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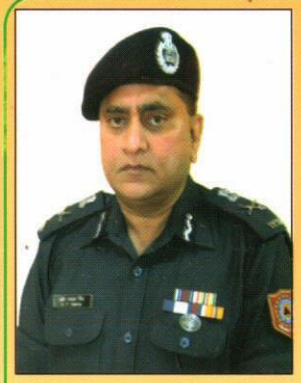
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From the Desk of Director General



The NDRF in general has scaled up its professional activities for the attainment of its vision and mission. Officers & men of the Force are highly motivated, are adopting proactive stance & innovative approaches while discharging their mandated duties. During the first quarter of this year, our rescuers displayed their professional capabilities during Assam traditional boat racing championship and saved 30 precious lives of students when their boats got inverted in the midstream of river Brahmaputra. In another incident, NDRF demonstrated its capabilities and did commendable job by retrieving 11 dead bodies from the rubbles when an under construction building got collapsed at Varanasi, U.P. The teams of NDRF also performed excellently during train accident at Bangaluru.

The NDRF is committed towards its avowed mission of making India resilient towards disasters. In addition to its primary role, the NDRF is fully committed to create public awareness and impart training to the community disaster responders to ensure that the society becomes more resilient towards disasters. In furtherance of our objective to make India disaster resilient, NDRF conducted 50 Community Capacity Building Programme in various parts of the country like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, UP and West Bengal. More than 77, 773 persons were benefited across the country through the various Community Capacity Building Programmes. In order to strengthen and improve the disaster response capability of our country, NDRF also imparted training to SDRF, Home guards and other stakeholders.

In order to make society aware about the possible disasters, we conducted 44 mock exercises in different parts of the country on variety of disaster like flood, earthquake, school safety, railways, high rise buildings rescue, crowd management & stampede, Collapse Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) and Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) emergencies in which more than 64,348 stakeholders were benefited.

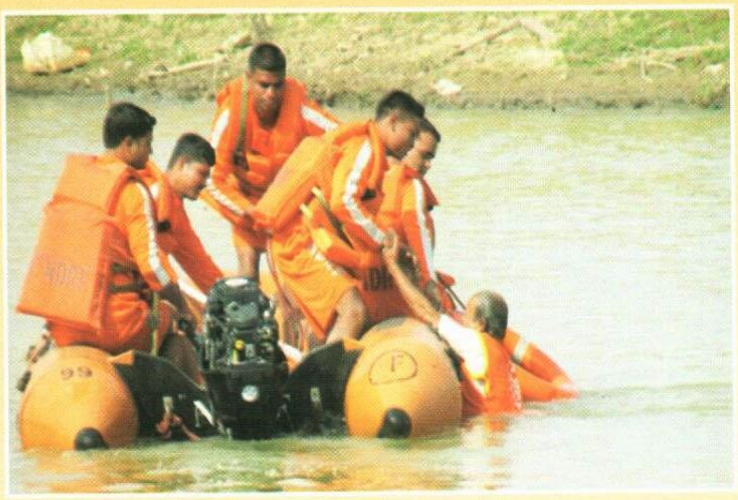
The NDRF has set very high standards of professional ethics, moral values and respect to the humanitarian values in the attainment of its vision & mission. I am confident that our officers and men will maintain the momentum for the execution of their work with indomitable spirit, discipline and enthusiasm.

Jai Hind!

O P Singh, IPS
Director General,
NDRF, New Delh

NDRF RESCUED 30 LIVES DURING ASSAM TRADITIONAL BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Assam Traditional Boat Racing Championship was organized by Assam Traditional Sports and Dragon Boat Association in association with State Administration on 23rd & 24th January, 2015 in Guwahati in which one NDRF team with latest gadgets and equipments was deployed to respond to any emergency. During the race, 03 boats in which about 30 students were riding as participant in the race fell in the river as the boat inverted. The NDRF team responded promptly, showcasing their higher level of professionalism & saved the lives of all 30 students. The efforts of NDRF were highly appreciated by locals, organizers, print and electronic media also.

