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Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, taking a sacred dip at the Triveni Sangam during the Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj on 10 February 2025, escorted by NDRF Mahila Rescuers





Hon'ble Prime Minister interacting with NDRF & SDRF personnel in Himachal Pradesh on 09 Sept' 2025.



Hon'ble Prime Minister reviewing NDRF rescue operations in Punjab on 09 Sept' 2025



NDRF Rescuers conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) Ops amidst collapsed structures in Mandalay Region in Myanmar – April 2025.



NDRF Mahila Rescuers maintain a vigilant watch over pilgrims taking the holy dip during Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj –Feb 2025.





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DG's FOREWARD

Piyush Anand, IPS
Director General, NDRF



It is a matter of immense pride and honour to be part of this elite force of professionals committed to safeguarding lives during disasters. Over the years, NDRF has established itself as a beacon of promptness, professionalism and unwavering commitment in response during both natural and man-made disasters.

The year 2025 remained an eventful year in terms of disaster response in the country and even outside. NDRF led numerous high-stakes operations with great resilience and competence. The major operations include the Dharali and Chisoti flash floods in Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir, massive floods in Jammu and Punjab, cloudbursts in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand leading to landslides, cyclones Montha and Ditwah on the eastern coast besides several Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue and CBRN Ops. The efficient handling of the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj and the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra is heartening as many lives were saved by timely response and evacuation from difficult terrain. The International response during Op Brahma in Myanmar in the aftermath of the massive earthquake and during Op Sagar Bandhu in Sri Lanka on account of flood and landslides have highlighted the significant role of India in helping its neighbours in crisis. The operations amply reflect the unwavering commitment of the Force in safeguarding lives and property during disasters.

Beyond the field, NDRF fostered vital stakeholder collaboration, co-hosting the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners/SDRF Chiefs with MHA to bolster integrated disaster response. National level workshops on Chemical and Biological disasters provided an opportunity for the stakeholders to brainstorm with experts on core issues and share the challenges, lessons learnt from past incidents to shape up future response. The National-level CSSR and CBRN capacity-building competitions for State Disaster Response Forces (SDRFs) provided valuable insights on the capabilities of the States and helped in confidence building of the Teams. The successful completion of 3rd Mountaineering Expedition "Shaurya," and conduct of various Professional and Sports Competitions indicate the commitment of the Rescuers to maintain top physical and mental fitness to face the onerous tasks with required whim and vigour.

As we reflect on our achievements, it is equally important to look ahead with renewed commitment. NDRF must continue to embrace technological advancements, refine its training methodologies, and strengthen partnerships with diverse agencies to remain at the forefront of disaster response. Let us continue to uphold our guiding motto "AAPDA SEVA SADAIV SARVATRA" for effective disaster response in varied situations and at all times. I urge every member of this elite Force to uphold our revered values of courage, compassion and commitment, ensuring that we remain the cornerstone of India's disaster response framework. Together, let us strive to make our Nation safer and more prepared for the challenges ahead. Best wishes.

Jai Hind !



NDRF CELEBRATES ITS 20TH RAISING DAY



On 19th January 2025, the 20th Raising Day of the National Disaster Response Force was celebrated with great enthusiasm at 10th Battalion, NDRF at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. The Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He also inaugurated the National South Campus of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and 10th Battalion of NDRF. In addition, several other significant projects were inaugurated virtually, including the Regional Response Centre at Supaul, the new Integrated Shooting Range at the National Police Academy in Hyderabad and the building of the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory in Tirupati.







The event was also graced by the esteemed presence of Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Shri Pawan Kalyan, Deputy Chief Minister, along with Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri K. Rammohan Naidu, Union Minister of State for Home Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan.

The Chief Guest presented trophies to the winners of the Inter-Battalion Sports and Professional Competitions, as well as Distinguished Service medals to NDRF personnel for their glorious service to the Nation.



DISASTER RESPONSE

CROSSING BORDERS FOR SAVING LIVES: “OPERATION BRAHMA”



Following the directives of the Government of India, NDRF expeditiously mobilized an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team to Mandalay Province, Myanmar, in the wake of a powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake on 28th March 2025 followed by a 6.4 - magnitude aftershock. This specialized contingent, comprising 80 Rescuers and 4 trained search-and-rescue canines, was equipped with advanced rescue equipment and a modified support vehicle to enhance operational effectiveness.

Upon arrival in Myanmar, NDRF team was deployed to Mandalay City, where massive structural collapses had occurred. The team initiated comprehensive search and rescue operations in coordination with local authorities. The intervention led to the retrieval of 67 deceased individuals from under the rubble. The sincere efforts of NDRF Rescuers in challenging situations endeared them to the locals.





Beyond primary rescue efforts, the team also organized a medical camp to provide essential healthcare services to earthquake survivors, addressing the urgent needs of 227 individuals. These humanitarian efforts highlight the NDRF's proficiency, dedication and unwavering commitment to international disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

COAL MINE MISHAP IN ASSAM'S DIMA HASAO

On 06th January 2025, a team of NDRF was mobilized to Umrangshu, Dima Hasao District, Assam in response to a coal mine incident in which nine persons were trapped. The NDRF rescue team conducted search and rescue operations in collaboration with the Civil Police, Navy, Army, SDRF and other agencies. During the operation, which lasted until 21st February 2025, the team successfully retrieved all nine deceased individuals from the site.



BUILDING COLLAPSE IN ORDNANCE FACTORY JAWAHARNAGAR, BHANDARA, MAHARASHTRA

On 24th January 2025, two teams of NDRF, accompanied by a canine squad, were mobilized to the Ordnance Factory in Jawaharnagar, Sahuli, District Bhandara, Maharashtra, in response to a blast-induced structural collapse. Several individuals were reported to be trapped under the debris. In coordination with other agencies, NDRF conducted Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, recovering five bodies from the rubble.



BUILDING COLLAPSE IN KAUSHIK ENCLAVE, BURARI, CENTRAL DELHI

On 27th January 2025, three NDRF teams were mobilized to Kaushik Enclave, Burari, Central Delhi, following the collapse of a five-storey building. The teams conducted search and rescue (SAR) operations, successfully rescuing six individuals trapped under the debris. Additionally, five deceased persons were retrieved. Due to swift and coordinated efforts of the NDRF teams, maximum lives were saved.



AVALANCHE IN THE HIMALAYAS : THE MANA INCIDENT

From February 28 to March 3, 2025, four rescue teams from 15th Battalion NDRF, accompanied by four canines, were deployed at Village Mana, Badrinath Dham, Chamoli District, Uttarakhand, in response to a devastating avalanche. In close coordination with ITBP, Army, BRO, SDRF, and Civil Police, the teams conducted search and rescue operations amid challenging weather conditions. Their combined efforts led to the recovery of six deceased individuals. This large-scale operation formed part of a multi-agency response to an avalanche that tragically affected a BRO camp, resulting in eight fatalities and rescue of 46 workers.



DERAILMENT INCIDENT : TRAGEDY ON THE TRACK IN NERGUNDI, ODISHA

On 30th March 2025, two teams from 3rd Battalion NDRF were rushed to Nergundi, District Cuttack, Odisha, following derailment of 11 coaches of the SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya AC Superfast Express. The teams conducted comprehensive search and rescue operations at the site, successfully evacuating 22 passengers trapped in the wreckage.

Additionally, primary healthcare treatment was provided to 30 other affected individuals.



TOXIC THREAT AVERTED: CBRN RESPONSE AT JINDAL POLYMER, IGATPURI MAHARASHTRA

Between 21st to 27th May 2025, a team from 5th Battalion NDRF was mobilized to Jindal Polymer, Igatpuri, District Nashik, Maharashtra, in response to a massive fire incident involving suspected radiation exposure from radioactive materials. The team monitored the affected area and assisted the Fire Services in dousing the blaze. During the operation, the team successfully recovered one Krypton-85 radioactive source, which was securely transported to a designated storage facility at JFPL under the expert supervision of scientists from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). In total, the fire impacted fifteen radioactive sources, comprising six Krypton-85, six Promethium-145 and three Strontium-90 units. The operation showcased the NDRF's expertise in handling hazardous material incidents.



LANDSLIDE DISASTER IN DAKSHINA KANNADA

On 30th May 2025, in response to landslide and structural collapse incidents caused by heavy rains in Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka. NDRF teams were immediately rushed upon receiving the information. Coordinating closely with local authorities, the teams promptly initiated search and rescue operations. Through their swift and methodical efforts, the teams successfully rescued two individuals and recovered two deceased persons from the affected areas.



NDRF FLOOD RESCUE OPERATIONS IN MANIPUR & ASSAM



FLOODS IN MANIPUR

On 31st May 2025, the state of Manipur experienced severe flooding due to prolonged and intense rainfall, resulting in widespread flood in Imphal East.

In response, a team from 12th Battalion undertook extensive rescue and relief operations in the most severely affected areas, including Maibakhul, Heingang, and Wangkhei.

The team successfully evacuated 339 individuals, including vulnerable groups such as children, a pregnant woman and a differently-abled lady, ensuring their safe relocation from the flood-impacted zones.

FLOODS IN ASSAM

During June 2025, persistent heavy rainfall across the state led to severe flood-like condition, causing widespread waterlogging in several parts of Guwahati. The sudden surge of water rendered many residents stranded and in urgent need of assistance. In response, the 1st Battalion NDRF promptly deployed two specialized teams to the affected areas.

Demonstrating efficiency and coordination, these teams successfully evacuated 337 individuals to safer locations. Additionally, they worked closely with the State Administration to facilitate the distribution of essential relief materials to the affected people.



FLASH FLOOD/CLOUD BURST, HARSIL, UTTARKASHI (UK)

On 5th August 2025, a devastating flash flood and cloudburst struck Harsil in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand. Four teams of NDRF were immediately mobilised to the affected area, where they worked in close coordination with local authorities to carry out intensive search and rescue operations. The NDRF teams evacuated 340 people to safety and provided pre-hospital treatment (PHT) to more than 367 affected persons.



CLOUD BURST, CHASOTI VILLAGE, KISHTWAR (J&K)

On 14th August 2025, a devastating landslide struck Chasoti village in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, causing widespread destruction and loss of life. Upon receiving the information, three teams of NDRF immediately rushed to the site and launched search and rescue operation in the affected areas. During the operation, 66 persons were rescued and 65 deceased were retrieved.



PUNJAB FLOODS

In response to widespread flood-like conditions in Punjab, 25 NDRF teams were deployed across 10 districts including Bathinda, Fazilka, Firozpur, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Ludhiana, Pathankot, Patiala, and Rupnagar (Ropar). The teams conducted extensive rescue and relief operations, saving 28 persons and evacuating 8,267 people to safety. Besides, 34 livestock were also saved. NDRF's prompt action mitigated the impact of the floods and provided critical support to the affected communities. The large-scale deployment demonstrated the Force's efficiency and commitment in addressing natural large scale calamities.



CLOUD BURST, INCIDENT PONSARI, BAGHESHWAR UTTARAKHAND

In response to a devastating cloudburst that struck Ponsari Village in Kapkot, Bageshwar (Uttarakhand) between 29th August and 11th September 2025, an NDRF team was deployed to carry out Search and Rescue (SAR) operation in coordination with SDRF. Working under challenging terrain and adverse weather conditions, the team successfully evacuated five stranded individuals to safety and retrieved four deceased persons.

