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INTRODUCTION

In the tapestry of human existence, where the threads of unpredictability and calamity are woven into the fabric of life, emerges a Force embodying resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to safeguarding the very essence of survival - The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

We welcome you to the captivating journey within the pages of this coffee table book, a visual ode to the dedication, determination and strength of India's unique Force for Disaster Response. As the guardian angels

in disaster-stricken incidents, the men and women of NDRF stand as a beacon of hope in the face of adversity, epitomizing valour and preparedness.

The 4th edition of this coffee table book delves into the heart of their unparalleled efforts, capturing the essence of their operations, achievements, and profound impact on people across the nation. Join us as we unveil the heroic saga of NDRF, showcasing the indomitable spirit that defines their extraordinary service to humanity.

*The purpose of human life
is to serve, and to show
compassion and the will to
help others.*





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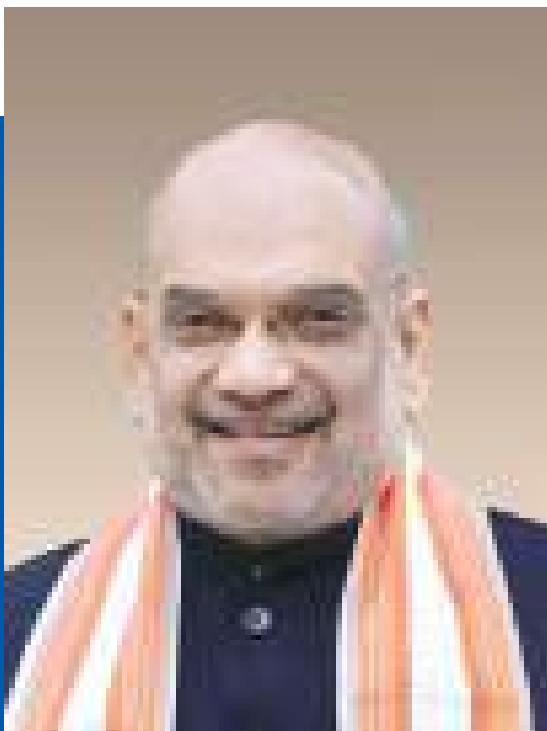
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

It is a pleasure to learn that National Disaster Response Force, NDRF has completed 18 years of glorious and dedicated service to the nation, in the realm of disaster response. It is a moment of pride and honour for everyone associated with NDRF. The publication of 'NDRF Coffee Table Book' that chronicles the organisation's journey befits the occasion.

A Force that commenced its journey with eight CAPF Battalions, has today doubled its strength to 16 Battalions. NDRF has served the nation admirably, providing an effective and prompt response in the face of disasters. The motto of the Force, 'आपदा सेवा सदैव सर्वत्र' aptly summarises its identity and importance. Over the years, NDRF personnel have shouldered disaster response-related responsibilities with alacrity and commitment, overcoming every challenge through competence and professionalism.

The organisation has provided timely humanitarian assistance to people affected by the disasters not just within India, but across other nations as well. It is such selfless service rendered by NDRF personnel that has won it national and international plaudits. May NDRF continue to make a significant contribution to further enhance the nation's disaster response-related efficiency. I am sure that the publication will document NDRF's 18-year journey and capture its essence. Greetings and best wishes to NDRF personnel and their family members on this joyous occasion. Best wishes for its future endeavours and publication of the Coffee Table Book.





MESSAGE FROM THE HOME MINISTER

मुझे यह जानकर हार्दिक प्रसन्नता हो रही है कि राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोर्चन बल (NDRF) अपनी अब तक की साहसिक, मानव कल्याण और समर्पण की उपलब्धियों को प्रकाश में लाने हेतु एक 'कॉफी टेबल बुक' का प्रकाशन कर रहा है।

राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोर्चन बल ने अपनी स्थापना से ही अद्भुत शौर्य, संकल्प व साहस का परिचय दिया है और अपनी त्वरित प्रतिक्रिया और समय पर उपस्थिति के कारण आज आपदाओं में राहत का पर्याय बनकर उभरा है। हिमालय की दुर्गम पहाड़ियों से लेकर समुद्र की गहराइयों और पूर्वोत्तर के घने जंगलों और नदियों से लेकर मठभूमि के विशाल क्षेत्रों तक NDRF ने राहत व बचाव का कीर्तिमान स्थापित किया है।

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में देश के आपदा प्रबंधन को अत्याधुनिक तकनीकों से संपन्न बनाकर NDRF के कार्यों को और भी गति देने का कार्य हुआ है। आज भारत सरकार और NDRF मिलकर न सिर्फ राष्ट्रीय बलिके अंतरराष्ट्रीय आपदाओं में भी सहयोग और सामंजस्य को बढ़ावा दे रहे हैं और सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः के मंत्र को चरितार्थ कर रहे हैं।

मैं NDRF के सभी कर्मियों के कार्यों की सराहना करते हुए कॉफी टेबल बुक के सफल प्रकाशन की कामना करता हूँ।



अमित शाह



P.K. Mishra

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has evolved into an important organization at the national level - and even internationally for responding to disaster events. The professional skills and competence of its personnel are evident in the timely and effective humanitarian assistance provided to disaster victims across the country. The NDRF has also contributed significantly through its capacity building initiatives towards the goal of a disaster resilient India. In the aftermath of the Kutch earthquake of 2001, India allowed disaster response teams from abroad to participate in search and rescue operations. We realized in those days that search and rescue operations during a disaster event require specialized equipment and skills. This realization led to some initiatives such as acquiring equipment and sending field-level personnel abroad for training. At the national level, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was set up after the Indian Ocean Tsunami of December 2004. The NDMA introduced several initiatives. One of the major initiatives was setting up of the NDRF. As Secretary to the NDMA I had the privilege of participating in the conceptualization, formulation and setting up of the National Disaster Response Force. The NDRF today is possibly the most visible face of India's disaster management system. I am immensely pleased to see that its achievements during various disaster response operations are widely appreciated and acclaimed.

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the NDRF personnel and their families.



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME AFFAIRS

मुझे यह जानकार अत्यंत हर्ष हुआ है कि राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोर्चन बल (एनडीआरएफ) अपनी असाधारण यात्रा के संजीव चित्रण का प्रकाशन कर रहा है। एनडीआरएफ, अपने ध्येय वाक्य 'आपदा सेवा सदैव सर्वत्र' (आपदा में, हमेशा, हर स्थान पर सेवा प्रदान करना), पर खरा उत्तरता है, और सदैव उम्मीद और राहत प्रदान करने के लिए, निर्भीकता से आपदा-प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में कार्य करता है।

एनडीआरएफ हमारे देश में एक ऐसा मोर्चन बल है जो अद्वितीय है। पेशेवर रवैए, नैतिक मूल्यों, और मानवीय सिद्धांतों के प्रति इस बल की प्रतिबद्धता वास्तव में साराहनीय है। इस विशेषीकृत, बहु-कौशल युक्त और बहु-विषयक बल ने वर्ष 2006 में अपने गठन के समय से 9,500 से अधिक आपदा मोर्चन ऑपरेशनों में आगे रहकर कार्य किया है और पूरे देश में 1.5 लाख से अधिक लोगों के मूल्य जीवन को बचाया है।

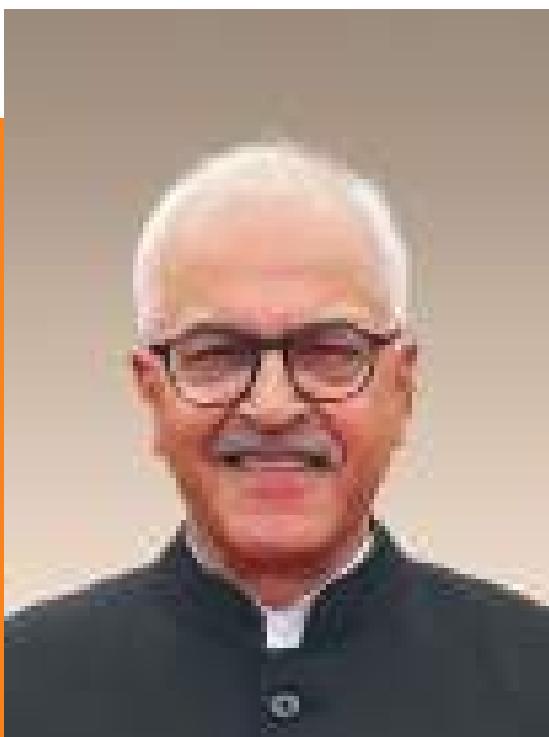
मैं एनडीआरएफ के सभी जवानों और उनके परिवारों को उनकी निष्पार्थ सेवा और प्रतिबद्धता के लिए, अपनी शुभकामनाएँ प्रेषित करता हूँ और उनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य की कामना करता हूँ।

हार्दिक शुभकामनाओं सहित,

Nityanand Rai



MESSAGE FROM THE HOME SECRETARY



National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is one of the most vibrant and visible Forces of the nation for responding to all kinds of disasters in the most efficient and effective manner.

