assess social  
65 resilience and includes two key elements: (a)  
66 indicators selection for the surrogate approach, and (b)  
67 surrogate identification.

68  
69 Aamir et al. (2021) [14] developed a multilayered  
70 DCNN for classifying the multispectral images  
71 obtained from flood, cyclone, and wildfires. The first  
72 block specified the occurrence of a natural disaster,  
73 while the second block specified its level of severity.  
74 The first block was made up of an image input, three  
75 micro convolutional blocks (each consists of four  
76 layers), and fully connected layers. The second block,  
77 was made up of three small convolutional blocks (each  
78 consists of two layers), an image input layer and the  
79 other is a fully connected layer.

80  
81 Albrecht et al. (2021) [15] developed models that  
82 were focused mainly on geospatial natural disaster  
83 dataset collected by PAIRS geo-scope. This geo-scope  
84 is unique in two ways. First: it is the first commercial  
85 geo-scope to employ huge index raster data at the pixel  
86 level over a geographic and temporal platform.  
87 Second: the availability of hierarchical resolution  
88 levels that support numerous geographical and  
89 temporal resolutions, thereby linking the different  
90 layers of spatial and temporal data from geographical  
91 locations.

92  
93 Ningsih et al. (2021) [16] evaluated the natural  
94 disaster data obtained from twitter to identify the  
95 specific incident (such as: earthquakes floods, and  
96 volcano eruptions). They used preprocess kgptalkie for  
97 data pre-processing. During the cleaning stage, email,  
98 URLs, HTML components, special characters, and  
99 duplicate characters were removed for disaster relief  
100 purposes. A TF-IDF feature matrix created from the  
101 raw document. It is therefore able to discuss the  
102 classifier in greater detail using LinearSVC. The  
103 default options for the class have been utilized. The  
104 settings could be customized to the classification's data  
105 content. Liu et al. (2021) [17] used SE-ResNeXt-50-  
106 32x4d model for identifying damaged building due to  
107 hurricane disaster dataset.

108  
109 Eligüzel (2021) [18] worked on the tweets of '2015  
110 Nepal earthquake'. Authors scrutinized over 7000  
111 tweets regarding the earthquake. A total of 816 social  
112 media responses were acquired with the help of  
113 observing at certain topics including help, assistance,  
114 and contribution. URLs and punctuation were stripped  
115 from the data to make the data ready and  
116 understandable for further operations/applications.  
117 After the preprocessing stage, the tokenization  
118 procedure separated the strings into fragments. The

1 POS tag list was preserved in order to feed the RNN.  
2 The generic architecture for text engineering (GATE)  
3 software toolkit was used for analyzing.

4  
5 Sridhar et.al (2021) [20] worked related to fire  
6 disasters (such as: forest fires, wildfires etc.). This  
7 approach used as a part of real-time fire detection  
8 scenarios. This method mainly used for tracking a  
9 huge housing building, profitable buildings, forests,  
10 laboratory, and vehicle fire in order to protect human  
11 lives. This plays a vital role minimizing the economic  
12 damage and environmental hazards. The process was  
13 tedious during the initial stage of firing, due to  
14 differing brightness level and occurrences of noise  
15 during collection phase. The fire forms a ring of colors  
16 (visible as red, orange, yellow and white along with of  
17 the rotation of particular frame along with varying  
18 dimensions of the frame).

