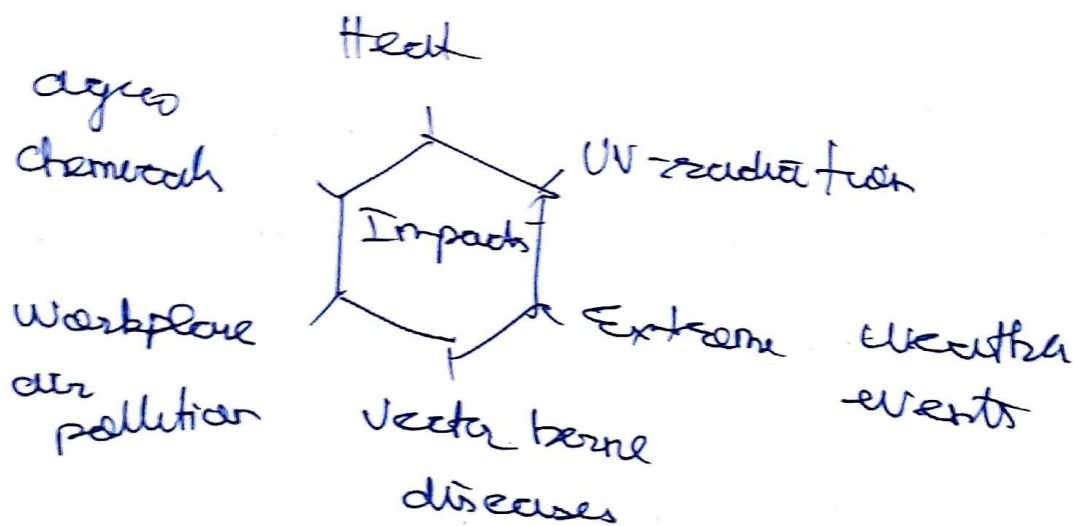


Expects OSH protection are struggling to keep up with evolving risk from CC. Evaluate Indian OSH code.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released the Emergency safety and health at work in a changing climate demands the need to assess and amend the occupational health and safety codes to counter climate change.



* This severely impacts the people and cause stress, stroke and exhaustion.

* Increased heat levels cause decrease in labour productivity

which in turn negatively impact economy.

Effect on India

It has identified workers in sectors such as agriculture, construction as susceptible to heat stress. In India 8 crore people work in these sectors along with gig economy.

In 2020, India enacted the Occupational, Safety & Health and working conditions code.

OSH code and climate change

* The code defuses the code of employee, employer and their actions to be performed.

* The code is not applicable to central and state government

steps. Police personnel, paramedics, field assessment officers all work under the sun.

The code can be amended to include people performing non-desk roles.

* The code mentions, welfare facilities. These facilities must be properly equipped with heat-protecting measures.

* The implementing agencies such as the National and state health boards must incorporate climate change effects which is presently absent now.

Climate change is real and showing its consequences. Labourers bear the brunt of changing climate. Swift implementation of the codes counteracting climate change could bring relief.