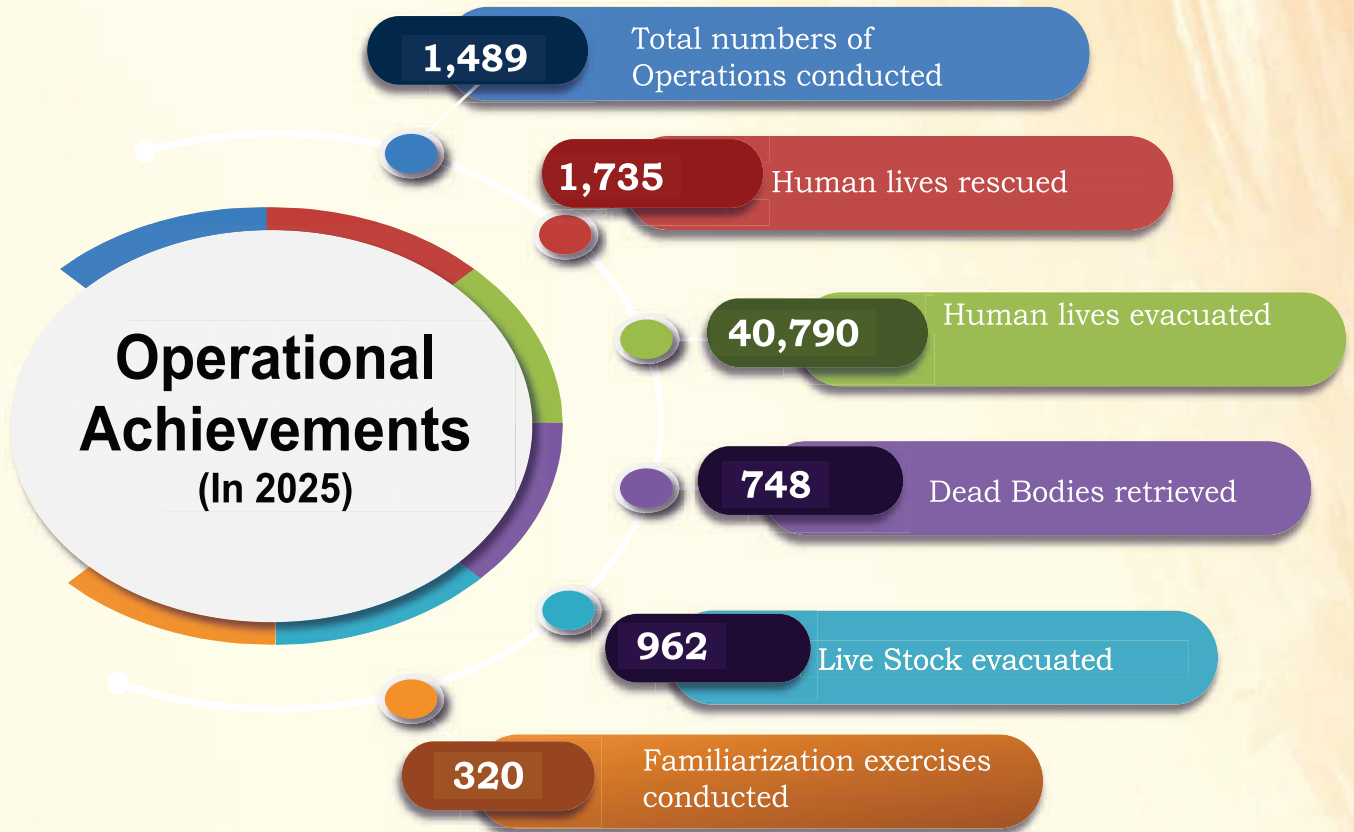


OPERATION SAGAR BANDHU : NDRF's CROSS-BORDER HADR RESPONSE TO CYCLONE DITWAH

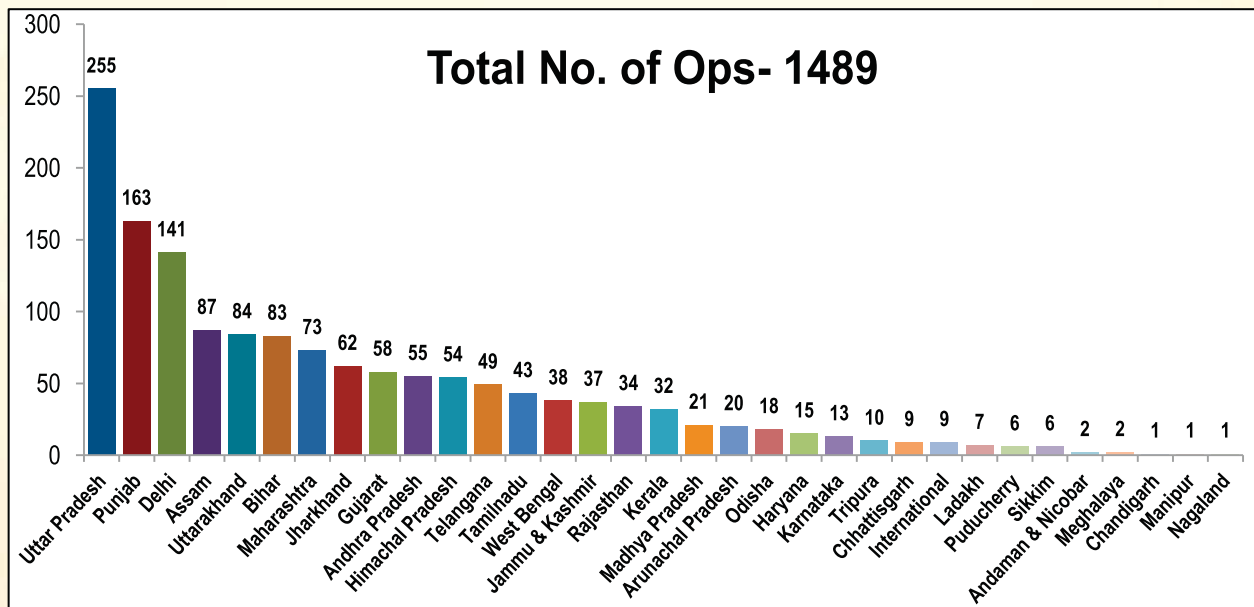
On 28th November 2025, the Government of India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu in response to Severe Cyclonic Storm Ditwah. As part of this operation, the NDRF extended its humanitarian footprint beyond national borders by deploying two teams to Sri Lanka for rescue and relief operations. The contingent, comprising 80 Rescuers and four canines, was airlifted from Hindon Airbase along with specialized HADR equipment and relief materials.

The teams undertook extensive search and rescue operation in the cyclone-affected areas, rescuing 74 stranded persons, evacuating 70 others to safety, and recovering two mortal remains. For the first time, trained cadaver dog was employed to locate bodies under the rubble. This international mission underscores India's steadfast commitment to the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and highlights NDRF's growing capability to deliver timely and effective humanitarian assistance beyond national boundaries while sustaining high operational readiness within the country.

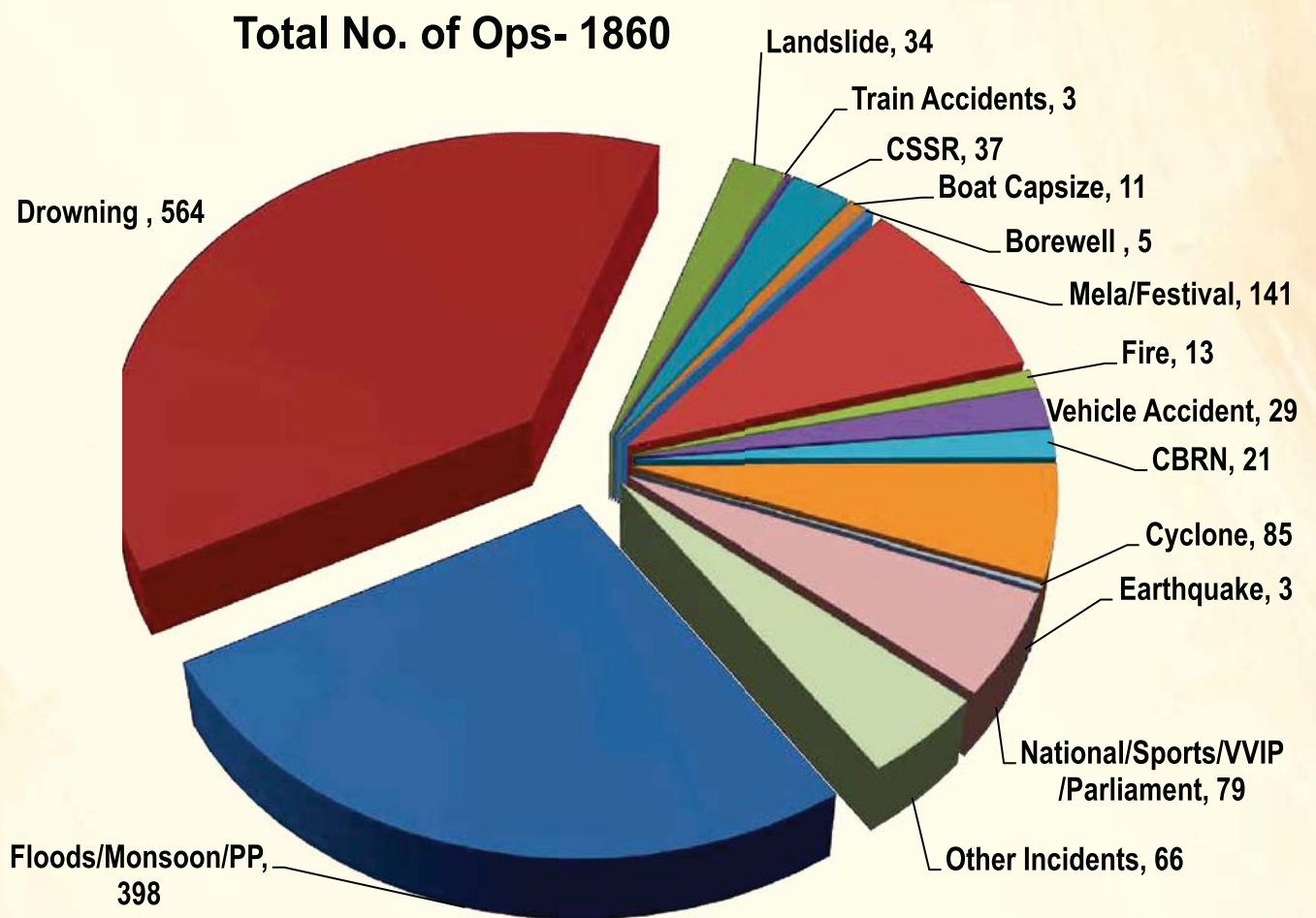




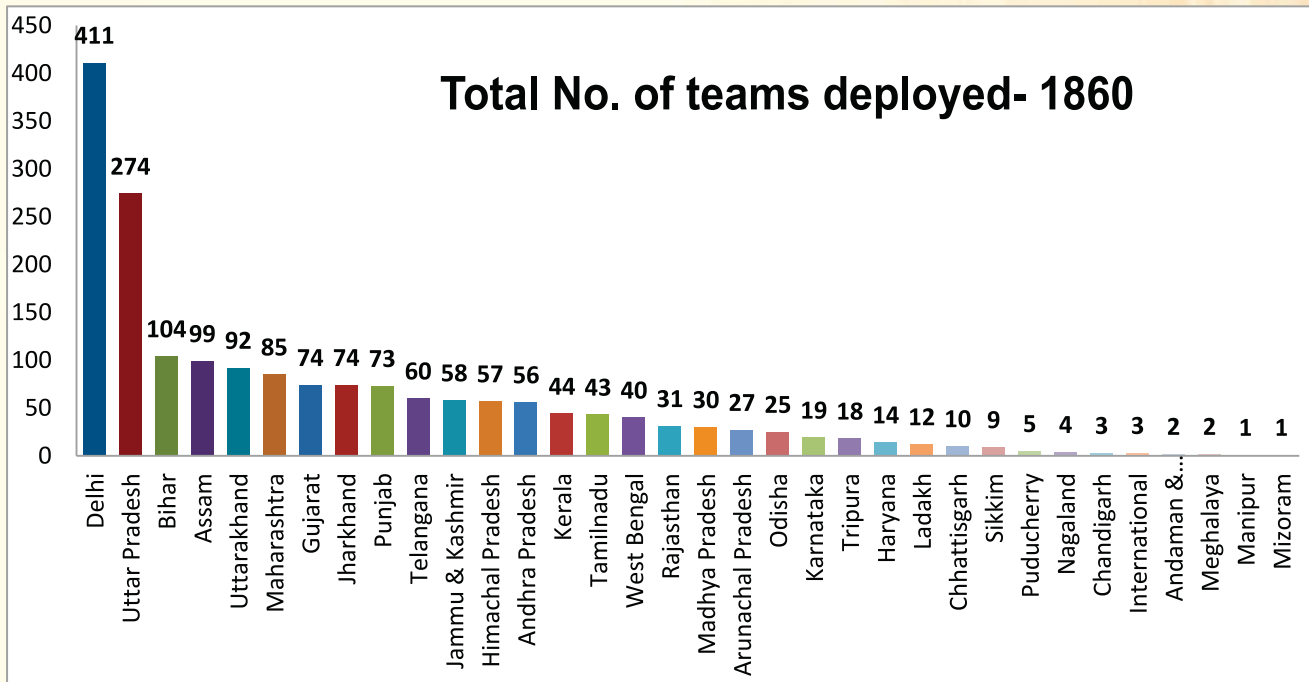
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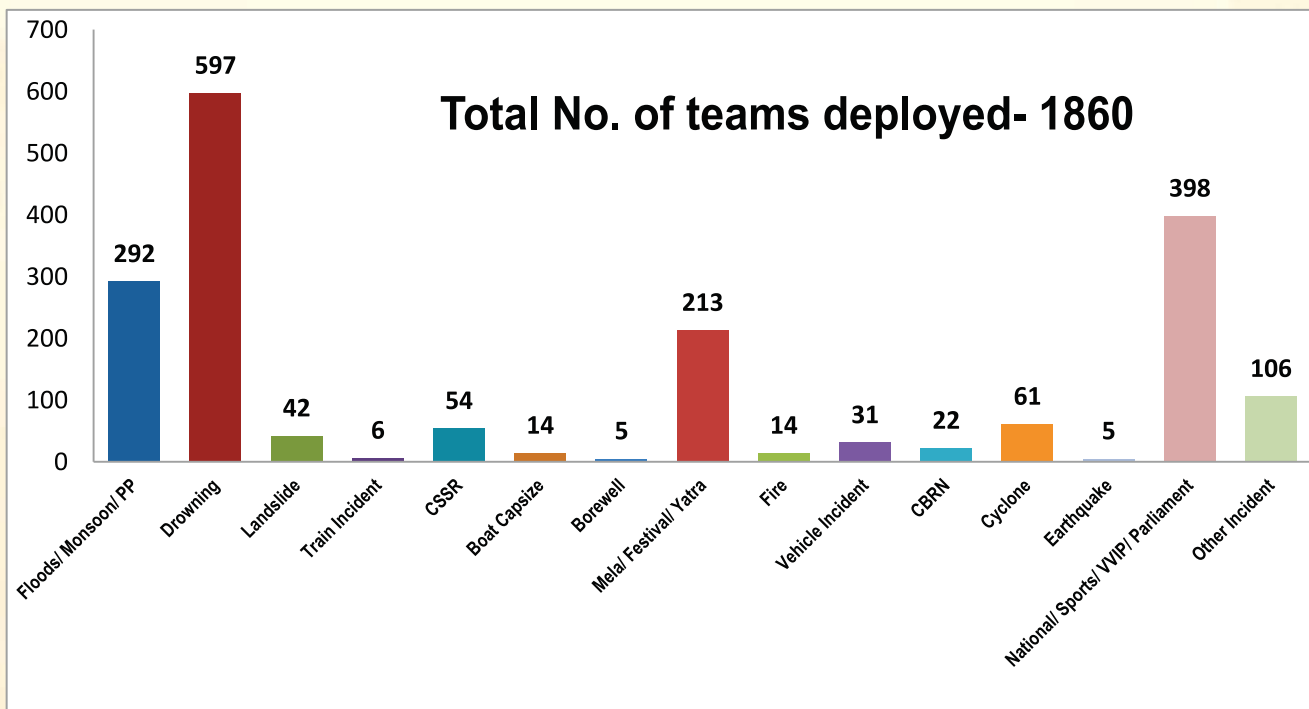
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STATE-WISE TEAMS DEPLOYED - 2025



