

Aurangabad extends support to Uttarakhand flood victims

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Aurangabadkars are doing their bit for the victims of the Uttarakhand disaster by extending help in their own small way. Three Aurangabad based organisations — Aurangabad Centre of Universal Sai Association (USA), Sai Andumber Charity Committee (SACC) and Automobile Association Aurangabad (AAA) and some individuals with help from a private airline company have been sending aid in the form of food grains, biscuits, water, cloth for the last rites and more.

While some local residents have willingly contributed to the cause, volunteers from above organisations are appealing to others for help by individually visiting their houses. "Almost three tonnes of food grain were given by people on their own. We collected the other stuff by sending our volunteers door to door," informs Priya Shende, vice chairman, USA.

Abhijit Waghmare who runs a transport business and has individually contributed food stuff worth ₹15,000 says, "The plight of children in such a situation is unimaginable. We sent snacks, fruit drinks and milk powder to a Delhi based NGO which will distribute the material."

Shende adds, "This is a small effort from our side. Our volunteers are doing the best they can. They are cooking for the victims and also helping the military personnel with cremation of those who have lost their lives. I want to appeal to people that two hands to pray are not enough. The requirement of the hour is that we need two hands to give; give in the form of food, clothes, tents, umbrellas, candles and help in whatever form you can. We intend to offer more support in the coming days."

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