



NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE

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HON'BLE UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI AMIT SHAH PRESENTS PRESIDENT'S COLOUR TO NDRF

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah presented the prestigious President's Colour to the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) during a glittering ceremonial parade held today at 8th BN NDRF, Ghaziabad (U.P.) in the presence of Shri Piyush Anand, Director General NDRF and Officers, Rescuers and families of NDRF. The award of President's Colour recognises the Force's exemplary service, professionalism and unwavering commitment towards disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

The ceremony was also graced by Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan, Director IB Shri Tapan Kumar Deka, HoD & Member NDMA Shri Krishna Vatsa, DsG of CAPF, Ex-DsG of NDRF, senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Armed Forces, SDRFs and other dignitaries from the States besides representatives from NCC, Civil Defence, NYKS and "Aapda Mitra" volunteers.

Since its raising on 19 Jan 2006, NDRF has endeared itself to the people across the length and breadth of the country by living up to its motto "आपदा सेवा सदैव सर्वत्र". In a short span of twenty years, the Force with a strength of 16 Battalions and regular presence at 69 locations has carved a niche for itself by remaining in the forefront of disaster response and earning the sobriquet - "Angels in Orange". The Force has conducted nearly 12000 challenging operations and in the process made live rescue of over 1.5 lakh victims, evacuated more than 9 lakh persons during floods, cyclones, landslides, urban disasters and CBRN emergencies. The Force has also significantly strengthened India's global humanitarian outreach through various International Operations including Japan (2011), Nepal (2015), Turkiye (2023), Myanmar (2025) and Sri Lanka (2025).

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Home Minister inspected the parade and presented the President's Colour to NDRF. Congratulating all ranks of the Force, Shri Amit Shah said that the President's Colour is the highest honour awarded to a Force symbolizing discipline, sacrifice and devotion towards its duties and the country. Shri Amit Shah stated that NDRF had emerged as a world-class disaster response force through its swift response, professionalism and humanitarian service and become a beacon of hope for the countrymen during disasters. He also highlighted the Force's growing international role through humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in keeping with the Hon'ble Prome Minister's Ten Point Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Hon'ble Home Minister also paid tribute to the seventeen brave NDRF Rescuers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General NDRF, in his welcome address, described the occasion as a historic moment in the journey of the Force. Highlighting the key initiatives taken by the Force, he emphasized that

NDRF is continuously upgrading its skills and technology while maintaining focus on training and capacity building of SDRF, Civil Defence and other stakeholders and sensitization of the community. He informed that more than 1,400 operations were conducted by NDRF in 2025 alone, the highest ever in a single year.

During the ceremony, the Hon'ble Home Minister virtually inaugurated the NDRF Regional Response Centre at Dehradun and laid the foundation stones of six new RRCs at Agartala, Ernakulam, Nurpur, Lucknow, Gangtok and Gandhinagar. Shri Amit Shah presented Police Medal for distinguished & meritorious service to 10 Officers and Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak to three Rescuers. Trophies were also given for Professional Competition and Sports, Best Innovation and Fittest Rescuer of NDRF.

The event saw a thrilling band display by ITBP Brass & Pipe band and daring rope rescue act by NDRF Rescuers.

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