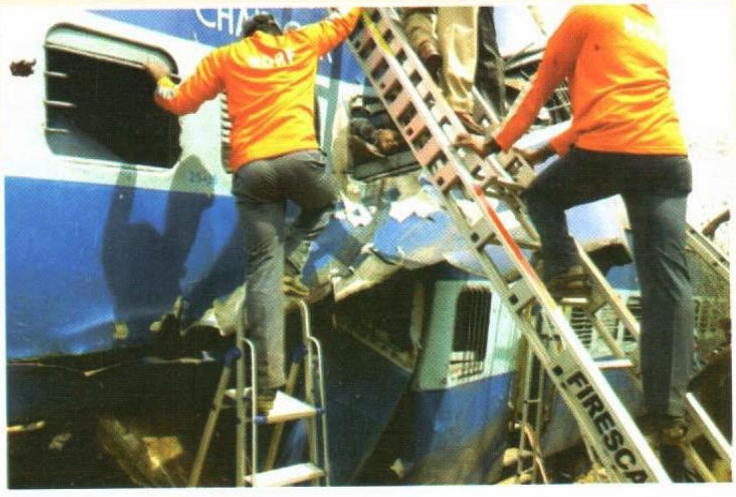


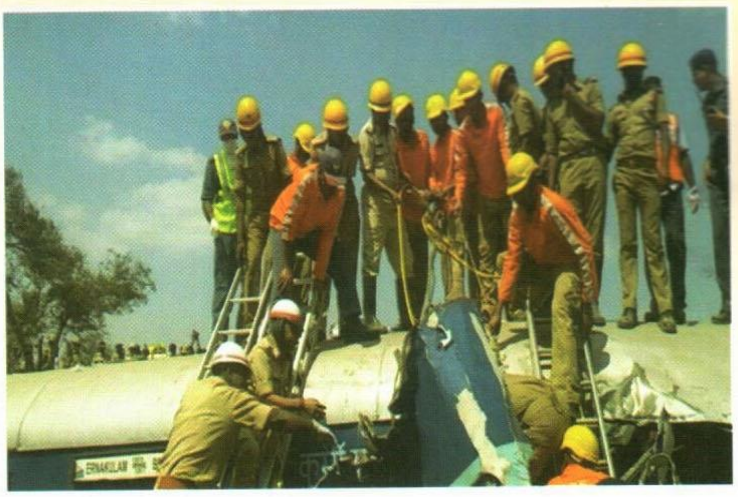


NDRF rescuers are in action

TRAIN ACCIDENT

On 13/02/2015, two teams of NDRF stationed at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bangaluru rushed to the sight of derailment of the Intercity Express train near Budigere, Tehsil –Anekal, distt- Bangaluru in which 09 bogies of train were derailed and many persons were hurt and trapped inside the derailed bogies. Our team on reaching the spot carried out search and rescue operation in the derailed bogies and retrieved 04 dead bodies.





Rescue operation in progress at Bangaluru

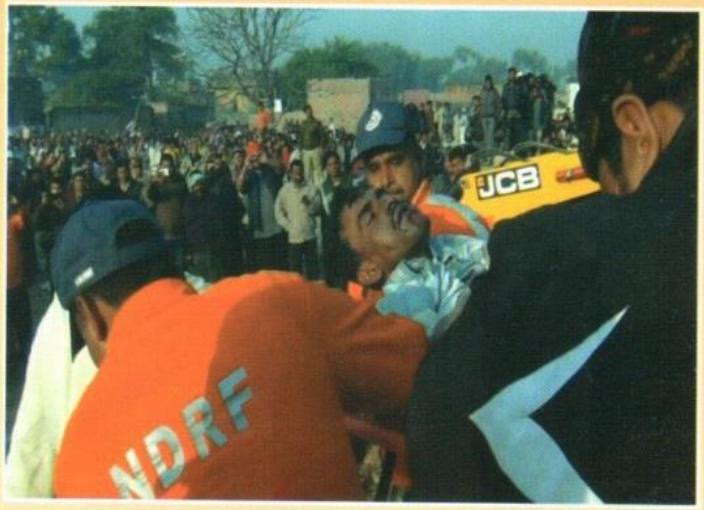
DISASTER RESPONSE

BUILDING COLLAPSE IN UTTAR PRADESH

One team of NDRF stationed at Varanashi, UP immediately rushed to the site of under construction building collapse near village- Dulhipur, District- Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh on 15th Feb, 2015 in which several labours were feared trapped under the heap of debris. On reaching the spot, our team carried out search and rescue operation and removed the tones of debris and were able to retrieve 11 dead bodies.

The herculean efforts of NDRF was highly appreciated by local, print and electronic media and politicians.

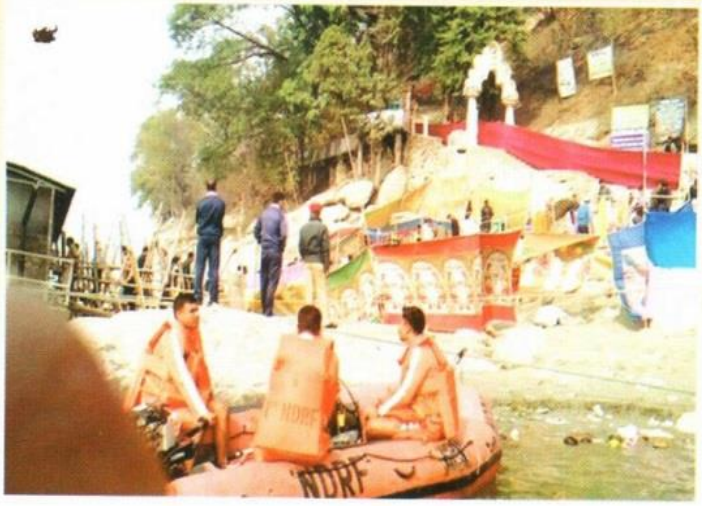




NDRF rescuers are in action During a CSSR Operation in Chandauli, UP

NDRF RESCUED 01 PERSON IN BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

On 26th Feb, 2015, NDRF team stationed at IWT vessel Kacharighat, Guwahati saved life of Sh. Koustav Moni Phukan, S/O Prasanna Phukan, Aged -19 yrs who was drowning in river Brahmaputra and shouting for help. The night sentry of IWT vessel immediately informed the team commander who along with 04 other rescuers responded promptly and saved the life of drowning person.