19  
20 Asimakopoulou et al. (2021) [21] work was based  
21 on collection of large volumes of disaster data in a  
22 collaborative manner, with major focus on crowd  
23 sourcing tools which can be enabled in smart buildings.  
24 It involved in the concepts of smart cities, where  
25 different participant users (such as: infrastructures,  
26 vehicles, buildings, and people) could be connected  
27 via different sensors and mobile APIs in order to  
28 collect data about their surrounding/neighbourhood  
29 environment. These collected informations and datas  
30 provided precise information about the disaster for  
31 analysis/management. The analysis was performed in  
32 a collective approach to provide a major edge when a  
33 disaster occurs. Data gathered from the crowd  
34 sourcing tools enables the planning and organizing  
35 actions based on real time scenarios for hypothetical  
36 environment. Post damage assessment involved  
37 various aspects such as emergency response  
38 operations with the data collected from sensors placed  
39 in vehicles, essential infrastructure, and buildings  
40 which monitored the conditions and would evaluate  
41 possibility of environmental disasters. The  
42 functionality offered, by the developed model  
43 architecture understood the need for remote access to  
44 the portal interface and the existence of a variety of  
45 remote participant users, including humans via their  
46 mobile devices and critical infrastructures, buildings,  
47 cars, and buses via their sensors. These users could  
48 access the interface, collect data from their immediate  
49 surroundings, and send it for analysis towards  
50 collective decision-making.

51  
52 Parimala et.al (2021) [22] collected the data from  
53 social media posts about disasters and used a risk  
54 assessment sentiment analysis (RASA) algorithm  
55 based on people's sentiment. The importance of post-  
56 event emotions helped in determining the severity of  
57 the event (Ex: people were critical). Certain measures  
58 have been conducted on two factors: space and time.  
59 The method was divided into two stages: keyword

60 creation from tweets and sentiment analysis based on  
61 significant events. The stages characterized the tweets  
62 with some meaningful term. These semantic words  
63 were then separated in the next phase to produce event-  
64 based words. For analyzing the preventive measures, a  
65 specific sentiment score consisting of information  
66 regarding a particular instance of time and location  
67 details have been computed. Authors have used the  
68 publicly available dataset called "social media disaster  
69 tweets-DFE". Through the year 2015 across each  
70 month with different time period had total 629,365,000  
71 records of tweets obtained from various parts and  
72 locations. The .csv file in the dataset contained many  
73 rows and 13 columns. The columns play a vital role in  
74 choosing-one keyword, location, and content all have  
75 an impact on the analysis. There were few columns  
76 that must be filled out in order to designate them as  
77 disaster-related or not disaster- related. Various works  
78 have categorized into positive, negative, and neutral  
79 tweets. Most of them are related to disaster and  
80 considered as "positive". The rest are related to non-  
81 disasters and represented as "negative". In case of  
82 binary classification there was one class called  
83 "neutral" and treated as negative, but could be  
84 considered as separate class in the case of multiclass  
85 classifier.

86  
87 Munawar et.al (2021) [23] deployed a UAV to  
88 collect images from disaster zones and fed into CNN.  
89 The issues in this method associated with the retrieval  
90 of these photographs. These issues can be overcome  
91 with the use of images obtained from various online  
92 sources. These images were divided into two  
93 categories: pre-disaster and post-disaster. From the  
94 spatial details obtained, the two sets of information  
95 appear to be identical. In terms of time series data, there  
96 was a substantial difference. Many characteristics of  
97 images, such as edges and texture details, have been  
98 extracted using the convolution layer. The following  
99 attributes were learned from pre- flood and post-flood  
100 photographs to distinguish between pre-disaster and  
101 post-disaster images and classify them correctly. An  
102 activation function exists for each convolution layer. A  
103 ReLU activation function was used using convolutional  
104 layers. In large- scale photographs, pooling layers  
105 helped in minimizing the number of parameters,  
106 resulted in smaller images. As a result, the learning  
107 process became easier. To obtain the final classification  
108 output, the output from the previous layers was  
109 flattened and sent to the fully convoluted layers, which  
110 contained a softmax activation function.

111  
112 Plata et al. (2021) [24] have worked on damaged  
113 unreinforced masonry buildings (MUR) roof top  
114 images caused due to earthquakes. They developed a  
115 technique which was capable of classifying street level  
116 images of an MUR with the help of rigid or flexible  
117 diaphragm. They used CNN for classifying the street  
118

1 level imagery of one-story level unreinforced masonry  
2 buildings according to the flexibility of the roof  
3 diaphragm (i.e., rigid or flexible). The data involves  
4 1122 images that were collected from the metropolitan  
5 area of Medellin. This work was compared by various  
6 architectures such as VGG16, VGG19, InceptionV3,  
7 Xception and ResNet50. It was found that VGG19  
8 architecture provided an accuracy, precision and recall  
9 of 80%, 88%, and 84%, respectively. The dataset was  
10 splitted into training, testing and validation sets in the  
11 ratio of 60%, 20%, and 20%, respectively. The results  
12 were conducive and may help to decrease the financial  
13 and human resources needed to create detailed  
14 exposure models for unreinforced masonry structures.

