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## Message from Hon'ble Vice Chairman



NDRF is the most vibrant and visible face of the NDMA and exhibits the National Will to respond to both natural and man-made disasters in a most efficient and effective manner. I am glad that a newsletter, highlighting the activities of this Force, is being launched. NDRF, in the near future will be fully equipped with necessary wherewithal to undertake this challenging assignment, wherein they are expected to excel as a Specialized Force. With the spirit of dedication and professional excellence, the NDRF is destined to become Saviour of the community during the times of disasters and distress.

I wish the NDRF God speed in the discharge of their onerous responsibilities.

New Delhi  
27 July 2007

General NC Vij  
PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (Retd)

## Message from the Member



It is heartening to see that the national vision of a specialist disaster response force with the state-of-the-art training and equipment is finally taking a concrete shape. The motivation of the personnel of the force is unmistakable. My best wishes to the NDRF. May they succeed in becoming the guardian angel for all communities in distress.

New Delhi  
27 July 2007

K.M. Singh

## Location Map of NDRF Bns



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# Disaster Response

Two teams of CRPF NDRF Bn, Pune were deployed in Chiplun and Khed (Ratnagiri Dist., Maharashtra) from 30 June 2007 to 3 July 2007 for flood rescue/relief operations. The teams assisted the district administration in Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, evacuation of people and clearing landslides.



Flood rescue team in Khed

ITBP NDRF Bn, Chandigarh responded to the *subzi mandi* roof collapse incident at Chandigarh on 10 June 2007. The teams carried Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) operation to save lives and valuables at the site.



NDRF at the site of roof collapse at *subzi mandi*, Chandigarh



NDRF's flood rescue team at work



SAR team clearing a landslide near Amarnath (J&K)

Two teams from CISF NDRF Bn, Arakkonam were deployed for flood rescue operation in flood hit districts of Kozhikkode and Alappuzha in Kerala in June 2007.

ITBP NDRF Bn, Chandigarh was deployed for clearing debris of landslides on the *yatra* route of Amarnath and Kailash Mansarovar in June 2007.

# Mock Exercises

## Mock Exercise—Flood Rescue in Nalbari, Assam



From Right: Shri K.M. Singh, Member, NDMA, Shri Daniel Adhikari, Comdt, BSF NDRF BN and Hon'ble Minister Dr Bhumidhar Barman during Mock Exercise at Nalbari

BSF NDRF Bn, Guwahati participated in a mock exercise in Nalbari District, organised by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Assam on 18 May 2007. Officials from central and state governments participated in this mock exercise. The NDRF teams organised a demonstration of flood rescue, SAR of victims and medical first response, besides displaying flood rescue equipment to officials. About 3,000 local people also witnessed this demonstration.

## Mock Exercise—Chemical Disaster in Mangalore



Chemical mock exercise at Mangalore

CRPF NDRF Bn, Pune participated in a chemical disaster mock exercise organised by NDMA at Mangalore on 13 June 2007. Officials of central and state governments participated in this exercise actively.

## Mock Exercise—Earthquake in Uttarakhand



Earthquake exercise, Uttarakhand

ITBP NDRF Bn, Chandigarh participated in earthquake mock exercise conducted jointly by NDMA and SDMA, Uttarakhand in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh districts of the state on 8 and 9 May 2007. Activities of the NDRF personnel included SAR operations, Medical First Response (MFR) and evacuation.

## Mock Exercise—Cyclone in Orissa



Water rescue during cyclone mock drill at Orissa

CISF NDRF Bn, Mundali participated in cyclone mock exercise conducted jointly by NDMA and Orissa SDMA in Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur districts of the state on 19 June 2007. NDRF personnel organised water rescue, MFR and evacuation operations.

# Community Capacity Building and Public Awareness

As a part of community capacity building, CRPF NDRF Bn, Pune conducted training on community awareness and its role in Disaster Management (DM) in the area of flood water SAR to civil volunteers with the help of Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, (YASHADA) Pune in five batches and hard core SAR training in nine batches. Over 200 volunteers underwent training in flood water SAR and over 500 volunteers were trained in hard core SAR.