This elite Force has excelled from its raising to a capable and specialized Force in a short span of time due to its exemplary dedication and professional excellence. NDRF is also working simultaneously for making the country disaster resilient by imparting training and creating awareness in the community for risk reduction. More than 80 lakh persons have been sensitized through the community awareness programmes organized by NDRF across the nation. The Force has reached out to every section of society through its various capacity-building initiatives. These efforts are indeed praiseworthy.

I am pleased to learn that the NDRF is publishing a coffee table book to showcase the efforts and achievements of the Force. I take this opportunity to convey my appreciation and best wishes to all the officers and rescuers of the Force.



Ajay Bhalla

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FOREWORD

The true essence of character comes out in times of crisis, and NDRF's valiance in disaster relief and response is a reflection of our karm yoga. I joined the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) as its Director General on 15th November 2021, with a commitment to enhancing the Force's capabilities in disaster management. In my tenure, I have experienced the passion of this unique Force to take up challenging missions and always stand tall in times of disaster. It gives me immense pleasure to present this coffee table book, showcasing the journey of excellence in service of the world's single largest Force dedicated to disaster response.

The challenges we face in disaster scenarios are complex and ever-evolving, and at NDRF we are ever-ready to tackle them. This coffee table book is a visual and

literary experience of NDRF's journey over the years, handling complex inland and overseas missions and the efforts behind every accomplishment. Our rescuers, technology, training, best practices, and testimonials from the people saved from natural or manmade disasters are chapters we proudly include in our story.

The success of Operation Dost for disaster relief after the Turkiye earthquake showed NDRF's preparedness for global emergencies. It is the commitment of every rescuer in NDRF to respond swiftly and efficiently in case of emergencies and serve beyond the call of duty.

Our journey is continuous and we strive to strengthen our ability to lead from the front and save more lives in case of any crisis across the globe, fulfilling our principle of

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Atul Karwal, IPS
Director General, NDRF

NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE







THE NDRF

Across the vast expanse of our Nation, from the towering peaks of the Himalayas to the coastal regions, people have time and again battled with the elements. India witnessed a series of catastrophic calamities in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The Odisha Super Cyclone, Gujarat Earthquake, and Indian Ocean Tsunami necessitated a critical review of India's disaster management capabilities. This pressing reality led to the enactment of the Disaster Management Act on December 26, 2005, paving the way for a dedicated Force tasked with first-hand specialized response to natural and man-made disasters.

This was the emergence of NDRF - an elite Force raised on January 19, 2006, tasked with responding to all kinds of disasters,

charging into the heart of calamity with the determination to save every life when disaster strikes. Amidst the wreckage and the cries of anguish, they are the steady hand that offers solace, the unwavering presence that instils hope.

Over the years, the NDRF has undergone a transformative journey, expanding its reach and resources to meet the ever-evolving challenges posed by disasters. Currently, NDRF is a distinguished Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs consisting of 16 Battalions and the NDRF Academy, each ready to respond to emergencies.

This is the story of a Force forged by calamity, strengthened by resilience, and driven by a determination to serve, protect and save lives.

“There is no higher religion than human service.”



CBRN Response Training



Flood Water Rescue Training



NDRF Team in Action during an Urban Search and Rescue Operation



Swift Action with Expertise

NDRF JOURNEY OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE





**Agra
Borewell Rescue**
2021



**Turkey
Earthquake**
2023



**Cyclone
Biparjoy**
2023



**Silkyara Tunnel
Rescue**
2023

**Vishakhapatnam
Gas Leakage**
2020



**Trikut
Ropeway Incident**
2020



**Balasore
Train Accident**
2023



**G20
Summit**
2023







MOTTO

“आपदा सेवा सदैव सर्वत्र”

The resonating motto of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) echoes the ethos of Service in Disaster, Always, Everywhere. This motto transcends mere words; it is a powerful proclamation that epitomizes the selfless devotion of NDRF, standing as a pillar of unwavering service and support.

“No matter what the disaster situation,” the motto declares, each member of the NDRF is a formidable Force, poised to provide succour and relief. Their tireless efforts go beyond the call of duty, embodying the essence of Saving Lives & Beyond.



INSIGNIA

The insignia of the National Disaster Response Force is a powerful symbol of dedication, commitment, mission, and values, encompassing victory over disaster, solidarity, national strength, global humanitarianism, and operational versatility.



VISION

To be the most efficient and effective response Force for any disaster in the country and the region.

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*Service to the Nation
cannot be measured in
numbers.*

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MISSION

To achieve excellence in providing effective and timely rescue and relief to disaster victims.