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MAHAKUMBH - 2025

During the Maha Kumbh Mela-2025, NDRF played a pivotal role in safeguarding the massive gathering in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. A total of 20 NDRF teams including FWR, CSSR and CBRN teams were deployed on-site, with additional three teams in readiness in Varanasi to provide rapid support, if required. Throughout the event, NDRF personnel conducted multiple rescue operations, successfully saving 62 lives, evacuating 77 individuals out of hazardous situations and recovering eight deceased persons from various incidents. Furthermore, NDRF teams delivered prompt medical assistance to 57 individuals and provided essential medicines to 2,944 attendees. This comprehensive response highlights NDRF's unwavering commitment and preparedness in managing large-scale public events while prioritizing public health and safety.



ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE - 2025

A Press Conference was organised on the occasion of 20th Raising Day of NDRF at 10th Battalion NDRF, Vijayawada. The event was graced by senior officials including Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF, Shri Narendra Singh Bundela, IPS, Inspector General, NDRF, Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Shri Mohsen Shahedi, DIG Operations, HQ NDRF and Dr Hariom Gandhi, DIG South Zone NDRF. The conference witnessed the participation of over 94 esteemed media representatives, where key achievements, recent operations and future initiatives—were highlighted. The conference emphasized upon NDRF's growth, operational excellence and ongoing commitment to disaster preparedness and response, reaffirming the Force's goal of achieving zero casualty in disasters through enhanced coordination and training.



ANNUAL TRAINING AND OPERATIONS CONFERENCE AT 8TH BN NDRF, GHAZIABAD (U.P)

NDRF conducted its two-day Annual Training and Operational Conference (ATOC)-2025 at 8th Battalion, Ghaziabad, under the chairmanship of Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF. The conference provided a crucial platform for reviewing operational readiness and advancing training strategies. ATOC-2025 emphasized the implementation of the 'Year of Training – 2025' focusing on the integration of advanced technologies, multi-agency coordination, scenario-based drills, and specialized capacity building, particularly in high-altitude rescues and CBRN emergency responses.

The Think Tank comprising Senior Officers from HQ and field formations, did operational introspection and shared insights to further strengthen the Force. The ATOC reinforces NDRF's commitment to raising disaster resilience and preparedness through continuous review and improvement in training, operations and community outreach across India.



CAPACITY BUILDING

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RELIEF COMMISSIONERS / SECRETARIES (DISASTER MANAGEMENT) AND STATE DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (SDRF), HOME GUARDS & FIRE SERVICES OF STATES /UTs - 2025



Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners, Secretaries and Heads of Disaster Response Forces of States and Union Territories in New Delhi as a chief guest. The Two-day event, jointly organized by NDRF and Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), was also attended by Shri Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan and several other distinguished dignitaries.



The conference brought together eminent speakers, Relief Commissioners and Secretaries, DsG/ADsG of SDRFs, as well as representatives from Home Guards, Civil Defence and Fire Services from all States and Union Territories, fostering comprehensive dialogue and collaboration in disaster management and response.



The two-day conference concluded with the valedictory session presided over by the Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. P. K. Mishra. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mishra emphasized that this annual meeting is more than a routine event—it is a vital opportunity to reflect, recalibrate and strengthen our collective approach to disaster risk management.



He noted that disasters are becoming more complex and inter-connected, with impacts compounding and new risks emerging faster than current response capacities. This calls for greater flexibility, better coordination, and adaptable strategies across the Nation to effectively prepare for and manage changing disaster challenges.



NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING COMPETITION FOR STATE DISASTER RESPONSE FORCES (SDRFs)



NDRF hosted the first-ever National Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Competition for State Disaster Response Forces from April 21–23, 2025, at 8th Battalion NDRF, Ghaziabad. This event witnessed remarkable participation, with 30 teams representing States and Union Territories across the country. The competition aimed to strengthen the skills, preparedness and coordination between SDRFs and NDRF, following zonal-level selections held in March 2025.



Demonstrating outstanding expertise and teamwork during the rigorous event, Himachal Pradesh SDRF team secured the 1st position, followed by Uttarakhand in 2nd place and Andhra Pradesh securing 3rd place. Addressing the participants, Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF, applauded the enthusiasm and professionalism of all the participants. He emphasized that this competition is a significant step towards strengthening disaster response capabilities nationwide and offering valuable learning experiences that will further enhance operational readiness for both SDRF and NDRF teams.



NDRF HOSTS FIRST-EVER NATIONAL-LEVEL CBRN CAPACITY BUILDING COMPETITION FOR SDRFs



The National Disaster Response Force successfully concluded the first-ever National-Level CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Capacity Building Competition for State Disaster Response Forces (SDRFs) at Adarsh Auditorium, Delhi Police Headquarters, New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, graced the Closing Ceremony as the Chief Guest. Eighteen SDRF teams from across the country participated in the competition designed to enhance preparedness, operational efficiency, and inter-agency coordination in managing CBRN emergencies. Tamil Nadu SDRF emerged as the winners, followed by Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh in second and third positions respectively. The Hon'ble Minister commended NDRF's dedicated efforts toward building a “Disaster-Resilient India” and assured full support from the Ministry in strengthening CBRN response capabilities nationwide.



WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING RESPONSE CAPABILITIES IN CHEMICAL DISASTER

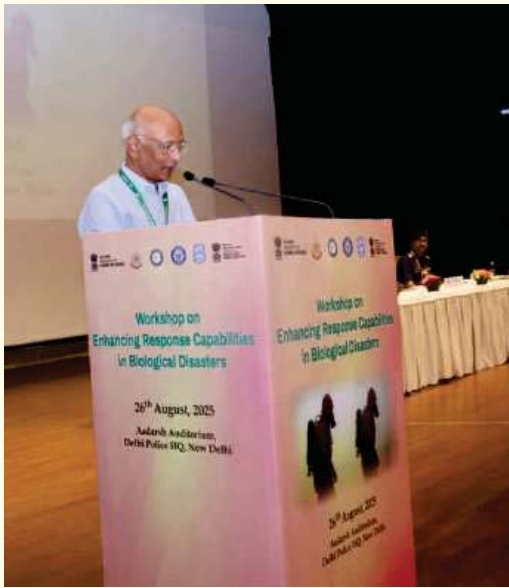


NDRF organized a National Workshop on “Enhancing Response Capabilities in Chemical Disasters” on 19th February 2025 in New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF. The workshop convened experts from organizations viz. DRDE, INMAS, NACWC, DMI Bhopal, Delhi Fire Services, DDMA and field officers from SDRFs.

The event facilitated dialogue on strategies to manage the growing risks posed by rapid industrialization, urbanization and large-scale transport of hazardous materials. Keynote speaker Dr. Anjan Ray, Former Director of CSIR, emphasized the critical need for stronger disaster communication methods targeting chemical hazards. The sessions featured valuable insights on preparedness, shared by distinguished speakers and state SDRF representatives, drawing upon international best practices.



ENHANCING RESPONSE CAPABILITIES IN BIOLOGICAL DISASTERS



NDRF organized a one-day National Workshop on “Enhancing Response Capabilities in Biological Disasters” on 26th August 2025 at Delhi Police Auditorium, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri U.K. Singh, Director General, Soldier Support System, DRDO, and Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF. Experts from DRDO, DRDE, NCDC, NDMA, ICMR, and SDRFs deliberated on key aspects of biological disaster management, including surveillance, containment, decontamination, and public awareness. The sessions emphasized inter-agency coordination, preparedness planning, and technological innovations to tackle biological threats effectively. DG NDRF, in his address, reiterated NDRF's commitment to strengthening national readiness and fostering collaboration among stakeholders for a resilient response system.



5th BN NDRF CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON CBRN PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE



5th Battalion NDRF conducted a workshop on CBRN Preparedness and Response at Byculla, Mumbai on 21st November 2025, the first such CBRN-focused workshop in Maharashtra to strengthen state-level readiness for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies. The day-long programme, attended by representatives from NDMA, SDMA, SDRF, Police, CPCB, MPCB, BMC, PCMC, SRPF, NEERI, NIV, DISH, Fire Services, Civil Defence and other key stakeholders, focused on enhancing inter-agency coordination, improving understanding of CBRN risk mapping and response protocols, and familiarizing participants with safety procedures, detection equipment and technological innovations in CBRN management. Addressing the workshop as Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Aswal, Member NDMA, emphasized the importance of Disaster Risk Mitigation plans for industries in the context of Viksit Bharat and also, informed that NDMA is in the process of revision and updation of national CBRN guidelines and operational response protocols for complex emergencies.



BIMSTEC STRENGTHENS REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS THROUGH 4TH DMEx

The 4th BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise (DMEx) was conducted virtually on 14–15 July 2025, hosted by the National Disaster Management Authority of India. Focused on managing complex disasters such as cyclones and floods, the exercise brought together disaster response agencies and stakeholders from all BIMSTEC member nations to enhance coordination and interoperability. Participants discussed pre-disaster preparedness, early warning systems, rescue operations, and post-disaster recovery measures.

The exercise reinforced BIMSTEC's vision of a resilient Bay of Bengal region through collective readiness and strengthened regional cooperation in disaster management.



SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NDRF'S 3RD MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION 'SHAURYA' ON MT. KEDAR DOME



In June 2025, NDRF celebrated the successful completion of its third mountaineering expedition "Shaurya" to Mt. Kedar Dome (22,411 ft.) in Uttarakhand. The team, flagged off by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami on 21st May 2025, summited the peak on 7th June after navigating a challenging route via Kirti Glacier. A ceremonial Flag-In event in New Delhi marked the return of the team. Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan and DG NDRF Shri Piyush Anand applauded the team's resilience and highlighted the significance of such missions in enhancing high-altitude operational readiness and disaster response capability. The aim of this expedition was to prepare the NDRF rescuers to mobilize and operate at short notice in disaster-prone high-altitude areas of the country.



SPORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES



NDRF Excels at IRONMAN 70.3 GOA - The event featured a 1.9 km swim, 90 km cycling and 21.1 km run. The NDRF team of Ironman-2025 was led by Sh. Mohsen Shahedi, DIG Operations, HQ NDRF. Six solo and six medley teams with Officers and Rescuers participated in the international triathlon. The endeavour of NDRF to remain super fit and to promote physical and mental robustness for efficiency in operations is being closely monitored at various levels under the keen eyes of DG and IG NDRF with active participation by field units.

Annual Inter- Battalion Sports Competitions - 2025

Events	Hosting Bn	Duration	Position		
			First (Gold)	Second (Silver)	Third (Bronze)
Swimming	12 th Bn	17-19 Nov - 25	E & N.E Zone	North Zone	South & S.C Zone
Football	7 th Bn	10-12 Nov - 25	12 th Bn	13 th Bn	3 rd Bn
Basketball	5 th Bn	19-22 Nov - 25	2 nd Bn	14 th Bn	16 th Bn
Volleyball	3 rd Bn	26-27 Nov - 25	4 th Bn	14 th Bn	2 nd Bn
Yoga	10 th Bn	01-02 Nov - 25	2 nd Bn	1 st Bn	2 nd Bn
Badminton	15 th Bn	08-09 Nov - 25	North Zone	W.C Zone	E & N.E Zone
H/Marathon	13 th Bn	10 - Dec - 25	North Zone	E & N.E Zone	West Cent Zone



Annual Inter- Battalion Professional Competitions - 2025

Events	Hosting Bn	Duration	Position		
			First (Gold)	Second (Silver)	Third (Bronze)
Deep Diving	6 th Bn	13-15 Nov - 25	16 th Bn	2 nd Bn	4 th Bn
CSSR Compt.	8 th Bn	17-19 Nov - 25	14 th Bn	1 st Bn	8 th Bn
K-9 Compt.	4 th Bn	20-22 Nov - 25	4 th Bn	12 th Bn	8 th Bn
Drill of QDA, HF, VHF	2 nd Bn	28-29 Nov - 25	2 nd Bn	5 th Bn	13 th Bn
One Minute Drill	1 st Bn	03-04 Dec - 25	2 nd Bn	10 th Bn	15 th Bn



COMMUNITY AWARENESS/SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMMES

During the year 2025, under the Disaster Management Training Program, NDRF conducted 3845 Community Awareness Programs (CAPs) and 3921 School Safety Programs (SSPs) across various districts, schools and colleges nationwide. These initiatives benefitted over 16 lakhs people, significantly advancing disaster preparedness and resilience among communities.



MOCK DRILLS

NDRF, in collaboration with various stakeholders, conducted an extensive series of 900+ mock drill exercises to enhance preparedness for multiple disaster scenarios, including earthquakes, floods and cyclones, rail accidents, forest fire and CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) emergencies. These exercises educated over 1.10 lakh people on safety and disaster response, boosting community preparedness and resilience.



VISITS

SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

SHRI GOVIND MOHAN, HOME SECRETARY, VISITS NDRF HQ



Shri Govind Mohan, Union Home Secretary, visited the NDRF Headquarter and interacted with senior officials. During the visit, NDRF leadership briefed him on the Force's recent operations, capacity-building initiatives, high-altitude expeditions and strategic preparedness for disaster response across the country.



Shri Mohan appreciated the professionalism and commitment of NDRF personnel and emphasized the importance of continuous training, inter-agency coordination and joint exercises with SDRFs and other sister agencies to enhance collective disaster response capabilities. His visit served as a motivating interaction for all ranks and reaffirmed the Government's support towards strengthening NDRF's role in building a disaster-resilient India.



DR. RAJESH GUPTA, JOINT SECRETARY (DM), MHA, VISITS NDRF HQ

Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Joint Secretary (DM), MHA, visited NDRF HQ and held discussions with senior officers on strengthening disaster preparedness and response capabilities. He reviewed operational readiness, ongoing initiatives, and modernization efforts of the Force, and emphasized the importance of inter-agency coordination and community-based disaster preparedness. Dr. Gupta appreciated the professionalism and commitment of NDRF personnel and reaffirmed the Ministry's continued support in further enhancing NDRF's capacity to respond effectively to disasters across the country.



INTERACTION OF 13TH BATCH OF DSsP OF TAMILNADU POLICE WITH DG NDRF

A delegation of 13th batch of Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSsP) from Tamilnadu Police visited NDRF Headquarter as part of their training exposure. During the visit, the officers had an insightful interaction with Shri Piyush Anand, DG NDRF and Officers from HQ NDRF. The interaction aimed at sensitizing young police officers on the role of specialized Disaster Response Forces and fostering synergy between State Police and NDRF during crisis situations. The officers also witnessed demonstrations of specialized equipment and operational preparedness during their visit.



FIELD VISIT OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF NDRF AT DMRC SADAR BAZAR TUNNEL, DELHI



Senior officers of NDRF conducted a field visit to the DMRC tunnel construction site at Sadar Bazar, Delhi to assess preparedness and coordinate emergency response planning.

The visit was led by Shri Piyush Anand, Director General, NDRF, accompanied by IG NDRF, DIG (Operations) and officers from the 16th Battalion. The team reviewed the tunnel layout, potential risk zones and discussed emergency response strategies with site authorities.



DG's VISIT TO FIELD UNITS



Director General, NDRF, conducted extensive visits to various NDRF Battalions, engaging directly with Rescuers to review operational preparedness. During these visits, he evaluated the latest equipment and technology, provided strategic guidance, and solicited constructive feedback to enhance operational effectiveness. Each battalion showcased their core rescue capabilities through live demonstrations, reflecting technical proficiency, innovation and preparedness for diverse disaster scenarios.



FIELD VISITS OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF NDRF



Shri Narendra Singh Bundela, IPS, Inspector General, NDRF conducted field visits to 9th and 11th Bn NDRF.



Shri Hari Om Gandhi, DIG South Zone & South Central Zone, NDRF, conducted a comprehensive visit of field formations.





Shri Gambhir Singh Chauhan, DIG North Zone, NDRF, visited 15th BN NDRF, Dehradun Uttarakhand.



Shri Bharat Bhushan Vaid, DIG East & North East Zone, visited 1st Bn NDRF, Guwahati (Assam).



Shri Mohsen Shahedi, DIG WC Zone, NDRF, conducted an insightful inspection of 16th Bn NDRF, Dwarka, Delhi emphasizing upon operational readiness, training excellence and welfare of the personnel.



MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING



NDRF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) under “Project Sahayog” to enhance mountain and avalanche rescue capabilities. As part of TMR's CSR initiative, they will provide expert training and advisory support to NDRF teams, helping strengthen disaster preparedness in high-altitude regions.



To enhance disaster response in southern India, NDRF signed an MoU with Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. for developing Regional Response Centres at Ernakulam (4th Bn) and Hyderabad (10th Bn). Under the guidance of DG NDRF, the project includes G+4 buildings, MT garages, boundary walls and essential civic infrastructure. These facilities will enhance operational readiness and enable rapid mobilization during emergencies.



EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



On June 21st 2025, the NDRF enthusiastically celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga, embracing the theme **“Yoga for One Earth, One Health.”** Rescuers from all battalions and the headquarters, New Delhi, actively participated in comprehensive Yoga sessions aimed at enhancing physical and mental well-being. A special event held at Nehru Park, Delhi, witnessed the presence of the Director General of NDRF, senior officers, and 250 rescuers performing various Yoga Asanas, Pranayama, and Dhyana. Additionally, a free medical check-up camp was also organized during the event, benefiting over 300 individuals.



CYCLING EXPEDITION TO PROMOTE FITNESS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

NDRF successfully organized its maiden Cycling Expedition on February 9, 2025, covering 50 kilometers to promote physical fitness, resilience and disaster preparedness awareness. The expedition was officially flagged off by Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF, commencing from the RRC Jodhpur Hostel, New Delhi, and traversing a route up to Parx Laureate, Sector 108 Park, Noida, before returning to the starting point. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of 50 NDRF personnel and was held under the theme "तेजी, ताकत, तत्परता – NDRF की प्रतिबद्धता" (Speed, Strength, Readiness – NDRF's Commitment), highlighting the Force's dedication to endurance, teamwork, and prompt disaster response.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE UNDER SWACHHTA HI SEWA (SHS) CAMPAIGN- COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CLEANER INDIA

Under the nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025' campaign aimed at achieving a garbage-free India, NDRF organized a series of cleanliness drives, rallies, and awareness programmes across the country. These initiatives were focused on cleaning streets, roads, and public spaces while sensitizing personnel and citizens about maintaining hygiene and environmental responsibility. Emphasizing collective participation, Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF, urged people to adopt proper waste management practices to curb urban flooding and prevent health hazards. As part of the campaign, free medical camps were also organized for local residents, reaffirming NDRF's commitment to building safer, cleaner, and healthier communities.



NDRF TABLEAU SHINES AT RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS PARADE



The NDRF proudly participated in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations on 31st October at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, with a captivating tableau that honoured Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy of national unification. The tableau vividly depicted NDRF's pan-India disaster response capabilities, showcasing multi-hazard operations, community resilience training and swift deployments across diverse terrains, embodying the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." This symbolic presentation reinforced the Force's unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and property nationwide, fostering unity and collective resilience in the face of crises.



NDRF PAYS TRIBUTE TO ITS VALIANT BRAVEHEARTS

The brave-heart Martyrs of the National Disaster Response Force were remembered with pride & reverence on the occasion of 'Police Commemoration Day' at NPM, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and conveyed gratitude to our valiant heroes who sacrificed their lives at the altar of duty. Shri Piyush Anand, Director General, DG NDRF also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the families of Martyrs and reiterated NDRF's resolve to keep serving the Nation with same dedication & commitment. So far, 17 NDRF Bravehearts have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.





IN THE HOUR OF CRISIS: EVERY HAND MATTERS

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NDRF was raised on 19th Jan 2006 as a multi-skilled and specialized disaster response Force under the Disaster Management Act 2005 and mandated to respond to all natural and man-made disasters in the country and even outside. Presently, the Force has 16 Battalions. Each battalion has 18 specialized Search and Rescue teams which are self-contained and have specialists like engineers, technicians, electricians, dog squads and medical / paramedical personnel.

As per the SOP of NDRF issued by MHA, it can be requisitioned for deployment by the Principal Secretaries of the States dealing with DM, Relief Commissioners of the States and DCs/DMs of the Districts. The authorities to accept the requisitions are MHA, DG NDRF and NDRF Unit Commandants. Many a times NDRF on the basis of inputs from media channels, despatches teams to incident site even before receipt of a formal requisition. The aim is to expedite response action in keeping with the motto of the Force “Saving Lives and Beyond... Always & Everywhere.” No wonder, NDRF Rescuers are often referred to as “Angels in Orange.”

In order to ensure timely response to critical disaster situations during the golden window to save maximum lives, NDRF has adopted a concept of Alert Teams on Wheels wherein one Team with Rescuers and equipment loaded in earmarked vehicles in ready to respond within 20 minutes of the receipt of information regarding the occurrence of a disaster event. Regular Mobilization Drills are conducted at short notice to identify gaps on ground and take corrective actions. NDRF has permanent presence at 69 locations in the country.

Recently disasters in the form of cloudbursts, floods, flash floods and landslides have struck Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Telangana and some parts of the North-east India, causing large scale devastation and significant loss of human and animal lives. The timely mobilization of manpower and resources in such situations is a critical aspect of response. In order to respond to such known and unknown situations, every year NDRF in coordination with MHA conducts an Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners' and SDRF Chiefs to discuss various issues related to disaster scenarios and chalk out a strategy to deal with such events in a co-ordinated manner. The Conference is addressed by Hon'ble Union Home Minister himself in the presence of all senior functionaries and important agencies dealing with disasters like NDMA, MHA, IMD, CWC, GIS, NRSC etc.

Further, before the onset of monsoon every year, NDRF Commandants hold discussions with Relief Commissioners of the States/UTs in their area of responsibility and



based on past history of disasters and the weather prediction by IMD, NDRF-SDRF Teams are pre-positioned in most vulnerable locations so as to be as near to the impacted areas for rapid mobilization in the event of a contingency. During 2025, a record 107 NDRF Teams have been pre-positioned in various parts of the country on requisition from the States/UTs. Despite this meticulous planning, various unknown situations develop necessitating airlift of NDRF Teams which is undertaken in close co-ordination with Integrated Defence Staff (IDS), Indian Air Force (IAF) and even Civil Aircrafts placed at the disposal of States. During Dharali flash flood and Avalanche in Mana in Uttarakhand when the movement of NDRF Teams was impacted due to road blocks on account of landslide, they were airlifted to the incident site. At times even airlift is not feasible due to inclement weather conditions in which eventuality the Rescuers have to move through the terrain with equipment on their shoulders. Such movements have been undertaken many times in Mandi and Kullu in HP, Chamoli and Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand and during Sikkim Glacial Outburst in 2023 and recent landslide in Chaten (Sikkim). This requires top physical and mental fitness on the part of the NDRF Rescuer and to maintain this regular focus is assigned to Physical Proficiency Test (PPT) and Annual Validation Test of the rescuers.

