

स्वर्ण-मंदिर ही बचा रहा है लाज!

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इंदौर : परीक्षित यादव। कश्मीर की बाढ़ में सैकड़ों जल नष्ट हुए हैं, जो बचे हैं वो मदद के लिए तरस रहे हैं। सेना, भगवान बनकर वहां पहुंची है, लेकिन भगवान के सिर्फ एक-दो घरों से ही मदद वहां पहुंची है। अमृतसर के स्वर्ण मंदिर को छोड़ दिया जाए, तो देश का एक भी मंदिर या ट्रस्ट नहीं है, जिससे कश्मीर के लिए मदद पहुंची हो। कश्मीर में ज्यादातर मुसलमान हैं, मुश्किल से कोई हिंदू होगा और एकाध ही सिख भी मिल जाए, तो बड़ी बात है, लेकिन सबसे बड़ी मदद सिखों के स्वर्ण मंदिर से ही जा रही है।

स्वर्ण मंदिर से रोजाना लाखों लोगों का खाना वहां पहुंचाया जा रहा है। इसके अलावा भी मदद वहां से खादियों तक पहुंचाई जा रही है, लेकिन शिदों, उर्जैन हाकलन या महाराष्ट्र का तिरुपति मंदिर या किसी और बड़े मंदिर अब तक मदद नहीं की है। शिदों के साईं बाबा ट्रस्ट में फोन गया, तो किसी प्रसन्न ने फोन उठाया। स्वर्ण मंदिर के बारे में

बताते हुए कश्मीर की मदद के बारे में पूछा, तो तमतमाकर नहीं बोला और फोन काट दिया।

उर्जैन के महाकाल मंदिर के प्रशासक जबत जोरते से भी यही सवाल पूछा, तो बोले कि अभी हम विचार कर रहे हैं। जल्द ही किसी नदरे पर पहुंचेंगे। अजमेर फोन लगाया तो वहां के ट्रस्ट के चेयरमैन हमीद विश्वी की पत्नी से बात हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि वो तो धर पर नहीं है, मैं आपको एक नंबर देती हूँ, उस पर बात कर लीजिए। कुछ देर बाद एसएमएस से नजीर साहब का नंबर मिला। उनसे कश्मीर की मदद के बारे में पूछा, तो बोले कि मैं तो नहीं जानता, हा कुछ मदद गई जरूर है।



महाराष्ट्र के कल्याण में तिरुपति के मंदिर भी फोन लगाकर यही सवाल पूछा, तो वहां से जवाब आया कि साहब, हमारे वहां बड़े मंदिरों जितना चढ़ाया नहीं आता है, हम क्या मदद करेंगे। साउथ के तिरुपति कल्याण ट्रस्ट में फोन लगाया, तो किसी ने फोन ही नहीं उठाया।

एसजीपीसी ने बाढ़ पीड़ितों को पहुंचाया अमृतसर

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

अमृतसर। एसजीपीसी की ओर से जम्मू कश्मीर में आई बाढ़ से प्रभावित हजारों लोगों में करीब 30 को सहायता देते हुए हवाई जहाज के माध्यम से अमृतसर पहुंचाया है। वहां पर इन पीड़ितों को स्वागत एसजीपीसी के सचिव मंजीत सिंह की ओर से किया गया।

एसजीपीसी की ओर लगातार जम्मू कश्मीर के बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों को राहत सामग्री पहुंचाई जा रही थी। एसजीपीसी की कार्यकारिणी के निर्देशों पर बाढ़ प्रभावित को सुरक्षित अमृतसर पहुंचाने फैसला लिया गया है। जिनके पास पंजाब आने के लिए कोई साधन नहीं हैं उनको हवाई सेवा की सहायता से सुरक्षित अमृतसर पहुंचाने की कोशिश एसजीपीसी की ओर से की जा रही है। इन तीन पीड़ितों को स्पाइस जेट एयरवेज के माध्यम से अमृतसर लाया गया है। एयरलाइन की ओर से इस काम के लिए एसजीपीसी को तीस टिकटें दी गई थीं। सुरक्षित



श्रीनगर में बाढ़ में फंसी महिला अमृतसर आने पर अपनों से गले मिलकर खुशी मनाती। अमर उजाला