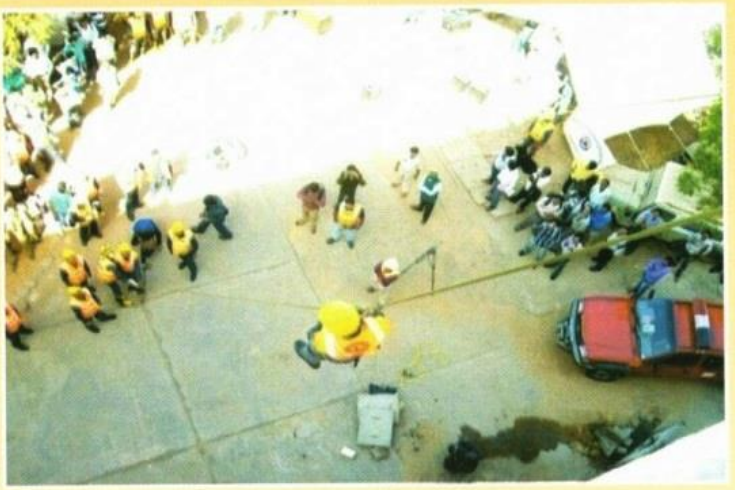


Close vigil by NDRF rescuers

NDRF PARTICIPATED IN COORDINATION CONFERENCE AND MOCK EXERCISE ON EARTHQUAKE

On 23 & 24/02/2015, a Coordination Conference on Earthquake Disaster was organised by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in association with local administration at district Kutch (Gujarat) in which NDRF participated with State Officials and other agencies. The programme is aimed at enhancing the post disaster preparedness and to discuss the measures to be taken during such disaster. On 25th Feb, 2015, a joint Mock Exercise on Earthquake was organised by NDRF with participation of civil administration, fire service and army personnel to generate awareness among the masses. To demonstrate the capabilities of Force in various disasters an exhibition on Disaster Management equipment was organised. The programme was attended by a cross section of society and media persons.





Officials from Different Stakeholders During Conference and Demonstration of Rope Rescue Technique by NDRF team

EARTHQUAKE/SCHOOL SAFETY

To generate awareness about the earthquake disaster a mock drill on earthquake disasters was organised by NDRF at Loyola High School, Patna on 11th Feb 2015. NDRF team briefed school children about the safety measures to be taken during such disasters. Besides, First Aid training was also imparted by the NDRF team to the school teachers and students. The exercise was attended by teachers, students and media persons.





Demonstration of Lifting and Carrying Method by school children and other response techniques by NDRF rescuers

MOCK EXERCISE

EARTHQUAKE/SCHOOL SAFETY

In order to make the school children aware about the earthquake like disaster its impact and safety measures, a mock drill on school safety and earthquake disaster was conducted by NDRF at various schools of Tripura from 29th January, 2015 to 19th Feb, 2015. More than 2200 school children, teachers, school staff witnessed the exercise and benefited. During the exercise NDRF personnel exhibited various techniques of search & rescue during earthquake like disasters and safety measures to be taken during such calamities.





NDRF Rescuers Demonstrating Lifting and Carrying Techniques and First Aid to Students

NDRF HOLDS EARTHQUAKE READINESS DRILL

On 27th Feb, 2015 to ensure activation and prompt response of all stakeholders in district and make the district response system more effective and result oriented at the time of actual disaster, a district level joint mock drill on earthquake disaster was conducted by NDRF at Berpeta, Assam. During this exercise NDRF rescuers used various extrication methods like rope rescue, high rise rescue and victim mobilization after triage of victims following the disaster site safety plan. Around 650 people from district administration, NDRF, SDRF, Civil Defence, Fire Service, volunteers, NGO's and 108 Ambulance Service participated in the drill.





Demonstration of Rope Rescue Techniques by NDRF

MOCK EXERCISE

INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS

During this quarter, in order to improve coordination in combating an emergency situation in an LPG bolting plant, a joint mock drills on industrial disaster was conducted by NDRF at LPG bolting plant, Mirza, Assam, LPG Bottling Plant, Fatuha (Patna) and at LPG Bolting plant, Ulubaria, Howrrah, West Bengal in which NDRF actively participated and assisted the plant employees in planning and coordination for carrying out the drill. During drill effective methodology and response drills were rehearsed and participated to ensure effective, speedy and safe operation with response equipments. The programme was attended by about 200 persons of Fire Brigade, Police, Distt Civil Administration and media.





Demonstration of CBRN Capabilities byNDRF team

RAIL DISASTER

On 03 & 04/02/2015, an exercise to test its readiness for handling Rail disasters situations was held at Manihari, Katihar. The exercise was designed to enhance the NDRF capabilities for providing immediate succor and relief to the affected people. NDRF personnel displayed their capability in the field of rail disaster and made access to the victims by using the state-of-the-art gadgets. The live demonstration was witnessed by 200 personnel of NDRF, Railway Police, Scout & Guide, local police and locals.



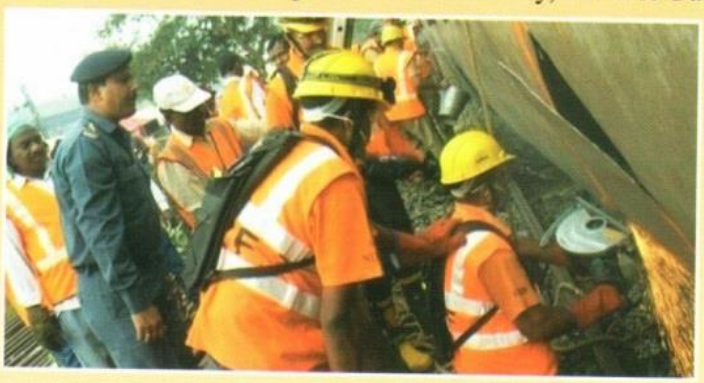


Demonstration of Capabilities and Latest Disaster Response Gadgets by NDRF Rescuers

MOCK EXERCISE

RAIL DISASTER

To enhance the capabilities & mutual coordination to deal with train disaster scenario, a tabletop exercise followed by joint mock exercise on train disaster was conducted by NDRF on 25th & 26th Feb 2015 with East Central Railway (ECR) Division Mughalsarai (UP) near Railway Station Mughalsarai. During the exercise train accident scenario was illustrated and rescue operation was launched jointly to save the injured passengers from the affected bogies. Rescue team with their equipment cut the bogies and extricated/rescued trapped victims. The exercise was witnessed by over 300 personnel of Railway, Scout & Guide, Civil Defence, GRP and RPF .