The use of latest technology is indispensable for NDRF to attend both known and unknown situations. In order to give a fillip to this aspect NDRF has entered into collaboration with DRDO, INMAS and other agencies by presenting its problem statements for solutions. A crucial aspect of operation is to detect live victims from under the rubble for which NDRF has got victim location cameras and life detectors. NDRF has taken the initiative to train canines in cadaver search which will prove immensely useful. Similarly, drones have been procured for ground appreciation in large scale events where prioritizing of rescue is essential.

NDRF faces numerous challenges during monsoon operations including conduct of night operations in unknown & remote areas, movement in swift water which entails high risk to the Rescuers and reluctance of the people to come out of their houses due to various reasons. Animal rescue is also a challenge which is attended by NDRF with compassion and accorded due priority. These challenges are overcome by continuous training, conduct of brainstorming sessions on problems faced after every operation and regular upgradation of equipment profile by R&D.

The collaboration between NDRF, SDRF, Armed Forces, administration and the volunteers is extremely important for effective response. While NDRF & SDRF work in cohesion at incident sites to provide succour to the affected, the Armed Forces by virtue of their wide spread presence also provide additional support in overwhelmingly situations. The local administration under DC/DM support the Incident Response System (IRS) and provide heavy machinery and other back up for contingencies. The local police maintain law and order and the volunteers assist in relief distribution and support actions to prepare the ground for intervention of the specialized Forces. Thus, the combined efforts of all agencies together help to build up effective & sustained response in disasters. NDRF also maintains close co-ordination with IMD, CWC & GSI for various updates on weather, status of rivers and dams/reservoirs and landslide to appreciate the developing situation and take pre-emptive actions.

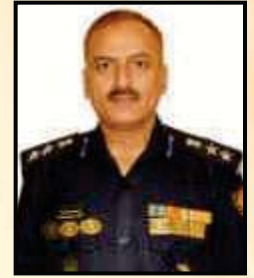


In the response to disasters, community always remains the first responder. Therefore, in order to enable them to prepare and respond well to such situations, NDRF regularly conducts Community Awareness Programmes (CAPs) and School Safety Programmes (SSPs) in order to apprise them on the various DOs and DONTs in disasters. NDRF has taken initiative to develop e content on DM in 25 different disaster modules in various regional languages and same has been uploaded on NDRF Youtube channel for the benefit of all.

To sum up, it would be pertinent to mention that although NDRF, SDRF and the Armed Forces are always available to respond to disasters, they may not be present everywhere. In such situation, the role of the citizens becomes crucial to save themselves, help their neighbours and volunteer for relief assistance. This can be achieved by creating a Family Disaster Plan, preparing an emergency kit, learning skills like CPR and first-aid for immediate assistance, participating in drills, remaining updated about potential hazards through media and use of Sachet App, sharing information and assisting the community in the best possible manner. The important thing to remember is that in disaster every hand matters and together we can make our country a disaster resilient society.



CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL HADR & ROLE OF NDRF (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO OP BRAHMA IN MYANMAR)



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Over the past few years, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has emerged as a vital player in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations, not just within India but also on the global stage. International HADR operations are inherently complex due to the multi-faceted challenges they present, logistical constraints, cross-border coordination, cultural sensitivities and the urgency of responding within critical timelines, which were all also faced by the NDRF and various agencies involved in coordination w.r.t Operation Brahma. The successful implementation of Operation Brahma, conducted in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Myanmar in 2025, epitomizes NDRF's capability and resilience in overcoming such challenges.

One of the significant contributions under Op Brahma was the timely dispatch of approximately 100 tons of relief material to Myanmar. This task was carried out within a very short period, reflecting the efficiency and dedication of NDRF. What sets this operation apart is that it was part of a broader international HADR effort, where 8th BN NDRF also successfully coordinated the dispatch of over 400 tons of NDRR material to 14 disaster-affected countries in 2024-25, including the relief material sent to Myanmar. These operations were executed within stringent deadlines, requiring meticulous planning, swift execution and unceasing, diligent efforts of personnel of NDRF who worked tirelessly in round-the-clock rotational shifts to pack and load the relief material often at odd hours and at times throughout the night, sacrificing their sleep and rest to complete the arduous task.

The logistical challenge of preparing relief materials of international standards was handled with remarkable precision. This included purchasing, collecting, inspecting, branding, and packaging the relief supplies, all customized to the specific needs of the affected region. Once prepared, the material had to be promptly loaded into Indian Air Force aircraft at Hindon Airbase for dispatch to Myanmar. This five-day operation demanded seamless coordination across multiple agencies and departments. The success of Op Brahma is the result of exemplary coordination and teamwork displayed by 8th BN NDRF, NDRF Headquarters, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Their synergy ensured not only the rapid mobilization of aid but also strict compliance with international protocols and standards.



Such coordination is crucial in international HADR efforts involving ever-changing scenarios and developments, consequently necessitating continuous modifications and desperate measures, where the speed and effectiveness of aid delivery can significantly impact lives.

Apart from the logistical and coordination challenges, the operation also tested the adaptability of the personnel involved, who were required to overcome cultural barriers. Operating in a foreign land demands a deep understanding of local dynamics and sensitivities but disasters do not forewarn and hence, the limited reaction time available with NDRF personnel involved in such international operations hinders them from gaining detailed knowledge about the cultural challenges they shall irrefragably encounter, especially when delivering humanitarian aid. Nonetheless, the personnel of NDRF exhibited professionalism and compassion, reinforcing India's image as a reliable partner in times of crisis.

Operation Brahma shall undoubtedly be etched as a success story of the NDRF and shall serve as a case study- a model, for future international HADR missions. It accentuates the increasing global role of NDRF and its capacity to operate under pressure, across borders, and in coordination with multiple stakeholders. Challenges in international HADR shall always exist and new ones shall inexorably arise, ranging from resource constraints and difficulties in coordination to geopolitical barriers, nevertheless, Op Brahma irrefutably underscores, that with effective planning, coordination, and conscientious efforts, these challenges can be overcome.

In conclusion, the experience from Operation Brahma not only underlines the critical role of NDRF in international disaster relief but also sets a benchmark for future missions. It reflects India's growing stature in global humanitarian efforts and the preparedness of NDRF to rise to the occasion, whenever and wherever needed.

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COORDINATION IN MISSION: GAPS & WAY FORWARD



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1. INTRODUCTION

Myanmar's vulnerability to seismic activity stems from its location along the tectonic boundary between the Indian and Eurasian plates. The Sagaing Fault, one of Southeast Asia's most active fault lines, has historically caused significant earthquakes. On March 28, 2025, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck near Sagaing, followed by a 6.4 aftershock. Major cities like Mandalay, Naypyidaw, and Sagaing were severely impacted, displacing over 197,000 people and causing widespread destruction to infrastructure.

The **military junta** declared a state of emergency in six regions and made a rare appeal for **international humanitarian assistance**. Due to restricted access for media detailed information remains limited.

2. COORDINATION

Following the news of the disaster:

Global USAR teams, including NDRF India, closely monitored the situation.

- The Government of India in coordination with **MHA, MEA, NDMA, MoD**, and the Indian Embassy in Myanmar, initiated a humanitarian response.
- Initial relief was dispatched to Yangon.
- By evening of March 28, 2025, a NDRF team of 80 rescuers (including 3 female personnel, 1 medical officer, and 4 search canines) was mobilized from India.

International Response

- **Over 1800 rescuers from 20 countries** participated in the SAR mission.
- Mobilization posed logistical challenges due to:
 - ❖ Restricted access to key locations.
 - ❖ Limited and delayed communication from Myanmar authorities.
 - ❖ Unclear **Point of Entry**.
 - ❖ Delay due to aircraft prioritizing relief material over NDRF personnel.



3. GAPS IDENTIFIED

i) Deployment Challenges

Flight scheduling confusion and limited aircraft capacity caused delays.

- **Two-sortie** resulted in fragmented delivery of key resources.
- Limited situational awareness due to lack of initial information from Myanmar's government.
- **40+ hours delay** before NDRF could begin operations on the ground.
- **Language barriers** and dependency on embassy staff for translation.
- **Communication equipment** not optimized for international missions.
- Deployment with **selective Resources** causing the limited approach.

ii) Operational Gaps

Allocation of sectors with no local guides hindered rapid deployment.

- Unrealistic expectations with **13 sites allocated** to a single team.
- **Limited collaboration** with international teams.
- **Technical Search equipment** to be of latest technology
- **Uniform discomfort** and lack of practical utility in field conditions.
- Low real-time connectivity, which disrupted timely ICMS updates.
- **Lack of situational awareness** due to media restrictions.

iii) Administrative Concerns

- Aftershock protocols **need to be reinforced.**
- **Need for uniform personal** luggage- small bags (color-coded, identified).
- Emphasis on uniform utility kits and **ease of use at work sites.**

4. WAY FORWARD

i) Strategic Recommendations

- Maintain **country-wise disaster profiles** for rapid mission briefings.
- Assign a **designated DM focal point** within each Indian mission abroad.
- Improve **inter-agency coordination before** and during international deployments.
- **Three teams** to be ready on International alert with valid passports.
- Regularly brief **personnel on possible** contingencies.



ii) Operational Enhancements

- Review and upgrade the **working uniform** for better comfort and utility.
- Equip teams with **digital translators**.
Expand **INSARAG training** and conduct **joint international drills**.
- Strengthen **self-sufficiency** (e.g., mobile lavatories, waste bags etc).
- Issue **standardized personal utensils** for field use.

5. CONCLUSION

Deployment Challenges

The mission in Myanmar underscored the importance of preparedness, agility, and adaptability in international SAR operations. While the NDRF team demonstrated dedication and resilience, the mission also highlighted critical areas for enhancement. By addressing these gaps, future deployments can be made more efficient, responsive, and impactful, ensuring NDRF India continuing to play an important role in global humanitarian efforts.

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A HERO'S HOMECOMING: THE BALASORE TRAIN ACCIDENT



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June 2, 2023, was supposed to be a day of unadulterated joy for CT/Dvr Venkatesan NK, a stalwart of the 2nd Bn NDRF. After an agonizing four-month separation, he was finally reuniting with his beloved family in Chennai. The excitement was palpable as he boarded train no. 12841, Coromandel Express, at Shalimar railway station. His innocent children were elated, their eyes fixed on the horizon, counting the days until their father's return. The anticipation was almost unbearable, and he couldn't wait to hold his loved ones in his arms.

But fate had other plans.

At around 1915 hours, the unthinkable happened - the train derailed near Banghara (Balasore Railway Station), colliding with a goods train, and sending shockwaves of chaos and destruction through the coaches. CT/Dvr Venkatesan was thrown off his seat by the violent impact, amidst the sounds of screams and shattered metal. The world around him seemed to come to a standstill, and for a moment, he was in shock.

In that moment of pandemonium, his 19 weeks of arduous training kicked in. Without hesitation, he sprang into action, his instincts driving him to help those in dire need. "I was in the cabin when people started falling and panicking, and there was a loud explosion, like a bomb blast," he recalls, his voice steady despite the chaos. As soon as the train stopped, he immediately provided first aid to the injured people in his cabin, as he always carried a first aid kit with him while traveling.

As he moved forward, he witnessed a horrific scene - people were lying in pools of blood, some with severe injuries, and some with body parts missing. "It was a ghastly sight, with blood everywhere, and people crying out for help," he says, his eyes clouding over with the memory. Composing himself, he mustered courage and sought help from others. They quickly evacuated several people who were unable to walk on their own.

The coach was a mangled wreck, with luggage and debris scattered everywhere. The air was thick with the smell of smoke, and the sounds of moaning and crying filled the air. CT/Dvr Venkatesan worked tirelessly, and his movements swift and precise, as he helped evacuate passenger after passenger. He remembers one woman, badly injured, clinging to life. He quickly administered first aid and comforted her until help arrived.

