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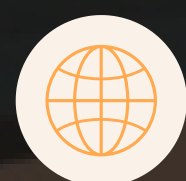
Operation Brahma

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Following the **7.7 magnitude earthquake** that hit Myanmar and neighbouring Thailand, India launched 'Operation Brahma' to provide humanitarian aid, assistance and relief supplies to earthquake-hit Mandalay region in Myanmar and Thailand.

The massive earthquake and its aftershocks have affected people across Myanmar including in **Sagaing, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Shan and Bago regions.**

Operation Brahma includes aid rescue and relief work, pitching in with tonnes of ration, tents, medicines, sleeping bags, rescue teams and equipment, canine squad and a fully functional field hospital.

Key Efforts

Relief Supplies: Two Indian Navy ships from the Eastern Naval Command (INS Satpura & INS Savitri) delivered 40 tonnes of aid to Yangon.

Naval Support: INS Karmuk and LCU 52 from the Andaman and Nicobar Command was deployed to assist in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

Air Support: IAF's C-130J aircraft carried emergency supplies, including tents, ready-to-eat meals, water & water purifiers and critical medicines.

Deployment of Specialised Teams: A military field hospital with 118-strong medical task force of the Indian Army's elite Shatrueet Brigade was also sent along with an 80-member search and rescue team from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

Significance

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi **spoke to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing**, who heads the military-led government in Myanmar, his first call with the military leader since the February 2021 coup there.

“As a **close friend and neighbour**, India stands in solidarity with the people of Myanmar in this difficult hour,” Modi posted on X.”



Underlines India’s commitment to **‘Neighbourhood First’ Policy.**

Highlights Indian ethos of **‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’** – the world is one family.

Reinforces India’s role as a **“First Responder”** to act swiftly and in full measure in crises such as natural disasters in the neighbourhood.

India's legacy of Humanitarian Evacuation Missions

India has a history of successful humanitarian relief and evacuation operations where a huge number of people have been provided humanitarian assistance in their country or Indians have been brought back to the safety of Indian borders.

1. **Operation Kaveri (2023):** Evacuated Indian citizens from Sudan in response to the conflict and breakdown of essential services by the Indian armed forces.
2. **Operation Dost (2023):** A search and rescue operation initiated by the Govt. of India to aid Syria and Turkey after the 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquake that devastated both countries.
3. **Operation Ajay (2023):** Facilitated the return of Indian nationals from Israel and Palestine following the Israel-Hamas conflict.
4. **Operation Dost (2023):** Search and rescue operation to aid Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquakes in February 2023.

5. **Operation Ganga (2022):** Evacuated Indian citizens, primarily students, from Ukraine amidst the 2022 Russian invasion. In a humanitarian signal, relief materials were also sent to Ukraine including medicines and essentials.

6. **Operation Devi Shakti (2021):** Evacuated Indian citizens and foreign nationals by the Indian armed forces from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the fall of Kabul.

7. **Operation Indravati (2021):** It was launched to evacuate Indians from Haiti to the Dominican Republic.

8. **Operation Vande Bharat (2020):** A mission to repatriate Indian citizens stranded abroad due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. **Operation Samudra Setu (2020):** A naval operation, evacuating Indian citizens from various countries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Indian Naval Ships Jalashwa (Landing Platform Dock), and INS Airavat, INS Shardul and INS Magar (Landing Ship Tanks) participated in this operation lasting over 55 days and traversing more than 23,000 kms by sea.

10. **Operation Insaniyat (2017):** India assisted Bangladesh in addressing Rohingya refugee crisis through Operation Insaniyat, providing essential aid.

11. **Operation Sankat Mochan (2016):** Indian Air Force evacuated Indian citizens and foreign nationals during the South Sudanese Civil War.

12. **Brussels Evacuation (2016):** Belgium was hit by terrorist strikes at Brussels Airport in Zaventem, and one at Maalbeek Metro station in central Brussels. In response to terrorist strikes in Belgium, 242 Indians were repatriated via Jet Airways flight.

13. **Operation Raahat (2015):** Aimed at evacuating nearly 5,000 Indian citizens, along with thousands of other foreign nationals by the Indian armed forces, from war-torn Yemen.

14. **Operation Maitri (2015):** It was a rescue and relief operation in Nepal by the Govt. of India and the Indian armed forces in the aftermath of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake. It also involved Nepali ex-servicemen from India's Gurkha Regiments for interface - guidance, relief and rescue.

Conclusion

In ancient times, Myanmar was known by the name 'Brahmadesh' - the place that belongs to Lord Brahma. 'Operation Brahma' is thus, an embodiment of India's offering of hope, support, and assistance for long-term recovery to the people of Myanmar.

The locals of Myanmar have praised India's move to help and support them in this difficult time.



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India has delivered 625 metric tonnes (MT) of Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) material to Myanmar as part of Operation Brahma, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.



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