National Disaster Response Force
INDIA
The DM Act 2005 envisages a paradigm shift from the erstwhile relief-centric approach to a proactive, holistic and integrated management of disasters with emphasis on mitigation, preparedness and response.

The prime task of NDRF is to provide specialized response during disasters.

During normal situations, NDRF upgrades its skills by rigorous training, regular practice and mock drills. NDRF has taken up the challenge to impart training and preparing various civil agencies such as police, civil defence, defence personnel, home guards, youth in colleges and schools to face and fight disasters.
Location of NDRF Battalions

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It is a great honour for me to head this elite humanitarian Force.

NDRF, in a short span, has acquired a niche for itself as a professional force. It played a vital role in responding to various disasters, be they natural or man-made.

Since inception, we managed to save nearly half a million lives of our countrymen in various parts in States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal etc. The altruistic service of NDRF has been complimented by all.

I hope that all officers and men of NDRF will carry out their assigned tasks with utmost sincerity and dedication in future and always uphold our motto “AAPDA SEVA SADAIV". On behalf of all ranks of the Force, I assure the countrymen that NDRF will continue to perform with zeal and enthusiasm in making India disaster-resilient.

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National Disaster Response Force
Serious calamities in quick succession, like Orissa Super Cyclone (1999), Gujarat Earthquake (2001) and Indian Ocean Tsunami (2004) brought the need of having a specialist response mechanism at the national level to effectively respond to disasters. This led to the enactment of the Disaster Management Act on December 26, 2005.

The Act lays down constitution of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man-made disasters. In 2006, NDRF was constituted with 8 Battalions (02 Battalions each from BSF, CRPF, ITBP and CISF). Now with 12 Battalions and 22 Regional Response Centres (RRCs), NDRF marches ahead as a vibrant disaster response force of the country.
NDRF: Features

- Only Force, perhaps across the world, completely dedicated for disaster response.
- Exposed to rigorous training to understand, prevent and respond to disasters.
- Highly sophisticated modern equipment and tools.
- Trained as a friendly outfit.
- NDRF has well-trained canines, which are professionally raised and trained.
- The Force has experience and expertise in preventing and responding to different types of disasters and disaster-like situations.
- Undertake familiarization exercises to have complete understanding of the terrain and the population.
- Having regular Civic Action and Community Empowerment Programmes.
NDRF has been very active in responding to natural disaster under multi-lateral and bi-lateral agreement at International level. The response of NDRF teams during triple disaster (Earthquake, Tsunami and Radiation Leakage) of Fukushima, Japan in 2011 and during Earthquake in Nepal in 2015 brought lot of laurels from the people of these nations. NDRF was the first team to arrive in earthquake-hit Nepal and proved its worth by rescuing 11 live victims and retrieving 133 dead bodies.
NDRF is an unique Force which has rescued people, property and livestocks in every part of the country.

It has reached the remotest areas of India.

So far NDRF has evacuated/rescued 4,22,327 disaster victims, retrieved 2,116 dead bodies during various response operations and trained 37,20,665 volunteers through community capacity building programmes.
NDRF is often pre-positioned during impending disasters like floods and cyclones as a pro-active measure to save the "Golden Hours" for protecting the lives of victims. It is also pre-positioned as and when there is any major event like Parliament Session, Mahakumbh Mela, Amarnath Yatra, Commonwealth Games, Cricket World Cup, Aero India Show, etc.
NDRF is a specialist Force as per International standard. The Master Trainers of NDRF have acquired training from some of the highly reputed institutions like ADPC Bangkok, USAID PEER (Programme for Enhancement of Emergency Response), Swiss Development Corporation (Berne), Advance Search and Rescue Training Centre (Florida), Singapore Civil Defence Academy, Naval Training Centre (Kochi), Rashtriya Life Saving Society (Kolkata), Sea Explorer Institute (Kolkata), Indian Air Force and Para units of Indian Army, DRDE (Gwalior), CME (Pune), BARC (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre) and Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, New Delhi.
NDRF Training Academy

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) academy has been created by merging two premier Institutions i.e. National Civil Defence College (NCDC) & National Fire Service College (NFSC) at Nagpur. The NDRF academy shall be the premier Institute for Disaster Response Training not only for the NDRF but for all important stakeholders across the nation as well as for foreign countries.

International Yoga Day

On the initiative of Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, the United Nation has declared 21st June as the International Yoga Day, recognizing the ancient Indian Science’s “holistic approach of health and well–being”. On the occasion of 1st International Yoga Day, NDRF personnel actively performed different Postures, Asans, Kriyas at its HQ in New Delhi as well as in all NDRF Battalions.
Operational Areas of NDRF

- Diving in Turbulent and Murky Waters
- High-Rise and Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Aquatic Disaster Response
- Canine Search and Rescue
- CBRN Disaster Response
- Avalanche Rescue
- Cyclone Disaster Response
- Animal Protection and Rescue
- Protection of Gender and Child Rights during Disaster
- Psycho-social issues during Disaster
- Media Interface
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