

NDRF MARTYR  
**Basavaraj Yaragatti**

Rank: CT/GD  
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15.06.1982 - 25.06.2013

**Brief on Martyrdom**

On 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, intense flash floods and accompanying landslides in the State of Uttarakhand caused enormous human casualties and destruction of property. Resultantly, NDRF was called to assist the civil administration in rescue and relief operation. In a massive joint operation conducted in extremely challenging situation by NDRF in co-ordination with IAF, Indian Army, ITBP and State administration, 9,044 civilians including foreigners were rescued and provided medical aid. Unfortunately, during movement for rescue operation from Kedarnath to Guptkashi on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013, the MI 17 helicopter carrying twenty valiant rescuers including 09 NDRF personnel, 06 ITBP and 05 IAF personnel crashed in the hills leading to the death of all occupants. Late Nitya Nand Gupta of 8 Bn NDRF laid down his life in the line of duty. He will always be remembered for his unflinching commitment to the service of the Nation.