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April – May – June.

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RESPOND TO EMERGENCY

Train Incident Balasore, Odisha

In Balasore district, Odisha, a devastating incident occurred when three trains collided on 2nd June, 2023. As a result 261+ lives lost, with over 900 people grievously injured. In response to this calamity, SBF quickly send a core of volunteers from West Bengal to the site of train accident. Working alongside the NDRF and other government agencies, our volunteers valiantly participated in the rescue operations. Following the rescue efforts, our volunteers visited the injured individuals and distributed food packets in hospitals. Additionally, our incredible volunteers selflessly donated blood.



Cyclone Biparjoy in Sea Areas, Gujarat

In the Month of June, Gujarat was on high alert as the Cyclone Biparjoy posed a significant threat. In anticipation of the cyclone our team moved there to provide relief assistance, they relocate 300 individuals to safer places and provided food support to 1000 people.



Fire Incident Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

On 31st March a massive fire broke out in Kanpur's Basmandi Garments Market. We swiftly responded to a massive fire outbreak and Our dedicated team of volunteers immediately rushed to the scene, assessing the situation and collaborating with local authorities, including the fire brigade and civil defense.



Fire Incident Shriram Village, West Bengal

On 8th April 2023, a fire incident occurred in Shriram Village, Raninagar-1 Block, Murshidabad District, resulting in the complete destruction of approximately 43 houses. The fire ravaged essential belongings including documents, clothing, food, motorbikes, Cylinders, goats, and other items. Reacting promptly, our team visited the affected areas to assess the damage and understand the immediate needs of the community. As a first step towards providing relief, we distributed ration kits to the affected families.

Fire Incident Uluberia, West Bengal

In April, a devastating fire in Nimdighi Village, Uluberia, destroyed 30 houses, leaving 130 people homeless. Our dedicated volunteers immediately rushed to the affected area to assist with the rescue operation. And then we came into action by organizing a ration kit distribution program in Uluberia. We provided ration kits, including dry food and baby foods, to affected families.



Landslide Karimganj, Assam South

On the night of 22nd June 2023, a team of volunteers from SBF Assam South Zone visited Rabbania Part II village, Karimganj district, Assam. There were four families who had been affected by land subsidence. Our volunteers went to the houses of the affected families. They provided relief and ensured their safety. After helping the affected families, they prepared a detailed report about the incident and submitted this report to the District Disaster Management (DDM) authority.



PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCY

Cyclone Biparjoy, Gujarat

In light of the Cyclone Biparjoy, a high level meeting was organised by SBF Hqtr. and presided by SBF President Mr. Makbul Ahmed Anarwala (Retd. IPS) on 13th June. The team of our volunteers visited different areas in Amreli. They met with the Disaster management agencies to gather information about the potential impact of the Biporjoy cyclone on Gujarat state, specifically in Amreli district. They also met with the fire station department to work together and respond to the situation. Our team also assessed the situation in Rajula, Jaffrabad, and Panthak.



Assam Flood

We conducted a Flood Preparedness Cum Area Core Meeting on 20th June. Led by Mr. Selim Ahmed, the program brought together seven area core representatives and Mr. Nurul Islam from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). The key discussion points covered risk assessment, emergency response plans, early warning systems, infrastructure and drainage evaluation, community engagement, resource allocation, and collaboration and coordination. Its primary objective was to strengthen flood preparedness and foster a unified approach to flood management.



Received Rescue Kits, ASDMA

A significant step has been taken towards enhancing our disaster preparedness efforts. On June 23rd, 2023, in Dhubri, Assam, the Central Assam Government undertook the distribution of emergency kits to the AAPDA MITRA (Disaster Mitigation Volunteers). During this event, our 50 volunteers from Assam South were provided with these essential emergency kits. Esteemed representatives from the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), DC, ADC, and ACs were present to witness and support this initiative.



PUBLIC UTILITY PRGRAMS

Blood Donation Programs

On 14th June, We formed a "Blood Donation Group" in the Birshibpur Area core. The purpose of this group is to provide immediate blood support to patients in need. It consists of 15 donors. Each member of the group has pledged to donate blood whenever the hospital requires it.

And another day We organized a Blood Donation Camp there, where 29 individuals and SBF volunteers donated blood.



Jal Rahat Shivr

We have organized three "Jal Rahat Shivr" two in Jabalpur and one in Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) in June. With the intense summer heat causing discomfort, this proactive action to provide relief to commuters, pedestrians, and individuals.



Tree for Life

We organised numerous plantation drives and planted 250 saplings in different region of Assam on the occasion of World Environment Day, celebrated on 5th June. The purpose of these plantation programs was to raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and actively contribute to our natural surroundings.



KAPDA BANK

Throughout the month of April, May and June, we organized a total of eleven Kapda Bank events across India including Abul Fazal (Delhi), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Patna (Bihar), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Dhubri (Assam), Nogaon (Assam), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Jabalpur (MP), Lucknow (UP), Karimganj (Assam South), Howrah (West Bengal) and distributed a total of 13,470 items of clothing to those in need.