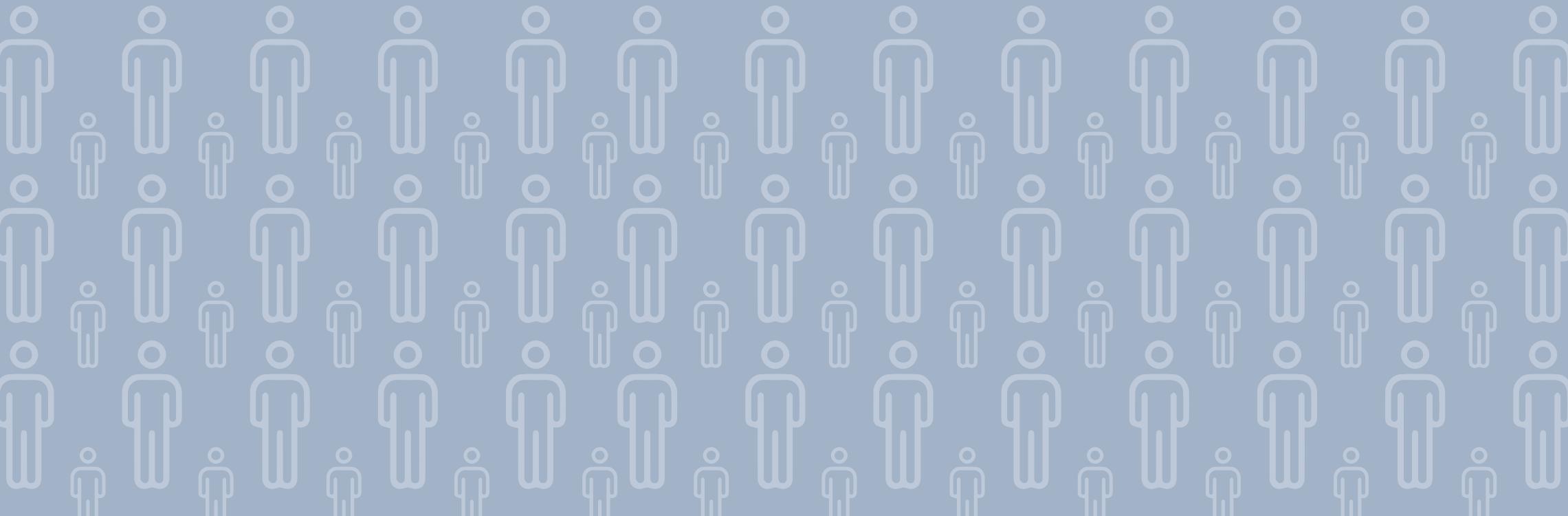
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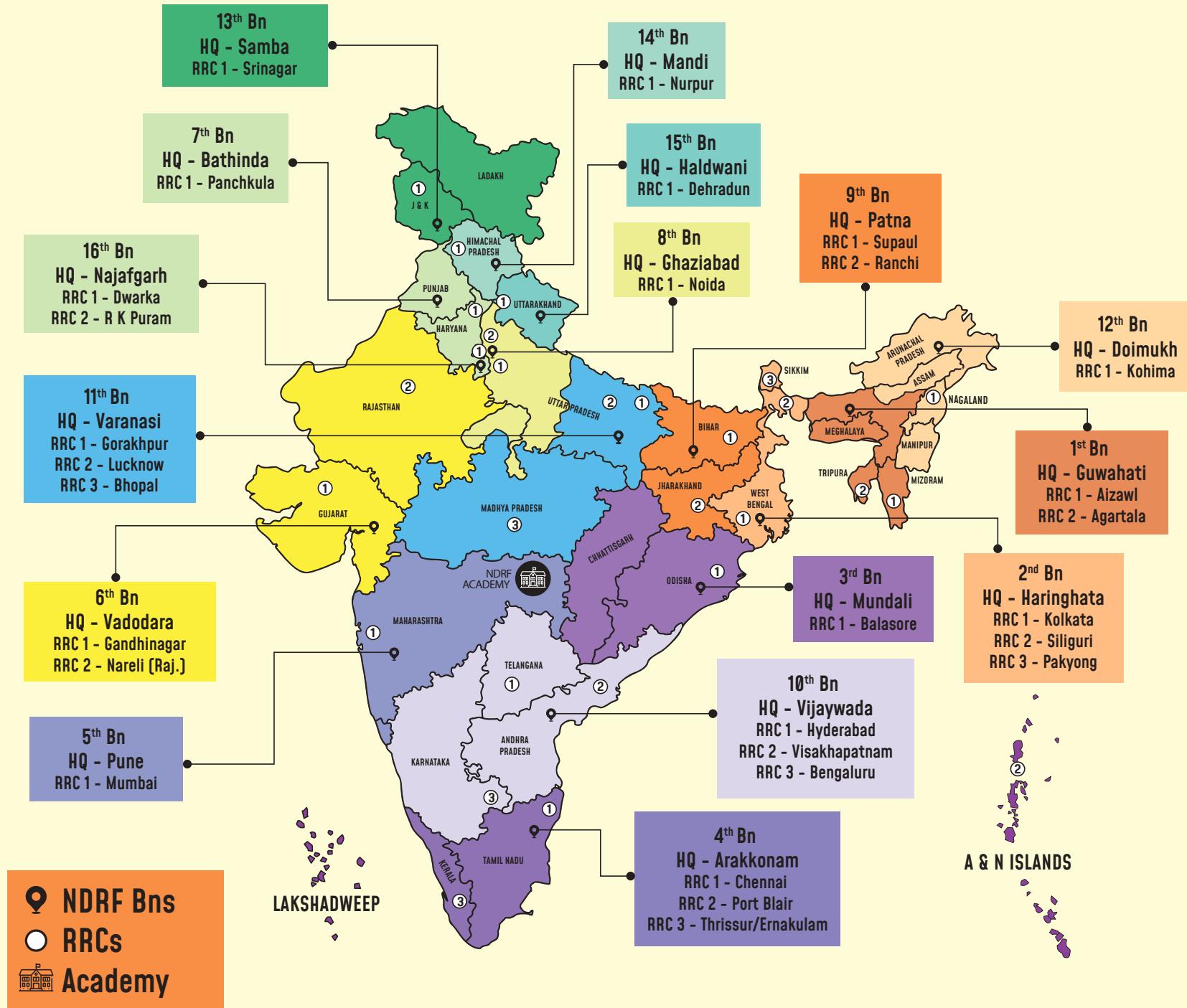


CHARTER OF DUTIES

- Proactive deployment in impending disaster situations, followed by specialized response during disasters.
- Focus on capability building and acquiring new skills through regular training.
- Impart basic and operational level training to State Disaster Response Forces, Police, Civil Defence, Home Guards, Fire Services, and CAPFs.
- Engage in Community Capacity Development to facilitate and empower communities in disaster preparedness.
- Conduct mock exercises, familiarization exercises, coordination with stakeholders, surveys, vulnerability and disaster mapping and rehearsals.
- Spread disaster management awareness in the community at large and amongst school children.

THE FRONTLINERS





NDRF BATTALIONS

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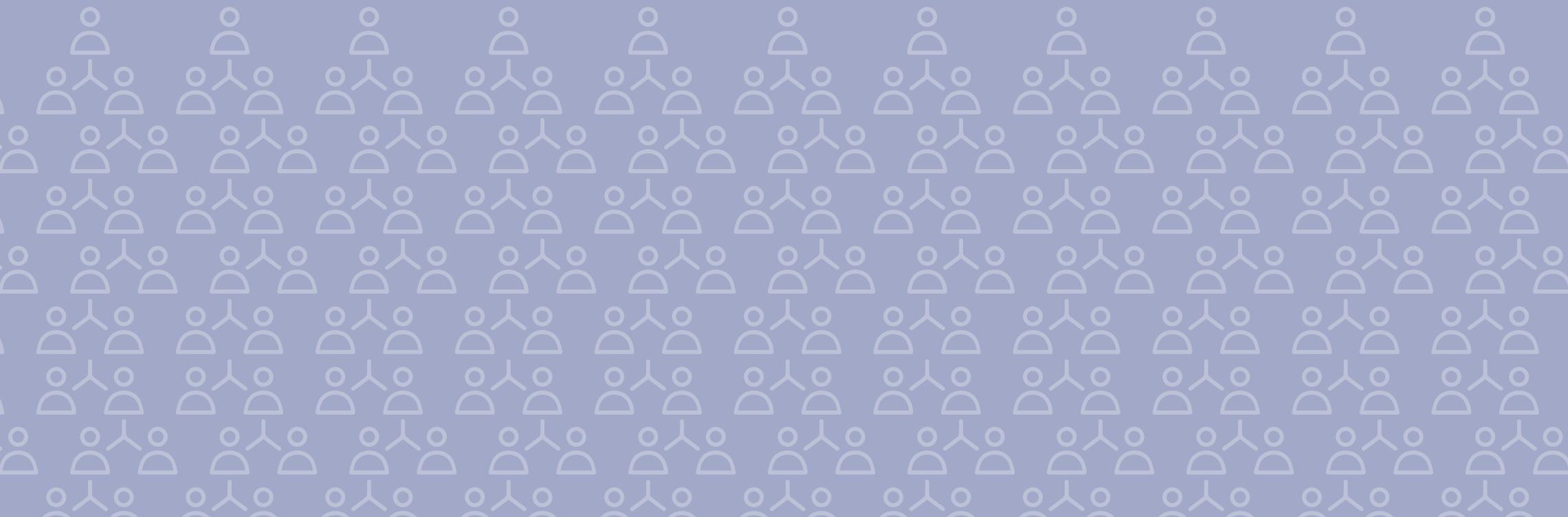
Disasters usually come without a warning, but our response can be powered by preparedness.