Mock Exercise with Railways is in progress at Mugalsarai, U.P

On 13/03/2015, a joint mock drill on train disaster was conducted by NDRF and railways at Sabarmati Railway Yards Ahmedabad, Gujarat.





NDRF rescuers are in action during Mock Exercise with Railways

A joint mock exercise on rail disaster was carried out jointly by the NDRF and railway official at Khurda road division, Tapanga railway station on 24/02/2015. During the exercise the NDRF rescuers evacuated trapped persons from railway coach using latest gadgets.



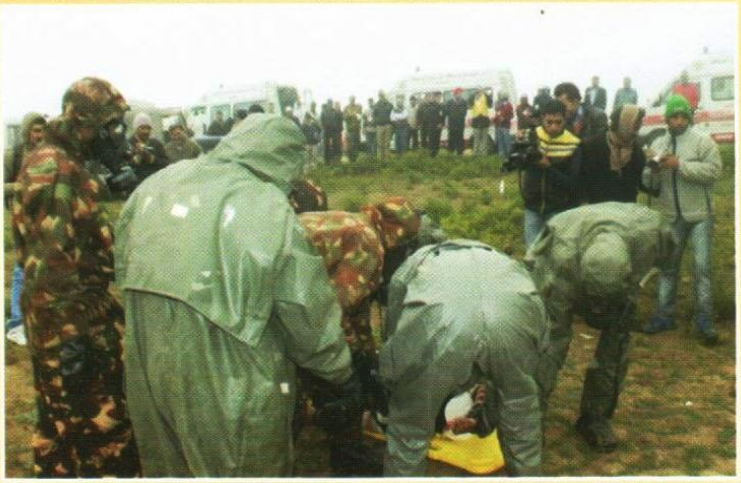


Mock Exercise with Railways at Khurda

MOCK EXERCISE

CROWD MANAGEMENT & STAMPEDE

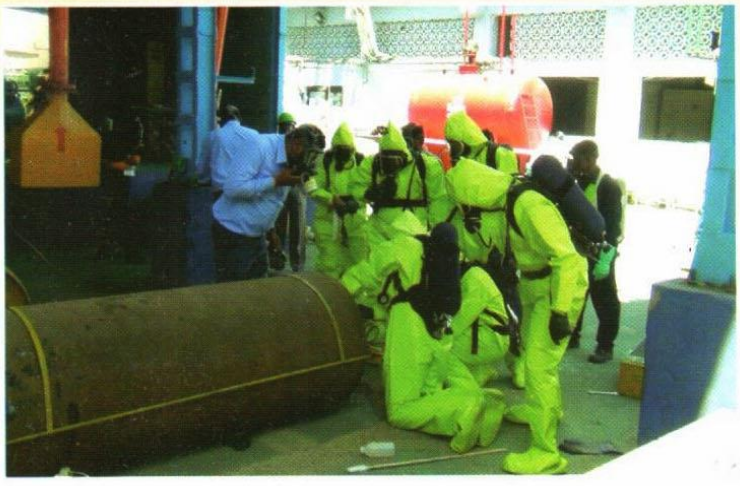
To develop coordination and cooperation among the different departments of the District Administration, NDRF, Army, Armed Forces and NGOs during the disaster, a coordination meeting followed by tabletop & mock exercise was conducted by NDMA along with NDRF w.e.f. 06 to 08 Jan 2015 in Magh mela area, Allahabad (UP). During this mock exercise a dirty bomb explosion followed by firing incident by terrorists, stamped and drowning incident were dramatized in mela Area. After this a rescue operations was launched at the site of blast by NDRF, Civil Defence, Distt police and Medical Staff. Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) team of NDRF displayed its capabilities in a professional manner and evacuated victims.

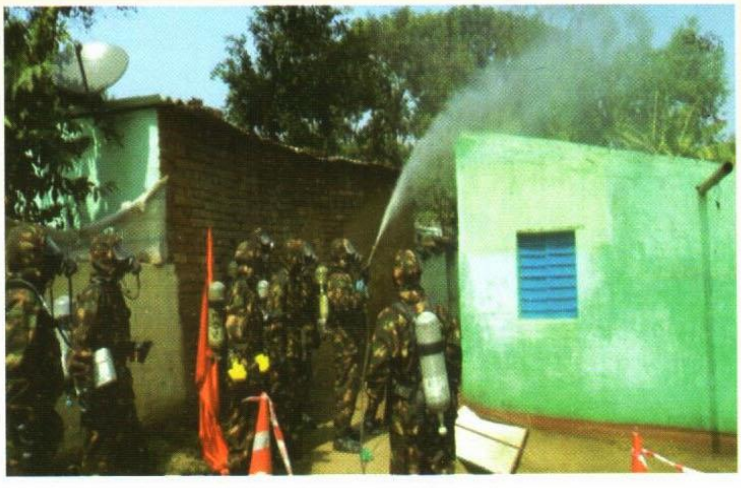




CHEMICAL DISASTER

To check the response time of all agencies responsible for defusing such disaster situations and reduce the causalities, a joint table top/mock exercise on chemical disaster (gas leakage) was conducted at Bokaro, Jharkhand on 20th Feb, 2015 and on 18th & 19th March, 2015 at Vatva, Ahmadabad, Gujarat. A Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear (CBRN) team of NDRF along with member of distt. Crisis Group, local crisis group, official from different government organization, Fire service, Home Guards, local police participated in the mock drill.