पहुंचने वालों में रणजोध सिंह, सुरिंदर मसीह, विजय कुमार, गुरप्रीत सिंह, शिंगार सिंह, सुलखन सिंह, जगदीश सिंह, सूरत मसीह, प्रीत मसीह, दलजीत सिंह, जगदीश राज, अजीत सिंह, गुरप्रीत सिंह, सर्वजीत सिंह, बलजिंदर सिंह, जोगिंदरपाल सिंह, भारत भूषण, नरेंद्र ढोला, कश्मीर सिंह, जसबीर

सिंह, गुरप्रीत सिंह, बलजिंदर सिंह, गुरपाल सिंह, दविंदर सिंह, गगन दीप सिंह, जगदेव सिंह, जसबीर सिंह, सुखचैन सिंह, हरदीप सिंह, करणदीप सिंह को श्री नगर से हवाई जहाज के माध्यम से अमृतसर लाया गया है। इन प्रभावितों के साथ एसजीपीसी के अधिकारी हरमिंदर सिंह, हरजिंदर सिंह, हरिंदरपाल

जेएंडके में सेना ने बचाई लाखों की जान : कमल

फिरोजपुर। छावनी स्थित ऐतिहासिक सारागढ़ी गुरुद्वारे में सारागढ़ी के शहीदों को श्रद्धाजलि देने के लिए समारोह आयोजित किया गया। इसमें मुख्य मेहमान के तौर पर कैबिनेट मंत्री जनमेजा सिंह सेखों और भाजपा के प्रदेश प्रधान कमल शर्मा ने शिरकत की। इस मौके पर श्री अखंड पाठ का भोग डाला गया। इस अवसर पर शहीदों के वारिस, शहीद सैनिकों के परिवार के सदस्य, साबका फौजी और भारी संख्या क्षेत्रीय लोग उपस्थित थे। भाजपा के प्रदेश प्रधान कमल शर्मा ने कहा कि देश को अपने शहीदों पर मान है। शर्मा ने जम्मू-कश्मीर में बाढ़ पीड़ित क्षेत्रों में सेना द्वारा निभाई जा रही शानदार सेवाओं की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि देश को अपनी बहादुर सेना पर मान है।

सिंह आदि भी मौजूद थे।

कश्मीर में बाढ़ में मारे गए लोगों की आत्मिक शांति के लिए पाठ



श्री हरिमंदिर साहिब, अमृतसर में बाढ़ पीड़ितों के लिए लंगर बनाती महिलाएं।



भास्कर न्यूज | अमृतसर

जेएंड के बाढ़ में मारे गए लोगों की आत्मिक शांति तथा जख्मी हुए लोगों की सेहतमंदी के लिए एसजीपीसी की तरफ से रखे गए श्री अखंड पाठ साहिब के भोग शनिवार को डाले गए।

इस संदर्भ में गुरुद्वारा मंजी साहिब दीवान हाल में पाठ रखे गए थे। कमेटी के सचिव दलमेघ सिंह ने बताया कि प्रधान जत्थेदार

अवतार सिंह मक्कड़ के दिशानिर्देश पर यह आयोजन किया गया। इस मौके पर कमेटी के जूनियर उपाध्यक्ष केवल सिंह बादल, सचिव रूप सिंह, सतबीर सिंह, मनजीत सिंह, एडिशनल सेक्रेटरी दिलजीत सिंह बेदी, निजी सहायक सतिंदर सिंह, उप सचिव विजय सिंह, सकत्तर सिंह, दरबार साहिब के मैनेजर प्रताप सिंह, पब्लिसिटी इंचार्ज कुलविंदर सिंह रमदास आदि मौजूद थे।