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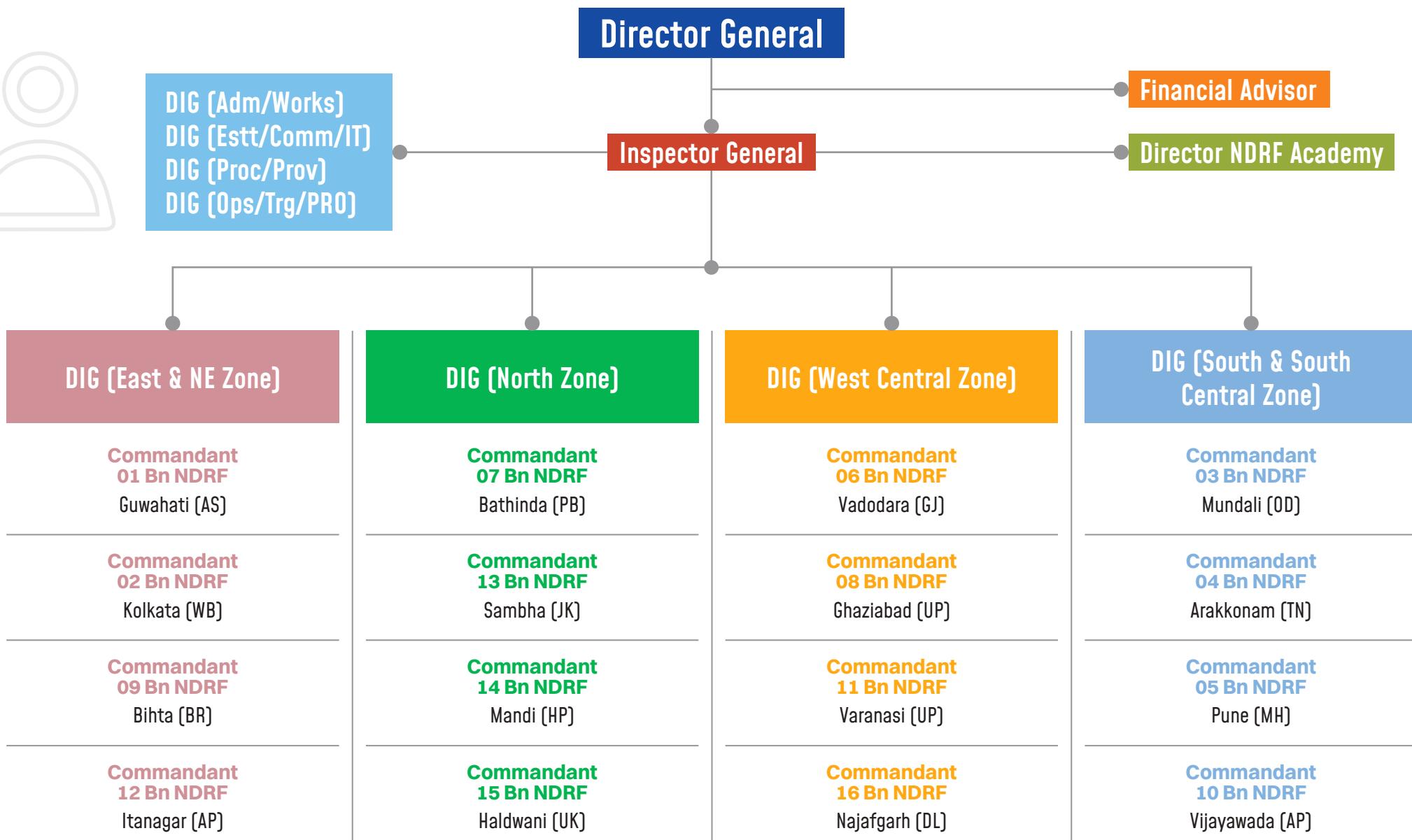
The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) stands as an indomitable Force, with its 16 battalions and NDRF Academy in Nagpur Maharashtra, strategically stationed across the country.

Each battalion is a well-oiled machine, comprising highly trained and skilled personnel who are experts in tackling a wide range of disasters.

STRENGTH IN STRUCTURE

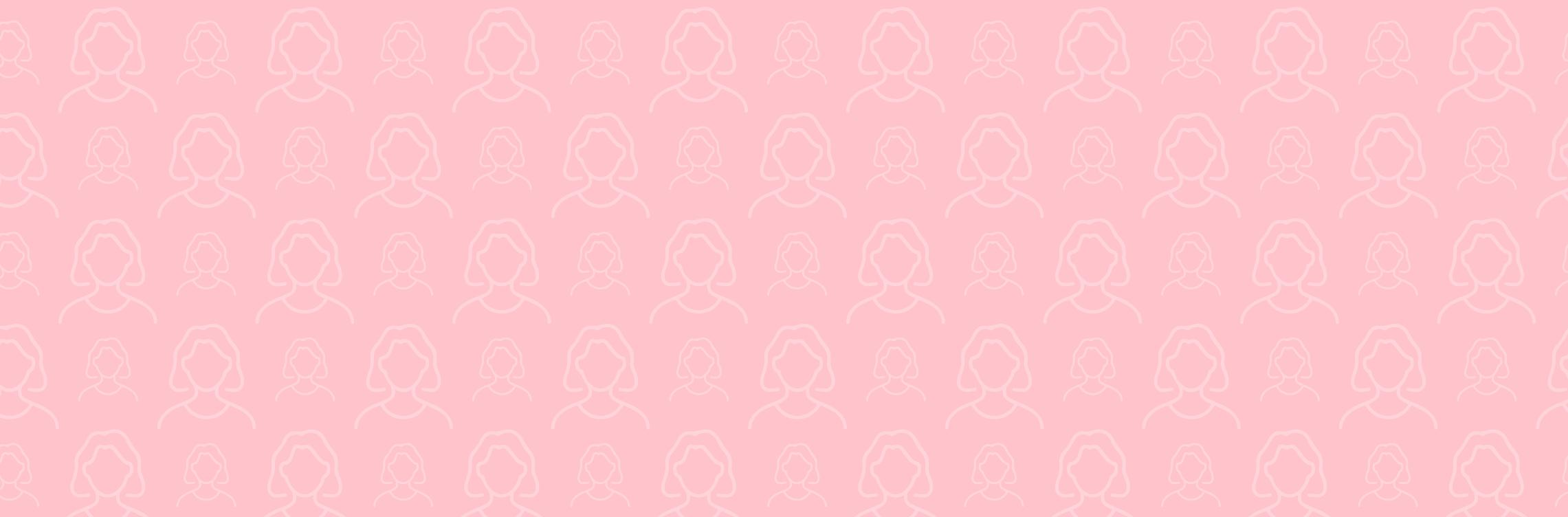


ORGANIZATION FLOW CHART



“ Strength lies in the unity of purpose & spirit of service to the Nation. ”

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER





Interaction of NDRF team with the Hon'ble Prime Minister on return from Operation DOST



“

Purpose and dedication knows no gender. Every human embodies the spirit of service.

”

SHAKTIS OF NDRF

At the forefront of India's disaster response Force stand extraordinary women, who are breaking stereotypes with each rescue mission they undertake. The NDRF's women's team epitomizes courage, resilience, and dedication, proving time and again

that valour knows no gender. With an unbreakable spirit and an unyielding commitment to saving lives, NDRF's women rescuers continue to inspire generations, reminding us of their resolve and dedication to serve the nation in times of adversity and disaster.



Navigating Through Collapsed Structures for Survivors in Türkiye



Inspiring The World With Their Boldness

MASTERING DISASTERS

TRAINING AND

CAPACITY BUILDING







RESPONSE SPECIALIZATIONS & TRAINING

“

*Disaster Preparedness
is a continuous process
of - Readiness, Response,
Recovery & Review.*

”

At the heart of NDRF's operational prowess lies rigorous and advanced training. The dedicated training regime of our team members is a testament to their determination to be always prepared for the most challenging circumstances.

The training curriculum is designed to encompass a wide array of scenarios, from

natural disasters to specialized rescue operations. State-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge technology are employed to ensure that our personnel are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge required to handle any kind of situation.



Slithering Training from a Helicopter for Swift Deployment



NDRF Rescuers Training for Highrise Rescue Action



We Will Reach You, No Matter Where!



