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Chapter 5 (continued)

Manmade disasters

- It is a kind of disaster resulting from human intent, negligence or error.
eg: Nuclear Disaster, chemical disaster, Terrorism, Aircraft crash.

Chernobyl Disaster

- It took place on 29th April 1986.
- A major nuclear accident took place in nuclear power station located in Chernobyl in Ukraine.
- It happened due to meltdown in reactor.
- Meltdown took place due to failure of cooling system.
- This resulted in release of massive amount of radioactivity in atmosphere.
- Still till date the radiation effects are there in nearby areas.

Bhopal Gas Tragedy (BGT)

- It occurred on the night of 2nd and 3rd December 1984 at Union Carbide India Limited.
- Methyl Isocyanate gas was leaked and almost 50,000 people were exposed to this gas.

Effects of BGT

- coughing, vomiting, severe eye irritation and feeling of suffocation.
- large amount of deaths.
- many organ failure in humans.
- cerebral oedema and tubular necrosis.
- prenatal death have increased a lot.