15  
16 Ekpezu et.al (2021) [25] developed RNN model  
17 based on sounds (i.e., both disaster sound and noise)  
18 for disaster management. Gude et al. (2020) [26]  
19 worked on floods by various DL architectures, which  
20 involved long short-term memory (LSTM) and auto  
21 regressive integrated moving average (ARIMA)  
22 models. The Gauge height data was collected from  
23 Meramec River in Valley Park Missouri to validate the  
24 model. The LSTM model was used to obtain gauge  
25 height when compared to ARIMA model. This dataset  
26 would help to detect the amount of water level in a  
27 particular region which was affected by flood post  
28 disaster assessment.

29  
30 Iqbal et.al [27] have proposed a model on the  
31 landslide disaster that would have numerous limits  
32 along with the set of fundamental necessities  
33 connected with precise demands and issues at each  
34 stage of disaster management. A suggested solution  
35 must fulfil these needs at a minimum to be effective;  
36 however, due to challenges emerging from prior works,  
37 sufficient requirement formulation was found to be  
38 lacking. To address these problems, the authors  
39 suggested a set of disaster restrictions that were  
40 created to match solutions with disaster management  
41 criteria by taking Carter's concept and combining it  
42 with the proposed disaster management framework  
43 based on needs.

44  
45 Sun et.al (2020) [28] developed a framework on  
46 different disaster such as flood, drought and landslide  
47 etc. There were four stages of disaster management  
48 (such as: mitigation, readiness, response, and  
49 recovery). The current work mainly emphasized on the  
50 summary of AI based approaches that facilitates  
51 various managing disasters at different levels. There  
52 were different tools which helped in the process. There  
53 were various applications discovered and focused on  
54 the disaster response phase.

55  
56 Daud et.al (2020) [29] worked for post-disaster  
57 scenarios such as flood, earthquake, drought, wildfire  
58 etc. Authors have identified the disaster affected  
59 regions and rescuing corpses. The disaster victim

60 identification (DVI) team had regularly experienced  
61 challenges related to corpse decomposition and  
62 identification. Despite the fact that this strategy used  
63 readily available conventional victim identification  
64 methods, that had previously been found to be  
65 ineffectual in acquiring victim information due to  
66 geographic location or disasters affecting inaccessible  
67 areas. It may be possible to eliminate DVI delays and  
68 the various issues that come with them using drone  
69 technology, rigorous people, and cooperation from  
70 necessary multidisciplinary teams, and evidence-  
71 based data.

72  
73 Chung et.al (2020) [30] developed a model for  
74 hurricane aerial damage assessment of the buildings.  
75 They built and tested AI-assisted visual recognition  
76 models for post-disaster assessment using UAV data  
77 (PDA). An in-house dataset was produced using web  
78 mining and buildings visible in video frames that were  
79 manually labeled for different damage stages, and it  
80 was given an additional tag to indicate annotation  
81 information that was gathered in order to train AI  
82 models. The collection contained recordings of post-  
83 disaster scenes from Marsh Harbor and Great Guana  
84 Cay, in Bahamas. The method was trained and tested  
85 using annotated video frames from the first site. Zhang  
86 et al. (2019) [31] were able to develop an application  
87 for the phase of damage assessment. Post-disaster  
88 image data was used in these applications to evaluate  
89 the harm and the severity of the effects in the disaster-  
90 affected areas.

91  
92 Shirzadi et al. (2017) [32] used a brand-new hybrid  
93 ML technique that investigated mapping of landslide  
94 susceptibility in the Bijar region of Kurdistan Province  
95 (Iran). The created approach used an ensemble of  
96 random subspace (RS) and Naive Bayes trees (NBT)  
97 to forecast landslides with an AUC value of 0.886. The  
98 model fared better than the NBT classifier, which had  
99 an AUC of 0.811.