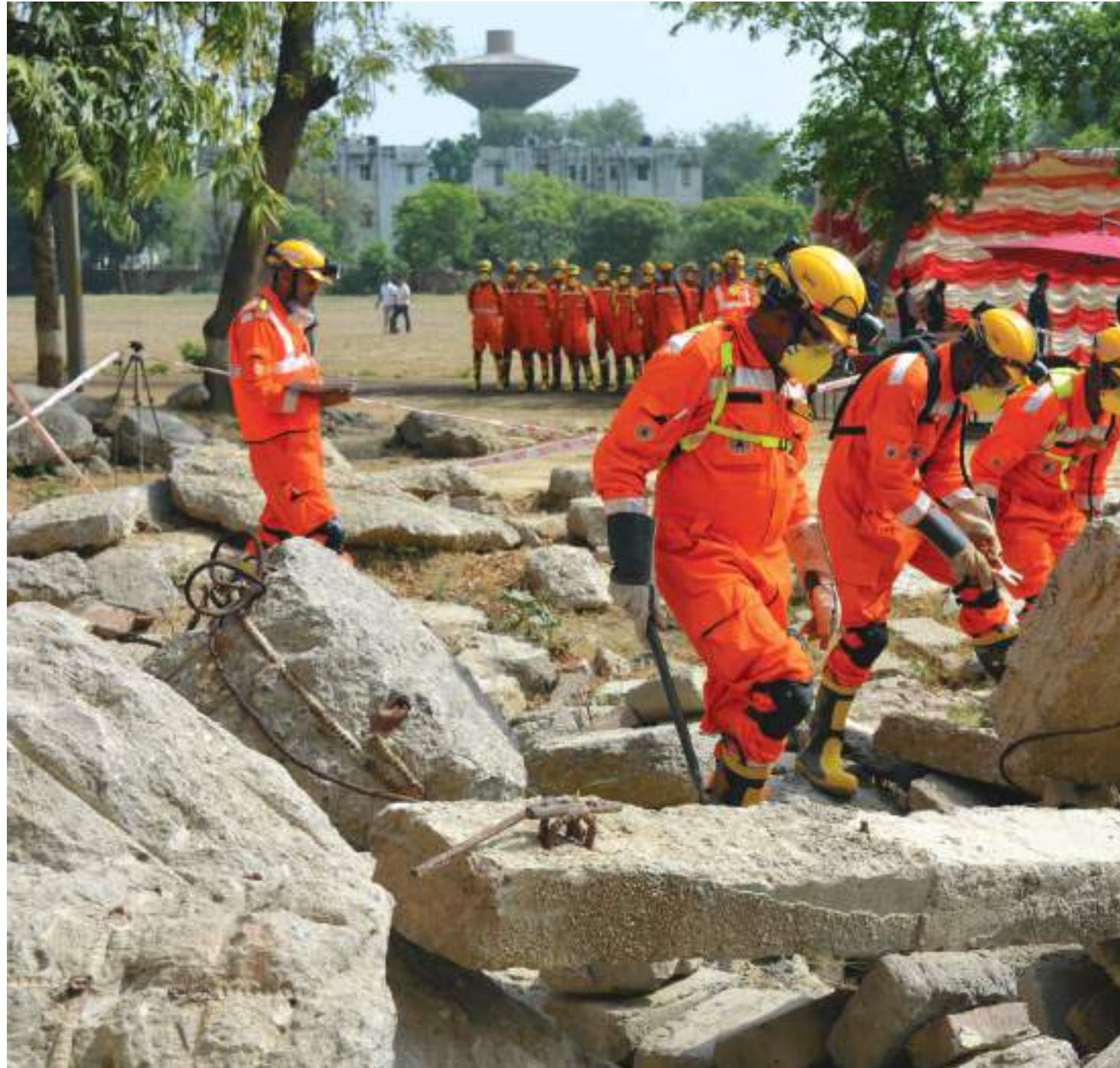
Strength in Collaboration



Precision is the Key

COLLAPSED STRUCTURE SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS

Rapid and precise extraction of individuals trapped under collapsed structures during disasters like earthquake and cyclones.



Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Training



Attention to Details



Medical First Response (MFR) Training



Ensuring Immediate Medical Attention

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE

Trained and equipped to provide immediate medical aid and life support in the aftermath of a disaster to stabilize and treat casualties.

CBRN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Specialized response to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear disasters, ensuring containment and mitigation.



Training for Radiological and Nuclear Disasters



CBRN Emergency Response Training



Aerial Rescue Training for Difficult Locations





Flood Field Training Exercise at Wazirabad

FLOOD DISASTERS

Swift deployment of resources to manage flood-related emergencies, including rescue, evacuation, and relief efforts.

FOREST FIRE

Tactical response to forest fires, including containment, evacuation, and suppression efforts to protect lives and property.



Containing the Fire



Ready to Protect the Flora and Fauna



Scaling Peaks, Saving Lives - Shri Amarnathji Yatra



Mountain Rescue Preparedness Check

MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

Highly skilled operations to locate and extract individuals in mountainous terrain affected by disasters or emergencies.

DEEP DIVING SEARCH

Expert underwater operations for locating and rescuing individuals in submerged environments.



Deep Diving Operations



Practicing to Explore Unknown Depths



Canine Squad Training





Canine on the Frontline during a Collapsed Structure Situation

CANINE AND TECHNICAL SEARCH

Utilization of both canine and advanced technical methods for efficient search and rescue operations in disaster areas.

EQUIPMENT

NDRF is equipped with cutting-edge equipment essential for rescue and relief operations. This includes 413 authorized equipment ranging from Medical First Responder equipment, Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue equipment, Flood Water Rescue equipment, Mountaineering and rope rescue and CBRN equipment to specialized vehicles, ensuring readiness for any emergency scenario.



CSSR Vehicle



Inside the Hazmat Vehicle



Sharpening the Cutting Expertise to Access Victims



Using Victim Location Camera

THE SAVIOURS IN ACTION





Rescue Operations in Quake Hit Türkiye



INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS: TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKE-2023

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, NDRF swiftly mobilized three teams under 'Operation DOST', to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief in the aftermath of a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. The team's compassionate actions alleviated suffering and offered a glimmer of

hope during one of the darkest times for the people of Türkiye.

'Operation DOST' exemplified India's commitment to extending a helping hand to nations in need and solidified NDRF's reputation as a highly capable and respected disaster response Force on the global stage.



'Op Dost' Rescuers



CANINE ROMIO

NDRF'S CANINE HEROES IN ACTION

In the wake of catastrophic disasters, where every second counts, NDRF relies on a specialized unit - the valiant canine members. Trained to sniff out survivors amidst the rubble, these furry heroes have etched their names in daring rescue operations across the globe. In the earthquake that struck Turkey, when buildings collapsed under the devastating tremors, two canine companions, affectionately known as 'Romio and Julie', were swiftly deployed. Despite the freezing cold, Romio and Julie used their strong senses to search through the collapsed debris for any survivors.

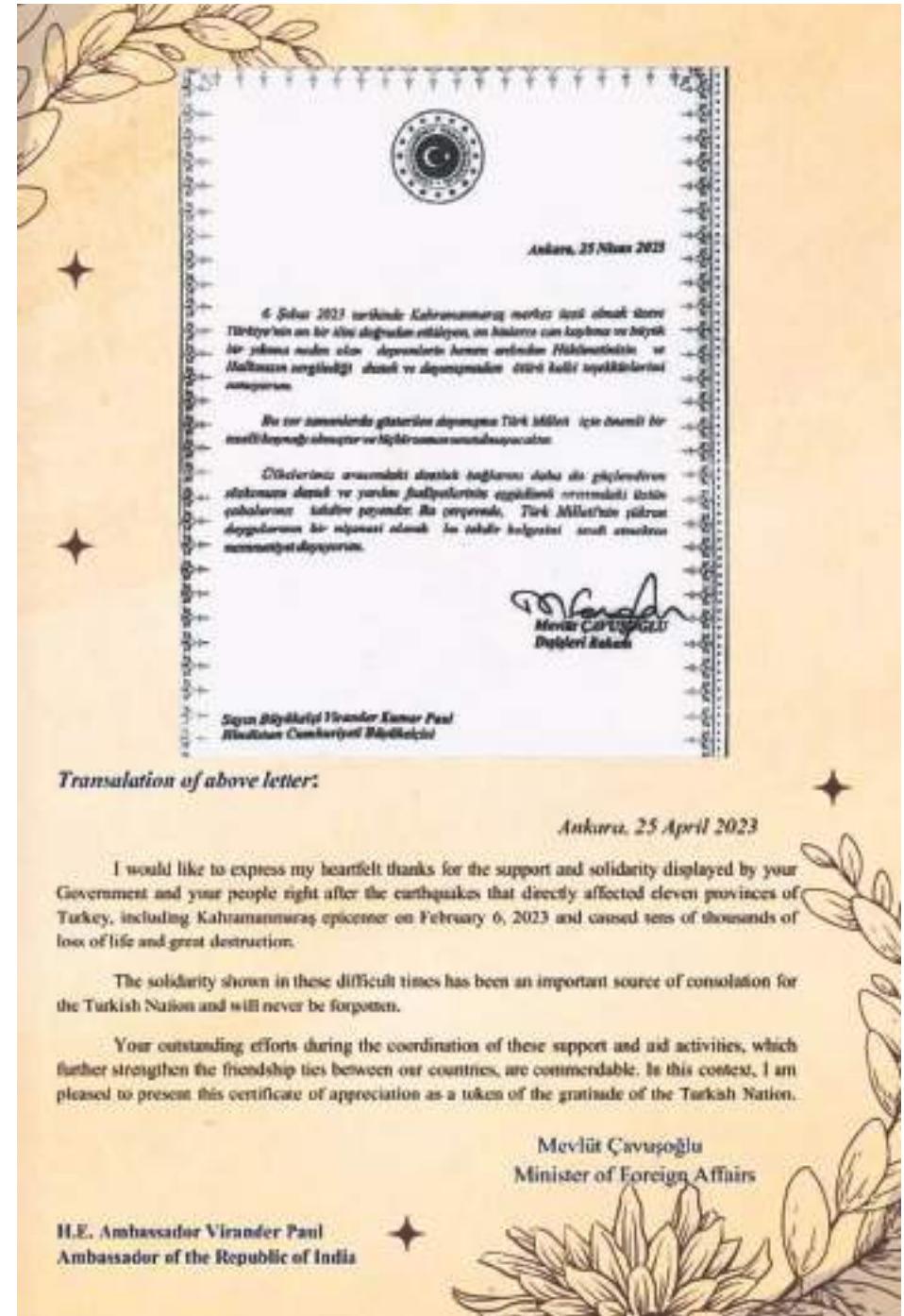
After days of relentless searching, Julie's excited barks signalled the presence of life. Amid the wreckage of a seven-story structure, she had detected a young girl, miraculously alive under the lifeless bodies of her family.

