

## SPG distributes worth Rs 20 Lacs to Uttarakhand flood victims of 16th June 2013

The devastating flood fury of June 2013 had taken a toll of more than 5000 human lives; thousands of cattle were drowned, left thousands homeless and caused loss of thousands of crores in Uttarakhand in a span of few days. The heavy loss of lives and damage was mainly in Alaknanda, Mandakini, Yamunotri in Garwal and Darma valley in Kumaun region. Though the relief was provided by various government and non government agencies from all over India yet as a token of sharing their grief, Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG) India, contributed Rs 20 Lacs to the cause. The money was distributed to the families of four areas selected by the government and volunteers of ONGCHA and SPG. An amount varying from Rs 5000 to the tune of Rs 11,000/ per family according to the severity of damage caused was distributed through the account payee cheques. A total of 256 families could benefit from the relief amount. The Director (Exploration), ONGC and Patron Sri N.K.Verma took a keen interest and monitored the activities from time to time.

SPG with the help from ONGCHA and local administrative authorities identified the areas which still needed relief and visited the area themselves at least two or three times to help facilitate the distribution to the real affected families. It was arduous task in some area as no one from the family was alive and it was difficult to identify and

confirm the nearest kin. The SPG executives identified for Alaknanda, Mandakini, and Dharchula were Sri C.S.Baguguna, Sri M.S.Rana and Mr Manish Bonal respectively. Mr Manish Bonal, though not a SPG member volunteered for the cause and visited the area near Dharchula 3-4 times at a period when the area was not easily accessible.

He along with Sri. Surendra Singh & Sri. S. B Uniyal, distributed cheques & lantern on 9th February 2014 at Dharchula. Sri C.S.Bahuguna and Sri M.S.Rana amicably solved the problem of identifying the nearest kin of the victims who had lost their lives in the fury, in Alaknanda and Mandakini valleys respectively. Sri Bahuguna along with Dr B.M.Dabral visited villages in Alaknanda valley and camped at Joshimath. Sri R.S.Rana along with Sri A.R.Chamoli and Sri R.K.Pokhriyal visited area around Kotama and Trijuginarayan in Mandakini valley and camped at Guptakashi. On behalf of SPG Sri R.S.Tomar and Sri Rajive Pahuja from ONGCHA did the distribution work in Maneri, Kalsi and Khadari area in Yamunotri valley. The cheques were distributed by SPG and solar lanterns were funded by ONGCHA.

The teams visited the areas in severe cold and pathetic road conditions with uncompromising enthusiasm to help, relentless efforts and selflessness.



N.S.Dangwal, Secretary,SPG, apprising Sri N.K.Verma, Director (exploration), ONGC & Patron, SPG, the flood scenario & devastation caused in Dharchula area and modalities of relief fund distribution, also seen are Dr D.N. Singh, Basin Manager, FB basins & Vice President, APG, Sri H.M.Vyas, President, ONGCHA, Sri Manish Bonal and Sri R.S.Waraich, Treasurer, SPG



Sri Chandrashekar Bahuguna & Dr B. M. Dabral distributing cheques and solar lantern at Joshimath in Alaknanda valley. Sri Manish Bonal distributing cheque and solar Lantern, in Dharchula area, Darma valley, District-Pithoragarh, also seen in the picture are Sri. S. B Uniyal and Sri. Surendra Singh



Mr. M.S. Rana, SPG, Mr. A.R.Chamoli & Sri R.K.Pokhriyal distributing cheques and Solar Lanterns at Kotama. The team on the way to villages near Trijuginarayan (a walk of 5-6 Kms in the snow)



Sri R.S.Tomar & Sri Rajive Pahuja distributing cheques and solar lanterns at Kalsi and Maneri area in Yamunotri valley.