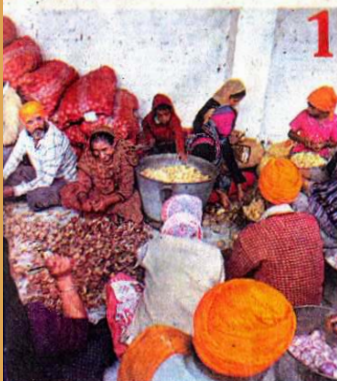


श्री हरिमंदिर साहिब, अमृतसर के लंगर हाल में पीड़ितों के लिए तैयार होता लंगर।

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अमृतसर स्थित शिरोमणि गुरुद्वारा प्रबंधक समिति भी बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों के लिए राहत सामग्री भेज रही है। एस.जी.पी.सी. के सचिव दलजीत सिंह बेदी ने कहा कि एस.जी.पी.सी. ने बाढ़ राहत शिविरों के लिए पका-पकाया भोजन और पैकेट भोजना शुरू किया है। इन्हें भारतीय वायुसेना ऊपर से बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों के लिए गिरा रही है। दिल्ली गुरुद्वारा प्रबंधक समिति भी राहत कार्यों में योगदान कर रही है और श्रीनगर के गुरुद्वारों के प्रबंधन को इसने 10 लाख रुपए दिए हैं। समिति हर दिन एयर इंडिया के विमान से राहत सामग्री भेज रहा है।

श्रीनगर में गुरुद्वारे ने संभाली बाढ़ पीड़ितों को राहत देने की कमान



इलाक़ाम में सिख संगत ने बाढ़ पीड़ित लोगों के खाने, रहने और उनके इलाज की व्यापक स्तर पर व्यवस्था की है। इस पूरी मुहिम में अमृतसर स्थित गोल्डन टैपल और दिल्ली के गुरुद्वारों की ओर से भी योगदान दिया जा रहा है। संविदा को (1) श्रीनगर के गुरुद्वारे में लंगर तैयारियों को खाने की सामग्री बांटते सेवादाय और (2) गुरुद्वारा बूंगा बडगाम में खोले गए आपातकालीन कक्ष में दवाएं बांटते सेवादाय।



SGPC officials with J&K CM Omar Abdullah in Srinagar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SGPC team meets Omar

Amritsar: A team of SGPC officials met Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, urging him to initiate measures for rehabilitation of Sikh families hit by floods in the state. In a press statement issued here on Saturday, SGPC spokesperson Diljeet Singh Bedi said they had appealed to the state government to speed up the rehabilitation work as the cold wave was all set to tighten its grip in the state. The CM thanked SGPC chief Avtar Singh Makkar for the relief work being carried out by them in the state.

SGPC hands over memorandum to J-K Guv

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A delegation of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandak Committee (SGPC) led by its president, Avtar Singh Makkar handed over a memorandum to the governor of Jammu and Kashmir, N N Vohra and state chief minister, Omar Abdullah. In the memorandum, committee narrated the condition of Sikh community after natural calamity in J-K and its contribution for the welfare of victims.

In the memorandum,

SGPC committee informed governor and chief minister that the state of Jammu and Kashmir is facing its worst ever natural disaster in the form of floods and its aftermath. Though the water have receded in some areas yet proper relief is not reaching the affected people. The SGPC is doing its best to provide relief to the affected people of Jammu and Kashmir. The SGPC has sent more than 5,000 quintal of ration and more than 10 trucks of other relief material to be distributed without any discrimi-

nation among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the entire valley suffered immensely due to this horrible natural calamity the Sikhs too have suffered a lot. At least 4,000 Sikh families have been affected by these floods in Sri Nagar area alone. 25 to 30 Sikhs have lost their lives in this area alone where at least 22 to 25 colonies of the Sikhs have been affected. The localities such as Jawahar Nagar, Aluchabad, Lal Chowk, Khadi Mill, Binma etc where majority of Sikhs

resides have suffered extensive damage, 83 houses have collapsed and the first and second floors of the houses of these colonies have been rendered useless.

Committee said, "More than 100 carcasses are reportedly lying at Fauji Dairy farm, Batmaloo. The authorities have not lifted these carcasses and they have not even sprayed any disinfectant on these carcasses and there are chances of outbreak of any serious disease in that areas".

"About three feet water is

still there in majority of these colonies but no effort has been made by the authorities to drain it out. The Sikhs too have suffered great losses to their businesses and are in dire need of rehabilitation," it added.

Further SGPC informed that though the whole state is suffering from the tragedy and the government, Army and other organisations are trying their best to help the needy but all these efforts and help seem very negligible keeping in view the magnitude of the tragedy.