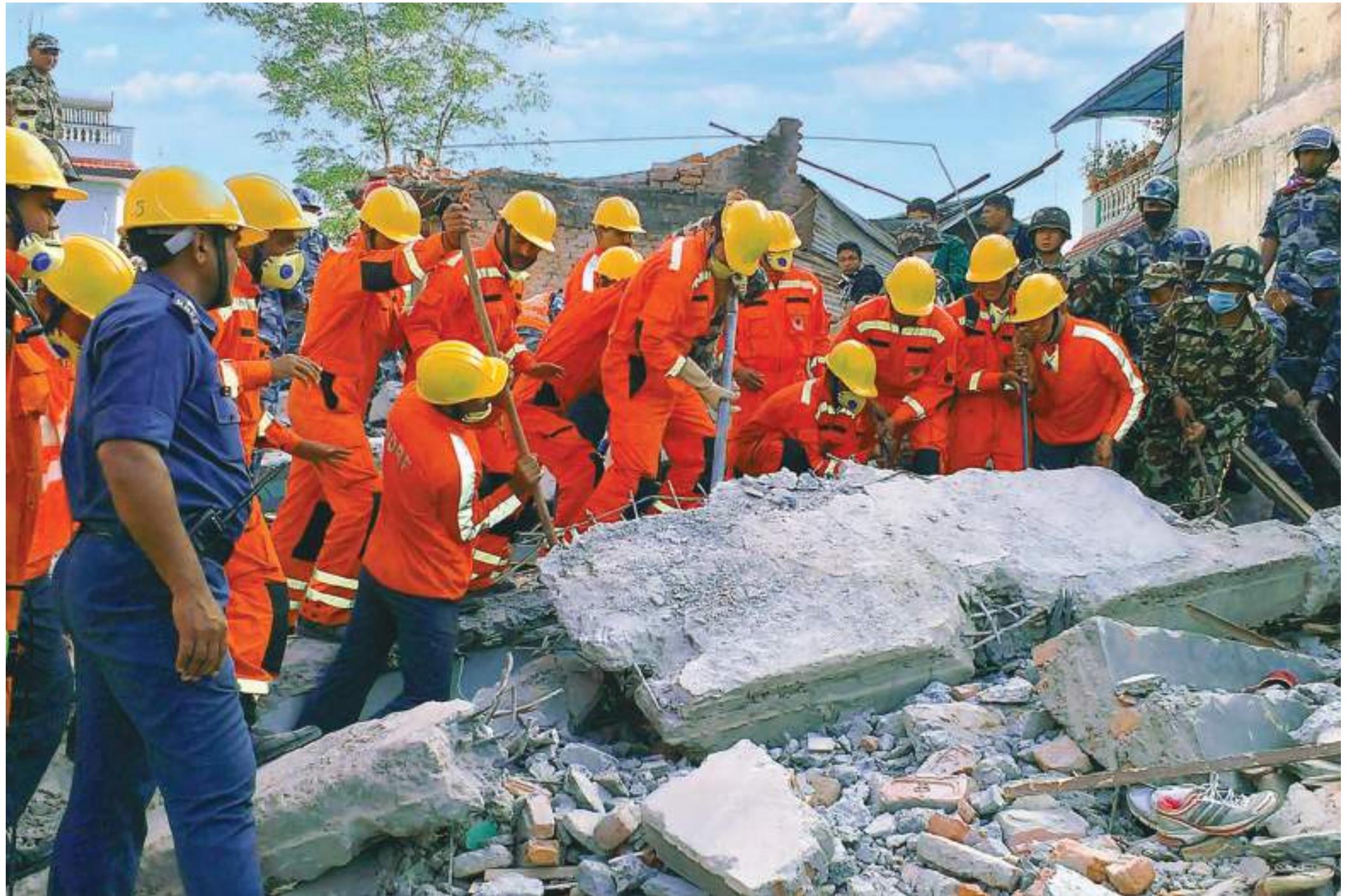
The NDRF team doubled their efforts with the promise to save every life possible, eventually saving the survivor. Such remarkable feats are par for the course of NDRF's canine warriors, whose determination and loyalty have saved countless lives.



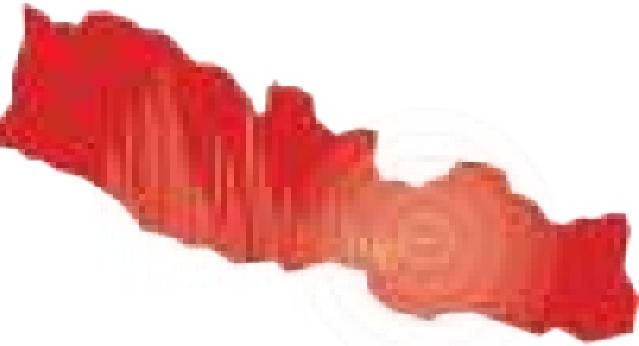


Clearing Rubble to Search Victims





Rescue & Relief Operations in Nepal



INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS: NEPAL EARTHQUAKE - 2015

When disaster strikes, every minute counts and the National Disaster Response Force exemplifies the essence of rapid response by helping those in need. During the Nepal Earthquake in the year 2015, the NDRF deployed 16 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams. Their tireless efforts paid off, as they successfully rescued 11 individuals

from the clutches of disaster, offering them a second chance at life. The teams also retrieved 133 bodies from the wreckage, ensuring that the deceased received the dignity and respect they deserved. Our teams organized medical camps, attending to the needs of more than 1,200 individuals, offering them critical care and support during times of distress.



Cutting Through the Challenges



Medical First Response on Ground





Relief & Rehabilitation Mission in Onagawa Japan



INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS: JAPAN EARTHQUAKE - 2011

In the wake of the devastating Japan triple disaster – an earthquake, a tsunami and damage to the Fukushima nuclear power plant of 2011, we extended a helping hand in a display of international solidarity.

The NDRF team was deployed to Japan, where we worked tirelessly from March

27th to April 7th. Our mission was to focus on recovery efforts. We successfully pulled out 7 bodies from the rubble, offering some solace to grieving families.

This operation showcased our ability to mobilize and offer specialized support in disaster zones across the globe.



Thorough Search for Missing Persons



Field Coordination



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
INDIA

26 February 2016

Mr. O.P.Singh
Director General
National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi

Dear Mr. Singh,

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, which occurred on 11 March 2011. At this juncture, the Embassy of Japan will be organizing an event to reiterate our deep appreciation for the warm support from the government and people of India at the time of the disaster.

