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YEOMAN SERVICE BY BSF RESCUERS AND MEDICAL TEAM IN DELUGED KERALA

Medical Teams of doctors and rescuers have been swung into action and working relentlessly to bring the inundated Kerala into normalcy. Dealing with the post disaster community behavior syndrome and stressed people is one of the challenging tasks which is being dealt by the Medical teams of BSF.

BSF Doctors with paramedics are visiting the remote areas as per the requirements of Dist. Medical officer Pathnamthitta district, one of the worst effected districts of Kerala. On 23rd August, the BSF medical team visited 15 medical camps in Tiruvalla Tehsil and treated 250 patients and the previous day they visited 5 such camps besides villages and some houses. The challenges that have surfaced is dead bodies, carcasses and sprawled filthy water in dwellings, villager which has also become a germinating ground for various infectious bacteria, insects and deadly Malaria parasites and BSF Medical teams and rescuers are also susceptible to diseases but The unflinching spirit to serve the humanity is instrumental motivation factor for BSF.

Hundreds of patients suffering from acute respiratory infections, fever, and diarrheal diseases, that outbreak in such hydro metrological disaster, are being treated by BSF Medical team. Also counseling given to prevent other such serious illness which may surface.

Hygiene and cleanliness drive by BSF rescuers is also intensively being undertaken. The rescuers are also generating mass awareness to engage distressed community for hygiene and sanitation.

The treatment becomes more challenging when disaster victims having apprehensions of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and suffering from multiple medical emergencies do not turn up to the medical camps. In such conditions, BSF Doctors are the beacon of hope for life who are visiting dwellings, villages negotiating the miles of distance bare foot and providing them onsite psychosomatic counselling

besides the medical treatment for medical and trauma care. Stressed and grief stricken patients are being given prophylactic counselling and care.

“After every village, BSF Medical teams face waist-height flood water for next visiting camp/village for treatment, most of the time there is no place to sit except cots, parapet or a mound but always we aim to ease the agony of the distressed.” Stated Dr Prakash Swami Nathan CMO BSF.

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