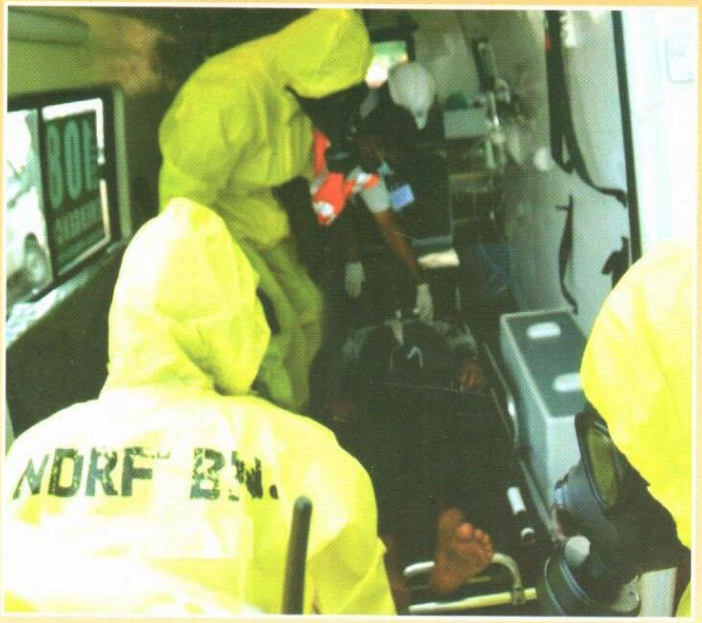


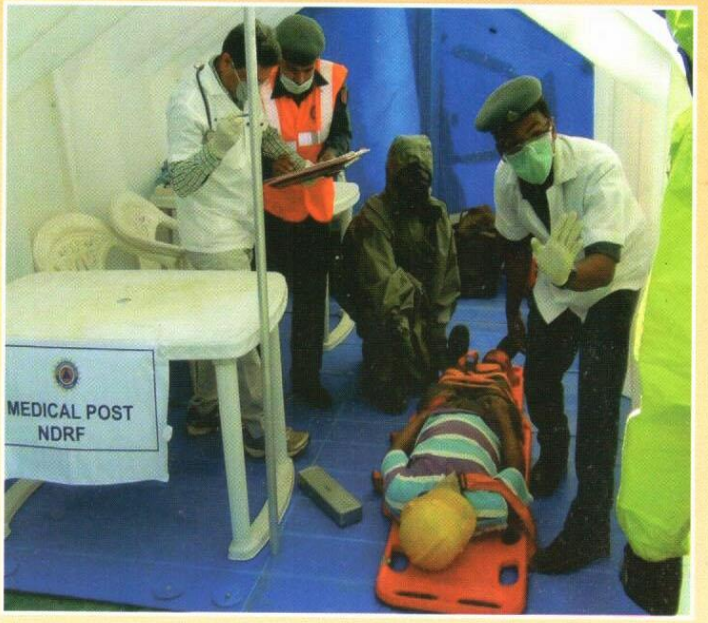


MOCK EXERCISE

INDUSTRIAL DISASTER

A joint mock drill on Chemical (Industrial) disaster was conducted by NDRF at Agra, Uttar Padesh w.e.f 04-06/02/2015 in which NDRF team demonstrated on quick response during such disaster. A total 1500 beneficiary took part in this exercise.

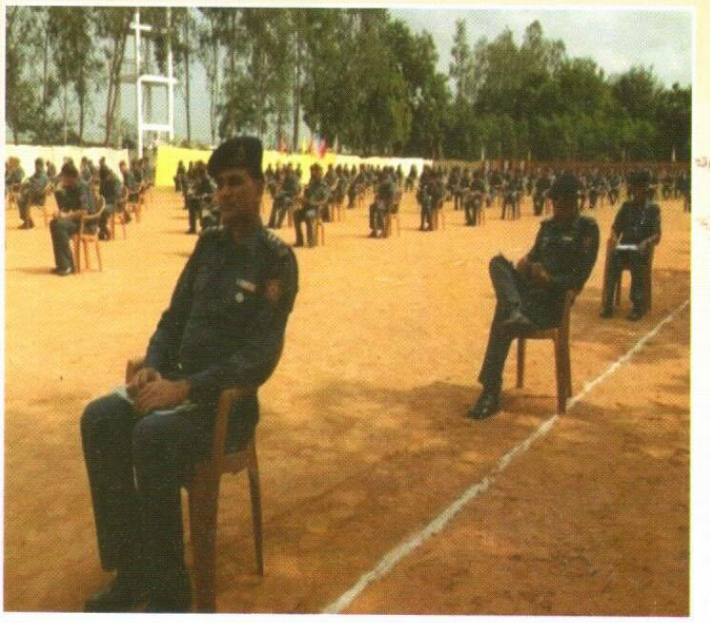




INTER BN COMPETITION

Inter Bn. Competition on MFR, CSSR and CBRN was organised at the NDRF base Arrakonam, Tamilnadu from 03rd – 05th Jan. 2015 in which teams from all NDRF Bns. Participated and demonstrated their capabilities on disaster response equipments. 1st Bn NDRF stood first, 4h Bn NDRF stood second and 8th Bn stood third respectively.