100  
101 Chaudhuri et al. (2020) [33] presented an efficient  
102 approach for classifying images from earthquake-  
103 damaged smart urban settlements. Authors used a DL  
104 technique (such as AlexNet, Inception-V3, and  
105 ResNet-50) to find survivors among the debris.  
106 Additionally, ML techniques like ANN and SVM were  
107 employed. According to performance evaluation  
108 findings, DL methods beat ML methods for classifying  
109 images. ResNet-50 demonstrated the best performance,  
110 scoring 90.81% for positive predictive value (PPV) and  
111 92.05% for F1 score. Wahab and Ludin [34] used the  
112 ANN approach to estimate flood vulnerability  
113 assessment. RMSE and the determination coefficient  
114 (R2) were used to assess performance. The RMSE was  
115 equal to 0.0035, and the resulting R2 value was 0.996.

116  
117 Sit et al. (2019) [36] mainly focuses on locating and  
118 examining the tweets related to the Hurricane Irma

1 using natural language processing, DL, and ML  
 2 techniques. This study's objective was to determine the  
 3 services that are affected, the people who are impacted,  
 4 and the infrastructure that is harmed. Based on  
 5 location information and keywords, the authors used  
 6 500 million tweets that were posted before, during, and  
 7 after the accident. The approach was successful in  
 8 identifying the regions with severely impacted  
 9 population and damaged infrastructure; therefore, the  
 10 findings were encouraging.

11  
 12 Paul et al (2020) [37] analyzed Twitter data and the  
 13 revealed the information related to power and  
 14 communication losses, occurred due to seven  
 15 significant hurricanes that struck the United States  
 16 between 2012 and 2018. To exclude tweets about  
 17 outages, a variety of ML models, including support  
 18 vector machine (SVM) and logistic regression (LR),  
 19 were applied. Additionally, they used transfer learning  
 20 models like BERT to identify the different kinds of  
 21 outages.

22  
 23 The brief description of the various existing works  
 24 regarding disaster management techniques along with  
 25 their corresponding performance metrics and data  
 26 augmentation techniques are discussed in the Table 1  
 27 below. The dataset has been collected from various  
 28 disaster affected regions of the world. There are two  
 29 assessments performed namely pre-assessment and  
 30 post-assessment in order to identify the amount of  
 31 damage in particular locality or region and further  
 32 various kind of loss of lives, damages to buildings etc.  
 33 Various kinds of data augmentation were performed  
 34 before training. In order to avoid financial losses, a  
 35 few more models have been devised. According to the  
 36 roof flexibility diaphragm, some models were  
 37 developed using VGG19 on MURs.

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 39 **Table. 1** Analysis of various disaster management techniques.  
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Title	Highlights	Results and discussion	Remark(s)
Devaraj et.al (2021) [1]: A novel DL model for tropical intensity estimation and post disaster management of hurricanes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DCNN is used for analysis of hurricanes.</li> <li>➤ VGG19 was used for predicating weather conditions.</li> <li>➤ They used multimedia sources like video database. Weather data automatically annotated over the videos.</li> <li>➤ Identify various divisions specific to</li> </ul>	Dataset: HURDAT2 database (infrared satellite imagery dataset) confined to Atlantic and Pacific regions  Performance: Accuracy - 97%, RMSE - 7.6%, MAE - 6.68%	Pre-assessment and post-assessments are carried out by transfer learning.

