

AGENDA FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Nepal with devastating force last Saturday, killing thousands of innocent people. As rescue and recovery efforts get underway, many charities and NGOs are sending teams, essential aid and medical assistance. We the students of IIT Kanpur, should make efforts to help those who have lost all they could but are still left to survive. A relief campaign needs to be started immediately to help the victims. This will be done on 3 platforms:

1. We can collect funds through mess, each mess that will be open in summer can keep a printed list of students registered in it with a column where they can specify the amount they want to donate against their name, followed by their signature. Though summers have started, but still many people stay behind in the campus and this initiative can continue through May in order to have sufficient time for people to contribute.
2. Since many students will be leaving we can add the facility of donation through I-Collect. This will cover all those people who are willing to help but are not on campus. We need to create an account of beneficiary in SBI, in which all the funds will be transferred.
3. A collection drive can also be started in hostel messes where people can contribute their clothes and other useful items which can be sent to victims.

Once the collection drive is completed, we can take the help of Prof. H.C. Verma to successfully ensure that relief fund reaches those who are in real need of it. He has also previously coordinated various relief efforts along with NSS, IIT Kanpur. Presently he is sending all his contributions to Seva International Bharat, which has sent from very first day tens of thousands of volunteers in field in Nepal and Bihar. So we can take the help of their services to directly ensure that the relief is reached to the victims in need of it.