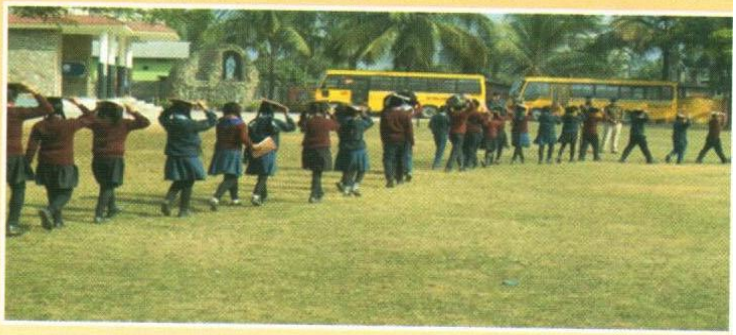




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पूर्वोत्तर राज्यः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा जनवरी माह में असम के बोरझार गुवाहाटी त्रिपुरा के गोमती और अगरतला तथा मिजोरम के शेरछिप जनपदों के विभिन्न स्थानों में आपदा प्रबन्धन कार्यक्रम के तहत लोगों को विभिन्न प्रकार की आपदाओं के प्रति जागरूकत किया गया इसमें कुल मिलाकर 3000 लोग लाभान्वित हुये ।



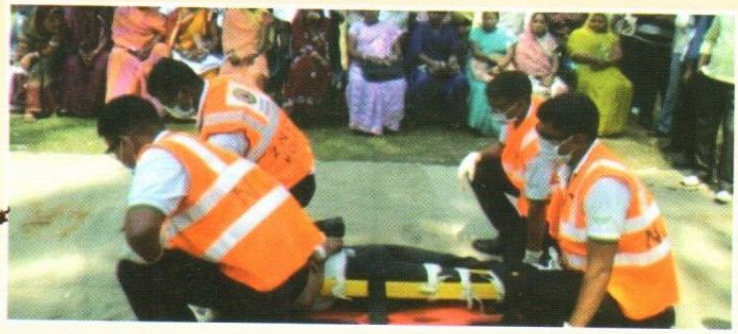


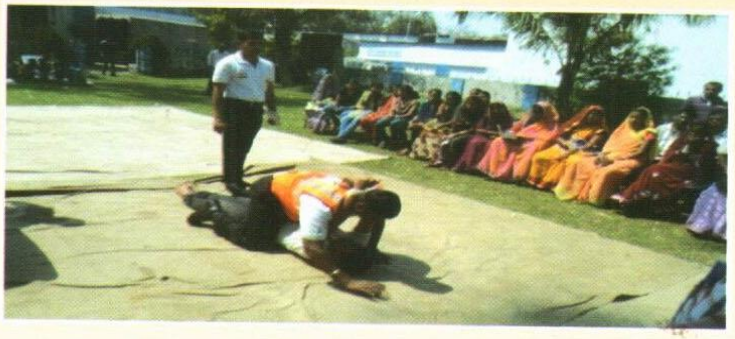
पश्चिम बंगालः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा जनवरी माह में पश्चिम बंगाल के 24 साउथ परागना जनपद में एक कार्यक्रम के तहत स्थानीय लोगों को प्रशिक्षित किया गया।





झारखण्डः– दिनांक 09–21 मार्च' 2015 तक एनडीआरएफ द्वारा झारखण्ड के विभिन्न इलाकों में लोगों को जनजागरूकता अभियान के तहत अनेक प्रकार की आपदाओं के प्रति जागरूक किया गया। एनडीआरएफ द्वारा आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में लगभग 1334 लोगों ने भाग लिया और लाभान्वित हुये।





कर्नाटकः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा इस क्वार्टर के दौरान बैलारी, दावणगेरे और वगलकोटे जनपदों के अलग–अलग स्थानों पर लोगों को अनेक प्रकार की आप्रदाओं की जानकारी दी गयी।

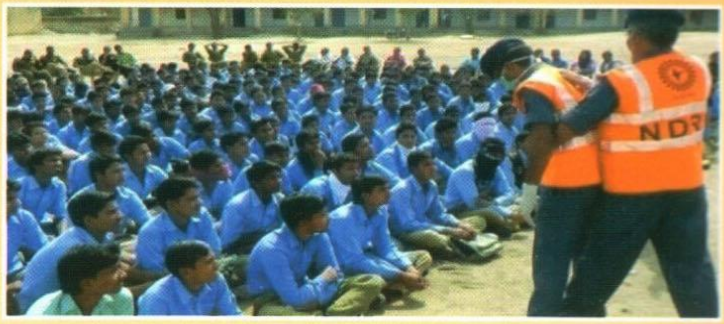




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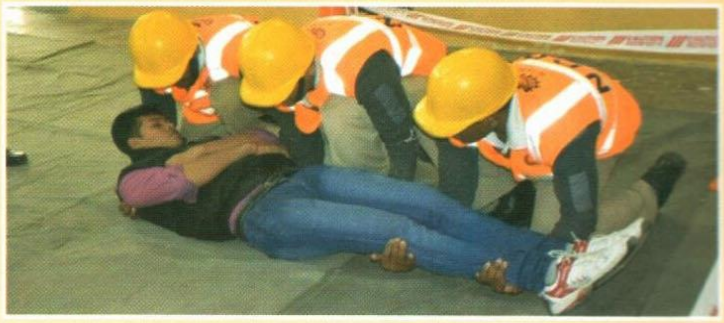
राजस्थानः– दिनांक 16–20 फरवरी' 2015 तक जयपुर तथा 21–25 फरवरी' 2015 तक अजमेर जनपदों के विभिन्न स्कूलो, कालेजों और ग्रामीण इलाकों में आपदा प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के तहत लोगों को आपदाओं से बचाव के तरीकों के बारे में जानकारी दी गयी जिसमें लगभग 4000 लोगों ने भाग लिया।