	disasters such as hurricanes in order to perform post-disaster scenarios.		
Parvathi et.al (2021) [2]: Disaster management using DL	LeNet5, VGG19, VGG16, and LSTM were used for classifying wildfire, and earthquake.	Dataset: MNIST dataset consist of 3460 images from the social media.  Performance for VGG19, VGG16, and LSTM were: ➤ Training Accuracy: 84.52%, 87.69%, 80.7%  ➤ Testing Accuracy: 76.39%, 83.6%, 73.14%	VGG16 performed better compared to VGG19 and LSTM.
Kumar et.al (2021) [3]: Flood disaster prediction using DL algorithm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MLP was used for flood forecasting.</li> <li>➤ Predefined attributes were used for alarm warning disasters.</li> </ul>	Dataset: Annual rainfall images from various regions of India.  Performance: Accuracy - 97.40%, Sensitivity - 1.0, Specificity - 37.5%	Model detected flash floods in metropolitan areas and estimated annual rainfall risk assessment.
Chowdary and Bose (2020) [4]: Application of image data analytics for immediate disaster response.	➤ CNN was employed for image categorization in smart urban infrastructures.	Dataset: Consists of 3764 pictures collected from Central Mexico (in 2017 earthquake).  Augmentation (rescaling, flipping, and	Accuracy was less than 90%.

		shearing) were used to increase the number of images.  Performance: Accuracy - 80.37%, Precision - 81.21%, Recall - 79.53%, F1 Score - 8.033		Moishin et.al (2021) [8]: Designing DL flood forecast model with ConvLSTM hybrid algorithm.	➤ A hybrid DL (ConvLSTM) method was used for disaster detection. ConvLSTM was made by combining CNN and LSTM.	Dataset used: Precipitation dataset, Fiji.  Data augmentation is performed.  Performance: RMSE - 0.279 Legate-McCabe Efficiency Index (LME) - 0.726	The algorithm considered two features. Effective forecasting and performance characteristics were used.
Daud et.al (2022) [5]: Applications of drone in disaster management.	➤ Drones were used for searching, rescuing, and transportation at the disaster location.	Dataset: UAV aerial images (Selangor Malaysia).	Disaster victim identification (DVI) was challenging due to the locating and retrieving of victims. Required more time for decomposition and identification.	Kim et.al (2021) [9]: Development of model to predict natural disaster financial losses for construction projects using DL techniques.	➤ DNN was used to identify financial losses and steps to mitigate the financial loss.	Dataset: Data of company contractor all risk.  Performance: MAE - 0.707 RMSE - 0.844	Enhanced risk assessment plan for building site could assist the Government in preparing for unforeseen situations like natural disasters.
Cheng et.al (2021) [6]: DL for post-hurricane aerial damage assessment of buildings.	➤ The SPDA model performed well in detecting damaged buildings in post assessment along with CNN that used cross-entropy classification loss.	Dataset: Consists of FEMA damage dataset (from Dorian, Bahamas).  Data augmentation: performed by randomly transforming training images.  Performance: Precision - 65.6%, Accuracy - 61%,	Damaged images were classified with high accuracy using a model based on two stacked CNN architectures.	Chao Fan et.al (2021) [10]: Disaster city digital twin: a vision for integrating artificial and human intelligence for disaster management.	➤ This work outlines a vision for a digital twin paradigm to enable interdisciplinary convergence in the field of ICT and AI for emergency management and disaster response involving data gathering, data integration and decision making.	Dataset: Disaster images were collected from crowd sourcing tools.	Disaster digital twin city paradigm can be used to integrate ICT tools for emergency response.
Gupta et.al (2021) [7]: DL-based aerial image segmentation with open data for disaster impact assessment.	Segmentation techniques using neural networks were applied on pretrained aerial images with ImageNet for better performance.	Dataset: OpenStreet Map (OSM) data.  Performance: Accuracy - 94.76% F1-Score - 73.98%	Classification of damages were identified in the completely destroyed infrastructures.	Jena et.al (2021) [11]: Earthquake risk assessment in North-East India using DL and geo-spatial analysis.	➤ CNN model was used for earthquake probability assessment in North-East India.	Dataset: Earthquake images were collected from North-East part of India (Assam, Mizoram, and Meghalaya)	Light detection and ranging are used to obtain high quality images from the earthquake regions.

