Earthquake in Delhi on 12/04/2020

An earthquake of the magnitude 3.5 is recorded by National Center for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India at National Capital Territory (NCT) Delhi, near at 28.2 N and 77.2 E with focal depth of 8 km near Sonia Vihar at 17:45:03 IST on 12 April 2020. There is no significant potential damage reported.

The distance of epicenter is around 16 Km N of Lodhi Road. Considering past data NCT, Delhi experienced last perceptible earthquake of magnitude 3.5 on 24th April 2018 and prior to that earthquake of magnitude 3.8 occurred on 07th Sep 2011 near the Delhi-Haryana border.

Do’s and don’ts during an earthquake

- During the event, the safest place is an open space, away from buildings.
- If you are indoors, take cover under a desk, table, bed or doorways and against inside walls and staircase.
- Stay away from glass doors, glass panes, windows or outside doors.
- Do not rush to go out of the building, to avoid the stampede.
- If you are outside, move away from buildings and utility wires.
- Once in the open, stay there till the vibrations stop.
- If you are in a moving vehicle, stop as quickly as possible and stay in the vehicle.
- Free all pets and domestic animals so that they can run outside.
- Do not use candles, matches or other open flames.
- Put out all fires.
Do not panic. Stay calm and take necessary actions.

Move to the exit point calmly in an orderly manner.

Do not stand close to power lines, posts, walls, false ceiling, parapet, falling flower pots and other elements that may fall or collapse.

Stay away from buildings with glass panes.

Do not stand on a steep hillside; move away in case of landslides and falling rocks.

When driving a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stop.

Do not attempt to cross bridges/flyovers, which may have been damaged.

Cover your head and body with your arms, books, etc. to protect yourself from falling objects.

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