पंजाबः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा फरवरी माह में फिरोजपुर और पठानकोट जनपदों के विभिन्न स्थानों में आपदा प्रबन्धन कार्यक्रम के तहत लगभग 13000 स्थानीय लोगों को जागरूक किया गया।





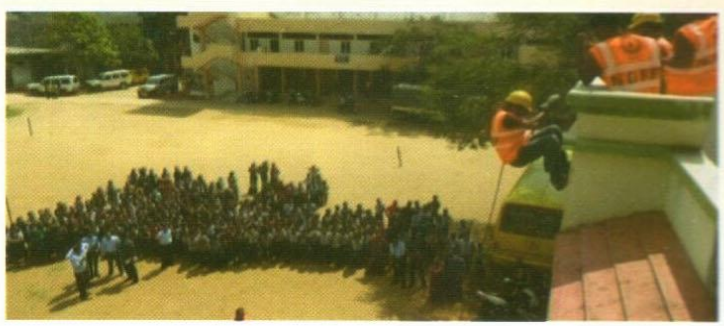
गुजरातः– दिनांक 3–17 मार्च' 2015 तक एनडीआरएफ द्वारा जनजागरूकता कार्यक्रम के तहत गुजरात के मासीसागर जनपद के स्कूलो में छात्रों को विभिन्न प्रकार की आपदाओं जैसे कि बाढ़, भूकम्प, सुनामी और राफ्ट बनाने के तरीके तथा आपदा के दौरान उँची इमारतों से रस्सी के जरिये बचाव के तरीकों की जानकारी दी गयी।





महाराष्ट्रः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा दिनांक 19 जनवरी से 13 फरवरी 2015 तक जलगॉव और 12–26 मार्च तक सांगली जनपदों में जन जागरूकता कायक्रम के तहत लगभग 7000 लोगों को जागरूक किया गया।





सामुदायिक क्षमता निर्माण जागरूकता/जन–जागरूकता अभियान

बिहारः– लोगों को विभिन्न प्रकार की आपदाओं के प्रति जागरूक करने के उददेश्य से एनडीआरएफ द्वारा बिहार के मधेपुरा, खगाड़िया, किशनगंज, अररिया, समस्तीपुर, दरभंगा, मधुबनी, बेगुसराय और सारण जनपदों में आपदाओं से बचाव के तरीकों के बारें में जानकारी दी गयी जिसमें लगभग 1700 लोगों ने भाग लिया।





आन्ध्र प्रदेशः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा 4–14 फरवरी' 2015 तक गुंटूर और प्रकाशम जनपदों में आपदा प्रबन्धन कार्यक्रम के तहत 14000 लोगों को प्रशिक्षित किया गया ।





उत्तर प्रदेशः– इस क्वार्टर के दौरान एनडीआरएफ द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश शाहजहॉपुर और मेरठ जनपदों में आपदा प्रबन्धन कार्यक्रम के तहत लगभग 3500 लोगों को अपदाओं के प्रति जागरूक तथ उनसे बचाव के तरीकों की जानकारी दी गयी ।





मध्य प्रदेश :– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा दिनांक 11–25 मार्च' 2015 तक जनपद खंडवा के अनेक स्थानों में जनजागरूकता कार्यक्रम के तहत व्याख्यानों व प्रदर्शनों का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें लगभग 1300 लोगों ने भाग लिया ।





सामुदायिक क्षमता निर्माण जागरूकता/जन–जागरूकता अभियान

राज्य आपदा मोचन बल :– इस क्वार्टर के दौरान एनडीआरएफ ने असम राज्य आपदा मोचन बल, मध्य प्रदेश राज्य आपदा मोचन बल और अंडमान व निकोबार राज्य आपदा मोचन बल के कर्मियों को प्राथमिक उपचार, एमएफआर, सीएसएसआर, पीएचटी और बहुमजिला इमारत में फॅसे हुये पीढ़ितों के बचाव के तरीकों के बारें में जानकारी दी ।





यंग मिजो ऐसोसियेशनः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा दिनांक 10 मार्च से 10 अप्रैल तक यंग मिजो ऐसोसियेशन के 60 स्वयंसेवकों को 5 वीं आईआर बटालियन मुख्यालय आइजोल में आपदा प्रबन्धन प्रशिक्षण दिया गया ।





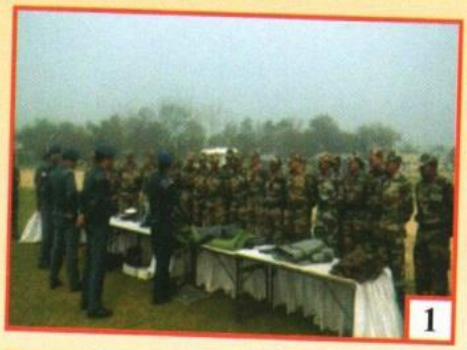
होमगार्ड्सः– एनडीआरएफ द्वारा जन–जागरूकता अभियान के तहत दिनांक 12–18 मार्च' 2015 तक उत्तर प्रदेश के बाढ़ प्रभावित जनपदों जैसें कि आजमगढ़, फैजाबाद और इलाहाबाद के होमगार्ड्स के लिये आपदा प्रबन्धन कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया तथा उन्हें बाढ़ से बचाव के तरीकों के साथ–साथ अनेक प्रकार की आपदाओं से बचाव की जानकारी भी दी गयी जिसमें होमगार्ड्स के 280 कर्मिकों ने भाग लिया ।