We remain particularly grateful for the 46 members of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), who bravely and tirelessly assisted relief efforts under severe conditions in the earthquake and tsunami-ravaged regions in 2011 and will never forget these gestures of true friendship demonstrated by them.

We would like to extend invitation to those 46 members of the NDRF, if they are in Delhi, to renew our appreciation for their support and to show that Japan has made steady recovery and reconstruction from the disaster over the last five years.

We therefore would like to request you to provide information (including current contact details) about those who are in Delhi among the 46 members of the NDRF dispatched to Japan in 2011.

Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Koji Nakamura
Koji Nakamura

Second Secretary (Economic)
Embassy of Japan in India

NDRF: STANDING STRONG IN THE FACE OF FLOODS

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) always stands in the forefront in the face of recurring floods across India. From the heart-wrenching Kosi floods in Bihar to the devastating monsoons in Assam, Kerala, and Gujarat, NDRF personnel have consistently served on the frontlines of rescue and relief efforts.

This section highlights our deployments in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, and numerous interventions in Assam, including Silchar. Each deployment showcases the dedication and expertise of the NDRF team in saving lives and helping people reach safer places.



Delhi Floods, 2023



Silchar Floods Assam, 2022



Trusted by All Ages



Women & Children Bound by Hope



Rescuing Every Little Breath





Man & Machine on duty

FIGHTING NATURE'S FURY: CYCLONES

We have always demonstrated our commitment and expertise in responding to catastrophic cyclonic storms that have occurred in various parts of India. India has come a long way since 1999 when we lost almost 10,000 lives in the Odisha Super Cyclone, to the very severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy', in 2023, when there was zero loss of life at landfall.



Cyclone Biparjoy, 2023



Cyclone Michaung, 2023

LIGHT AT THE END: TUNNEL RESCUE

To deal with this disaster, NDRF swiftly mobilized two teams to Silkyara Village for Uttarakhand Tunnel Rescue. This mission rescued 41 trapped individuals from the tunnel after literally an uphill battle of 17 days. Our team employed diverse cutting and drilling techniques to gain access. The operation exemplified our courage, capacity for innovation, and unbreakable spirit. The operation stands as a shining example of our dedication to overcoming even the most formidable obstacles in the line of duty.



Silkyara Tunnel Rescue, Uttarakhand



Reviewing Every Step



Swift Response to Glacial Disasters



Heroic Efforts in Glacial Lake Outburst Flood, Sikkim

FIGHTING NATURE'S FURY: GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST

On 4th October 2023, incessant rains in the Himalayas led to Glacial Lake Outburst Flood in Sikkim. Undeterred by the challenges, NDRF deployed 8 teams; 6 in Sikkim and 2 in West Bengal - to conduct life-saving operations. The NDRF heroes rescued 178 individuals, evacuated eight, and retrieved 25 bodies of the lives lost to the unforgiving waters. Their actions extended beyond rescue, as they facilitated and assisted in helping 710 people, offering not just physical aid but also a reassuring presence in the darkest of times.

SAVIOURS ON TRACK: TRAIN ACCIDENTS

On June 2, 2023, when three trains collided in Balasore, Odisha, it led to derailment of 17 coaches, leaving a scene of devastation. The NDRF, ever vigilant, swiftly mobilized nine teams to the disaster zone. Arriving without delay, they integrated seamlessly into the ongoing rescue operations. The teams toiled tirelessly amidst the wreckage. Their expertise and courage shone through as they managed to rescue 44 critically injured victims. This swift and coordinated response by the teams played a vital role in mitigating the impact of this tragic accident.



Racing Against Time to Save Lives



Balasore Train Accident, June 2023



Deoghar Ropeway Operations





Joint Rescue Operation by Air Force and NDRF

ASCENDING TO SAFETY: ROPEWAY RESCUE

On April 10th, 2022, disaster struck at the Trikut Hills ropeway in Deoghar district, Jharkhand. A malfunction caused the rope to break, leaving 22 trolleys stranded mid-air. The NDRF responded swiftly, deploying two teams to the scene the same day. Collaborating with ongoing rescue efforts, the NDRF focused on evacuating those trapped in the stranded trolleys. They successfully rescued a total of 57 individuals. This incident highlighted the team's ability to adapt and respond effectively in complex situations.

DEPTH OF HOPE: BOREWELL RESCUE OPERATIONS

In the annals of NDRF's history, these borewell rescues stand as shining examples of human resilience, reminding us that even in the darkest of hours, hope can triumph when courage and skill converge.



Agra Borewell Operation, 2021



Determined Efforts



Brave Actions in Forest Fire



Dzukou Valley Forest Fire, Manipur 2021

BATTLING INFERNOS: FOREST FIRES

These forest fire missions are not merely operations but a duty to protect our planet's green lungs and the natural habitats.

CONCRETE CATASTROPHES: STRUCTURE COLLAPSE

When towering structures collapse, NDRF's highly trained rescuers leap into action, their resolve unwavering in the face of immense challenges. Their actions are a testament to their relentless pursuit of saving lives, driven by a commitment to serve humanity in its darkest hours.



Varanasi Flyover Collapse, 2018



Raising Hope in Disaster



Ksan Coal Mine, Meghalaya 2018



Descending Light into Darkness

BENEATH THE DARK: COAL MINE RESCUE OPERATIONS

This chapter chronicles the NDRF's heroic interventions in coal mine incidents, stories that exemplify compassion, courage, and dedication in the face of unimaginable challenges.

SKYFALL RESCUES: PLANE CRASH

When the unthinkable happens and an aircraft meets a catastrophic end, NDRF stands ready to confront the aftermath head-on. The highly skilled personnel rapidly mobilize to the sites of these tragic incidents. Navigating through twisted wreckage and debris fields, they search for survivors with a commitment to preserving human life.



NDRF Team at Kozhikode Crash Site, 2020



Raising Hope in Tragedy



Distributing Essentials to Those in Need



Sanitizing to Save Lives

COMMUNITY CRISIS: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global COVID-19 pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge. The NDRF, known for its disaster response expertise, rose to the occasion, adapting its skills to combat the pandemic. Our team managed quarantine centers, established medical camps, and ensured the safe transportation of essential medical supplies across the nation. Our dedication also extended to public awareness campaigns, educating communities about hygiene practices and social distancing measures.



Ensuring Containment of Covid



Care & Relief Efforts during Covid

PREPAREDNESS FOR FAIRS & YATRAS

At NDRF caution and preparedness are the first step to disaster response readiness. Our teams are deployed at events to safeguard and respond to any emergency within a nick of time.



Get Set for Chaar Dham Yatra at Rudraprayag



Safeguarding Faith

ANGELS IN ORANGE



SALUTE TO THE SUPREME SACRIFICE: MARTYRS



SH. NITYA NAND GUPTA
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08 Bn NDRF



BHIM SINGH
Insp/GD
08 Bn NDRF



SATISH KUMAR
SI/Tele
08 Bn NDRF



SANTOSH KUMAR PASWAN
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



AHIR RAO GANESH
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



BASAVARAJ YARAGATTI
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



PAWAR SHASHIKANT RAMESH
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



SANJIVA KUMAR
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



K. VINAYGAN
CT/GD
08 Bn NDRF



RAJENDRA GAUTAM
CT/GD
09 Bn NDRF



NONGTHOMBAM BINOY MEETEI
ASI(GD)
12 Bn NDRF



ANIL KUMAR GAUR
ASI/GD
11 Bn NDRF



MALKEET SINGH
CT/GD
07 Bn NDRF



ANKESH KUMAR
CT/GD
01 Bn NDRF



PRABHAT KALANTA
HC/GD
08 Bn NDRF



JAGAN SINGH
CT/GD
09 Bn NDRF





THE PILLARS OF SUPPORT

These pages capture a chorus of appreciation and encouragement from the hearts of visiting dignitaries. Each pat on the back, each note is a window into the immense gratitude felt by people who have witnessed NDRF's courage, skill, and unwavering resolve in the face of adversity.

To our valued online supporters-
Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences. Your words serve as a powerful source of motivation for us. We are deeply grateful for your recognition and support.

