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Editorial

26th December 2004, dawned like any other day, giving little indication to the impending disaster that was to change forever, the lives of many on India's east coast and 12 other countries, who lost their dear ones to the killer wave - Tsunami struck, taking away thousands of lives and reducing to rubble within minutes, hundreds of miles of coastal areas. The devastating earthquake, unleashed tidal waves so powerful that it made the earth wobble on its axis and permanently altered the regional physiographic map. Never before an earthquake of this magnitude had occurred in the South-East Asian region. Just goes to show our helplessness against nature's wrath.

We include two articles in this issue on natural disasters to help our readers read the tell tale signs of approaching danger, when extraordinary natural phenomena strike! Such events, we know, cannot be prevented, but prior knowledge on how to cope will surely help mitigate its impact and lessen suffering.

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