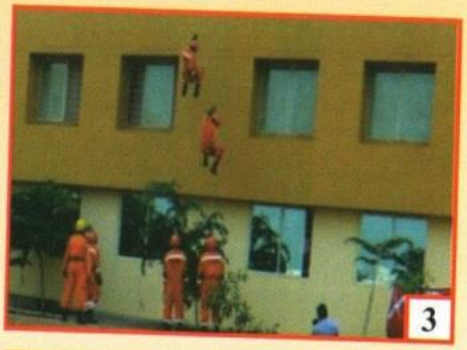
OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

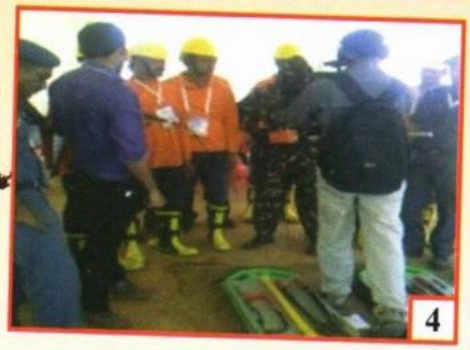
1. A lecture cum demonstration on CBRN emergencies followed by exhibition was organized by NDRF at its Bathinda base on 19/02/15 & 24/02/15. The programme was attended by 50 Army personnel.
2. A Workshop on College/ School Safety Programme and Demonstration on MFR skill was conducted by NDRF at IISER Kolkata on 25.03.2015. The programme was attended by staff/ students of IISER, DDMO Nadia, SDRF representatives and Police personnel. Approx. 750 pers attended /witnessed the programme.
3. On 20.03.2015 a community awareness programme and mock drill on earthquake followed by exhibition was organised by NDRF at KIIT University, Bhubaneshwar, Odisa.
4. In February 2015 an Exhibition of Disaster Management equipments was organised by NDRF during 10th International AERO Space Exhibition (AERO India-2015) held at Air Force Station, Bangaluru (Karnataka).
5. On 19.03.2015 a one day community capacity building programme through mock exercise and exhibition of disaster management equipments was carried out by NDRF at Madras IIT, Chennai (TN).
6. To enhance effective response of all stakeholders, volunteers & NGos in case of any emergency, a two day long awareness programme on disaster management was conducted on 20th & 21st March, 2015 at Udaipur in Gomati Dist. During mock drill NDRF rescuers used various extrication methods like searching and locating victims, stabilization sfter triage of victim.
7. On 16.03.2015 a mock exercise on flood & rescue was conducted by NDRF at Yamunanagar, Haryana.
8. On 16.02.2015 a workshop on 'Introspection of CBRN response in NDRF' was organised by NDRF Pune.

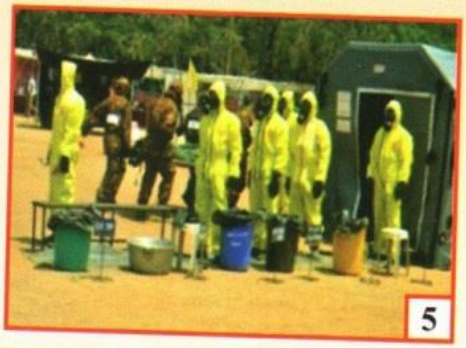

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OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

ON OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, DG, NDRF AWARDED FOR RESCUE WORK IN J&K

On 03rd March, 2015, on occasion of observance of the International Women's Day, a National Convention on Prevention of Trafficking was organised by National Institute for Gender Justice at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi to highlight the burning issues on women's safety and their empowerment. On this occasion, NDRF was praised for its quick response during Kashmir deluge in Sept, 2014 and Sh. O P Singh, IPS, DG, NDRF was presented with an award for his distinguished services to provide relief to the flood victims of J & K state.

NDRF under the leadership of Sh. O P Singh, IPS, DG, NDRF responded quickly and saved more than 50,000 precious human lives in J&K. The programme was attended by many eminent persons of various fields.

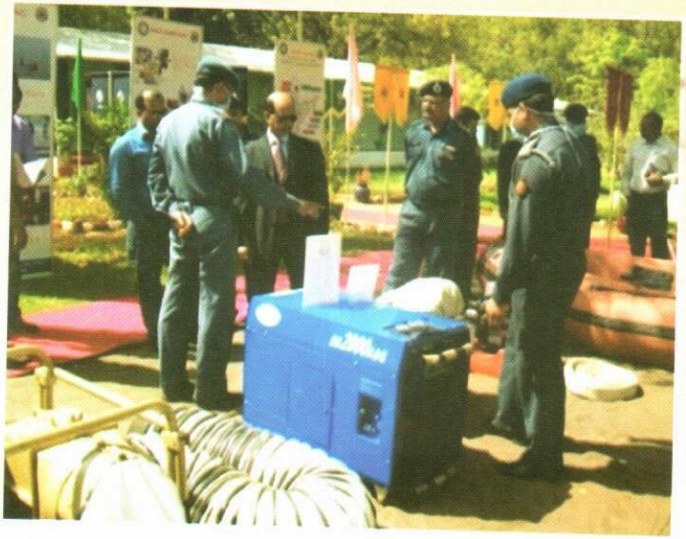




BANGLADESH DELEGATES VISITS

On 11/02/2015, a Bangladesh Delegation headed by Mrs. Salma Jahan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management, Govt. Of Bangladesh and on 20/02/15, Delegation headed by Mr. M. Khalid Mahmood, Director (Joint Secretary), Department of Disaster Management, Govt. of Bangladesh. Visited NDRF base Gandhinagar Gujarat and got firsthand experience about the various latest disaster management equipments being used by NDRF, interacted with unit Officers and got information about the activities of NDRF





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