Pham et.al (2021) [12]: Flood risk assessment using DL integrated with multicriteria decision analysis.	Hybrid models (ensembles of Bagging and Decorate) were used for flood risk assessment.	Dataset: Data collected from 847 past flood locations.  Performance: AUC - 97.2% RMSE - 0.193	Flood risk map (prepared with consulting the local people) was used for assessing damages.	ons from transformer (BERT).			
Saja et.al (2021) [13]: Assessing social resilience in disaster management.	Identifying acceptable surrogates for disaster mitigation social resilience indicators.	Dataset: Data collected by means of interviews with disaster practitioners which includes rescue teams and their managers.	Data sources were used to examine potential surrogates discovered in the investigation on a local level.	Liu et.al (2021) [17]: post-disaster classification of damaged building using transfer learning.	➤ Building localization was done using SE-ResNeXt-50-324d, and building damage assessment was made by HRnet.	Dataset: Online free xBD dataset  Performance: Accuracy - 86% F1 Score - 0.65	Only used to classify building damage in a reasonable manner. Assist the Government and rescue teams for taking the best decisions.
Aamir et.al (2021) [14]: Natural disasters intensity analysis and classification based on multispectral images using multi-layered DCNN.	➤ Identified the disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones etc., by using DCNN.	Dataset: Total of 4428 natural images of flood, cyclone, and wildfires.  Performance: Accuracy - 99.92% Sensitivity - 97.54% Specificity - 98.22%	Multilayered DCNN addressed the noise and serious class imbalance problems.	Eligüzel (2021) [18]: Named entity recognition(NER) on tweets during earthquake by DL.	➤ NER was a text-based method of classifying and categorizing data from twitter.	Dataset: Earthquake twitter dataset.  Performance: Precision - 0.94 Recall - 0.94	Distinction from the focused tweets might be caused by noisy outliers obtained from tweets.
Albrecht et.al (2021) [15]: Next-generation geo-spatial temporal information technologies were used for disaster management.	➤ The rise of large data has upset traditional geographic information stores (GIS). ➤ Hence a spatial-temporal model has been devised to overcome the above-mentioned problem.	Dataset: Geo spatial image dataset from the New York city, USA.	This work uses a platform called PAIRS which is used to align the data using bigdata tools.	Favour (2021) [19]: Predictive agent-based modeling (ABM) of natural disasters using machine learning.	➤ Agent based model (ABM) in natural phenomena (like wildfire, land suppression and hurricane) by using machine learning.	Dataset: Hurricane images from Atlantic region.  Performance: Intensity accuracy - 73.7%, Longitude accuracy - 85.3%.	ABM was proposed with the help of Voronoi diagrams.
Ningsih et.al (2021) [16]: Disaster tweets classification in disaster response using bi-directional encoder representati	➤ BERT used to assess the disaster from twitter data.	Dataset: Disaster tweets from social media  Performance: Accuracy - 79% F1-Score - 0.75 Recall - 0.69	Model accurately determined the real disaster (target) from the non-real (non-target)	Sridhar et.al (2021) [20]: Real time fire detection and localization in video sequences using DL framework for smart building.	➤ YOLO v2 extract the electrical fire features more effectively.	Dataset: A total of 21,748 images were gathered from various fire databases.  Performance: Duration - 0.4 seconds	Model had high probability of false alarms.  Complicated algorithm, time-consuming, and ineffective hardware.
				Asimakopoulou et.al (2021) [21]: Disaster management in smart cities	➤ A data-driven approach with artificial intelligence is being studied for limiting the effects.	Dataset: Gathered from sensors, remote device and unique identifiers.	Data integration and evaluation of predictions in real scenarios in order to perform data analytics.
				Parimala et.al (2021)	➤ RASA classifies tweets	Dataset: Social	Model performed