Hard core SAR team at Pune

Six teams of BSF NDRF Bn, Kolkata and eight teams of CISF NDRF Bn, Mundali carried out public awareness campaigns on floods, earthquake and other natural disasters and basic life-support techniques in 14 high vulnerable districts (Araria, Saharsa, Kishanganj, Madhepura, Supaul, Khagaria, Begusarai, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Munger, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi and Samastipur) of Bihar. The teams trained 2,200 volunteers and SDMA officials.



Demonstration on how to rescue a drowning person by BSF NDRF Bn, Kolkata in Bihar



Flood SAR team

CRPF NDRF Bn, Gandhinagar conducted an extensive public awareness and capacity building programme in 11 flood prone tehsils of Gujarat. The NDRF personnel emphasised on the importance of learning MFR techniques by the community and demonstrated to the people how to deal with a flood situation using objects available at home like empty plastic bottles and boxes, car tubes, temporary wooden boats, rafts made out of barrels and banana leaves, etc.



Demonstration of MFR techniques in Gujarat

A team from CISF NDRF Bn, Arakkonam was detailed for a familiarisation and training exercise as part of the community capacity building programme and they conducted demonstrations on CSSR and MFR during



Public awareness campaign, Surat, Gujarat



Demonstration of MFR techniques at Arakkonam

their visit to coastal areas. The focus was to create awareness amongst the local communities, employees of various departments, and village panchayats of Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram, Tuticorin and Kanyakumari districts in Tamil Nadu.



Demonstration on MFR techniques on victim at Kohima



Demonstration of CSSR techniques by CISF NDRF Bn, Arakkonam in Kerala

On a request from Kohima District Disaster Management Authority, Nagaland, BSF NDRF Bn, Guwahati's SAR team located at Chedima, Nagaland presented a lecture on SAR operations and hazards on 16 April 2007 to the district administration under the 'Disaster Risk Management Programme'. A demonstration on rescue operations was also presented.

# Training of NDRF Personnel

## NBC

300 personnel of CPMF/NDRF Battalions i.e. 75 personnel each (BSF, ITBP, CRPF and CISF) were trained in six batches at the CRPF NDRF Bn, Pune in an NBC responder course by master trainers trained at DRDE, Gwalior and College of Military Engineering (CME), Pune.



NDRF personnel at CME, Pune



NDRF personnel undergoing NBC Emergency Responders course at CME, Pune

## Water Rescue

BSF NDRF Bn, Kolkata trained its personnel in deep diving training at the Sea Explorer's Institute, Kolkata.

Diver training at Sea Explorer's Inst., Kolkata



## Dog Squad



Training of dog squad of BSF NDRF Bn, Kolkata

## Heli-slithering

NDMA organised the visit of commandants of NDRF Bns to Para Brigade, Agra on 1 June 2007 to get detailed briefing and demo on heli-slithering exercise. Subsequently, 20 personnel of NDRF were sent to Para Brigade, Agra for a 10 day ToT course on conducting heli-slithering exercise and its mock up training from 19 June to 29 June 2007.



Heli-slithering at Agra



Mock up slithering exercise

## Upcoming Courses

- (i) Flood rescue training for 1,500 NDRF personnel in Rashtriya Life Saving Society, Kolkata between August 2007 to March 2008.
- (ii) NBC Emergency Responders course for 600 NDRF personnel at NISA, CISF Hyderabad between August 2007 to March 2008.
- (iii) Heli-slithering training of 1,400 NDRF personnel at Agra and Nahan (H.P.) between September to October 2007.

# NDRF in News



# Meetings/Conferences



NDRF commandants conference at NDMA, New Delhi on 29-30 May 2007

A two day NDRF Commandant's conference was held at NDMA, New Delhi on 29 and 30 May 2007. The conference finalised many issues regarding deployment, community capacity building, Regional Response Centre (RRC) and uniforms, etc. of the NDRF.

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