

# SARASWATI VIDYALAYA

WORKING WITH JANKALYAN PRATISTHAN, ITS TRUSTED NGO IN NEPAL

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## NEWS Update

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# NEPAL EARTHQUAKE - ZONE

AN **APPEAL** BY

**SARASWATI VIDYALAYA (sv)**

DEVASTATION & LOSS OF LIFE ON AN UNPRECEDENTANT SCALE

**AN URGENT APPEAL TO HELP REBUILD DEVASTATED SCHOOLS IN MOST REMOTE**

**AREAS OF NEPAL – SV working with**

**JANKALYAN PRATISTHAN, it's trusted NGO in NEPAL**

Latest updates of the relief effort carried out by a huge team of dedicated teachers and volunteers carried out by SV Trusted NGOs in Nepal:

The teams of Saraswati/Jankalyan Pratisthan (Its trusted NGO), HSS Nepal, SEWA Int'l, VHP Nepal and Kalyan Ashram Nepal, who have cleared access directly to over 1600 remote villages, were in far off remote places serving the victims who were recovering from the 1<sup>st</sup> earthquake, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> one struck. All the volunteers were very lucky to escape near death.

Please forward on to all on your e-list who are involved in collection of funds for rehabilitation of victims of the huge disaster.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Report after the Second Earthquake (of 7.3 intensity) struck Nepal at 12.50pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

*Respected Ravidevji (International Coordinator In-charge)*

*Yesterday Tuesday May 12, I with my wife and Shri Revitji, Shri Kalyanji (former AIG), Shri Narayanji, Dr Harikishnaji & Shri Vijay Mane (team from Gokul Vraj foundation) and many more went to Barahbise (very close to Kodari, Tibet Nepal border) in Sindhupalchowk district with the relief goods to distribute ourselves.*

**Difficult terrain to villages in high mountains**

*In total three vehicles loaded with relief supplies left for districts 4, 5 & 6. One truck with relief goods, a Scorpio 4x4 and a Vento car. Except for Vento all reached the distribution points (districts 4, 5 & 6). The Vento, not being a 4 x 4, arrived late by one and half hours to the village Barahbise due to the extreme terrain.*

*Shri Revitji and his team distributed the goods to the villages of district 4, 5 & 6 at 12.35 pm. My wife, Sunil Shah, Dr Harikishanji, Shri Vijay Mane and I arrived at 1.00 pm, stayed at district no 8 of Barahbise to distribute the relief items.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Earthquake Hits relief workers while distributing relief items**

*And suddenly the ground shook violently as the 2<sup>nd</sup> earthquake hit at around 1.00pm. That moment was really dangerous. All of us were feeling helpless and without hope. After a while violent shaking stopped and with God's blessings we are all safe. As soon as some of the roads were opened around 5.00pm, we started to travel back after finishing distributing more relief items that were with us in Vento. We were advised not to wait for Shri Revitji and his team as the local authority said that roads had cracked at many places and had landslides. It was better to leave immediately. The Local officials said they will inform the rest of our team. In between we managed to connect Shri Revitji and finally we arrived back to Kathmandu at 8.30PM and Shri Revitji and his team at around 10.0PM*

*From 12.50pm to 5.00pm we felt around 45-50 medium and small after-shocks at intervals of 1 to 5 minutes in that area as we were close to Kodari (around 8-10kms) which was close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quake epicentre.*

**One old lady died nearby us & many were injured. It was very hard for us to accept this.**

*This relief journey was the trip of my life, one which will always be with me with a heavy heart, throughout my life.*

*Attached are some photos & videos.*

*(My English is very bad but hope you all understand the above points – the report was proof-read by UK Saraswati Vidyalaya for ease of understanding)*

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Your urgent support at this needy time is most welcome from our hearts. Thank you.

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Tarpaulin & Milk distributed at Sarabhise ward No. 8 in Sindhuvalchowk after the earthquake. My wife is in between



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