[22]: Spatiotemporal-based sentiment analysis on tweets for risk assessment of event using DL approach.	and assigns a sentiment score based on the keywords provided by the network.	media tweets for disasters are collected.  Performance: Accuracy - 86.4% Precision - 0.892 Recall - 0.894 F1-Score - 0.8912	well on English tweets and failed to identify other language tweet.	Iqbal et.al (2021) [27]: A process-driven and need-oriented framework for review of technological contributions to disaster management.	➤ A collaborative framework was developed in order to reduce the disaster effects.	Dataset: Landslide images at various locations in Australia	Lack of comprehensive benchmark datasets.
Munawar et.al (2021) [23]: UAVs in disaster management: application of integrated aerial imagery and CNN for flood detection.	➤ Drones and convolutional neural networks were used to quickly manage disasters.	Dataset: UAV based images collected from Sydney, Australia  Performance: Accuracy - 91%	The sophisticated cameras in UAVs have a high-performance using image enhancement tools	Sun et.al (2020) [28]: Applications of artificial intelligence for disaster Management.	➤ Uses AI tools to analyze disaster-related data for extensive damage and to mitigate its effects.	Dataset: Federal insurance and mitigation administration (FEMA) dataset.	Computational challenges.
Plata et.al (2021) [24]: Use of DL models in street-level images to classify one-story unreinforced MUR on roof diaphragms	➤ VGG19 was used for classifying one-story unreinforced MUR on roof diaphragms.	Dataset: 1122 images of MUR buildings Columbia.  Performance metrics: Accuracy-0.80 Precision-0.88 Recall-0.84	VGG19 provides good accuracy precision and recall along with reducing number of resources.	Daud et.al (2020) [29]: Applications of drone in disaster management: A scoping review.	➤ Drone mapping was widely used to assess crop and human life damage in a various field.	Dataset: Disaster images collected by drone in disaster affected regions.	Finding and rescuing victims was tough for the DVI team.
Ekpezu et.al (2021) [25]: Using DL for acoustic event classification during natural disasters.	➤ CNN and LSTM networks were used for sound classifications.	Dataset: 2588 sound recordings were collected.  Performance: Accuracy - 99.96% Misclassification rate - 0.4%	Acoustic signals were typically composed of a variety of sounds, including both disaster sound and noise.	Shen Chung et.al (2020) [30]: DL for post-hurricane aerial damage assessment of the buildings.	➤ Specific to region of Dorian Bahamas, where the video data was collected from two different locations.  ➤ Video database was created with the help of CNN model.  The dataset comprised of 5 UAV videos with 30 frames per second (FPS).	Dataset: A video database was created with 5 captured videos from unmanned vehicles with a frame rate of 30 FPS.  Performance: 65.6% Accuracy	Few human annotators were used in this investigation, and huge, diverse tags were created.
Gude et.al (2020) [26]: Flood prediction and uncertainty estimation using DL.	DL used to forecast gauge height and assess the accompanying uncertainty.	Dataset: Flood images USA.  Performance: RMSE - 3.5430 MAE - 2.7603	More accurate prediction with gauge height prediction at a smaller interval was achieved.				

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## 2 3. Literature Review

### 3 3.1 Disaster Analysis Data Collection

4 The disaster dataset is collected inform images,  
5 audios, videos, and text by the help of artificial  
6 satellites, UAVs, mobile phones, and messages sent by  
7 social media etc. Few of the commonly used disaster  
8 assessment dataset by the researchers includes  
9 Hurricane Database2 (HURDAT2) for hurricane  
10 damage assessment, Open Street map dataset for  
11 Tsunami, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
12 (FEMA) for post disaster damage assessment, and  
13 precipitation data for flood prone areas assessment etc.

1 Various models such as LSTM, VGG16, VGG19 etc.  
 2 are used in order to identify the severity of damages  
 3 during the disaster. The details about the disaster  
 4 database used by the researchers have been  
 5 summarized in the Table 2.