MITIGATION PROGRAM

State Conveners Training Workshop - 2023

We held a two-day State Conveners training workshop on June 3rd and 4th, 2023, in New Delhi, Mr. Makbul Ahmad Anarwala, SBF president led the workshop and 30 state conveners and co-conveners from 15 of North, Northeast and Western region of India attended this workshop.

Representatives from different faiths, including Sister B K Hussain from Brahma Kumari, Father Md Thomas from The Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, Shri Acharya Sushil Ghoswami Maharaj from Viswa Dharm Sansad, and Shri Gyani Ranjeet Singh from Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, spoke about importance of helping others during difficult times. They highlighted how Relief Work shared value in their respective religion.

During The Experience Sharing Session, featuring remarkable individuals in the field of humanitarian services like Ms. Uma Rawat from the Manzil Welfare Society, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Gazi, Social Worker and, Mr. Suresh Kumar from Civil Defense Delhi shared their invaluable experiences and insights.

Mr. Mohiuddin Ghazi, Mr. Mohd Ahmad and Mr. Asif Iqbal (Social Worker) also shared their valuable remarks on different topics

The second day of the workshop focused on annual reports and planning for the upcoming year



Capacity Building Workshop

Capacity Building Workshop, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

We organized a highly informative Capacity Building Workshop on June 18th, 2023, in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Area Core Convenors from Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Madhya Pradesh attended this insightful workshop.

Representatives from various NGOs and individuals such as Mr. Asrar Ahmad (Civil Defense, Jaipur), Mr. Nayeem Rabbani (Social Worker and Businessman) and Mr. Akash (Azad Foundation) shared their invaluable experiences and insights. Their expertise added immense value to the workshop, fostering a rich exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Additionally, Mr. Irfan Ahmad, National Coordinator (SBF), shared his perspective on resource mobilization and highlighted the importance of establishing robust public relations. The key highlight of the events was the active participation of Area Core Convenors, who shared core-level planning strategies tailored to their respective areas.



Capacity Building Workshop, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

On June 25th, 2023, another capacity building workshop was successfully organized in Lucknow. The workshop was attended by core convenors from UP East, UP West, and Uttarakhand.

The workshop included an insightful experience sharing session, where representatives from various NGOs shared their valuable experiences. Among the participants were Mr. Khalid (Social Worker), Mr. Shiraz Uddin from MAMN Foundation, Dr. Rita Jain, a social activist, Ms. Sakshi Chandra from the Social Cause Group, and Mr. Akhilesh Dubey from Care India Lucknow.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

SBF's Community Outreach Programs on Disaster Management

In the month of April, SBF Assam North, in collaboration with USTM University, organized two community outreach programs on the important topic of disaster management. The first program took place at the Department of Business Administration, followed by a session at a nearby school with the participation of Business Administration Department students. During the program students were instructed on disaster risks, management, and preparedness.

Another disaster management program on school-level was held at Little Star Senior Secondary School. The event focused on educating attendees about the impacts of landslides and earthquakes. Basic training was provided on essential first aid techniques, including bandaging, improvising stretchers, ground rescue, and guidance on whom to contact during a disaster.



Orientation Workshop On Disaster Management

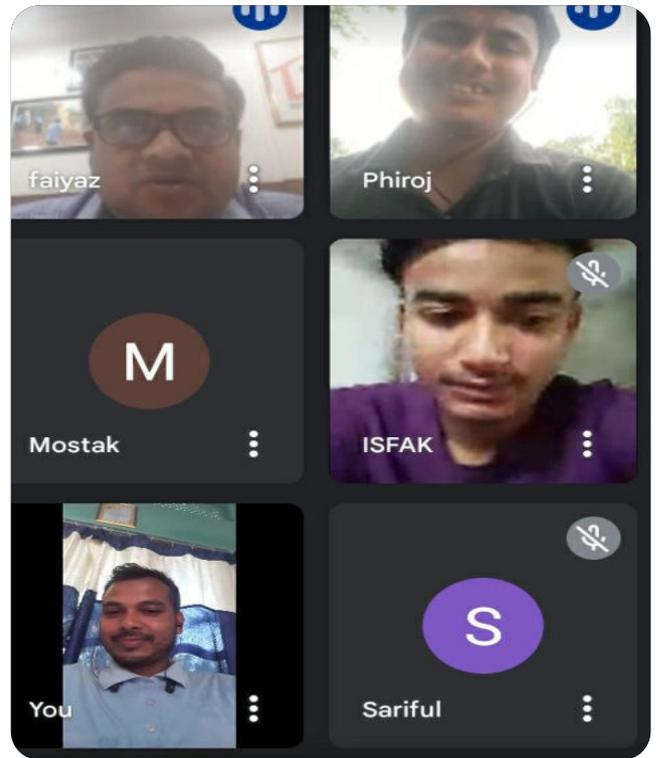


We organised an Orientation workshop at "SBF Hqtr." Jamia Nagar, Delhi on 24th June, 2023. Where 30 enthusiastic participants attended this demonstrative and activity based workshop. We were fortunate to have Mr. Suresh Kumar, Civil Defense Delhi conducted an enlightening training session on Understanding disaster terminology. Participants gained valuable insights into key terms such as disaster, hazard, vulnerability, mitigation, preparedness, relief, rehabilitation and development.