Without losing a moment, he swiftly alerted the 2nd Bn NDRF about the train accident. Soon, the 3rd Bn NDRF team joined forces, and together, they worked tirelessly, their movements a testament to their unwavering dedication. The night was long and arduous, but their spirits remained unbroken as they shifted injured passengers to hospitals, offering comfort and hope amidst the devastation.



As the hours ticked by, the rescue efforts gained momentum. CT/Dvr Venkatesan worked non-stop, fuelled by their commitment to save lives. He pulled out passenger after passenger, some alive, some not so fortunate. The scene was chaotic, but CT/Dvr Venkatesan's training and instincts kept him focused.



CT/Dvr Venkatesan
NK

The railway authorities rallied, providing a special train for those fit to continue their journey. As the dust settled, a sense of pride and gratitude swelled - CT/Dvr Venkatesan was honored to have been part of this heroic rescue operation, a testament to the indomitable spirit of the NDRF team, the railway authorities, local authorities, and volunteers, who turned tragedy into a story of hope and survival.

In the face of overwhelming adversity, CT/Dvr Venkatesan's altruistic instincts prevailed, compelling him to transcend personal peril and prioritize the welfare of others. His unwavering dedication and selflessness saved countless lives that day, making him a true hero of the Balasore train accident.

As the survivors were taken to safety, CT/Dvr Venkatesan couldn't help but think of his own family, waiting for him in Chennai. He wondered if he would ever make it to them, but he knew he couldn't leave until the job was done.

It was only after the rescue efforts were well underway that CT/Dvr Venkatesan allowed himself to think of his own family. He took a deep breath, a sense of pride and fulfillment washed over him. He knew he had done his job, and done it well.

The aftermath of the accident saw CT/Dvr Venkatesan working tirelessly, helping with the rescue efforts, and comforting the survivors. He was a beacon of hope in the darkness, a reminder that even in the face of tragedy, humanity can prevail.

As the sun rose the next morning, the full extent of the tragedy became clear. The Balasore train accident had claimed many lives, but thanks to the bravery and selflessness of CT/Dvr Venkatesan, the NDRF team, the railway authorities, local authorities, and volunteers, many more were saved.

CT/Dvr Venkatesan's story is a testament to the human spirit, a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is always hope. His actions that day will be remembered for years to come, a shining example of courage, selflessness, and dedication.

As he finally made it to Chennai, exhausted but proud, his family rushed into his arms, tears of joy streaming down their faces. CT/Dvr Venkatesan had finally come home, his heroism and bravery etched forever in their memories.

The Balasore train accident will always be remembered as a day of tragedy, but also a day of heroism, thanks to CT/Dvr Venkatesan NK and the NDRF team. Their selfless actions will continue to inspire generations to come, a reminder of the power of humanity and the difference one person can make.



SLBC TUNNEL COLLAPSE RESPONSE & CHALLENGES



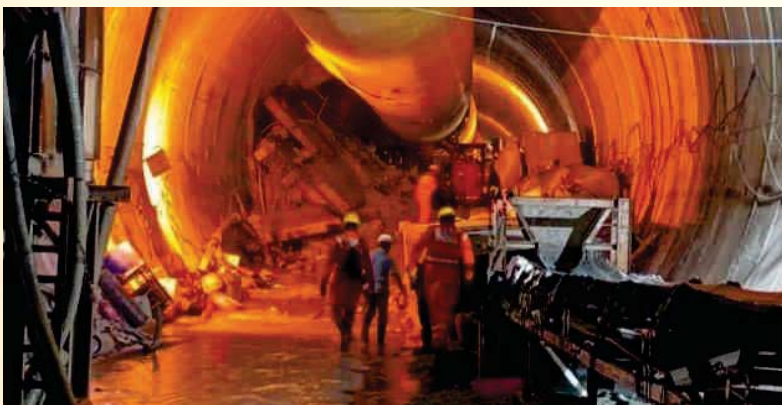
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1. INTRODUCTION

SLBC stands for Srisailam Left Bank Canal. It is a part of the Alimineti Madhava Reddy Project (AMRP) which was started in 1983 to provide irrigation facilities in the drought prone areas of Nalgonda District, besides supplying drinking water to the fluoride affected villages enroute, utilizing 30 Thousand million cubic feet of Krishna Water. It has two parts, one is the SLBC project to connect Srisailam reservoir with Dindi reservoir, whereas the second part is lifting the water from the Nagarjuna Sagar dam.



As a part of the AMRP, SLBC project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 2,813 Cr. during the year 2005 to the JP Associates. It stretches for 44 kms from Srisailam to Devarakonda. The tunnel is passing through 400 metres below the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. Some details of the SLBC project are mentioned below - On 22/02/2025 roof of the SLBC tunnel collapsed at around 0945 hrs. in which 08 persons got trapped inside the tunnel. The news was first noticed on the electronic media and then verified by the District Collector, Nagarkurnool (Telangana). The place was nearly 206 kms. from RRC Hyderabad and 300 kms. from the Unit HQR at Vijayawada. Keeping in view the severity of the incident, one team each from Hyderabad and Vijayawada



- 5th largest tunnel in the world
- Longest irrigation tunnel in the world excavated from only two faces
- Excavated dia : 10 m
- Finished dia : 9.2 m
- Total length : 43.93 km
- Shape : Circular
- Incident place was 14 kms. from the tunnel mouth.

Water carrying capacity

- Design capacity : 4000 cusecs
- Maximum capacity : 5570 cusecs



rushed to the incident location, two more teams from the Unit HQR followed very shortly.

The operation continued till 26/04/2025 and by then bodies of two victims could only be retrieved, from deep inside the debris. From various points of view, this was a very important operation in terms of NDRF. One could learn various aspects involved in such operation, where nearly 16 agencies with various innovative approaches were engaged 24x7 for the retrieval of the victims. But at last, keeping in view all the aspects, the operation was called off.

During this operation, rescuers encountered numerous challenges and obstacles. This discussion aims to provide insight into the tunnel's conditions, helping us better prepare for future incidents and respond more effectively, if similar situations arise

❖ KEY CHALLENGES

i) The location of the incident

The location of the incident was nearly 14 km. from the tunnel mouth, which made the rescue operation difficult, by hindering the accessibility. The distance was supposed to be covered by locomotives. But, due to the collapse and continuous inflow of water, during the initial days only 10 kms. was accessible by the locomotive. Remaining distance, nearly 3 km. was covered on foot, climbing atop the conveyor belt or the water pipelines, which was very unsafe and restrictive in carrying heavy equipment, and for that matter, any equipment.



ii) Water-logging inside the tunnel

Seepage of water was a major concern during the rescue operation. The seeped water mixed with the debris, in a form of sludge made the rescue work very difficult. This sludge obstructed the loco track and for that reason loco could only carry rescuers upto a distance of 11-12 kms. Rest of the distance of about 1-1.5 km. rescuers had to cross walking on the conveyor belt or water pipelines, that too carrying all the equipment required inside. Apart from that, wherever debris are cleared water fills that area.



iii) Metal debris and large stones/boulders slow down digging

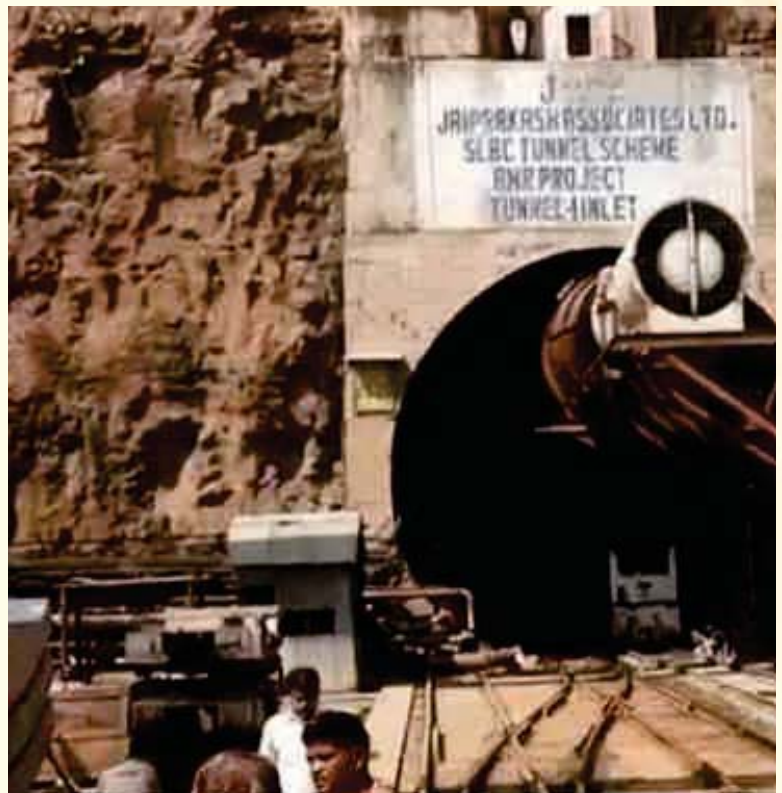
The collapsed location was nearly 14 km inside the tunnel and the toe area is nearly 300 meters away from the collapse location. The weight of a TBM machine is nearly 2800 ton, of which the cutterhead alone is nearly 1200 ton. Hence, nearly 1600 tons of metal parts were inside the sludge. Apart from this there were big boulders and rocks inside, which made the manual debris-removal quite impossible and with heavy machinery also the process remained very slow.

iv) The risk of further collapse

As mentioned earlier, there were huge quantity of debris including metallic elements. This debris was mostly spread upto a span of nearly 300 meters. While clearing the debris by excavation, cutting of metallic elements, removing boulders/rocks - there always was a possibility of further collapse, as the toe of the collapse was being constantly unsettled. Apart from that, the concrete rings near the collapse points were also damaged, displaced and moreover there was no escape route. In this regard it may be noted that, this is the longest irrigation tunnel in the world excavated from only two faces and without any approach in between.

v) Low oxygen levels inside the tunnel

A ventilation duct was available in the SLBC tunnel, but it was damaged at around 11.1 km. marker. The air from outside is pushed inside along the ventilation shaft with powerful motors, so that fresh air passes through the tunnel upto the last point. But this system has its limitations and because of the damage the supply of fresh air was further limited at the last. The cutting process with heavy duty Broco's exothermic cutters further deteriorated the level of Oxygen inside. This caused breathlessness to the rescuers engaged in heavy cutting and lifting, and the high level of humidity added to the plight.



vi) Communication issues

The worksite was nearly 13 kms. inside a tunnel, which practically meant unavailability of any communication network inside. To overcome this issue, the JP Associates had installed line communication (intercom) at each 5 km. distance. Apart from that, the TBM was equipped to create a WiFi zone – but it was destroyed due to the incident.



NDRF tried to resolve the connectivity issue by setting up some VHF Repeaters in between, but it didn't work out. Hence, the existing line communication was the only mode of communication with the Base of Operation.

vii) Tough and Unhealthy working environment

The worksite was very long inside the tunnel, took nearly 60-75 minutes by a locomotive only for a one-way journey and all the noises it makes, due to the confined space, was very disturbing for any person working inside. A team had to spend nearly 08 hours inside the suffocating and humid tunnel, without any place to rest for a while or without the availability of any restroom facility. Working inside was like working in a cramped environment, where there is difficulty in accessing the worksite, difficulty in movement of rescuers, machineries, continuous inflow of water, difficulty in moving the debris away from the worksite, cut off from any kind of contact from outside world – almost everything was very difficult.



viii) Space restriction to operate heavy machineries

The finished dia of the tunnel is 9.2 m and apart from that the worksite is nearly 13 km. away from the tunnel mouth. Moreover, there is a loco track inside the tunnel, which could not be tampered with, as it is the only way troops could reach inside the tunnel. So, one can understand how difficult it was to get all the heavy machineries inside the tunnel. JCB and Pocklain machines didn't have sufficient place to work inside effectively. Moreover, all the debris had to be carried out of the tunnel and the conveyor belt remained out of order for half of the period.

ix) Stress and anxiety

There was constant stress of any further damage to the place. The location was 400 meters deep inside the ground, accessible only from one side, that too 13 km. distant, unconducive environment, seems always night and everyone was in such situation for the first time ever in their life – were among various factors, which multiplied the stress and anxiety level of the rescuers. The ventilation system should run continuously, but during the period there were 3-4 instances when due to some technical snag the system stopped working for couple of minutes. This caused some panic among the rescuers, both inside and outside the tunnel. Such situations also added to the stress and anxiety level.



x) Mental exhaustion

The operation continued for nearly 2 months in unstable confined and unhygienic location. Moreover, during this long period bodies of only two victims were recovered and each day debris clearance was going on. This caused mental exhaustion of the rescuers. At the later stage, due to this troops were rotated from the Unit HQR, so that maximum number of rescuers could have an exposure of such situation and rescuers engaged in continuous rescue works can get some rest.