6 **Table 2:** Disaster database

Dataset Collected	Description
Hurricane database2 (HURDAT2) (Devaraj et.al., year, [1]) <a href="https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/data/">https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/data/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cyclone data collected from Atlantic and Pacific regions in 6-hours interval.</li> <li>➤ Infrared satellite images in a CSV format have the information about location, highest winds, and central pressure information.</li> </ul>
Federal emergency management agency (FEMA) damage dataset (Cheng et.al., year [6]) <a href="https://www.fema.gov/about/openfema/data-sets">https://www.fema.gov/about/openfema/data-sets</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Collected from the Dorain region of the Bahamas.</li> <li>➤ The dataset consists of 5 aerial videos at frame rate of 30 frames per second. Classifying the damage scale of disaster-affected buildings in UAV imagery.</li> </ul>
Precipitation dataset (Kumar et.al., year [3])	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The precipitation data was gathered in Fiji's flood-prone areas in Fiji for identifying the devastation due to flood.</li> <li>➤ Data was gathered in an interval of one-day, three-days, seven-days, and fourteen-days during the rainfall in India.</li> </ul>
OpenStreetMap (OSM) dataset (Gupta et.al., year [7]) <a href="https://www.digitalglobe.com/ecosystem/open-data">https://www.digitalglobe.com/ecosystem/open-data</a> <a href="https://www.openstreetmap.org/">https://www.openstreetmap.org/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dataset was extracted from a 45-square-kilometer area around Palu city in Indonesia for the study of damaged roads</li> <li>➤ The ground control points in the OSM pictures were roughly 50 cm pixel<sup>-1</sup>.</li> </ul>
Unreinforced masonry buildings (MUR) dataset (Plata et.al., (2021) [24]) <a href="https://github.com/Rise-group/masonry_diaphragm_prediction/tree/master/data">https://github.com/Rise-group/masonry_diaphragm_prediction/tree/master/data</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dataset was collected from Columbia by UAVs and consisted of 1122 images of unreinforced masonry buildings (MUR).</li> </ul>
EM-DAT—The International Disasters Database [35]. <a href="https://www.emdat.be/guidelines">https://www.emdat.be/guidelines</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In EM-DAT, natural catastrophes and technology disasters are the two basic categories of disasters. The disaster sub-group and the disaster category are automatically connected to this field.</li> </ul>

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8 **4. Results and Discussion**

9 This research article discusses about various  
 10 disaster image classification techniques in case of  
 11 hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, Tsunami, and  
 12 landslide disasters. For the current work a total of 30  
 13 research articles were analyzed for identification of  
 14 disasters in various regions. The datasets included  
 15 image dataset, video database and social media data

16 comprising of sentiment analysis tweets, sound  
 17 recordings. The various DL models used for natural  
 18 disaster management are VGG16, LeNet5, VGG19,  
 19 SEResNxt-50, and SPDA etc. Few of the models failed  
 20 to classify failed to classify the images for different  
 21 situations like flood, cyclones, and wildfires and  
 22 accuracy is less nearly 80%.

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24 Few experiments were conducted on flood  
 25 assessment where the xBD dataset comprising of  
 26 satellite images having a resolution of 128 ×128. The  
 27 dataset comprising of two groups of houses, each with  
 28 1000 images of completely and partially surrounded  
 29 regions by flood water. Among these 700 images have  
 30 been used for training, 100 images for validation, and  
 31 200 images from each class used to evaluate the  
 32 trained model. The dataset has been obtained from the  
 33 xView2 challenge [38]. Among CNN models which  
 34 includes VGG16, custom CNN architecture and  
 35 MobileNet architecture. Custom architecture gave an  
 36 accuracy of 87.07% but all the other models suffered  
 37 from overfitting which can be improved by increasing  
 38 the number of images used for classification,  
 39 performing various techniques such as data  
 40 augmentation, rotation, scaling.

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42 **5. Conclusion**

43 In this paper various post disaster management  
 44 techniques are discussed along with their limitations.  
 45 Here hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, Tsunami, and  
 46 landslide disasters in different parts of world are  
 47 discussed. Mainly researchers have used image  
 48 processing, machine learning, and deep learning  
 49 algorithms to assess the losses caused due to the  
 50 disasters. In DL researchers have used CNN, DCNN,  
 51 and transfer learning. As DL is very data hungry and  
 52 database is small, researchers have used data  
 53 augmentation and transfer learning before feeding the  
 54 data into the network for training. Among the various  
 55 models VGG16 and VGG19 performed well for post  
 56 disaster damage analysis 99.96% [14].

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