

Making way for Life: Rehabilitation of Nepal

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Everyone will be aware of the devastating earthquake which struck Nepal on Saturday with so many deaths and injuries and with livelihoods dashed. India shares a deep connection with Nepal in form of cultural and religious similarities which goes way beyond centuries. Himalayan Kingdom, the place where one of the most revered Jain monks, Acharya Bhadrabahu swami (writer of Shri Kalpa-sutra and Uvasaggaharam Stotra), meditated for 12 long years. It is also an important destination for Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims. Over the course of time traditional Nepal has transformed from Hindu Monarchy to modern day peaceful democracy. Veerayatan led by inspirational Acharya Shri Chandanaji has come forward to make a valuable humanitarian contribution and extend much needed to the people of Nepal.



Initial Steps to establish normalcy

With the blessings of Acharya Shri Chandanaji, a team of Sadhvijis, members and volunteers are already in Kathmandu with necessary equipment including large weatherproof tents, medicines, food items and other essentials.

Work has started towards achieving these first three steps:

1. Distribution of Essentials

Acharyaji's first and foremost aim is to look after as many children as possible and provide them food, shelter clothing and security. This is already underway. At a tender age, children are the ones that suffer the most.

2. Care, Education & Holistic development of Children

A make-shift school is in the process of being established for children. The routine of school is the best medicine to help children recover from the horror of what they have seen and experienced.

3. Transfer of Essential Skills

It is really important to attend to the unemployed. The aim is to establish a make-shift camp to impart essential skills to the needy so that they can be used as an important resource for reconstruction and rehabilitation of Nepal. It will also secure the livelihood and self-dependence for the homeless and needy.



Long-term plans for the resurrection of society

Acharya Shriji wishes to *“Inspire humankind to live a dignified life and provide quality education and health care”*. This will have prolonged benefits in the field of Education, Healthcare and Employment for the people of Nepal, its younger generation and will help heal its wounds. The entire effort will have a very

secular approach surpassing any religious bondage and reaching to the human beings at large.

So how can you help?

Acharya Shri Chandanaji appeals to **everyone** to come forward and extend a helping hand to the disaster affected region of Kathmandu and other parts of Nepal.

1. If you would like to donate money towards the relief and rehabilitation effort - we are happy to arrange for the collection of funds here in the UK and onward transmission for use in Nepal.

You can send your donation in one of the following ways:

a. By **cheque** payable to **“Veerayatan UK”** to the following address: Bakul Shah, c/o Veerayatan UK, 4 Wise Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2RE.

b. By **bank transfer** to the following account (quoting as a reference: **Nepal** followed by your name):

Bank: Barclays Bank PLC

Sort Code: 20-46-57

Account Number: 00815187

Please also send an email to veerayatanuk@gmail.com to confirm your donation and your details including address, so we can send a receipt to you. Please also confirm whether we can treat your donation as a Gift Aid Donation and reclaim relevant tax.

Every penny of your contribution will be judiciously used for earthquake relief work in Nepal.

2. Volunteer your services to Veerayatan in Nepal. Acharyaji requests that volunteers, if possible, should be prepared to give their services for at least one month in Nepal to make meaningful contribution. Veerayatan will be able to make arrangements for the volunteers' lodging and boarding. If you would like to consider volunteering, please email us on veerayatanuk@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for you prompt and positive response.