❖ CONCLUSION

This was a significant incident that profoundly impacted the entire state of Telangana due to its complexity. It served as a valuable learning experience not only for the 10 NDRF rescuers but also for the NDRF as a whole, as this incident differed remarkably from those in Sylkyara or Tapovan. Multiple agencies participated in the rescue operations, demonstrating a high level of coordination and teamwork throughout the effort. The main purpose of this document is to give a birds view on the problems/difficulties a rescuer would face while working in such tunnels or underground mine rescue scenarios and could prepare themselves accordingly for a better response.



THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DISASTER RESPONSE: BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING RESILIENCE



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"In Every Disaster, The Nation's True Strength Is Revealed-Not Just On How We Respond, But In Who We Empower To Respond. When Women Rise, Resilience Multiplies"

In the moments of disaster-when lives are on the line and chaos threatens communities-it is not strength alone, but resolve, compassion and unity that save lives. When disaster strikes, courage, discipline and swift action define a successful response. But the way we respond to them can either reinforce social barriers—or break them. In recent years, the inclusion of women is more than a matter of gender balance – it is a strategic advantage that enhances our effectiveness in saving lives, rebuilding communities and fostering trust with the public. The inclusion of women in the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has not only added diversity but also strengthened the very fabric of our response system.

❖ A NEW ERA OF INCLUSION

Traditionally, disaster response was seen as a male-dominated domain due to the physical demands and unpredictable challenges involved. However, the increasing participation of women in the NDRF is rewriting that narrative. Women are not only joining the force—they are leading from the front.

Today, women responders are trained equally in all core competencies: flood rescue, high-angle rescue, medical first response, CBRN operations, and more. Whether navigating debris during an earthquake or wading through floodwaters to reach stranded families, women have proven their capability time and again.



❖ UNIQUE STRENGTHS THAT WOMEN BRING

Women in disaster zones often bring a unique sense of calm, empathy, and communication that can be especially effective during relief operations. During rescue missions involving displaced families, injured children, or elderly survivors, the presence of female personnel helps build trust and comfort—particularly among women victims.



Female responders also help break cultural or social barriers in conservative or rural areas, where women in distress may hesitate to interact with male officials.

❖ CHALLENGES STILL EXIST

While significant progress has been made, challenges still persist. Balancing field duties with family responsibilities, ensuring gender sensitive infrastructure at base camps for women, and addressing societal perceptions are areas that require ongoing attention and improvement. But these are not roadblocks—they are stepping stones an opportunity to a more inclusive future.

Support systems within the NDRF, including leadership opportunities, equal training, and increasing recruitment of women, are playing a critical role in addressing these gaps.

❖ INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Perhaps the most powerful impact of women and their presence in NDRF sends a powerful message to young girls across the country: **"YOU TOO CAN LEAD, SERVE AND PROTECT."** Whether operating rescue boats, managing relief camps or leading awareness drive, women responders are breaking stereotypes and inspiring others to follow their footsteps. As we stand shoulder to shoulder in uniform—regardless of gender—we show the nation that courage, compassion, and competence know no boundaries. With every mission they undertake, women in NDRF are not just saving lives- they are inspiring and shaping the future.



❖ STRENGTH IN UNITY

The inclusion of women in disaster response is not just a step towards equality-it is a strategic advancement that strengthens the nation's resilience. The journey toward gender inclusion in disaster response is ongoing, but it is clear - we are stronger together. When we include all voices and all strengths, we serve the nation better.

Let us continue to build a force where everyone, regardless of gender, is empowered to save lives, serve with pride, and rise to the call of duty. By embracing inclusivity, the NDRF is not only saving lives-it is leading change.

“Every Women In Uniform Is Not Just A Responder-She Is A Symbol Of The Strength India Carries Into Every Crisis”



एक रक्षक की कलम से – एक समर्पण गीत



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दो दशक तक सुरक्षा दी, अब जीवन बचाने निकला हूँ,
CISF की चौखट से चलकर, NDRF की राह पर पग धरा हूँ।
जो पहरेदार था परिसरों का, अब जनमानव की पुकार हूँ,
हर आँसू में उम्मीद बनकर, अब कर्तव्य का संसार हूँ।

न तूफ़ानों से डरता हूँ, न जलजलों से पीछे हटता हूँ,
जहाँ हर कोई हार मान ले, वहाँ हौसलों से लड़ता हूँ।
बचाने चला हूँ उन सपनों को, जो बह गए बहाव में,
एक रक्षक नहीं, अब देवदूत कहलाता हूँ इन गाँव में।

भारी बूट, भीगा वर्दी, काँधे पर नावों का भार,
हर मिशन की सुबह में लेकर आता हूँ उम्मीद अपार।
न कोई मंच चाहिए, न मेडल की चमक प्यारी है,
माँ की मुस्कान और बच्चों की हँसी ही असली जीत हमारी है।

जब बाढ़ में डूबा हो संसार, और आवाज़ें मौन-सी हों,
हम बनते हैं वो मौन उत्तर, जो आशा की लौ बनकर हों।
सिर पर मौत मँडराती हो, और धरती काँप रही हो,
हम हैं वो, जो चट्टान बनकर हर खतरे को थामे खड़े हो।

आज भी सीना ताने चलता हूँ, पर पहचान अब कुछ और है,
CISF की सीख है साथ, पर सेवा की अब नई डोर है।
NDRF अब मेरा परिवार है, इसकी हर साँस मेरी शान,
हर आपदा में उठती है यह वर्दी बनकर माँ की संतान।



PROUD MOMENTS

UTTAM JEEVAN RAKSHA PADAK



**HC/GD
MANMOHAN SINGH**
15 BN NDRF



**CT/GD
PRADEEP KUMAR**
15 BN NDRF



**CT/GD
SACHIN KUMAR**
15 BN NDRF

In a remarkable act of bravery, NDRF personnel of 15th Battalion played a crucial role in the 17-day Silkyara Tunnel rescue operation in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. After the collapse of a 60-meter section of the under-construction tunnel on 12th November 2023, NDRF team displayed outstanding courage and ingenuity by maneuvering through an 800 mm narrow MS pipe with life-saving equipment and improvised devices, ultimately rescuing 41 trapped workers. HC/GD Manmohan Singh, along with CT/GD Pradeep Kumar and CT/GD Sachin Kumar, exhibited exceptional dedication and selflessness throughout the operation. In recognition of their valor, all three have been honoured with the prestigious **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak -2024**.



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**SH. NARENDRA SINGH
BUNDELA**
IPS, IG, NDRF

**POLICE MEDAL FOR
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**SH. PRAVEEN KUMAR
TIWARY**
COMMANDANT



**SH. BALJINDER
SINGH**
COMMANDANT



**SH. DEV DARSHAN
BELWAL**
DY. COMMANDANT



**SI/MT MANTU
KUMAR DAS**



NDRF IN NEWS



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भारत विश्व में आपदा प्रबंधन के क्षेत्र में अगुआ के रूप में उभरा : शाह

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220 करोड़ रुपये की निधि से राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी भूमिका निभाए जाने वाले देश के 20वीं स्वतंत्रता दिवस कार्यक्रम के दौरान कैबिनेट कक्ष में अजित राव और अरुण जेटली के मुख्यमंत्री प्रबन्धन संस्थान को उद्घाटित किया।

तेलंगाना सुरंग हादसा : मलबे-कीचड़ ने बचाव अभियान को लेकर बढ़ाई चुनौती

नगरकुर्नूल, तेलंगाना के नगरकुर्नूल जिले के नोरोलम लेफ्ट बैंक कैनाल (एसएलबीसी) परियोजना की निर्माणधीन सुरंग में छत का एक हिस्सा ढह जाने से 14 किमी अंदर फंसे आठ लोगों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकालने के लिए बचाव कार्य बुद्धिगम पर जारी है। कई घंटे से फंसे हुए लोगों में दो इंजीनियर, दो मशीन ऑपरेटर और चार ब्रह्मिक शामिल हैं। भारतीय सेना, एनडीआरएफ और अन्य एजेंसियों के अधिक प्रयासों के बावजूद रिकवरी को बचाव अभियान में कई सफलता नहीं मिली। उनकी सलाहों के लिए प्रार्थना की जा रही है। बचाव दल उस स्थान पर पहुंच गया है जहां सुरंग खोदने वाली मशीन काम कर रही थी। लेकिन, वहां पानी और गाद भर जाने से बचाव कार्य में बाधा आ रही है। तेलंगाना के भंत्री जे कृष्ण राव ने



तेलंगाना के नगरकुर्नूल स्थित नोरोलम लेफ्ट बैंक कैनाल सुरंग में फंसे लोगों को बचाने के लिए रिकवरी को बचाव कार्य जारी रहा।

कहा कि इन परिस्थितियों में बचने की संभावना 'बहुत अच्छी नहीं है। फंसे हुए लोगों की पहचान उत्तर प्रदेश के मनोज कुमार और श्रीनिवास, जम्मू-कश्मीर के सनी सिंह, मंजराव के गुरप्रीत सिंह और

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शून्य दुर्घटना लक्षित आपदा प्रबंधन में देश बना वैश्विक नेतृत्वकर्ता : शाह

गृह मंत्री ने कहा- एनडीआरएफ की सक्रिय कार्यप्रणाली से मदद

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बुद्धिगम ने विश्व-स्तर पर स्टील प्लेट के लिए केंद्र के पुनरुद्धार फैकट्र के लिए कवचक दिया।



विजयवाड़ा में कैबिनेट कक्ष में अजित राव को संपूर्ण विधि से 20वीं स्वतंत्रता दिवस के मौकड़े पर उद्घाटित किया।

राज्य दिल्ली में भी सरकार बनाने के लिए तैयार

दिल्ली में कहा कि मंगलवार और बुधवार को 2024 के विधानसभा चुनावों में भरोसे योग्य के बाद सन 2025 की चुनौतियों में दिल्ली में भी सरकार बनाने के लिए तैयार है। एनडीआरएफ अग्र ब्रह्मिक आपदाओं के दौरान प्रतिक्रिया करता है, यही कारण है 'नाम व निमित्त' सार्वजनिक के दौरान सेवा के लिए अग्र आता है।

उन्होंने खुद दिल्ली का पिछले दो वर्षों में दो चक्रवात आठ लोकेशन हमले शून्य हादसों तक को कड़ा आ रहा है इससे।

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महाकुम्भ लाइव

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एनडीआरएफ मिन्टों में पहुंची, बड़ा हादसा टला

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प्रधानमंत्री ने सीएम केपी से हाल ज्ञात।



नगरकुर्नूल में बड़ा आग के बाद सेलट 19 रिश्त गौतम प्रेस के शिविर में 40 घास-फूस की झोपड़ी-छह टेंट जले, वायुबन्धने समय रिलेक्टर लोके से लगी आग

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पीएम ने सोशल मीडिया पर पोस्ट की तस्वीर।

आपदा प्रबंधन में भारत ग्लोबल लीडर बना : श

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शवों का पता लगाएंगे NDRF के डॉग्स

NDRF शवों या मानव अवशेषों को खोजने के लिए कैडेवर डॉग्स यूनिट तैयार कर रहा है। ट्रेनिंग में इस्तेमाल के लिए शवों की गंध को विदेश से मंगाया गया है। ट्रेनिंग में अभी 6 डॉग्स हैं, जिनमें अधिकतर बेल्जियन मेलिनोइस और लैब्राडोर हैं।

31 still missing in Mandi, rugged terrain makes rescue ops difficult

Disaster Management Authority (DMA) and local police are conducting search operations for 31 missing people in Mandi district. The search is hampered by the rugged terrain and heavy rain. NDRF teams are assisting in the rescue efforts.

Helicopter crises rise in Uttarakhand

Helicopter accidents in Uttarakhand have increased significantly due to heavy rain and poor visibility. Several rescue operations are underway to retrieve bodies from the crash sites.