DRMV

Meetings

1. On 25th May, we conducted an online meeting with volunteers present in the village of Durduria, Assam. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Matiur Rahman, the Village Coordinator of Assam, and the testing work was carried out by Mr. Fayaz Iqbal from the SBF headquarters in Delhi. In addition to the examiners and the village coordinator, four village volunteers participated in this meeting. The main objective of this meeting was to understand and assess the main issues of the village through the survey, so that work can be directed towards resolving them.
2. On 31st May 2023, We held a meeting with Mr. Rajendra Ravi (Coordinator) and Mrs. Prachi Satrawal (Researcher) from PRC India (People's Resource Center), accompanied by the presence of Mr. Irfan Ahmad (National Coordinator) and Faiyaz Iqbal (Project Coordinator) from SBF. During the meeting they explored the remarkable possibilities of collaboration on a groundbreaking study and research project focused on critical addressing climate change issues.



Engagement & Coordination for Community Development

Mr. Faiyaz Iqbal, Project Coordinator (SBF) paid a visit to the villages of Darrang district Durduria and Bandiya, Bhella (Barpeta District) in Assam and Bada Asghari in West Bengal. The purpose of these visits was to meet and engage with local community, including villagers, teachers, Religious places incharges, Gram Pradhan, Panchayat Secretary, village police, and volunteers. The discussion revolved around creating a coordination committee and implementing a DRMV model in their community in order to raise everyone's standard of living.



AWARD CEREMONY

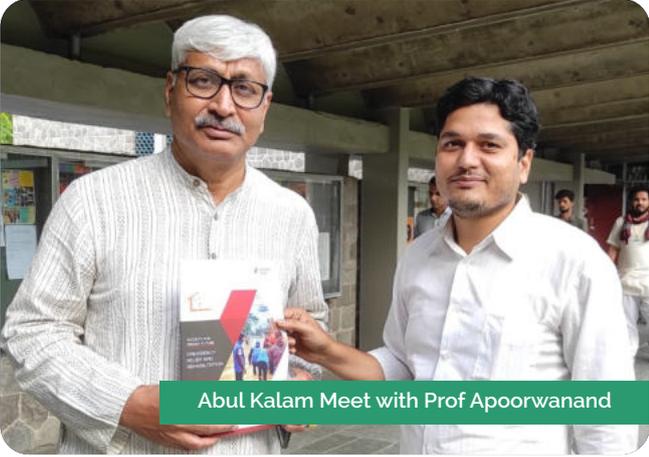
On 3rd June 2023, an award ceremony was conducting to recognize the outstanding contribution of our dedicated volunteers presided by Mr. Makbul Ahmed Anarwala (SBF President). Our Esteemed guests, including Mr. Kaleemul Hafeez, a renowned Social Worker, Mr. Shibli Manzoor, Vice Chairman of INC Bihar Minority Wing, and Mr. Rajendra Ravi, Coordinator of the People's Resource Center, Delhi graced the occasion. Among the awards presented were:

- **The Resilient Award**, in recognition of their exceptional emergency response was presented to,
 1. Eklak Hussain, State Convener Assam South
 2. Fatik Ali, State convener Assam North
 3. Md Raihan, State convener UP East.
- **The Volunteer Magnet Award**, recognizing exceptional volunteer recruitment throughout the year, was presented to,
 1. Fatik Ali, State Convener Assam North
 2. Julfikar Ahmed, State convener West Bengal
 3. Md Javed, State Convener UP West
- **Resource Champion Award**, for their outstanding fundraising efforts during the Resource Mobilization Workshop was presented to
 1. Vasim Akram
 2. Shoyab Anwar
 3. Sohail Akhtar
- **For organizing the highest number of PUP Programs**, the Community Impact Award was bestowed upon
 1. Md Javed, State Convenor UP West
 2. Julfikar Ahmed, State Convenor West Bengal
 3. Fatik Ali, State Convenor Assam North
- **Yogdan Abhiyan**, for their outstanding performance of a Yogdan Abhiyan Campaign was presented to
 1. Sohail Akhtar, State Convenor Jharkhand,
 2. Altaf Hussain, State Convenor Gujarat

We congratulate all the award recipients for their exceptional accomplishments and express our deepest appreciation for their unwavering dedication and positive impact.



MEETING WITH PROMINENT PERSONALITIES



Abul Kalam Meet with Prof Apoorwanand



Abul Kalam Meet with Mr Kunwar Danish Ali MP



Ms Catherine (Research Scholar) from Canada visited SBF Hqtr



Mr Eklak Johar Meet with SP Parth Pratim Das



Mr Irfan Ahmad Meet with Mr Rajender Ravi Coordinator PRC and Ms Prachi Satrawal Researcher



Mr Matiurrehman Meet With Mr Kishore Dutta The State Officer Of Assam SDMA



Abul Kalam Meet with Mr Shakir Corresspondent Malesian TV



Abul Kalam Meet with Mr Yogesh Bijlani Tayana Company



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