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Spark a ray of hope in the heart of the hopeless and appear as help to the helpless.

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Inspiring Words by the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi



The Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi in Conversation with the NDRF Team



SDRF Conference 2021, Under the Aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs



The Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi visiting NPDRR Exhibition, 2023



Planning Action for Reducing Climate Change Effect

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ENCOURAGING WORDS BY DIGNITARIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Echoes of
Gratitude and
Appreciation
from the Prime
Minister*

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The efforts of entire team involved in rescue and relief measures during **#OperationDost** is exemplary.



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Amit Shah

@AmitShah

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Proud of our NDRF.

In the rescue operations in Türkiye, Team IND-11 saved the life of a six-year-old girl, Beren, in Gaziantep city.

Under the guidance of PM [@narendramodi](#), we are committed to making [@NDRFHQ](#) the world's leading disaster response force. [#OperationDost](#)



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Rajnath Singh  @rajnathsingh - Feb 7

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Two C-17 Globemaster III heavy lift aircraft of [#IAF](#) have departed India for Türkiye carrying [@NDRFHQ](#) teams and [#HADR](#) equipment.

India stands in solidarity with the people of Türkiye in this difficult time.



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NDRF's Winning Tableau at the 2020 Republic Day Parade

HONOURING COMMITMENT

We take immense pride in the dedication and skill of our personnel. Our dedication to service has been acknowledged through numerous awards and accolades. This

section showcases a selection of these recognitions, bestowed upon our heroes. The awards represent the countless lives saved, the communities rebuilt, and the hope restored in the wake of disaster.



Police Medal
for Gallantry



Jeevan Raksha
Padak



Prime Minister Life
Saving Medal



Union Home Minister's
Special Operation Medal



08 BN NDRF is the first recipient of
the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Medal

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has recently inked Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the

Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to enhance disaster preparedness, response, capacity-building initiatives and communication skills.

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The honour of serving humanity in times of need endures forever.

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MoU with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)



MoU with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Noida, U.P.



MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)

MEDIA PRESENCE

The media plays a crucial role in shaping public awareness during emergencies and disaster situations.

This section highlights the intrinsic bond between the NDRF and the media through press briefings, conferences, and media interactions.

The NDRF team's appearance on the primetime quiz program Kaun Banega Crorepati was a moment to showcase the brilliance of our people within and outside of work. We were glad to reach out to the people through popular media and raise awareness about disaster preparedness and response.

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The spotlight may be on us today, but the real story is the collective effort behind the scenes.

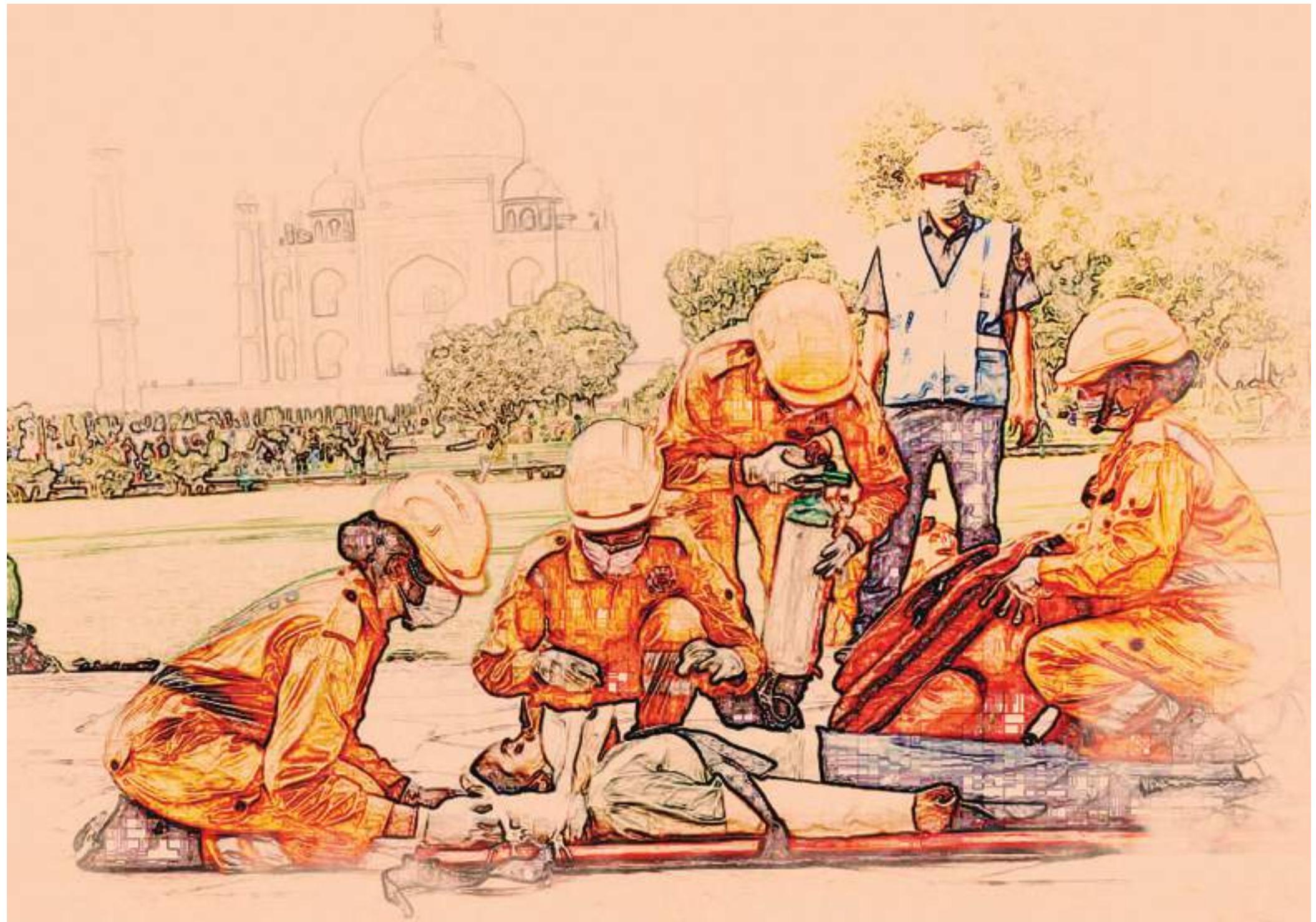
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In the News



Former DG S N Pradhan, IPS along with NDRF Team on KBC 11 in August 2019



THE BRIDGES OF RESILIENCE

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Awareness can reduce and even avert the impact of many disasters.

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NDRF: Building Resilient Communities NDRF knows that communities are the first responders in any disaster situation. To empower them, NDRF has been actively engaged in capacity-building and public awareness programs across the country.

These initiatives aim to strengthen the skills, competencies, and abilities of local

populations, students, volunteers, NCC cadets, NGOs, and other stakeholders to impart them knowledge about disaster preparedness, precautions, and preventive actions.

As of August 2023, NDRF has conducted 2,369 community capacity-building and public awareness programs across India, benefitting over 39,66,395 individuals.

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CPR Training to School Girls



Emergency Response Awareness Session for School Children





HIGHER, FASTER, STRONGER

On 13th November 2022, NDRF teams led by DG NDRF, IG NDRF and DIG Ops NDRF participated for the first time and completed the Goa Half Ironman Triathlon.

The National Disaster Response Force's (NDRF) SAAHAS embarked on its inaugural mountain expedition to Bhagirathi-II, blending adventure and disaster preparedness. Scaling the Himalayan peak, the team demonstrated resilience and skill in high-altitude environments, fostering camaraderie and enhancing their response capabilities.



Flagging in Ceremony for SAAHAS: Bhagirathi-II Mountain Expedition



NDRF's Successful Maiden Mountaineering Expedition to Bhagirathi II in 2023



The Miyawaki Forest Method



Planting Native Trees for a Healthy Ecosystem



Nurturing Nature

BATTLED CLIMATE CHANGE WITH PLANTATION DRIVES





“
प्रतिकूलतायाः शक्तिः
STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY
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WE BELIEVE IN EMERGING STRONGER AND WISER FROM EVERY CHALLENGE.