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पीएम के प्रधान सचिव ने जोखिम का प्रभाव कम करने के पुनर्मुल्यांकन पर दिया जोर।

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को देखते हुए राज्य को अपने संरक्षित परिसरों और प्रशासनिक पत्र-सम्पर्कों और संकेत करने के आवश्यकता है, ताकि से उपचार को हानि का रास्ता नहीं मिले। म निपटने के लिए खूब को तैयार रखा जा सके। इस सम्मेलन में राज्य सरकार के मंत्रालयों, विभागों, संगठनों और एसडीआरएफ, सिविल डिफेंस, होम गार्ड्स, फायर सर्विसेस से 1,000 से अधिक प्रतिनिधियों ने भाग लिया। सम्मेलन के दौरान विभिन्न स्तरों में विरोधों ने प्रतिक्रिया को स्वीकार करना चाहिए कि खतरों अप्रत्याशित रूप में बढ़ते हैं। इनमें बाढ़, चट्टान गिरने और अतिविद्यमानताओं की उपलब्धि चुनौतियों

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जागरण संवाददाता गया : 9 बटालियन एनडीआरएफ के देखरेख में मंगलवार को 2 जिला स्कूल में सुरक्षा प्रोग्राम के तहत भूकंप तथा भागदड़ पर आधारित माक अभ्यास व प्रदर्शनी लगाकर जागरूक किया गया। भूकंप आने पर किस प्रकार सुरक्षात्मक सावधानियां बरतनी चाहिए। आपदा के दौरान आपदा प्रबंधन समिति के अंतर्गत गठित रेसांस टीमों के जिम्मेवारी एवं कार्यों को रंजीत कुमार उप कमांडेंट की निगरानी में 9वीं बटालियन एनडीआरएफ की टीम ने डेमों के माध्यम से बखूबी समझाया। इस कार्यक्रम के दौरान सभी लोग बड़-बड़कर भाग लिया तथा लाभान्वित हुए। कार्यक्रम का विधिवत उद्घाटन अपर समाहर्ता, आपदा कुमार पंकज ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर किया। साथ में जिला जन संपर्क पदाधिकारी दीपक चंद्र देव, डीपीओ शिक्षा, केंद्र प्रबंधक, वन स्टाफ सेंटर आरती कुमारी उपस्थित रहे। उप कमांडेंट ने बताया कि 9 बटालियन एनडीआरएफ की टीम द्वारा भूकंप आने पर अपनाए जाने वाले सुरक्षात्मक पहलुओं तथा रेसांस मैकेनिज्म को भी बताया गया तथा इसका अभ्यास करवाया गया। उन्होंने बताया कि आपदा को रोकना नहीं जा सकता लेकिन आपदा से पूर्व हमारी तैयारी प्रशिक्षण तथा जागरूकता निश्चित तौर पर आपदा से होने वाले नुकसान को रोक सकता है।

Rain fury intensifies: 26 dead in northeast floods, landslides

Assam, eight people were killed in landslides and floods while four people died in Mizoram due to a landslide. Tripura recorded one death on Saturday, according to authorities in these states.

Delhi records its 3rd wettest May

NEW DELHI: This year's wettest May in the Capital since 1901, as IMD ended the month on a high note with a thunderstorm followed by light rain in some parts during morning hours on Saturday.

NDRF ने मदद शुरू की, 7 शव निकाले

म्यांमार के माडले क्षेत्र में भूकंप से ध्वस्त इमारतों से भारत की NDRF ने सोमवार को 7 शव बरामद किए। भारतीय बचाव दल को लगभग एक दर्जन इमारतों में राहत और बचाव कार्य करने की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है। म्यांमार सरकार ने विभिन्न विदेशी बचाव एजेंसियों को अलग-अलग क्षेत्रों में काम सौंपा है। चीन के बचाव दल ने 6 लोगों को बचाया है। एक बच्चा 60 घंटे से ज्यादा समय से दबा हुआ था।

'Himachal, Uttarakhand ravaged by rain'



Relief and rescue operations underway after flash floods at Thung in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh on Friday. Torrential rain has persisted in the two hill states for weeks now, with the Met department forecasting more showers over the weekend.

43 KILLED IN HIMACHAL

Forty-three people have been killed and at least 37 are missing in Himachal Pradesh due to cloudbursts, floods and landslides since monsoon set in last month.

THAKUR VS RANAUT

Senior BJP leader and former Himachal CM Jai Ram Thakur hit out at the party's Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut, after she said she was 'heartbroken' by the deaths.

UTTARAKHAND REELS

Rains have battered daily life in Uttarakhand, with more than 100 roads closed, disrupting the Char Dham Yatra and causing food grain shortages in some villages.

SHAH TAKES STOCK

Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday spoke to the chief ministers of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh, assuring them of the Centre's support.



SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

Met the teams of NDRF, SDRF, Aapda Mitras and others who are working across Uttarakhand, providing assistance to all those who have been affected. I am very proud of their courage as well as dedication towards helping others in these testing circumstances.

6:49 PM · Sep 11, 2025 · 1.1M Views

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

Whenever calamities like floods and landslides strike, NDRF, SDRF, Aapda Mitras and others work tirelessly on the ground in poor weather to assist those affected. During my visits to Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, I met some of the teams working on the ground. Every person assisting others is a hero and we are all very proud of them!

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Narendra Modi @narendramodi

On this special occasion of the Raising Day of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), we salute the courage, dedication and selfless service of the brave personnel who are a shield in times of adversity. Their unwavering commitment to saving lives, responding to disasters and ensuring safety during emergencies is truly commendable. The NDRF has also set global standards in disaster response and management.

@NDRFHQ

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Amit Shah @AmitShah

NDRF की भगवा रंग की ड्रेस को देखकर आपदा में फंसे लोगों को राहत मिलती है।
#DisasterResilientBharat

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9:16 PM · Mar 25, 2025 · 447.6K Views

Amit Shah @AmitShah

The @NDRFHQ has become the pillar of people's trust with its staunch commitment to saving lives during disasters. Glimpses from the 20th Raising Day ceremony of NDRF in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

11:06 PM · Jan 20, 2025 · 36K Views

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath

बाढ़ राहत कार्य के लिए टीमों लगाई गई हैं।
प्रत्येक जिला प्रशासन को युद्ध स्तर पर कार्य को आगे बढ़ाने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं...
प्रभारी मंत्री स्वयं भी इन क्षेत्रों का निरीक्षण कर रहे हैं एवं NDRF, SDRF और PAC की फ्लड युनिट की टीमों बाढ़ प्रभावित जनपदों में कार्य कर रही हैं...

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NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल
@NDRFHQ

The two-day Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners, Secretaries of Disaster Management & SDRF representatives from States/UTs-2025 successfully concluded.

Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, graced the Valedictory Session as the Chief Guest.



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#FlashFlood at Dharali

◆ DG NDRF Sh. Piyush Anand today visited ground zero in Dharali, Harshil (Uttarkashi) with DG ITBP to assess the situation. He also interacted with Shri Pushkar Dhama, Hon'ble CM Uttarakhand at Matli and apprised him of the ongoing ops.



NDMA India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण and 5 others

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@NDRFHQ

#MoU #NDRF #Railways

NDRF signs MoU with Railway Protection Force & IRIDM Bengaluru for integrated relief operations & capacity building in railway accident scenarios, strengthening coordinated disaster response across rail networks

#DisasterManagement #RailSafety
@RailMinIndia



गृहमंत्री कार्यालय, HMO India and RPF INDIA

Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar

#OperationBrahma

80-member strong @NDRFHQ search & rescue team departs for Nay Pyi Taw.

They will assist the rescue operations in Myanmar.



Nityanand Rai
@nityanandraibjp

राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रतिक्रिया बल (NDRF) के स्थापना दिवस पर NDRF के साहसी योद्धाओं को हार्दिक बधाई एवं शुभकामनाएँ। आपदाओं एवं कठिन परिस्थितियों में अपने जीवन की परवाह किए बिना दूसरों की रक्षा करना आपके अद्वितीय समर्पण एवं बलिदान का प्रमाण है।

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@nityanandraibjp

आज नई दिल्ली में NDRF के राष्ट्रीय CBRN क्षमता निर्माण प्रतियोगिता-2025 के समापन समारोह में सम्मिलित हुआ और विजयी SDRF टीमों को पुरस्कार वितरित किये।

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी ने 2016 में ही आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण हेतु एक दूरदर्शी दस सूत्रीय एजेंडा प्रस्तुत किया था, जो आज भी न केवल भारत बल्कि पूरे विश्व का मार्गदर्शन कर रहा है।

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में एवं माननीय गृह मंत्री श्री @AmitShah जी के मार्गदर्शन में आज आपदा प्रबंधन के लिए सह-केन्द्रित नहीं बल्कि Zero Casualty Approach को अपनाया जा रहा है।

SDRF/NDRF के बीच जो बजट 2004-2014 के बीच 66 हजार करोड़ था वह 2014-2024 में 3 गुना बढ़कर 2 लाख करोड़ रूपए हो गया है जिसके फलस्वरूप सतर्क आपदा जोखिम प्रबंधन एवं आपात स्थिति में त्वरित कार्रवाई से आपदा प्रबंधन सुदृढ़ हुआ है।

इस अवसर पर ले. जनरल (रि.) सय्यद अता हसनैन, सदस्य, NDMA; श्री पियूष आनंद, महानिदेशक, NDRF एवं अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारीगण उपस्थित रहे।

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NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल reported
NDRF Academy @AcademyNdrf · 18h

Disaster Management Workshop lecture & activity conducted under the guidance of the Director, NDRF Academy. Focused on building awareness, preparedness, and practical response skills for handling natural & man-made disasters through interactive group activities.

#HqNdrf @ndmndia

NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल @NDRFHQ · May 2

A One Day Joint Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners/Secretaries of Disaster Management, SDRFs, Chiefs of Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards (States/UTs) by MHA (DM Div) and NDRF was held today at NIDM Campus, Rohini, New Delhi.

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NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल @NDRFHQ

NDRF Rescuers participate in the inaugural "Road to Heaven" 60K #UltraMarathon at Dholavira, Rann of Kutch today

02 personnel completed the 60K run & 12 finished the 30K, showcasing the fitness essential for disaster response & strengthening the #FitIndiaMission 🇮🇳

#KheIolIndia

गृहमंत्री कार्यालय, HMO India and 5 others

NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल @NDRFHQ · Apr 18

#NDRFACC2026

Annual Commandants' Conference - 2026 conducted from 17th to 18th April at 8th Bn NDRF, Ghaziabad, bringing together Senior leadership, Commanding officers and Jr leaders from the field for focussed introspection, strategic deliberation and...

PIB India and PIB - Ministry of Home Affairs

NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल @NDRFHQ

NDRF successfully organized the 2nd National Capacity Building Competition for SDRFs on Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue (CSSR)-2026 at Delhi Police HQ, New Delhi.

Welcoming the Chief guest Shri Govind Mohan, Union Home Secretary and other Senior functionaries from NDMA, MHA

NDRF India | राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल @NDRFHQ

NDRF Academy, Nagpur signed an MoU with RTMNU, Nagpur for academic affiliation of Certificate & Diploma programmes in Disaster Management under the Continuing Education Programme (CEP).

The collaboration enables university-recognised certification.



RECOGNITION

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Mandalay Region Government
Mandalay



Certificate of Appreciation and Commendation



On March 28, 2025, a devastating earthquake struck the Mandalay Region of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, resulting in significant damage and loss. During this challenging time, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) from the Republic of India provided invaluable assistance in rescue and relief operations. The Mandalay Region Government respectfully and sincerely expresses heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your selfless and dedicated support.

 5.4.25

Chief Minister
Mandalay Region Government

Date : 5 April 2025



RECOGNITION



During Operation Brahma, NDRF team conducted Search and Rescue (SAR) Operation in Myanmar, demonstrating exceptional skills and dedication under challenging conditions. Their relentless efforts were highly appreciated and officially recognized by the Government of Myanmar. This acknowledgment underscores the NDRF's commitment to international cooperation and excellence in disaster response beyond India's borders.



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APPRECIATION

The 13th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Ludhiana (Punjab), exemplified exceptional professionalism and operational excellence during the cloudburst disaster in Chishoti Village, District Kishtwar, in August 2025.

Despite extremely challenging terrain, disrupted access routes, and adverse weather conditions, the Battalion demonstrated remarkable preparedness by swiftly mobilizing three specialized teams and reaching the affected area to commence critical rescue and relief operations without delay.

With unwavering courage and dedication, the personnel of the 13th Battalion carried out 18 days of sustained search and rescue operations. Their efforts contributed to the evacuation of stranded civilians, provision of immediate medical aid, and the successful location of missing persons through a combination of technical methods, manual searches, and canine units. The Battalion's effective coordination with the local administration, police, armed forces, medical teams, and volunteers greatly enhanced the overall efficiency and impact of the disaster response.

I am happy to place on record my deep appreciation for all ranks of the 13th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Ludhiana (Punjab), for their distinguished service, devotion to duty, and exemplary professionalism displayed in the aftermath of the cloudburst incident in Chishoti Village, District Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir.

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NDRF's Tableau at Ekta Diwas held on 31st October 2025 at Kevadia, Gujarat.



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