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**News:** India is ‘first responder’ during natural disasters: PM

- India has emerged as the “first responder” to countries hit by natural disasters in “any part of the world”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.
- Mr. Modi congratulated the 99 member self –contained Indian team that returned from quake hit Turkey where it operated a fully equipped Field Hospital in Iskenderun, Hatay and treated 4,000 patients.
- The country had also dispatched aircraft carrying relief material and medicines to Syria under the move officially named as “Operation Dost”.

## **Operation Dost**

- Operation Dost is an ongoing search and rescue operation initiated by the Government of India to aid Syria and Turkey, after the 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquake devastated both countries on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- The epicenter was 34 km west of Gaziantep, Turkey.

**News:** Centre may notify emissions trading scheme by June

## **Emissions Trading System**

- Emissions Trading System is a **regulatory tool that is aimed at reducing the pollution load** in an area and at the **same time minimizing the cost of compliance** for the industry.
- ETS is **a market in which particulate matter (PM) is traded.**
- At the **beginning of every one-month compliance period, 80% of total cap of 280 tonnes for that period is distributed free to all participant units.**
- The **permits are allocated based on an industry's emission sources** as this determines the amount of PM emitted.
- Remaining **percent of permits will be offered during the first auction of the compliance period, at a price range of 5/kg to 100/kg. Participating units may buy and sell permits among each other during the period.**
- The first such scheme was implemented by the **government of Gujarat.**