

City-based NGO Maitri contributing to relief work in Uttarakhand

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Pune: The city has been contributing to relief operations in disaster-hit Uttarakhand.

Four volunteers from city-based NGO Maitri are working in three villages near Pithorgarh to help locals deal with the tragedy. A team of doctors too has reached Uttarakhand.

The Maitri team, comprising volunteers Shirish Joshi, Mangesh Joshi, Prashant Pimpalnerkar, rushed to Uttarakhand soon after the incident.

The team will be working in Pithorgarh and Dharchula region along with Arpan, another NGO in Uttarakhand. Arpan needed trained and experienced

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■ Maitri has appealed to people to contribute in cash and kind to the relief work. For more details, citizens can contact Maitri office on 020-25450882, 7588288196 or by e-mail: maitri1997@gmail.com.

volunteers to help in the relief work. Therefore, the four volunteers, who are also trekkers, decided to lend a helping hand.

They have been assessing the situation in three villages near Pithorgarh. Maitri has been collecting clothing, blankets and plastic tents which will be sent to these villages on Saturday. Mai-

tri had appealed to citizens to contribute to the relief measures.

“The first assessment report sent by this team emphasises the urgent need for certain supplies like plastic sheets to cover temporary shelters where the rescued people could stay. Clothes in good condition and blankets are also badly needed as these people have lost all their possessions,” said Maitri volunteer Madhukar Mane.

After assessing the situation, the team will convey what else is needed urgently and Maitri will deliver it from Pune.

The volunteers are professions who have taken leave from their respective organisations to assist the relief work in Uttarakhand.