

Indian Navy



HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES AND DISASTER RELIEF

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Cyclone Relief Myanmar – Nargis May 2008. A very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'NARGIS' struck the Myanmar coast on 02 May 2008. Two Indian Naval Ships Rana and Kirpan were sailed for Yangon, Myanmar to provide humanitarian assistance and supply relief materials. The ships sailed from Port Blair on 06 May 2008 and arrived Yangon on 07 May 2008 with relief materials and supplies. *These ships were the first to enter Myanmar to render assistance.* The major relief items handed over to Myanmar's authorities included portable generators, relief bricks comprising jackets, gum boots, garments, mess traps, blankets, 12 tons of rations and medical aid for 1000 casualties. After handing over relief stores in Yangon, the ships departed for India on 08 May 2008.

Bihar Floods - 30 August 2008 to 13 September 2008. On 05 August 2008, a 01 km wide breach developed in the embankments of River Kosi about 12 km upstream in Nepal. On 18 August, another breach in the Eastern embankment was reported which discharged more than 3.7 million litres of water, further deteriorating the flood situation in Northern and Central Bihar. More than 1000 villagers were reported dead and another half million reported stranded. On request from Bihar Government, Indian Navy mobilized rescue efforts on 29 August 2008. Over the course of 11 days, the Naval relief teams relentlessly undertook the rescue operation braving oppressive weather conditions and brought succor to the displaced villagers rescuing 5067 flood affected victims.

Flood Relief Operations - Andhra Pradesh and Karwar October 2009.

An Indian Naval contingent employed in Karwar district rescued 70 persons to safe ground at Arga and Chendia. The second relief team carried out rescue

operations at Todur and rescued 60 persons to a local church where relief camp was set up by the civil administration. 150 people stranded on NH17 were provided food and shelter at Naval Base, Karwar. Additionally, 03 Naval contingents were dispatched on 02 October 2009 from Visakhapatnam Naval Base for flood relief to Vijaywada, Mahbubnagar and Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh.

Mahbubnagar. A Navy team consisting of 09 personnel with three Gemini boats reached Mahbubnagar on 03 October 2009. The teams negotiated heavy currents to reach the island village of Garrummagadda in Krishna river and evacuated 30 marooned people including a pregnant lady, sick children and adults.



Kurnool. Three teams comprising of 10 personnel with three Gemini boats arrived Kurnool by evening of 03 October 2009. These teams were subsequently employed for relief and rescue operations at Vemapetta area, about 110 km from Kurnool, which was flooded by the waters of Telugu Ganga river. These teams evacuated 80 people to safety.