

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sub: **Contribution to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, Kerala**

You are aware of the calamity which has struck in the State of Kerala for the past few days due to heavy rainfall. It has resulted in unfortunate loss of precious lives and also large scale destruction. Thousands of people have been left without shelter. Even basic necessities like drinking water, food, clothing is not available.

We stand with all the affected people of State of Kerala. The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has sprung into action and many of our activists, NUSI Branch Offices, Seafarers Associations and individual seafarers themselves are on the ground helping the needy people and supporting the relief efforts of the government. We hope and pray that normalcy returns and people get back to their normal lives soon.

Over the years NUSI has always been in the forefront to help in natural calamities like earthquakes, Tsunami, floods, famine, drought, etc.

On the initiatives of NUSI, an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs) is being urgently contributed to the "**Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund**" in Kerala.

We also request all industry maritime associations, individual companies to contribute and support financially, logistically to this noble cause.

In addition, individual seafarers who have suffered in this calamity can also approach NUSI. Such seafarers will be assisted by NUSI as per guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

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