

A REPORT ON FUNDS COLLECTED FOR NORTH KARNATAKA FLOOD RELIEF

(In Association with NSS Team of Sapthagiri College of Engineering)

During first week of August 2019, due to heavy rains, water levels in dams were rising beyond limits. This led to dams releasing water, which also included discharge from Maharashtra reservoir. This in turn flooded few districts of North Karnataka such as Belagavi, Bijapur, Raichur, Kalburgi, Yadgiri and Uttara Kannada. On 8 August, more severe rains in Karnataka worsened the situation. Nearly 61 people were accounted killed and 15 accounted missing. Estimates say nearly 40,000 plus houses were damaged and nearly 7 lakh people were relocated.

Nirbhaya Youths Federation (also called NYF), founded on 29/08/2014 mainly for National Service, in collaboration with NSS Team of Sapthagiri College came forward to help people in this situation. Volunteers started ground work on 12/08/2019 by setting up Seva Kendra Booths in Bangalore, Tumkur and Mysore to collect money, food items, basic sanitary items etc. In Bangalore, major contribution came from Sapthagiri College of Engineering Booth. Volunteers collected funds both from online and offline modes. People, students and teachers from various institutes showed equal interest in contributing for the cause. Approximately, ₹ 30,000 in cash and ₹ 1 lakh worth of goods were collected from Sapthagiri College Booth. In total, NYF Bangalore collected around ₹ 2-3 lakh worth of goods and overall, ₹ 20 lakh plus worth of goods were collected from all Seva Kendra Booths.

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