Geelani showers praise on SGPC for relief work in J&K

RECIPROCAL GESTURE The Hurriyat leader meets an SGPC team in Srinagar, seeks more medicines, feeder bottles and milk powder for flood victims

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AMRITSAR: All Parties Hurriyat Conference chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani might be shying away from praising the Indian armed forces for their Herculean effort in saving thousands of lives in flood-ravaged Jammu and Kashmir; the separatist leader, however, has showered praises over the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee for its effort in providing relief to flood-hit people of the Kashmir Valley.

In a letter to SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar, Geelani has showered praises on the SGPC for its efforts in providing relief material, including 'langar (food served), to flood victims.

Geelani has also taken note of the SGPC efforts in airlifting people from Srinagar to Amritsar. "Your teams in Srinagar are coordinating with the local population to distribute langar to flood-hit families and have now started a free medical camp. There is a word of praise for your organisation on the lip of every Kashmiri. May god always be with you," Geelani wrote in the letter, which was delivered to Makkar by SGPC secretary Manjit Singh on his return to Amritsar from Srinagar on Saturday.



All Parties Hurriyat Conference chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani during a meeting with an SGPC delegation in Srinagar. HT PHOTO

Geelani also met a 15-member SGPC team, which had gone to Srinagar on Friday for coordinating the relief operations there, at Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj, Badgam, near Srinagar.

During his interaction with team leader and SGPC general secretary Sukhdev Singh Bhaur and executive member Rajinder Singh Mehta, Geelani made a particular reference to the warm clothes and blankets sent by the SGPC. He also noted that the baby feeder bottles and feeder nipples along with dry milk powder transported by the SGPC had reached many homes in and around Srinagar.

According to Mehta, Geelani has requested Makkar to send in relief material, especially medicines, feeder bottles and milk powder, for the camp being run by the Hurriyat leader in Srinagar.

Reacting to the letter, Makkar in a statement here said the SGPC had never discriminated with anyone while distributing relief material. "It was the same in Uttarakhand last year and now in J&K, the SGPC does not look at anyone's religion or caste while extending a helping hand," he added.

Makkar also assured the Hurriyat leader that the SGPC

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SYED ALI SHAH GEELANI, APHC leader

would continue to extend help to the flood-hit people so long as it was required. Meanwhile, Mehta presented a detailed report on the relief operations undertaken by the SGPC over the last 10 days to Makkar.

Following the report, the SGPC is likely send more medicines and doctors to Srinagar to its medical camp, which is organised on the premises of Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga, where the gurdwara body is also running a full-fledged relief camp.

A large number of people come at the relief camp for having food served at the langar (community kitchen) of the shrine. Besides food packets are also being prepared for the Indian Air Force to airdrop over areas, where people are still trapped.

SGPC delegation returns from Kashmir

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 20
An SGPC delegation that had gone to Jammu and Kashmir returned today after taking stock of the flood-affected areas.

The delegation, led by its general secretary Sukhdev Singh Bhaur, will now submit a report to SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar on the basis of which they will chalk out a strategy for



SGPC members at the Amritsar airport on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

days. As per a release issued today, Makkar said the SGPC would continue

affected people of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of their caste,

During the delegation's visit to Kashmir, Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani also met them and expressed satisfaction with the SGPC's efforts to facilitate relief to the flood-hit. He has also written a letter to Makkar, seeking more ration, blankets and medicines.

Responding to the demand, Makkar said they would provide these items as per their require-

On mission rescue, SGPC team leaves for J&K

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 16

The SGPC has embarked upon one of its biggest resource mobilisation drives in recent times to provide succour to the flood-hit in Jammu and Kashmir.

Today, it sent a five-member medical team to the flood-hit areas. The team comprised three doctors, including a paediatrician and an orthopaedist, working in Shri Guru Ram Das Charitable Hospital, Amritsar. The team will set up a medical camp at Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga Sahib in Budgam. It has taken along medicines worth over Rs 2 lakh. The team will be in touch with the SGPC that will send medicines as and when required.

Kulwinder Singh, SGPC official, said they had set up a relief camp at Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga Sahib where at least 5,000 people were served 'langar' everyday. The SGPC had deputed its Amritsar staff for the task. It had sent 80,000 packets of cooked food and 100 quintals of ration, including rice, pulses, sugar, flour, ghee, oil, tea leaves, mineral water, biscuits and bread for the flood-hit. It had also sent essential items such as soap, toothpaste, slippers and clothes.

The SGPC-run Shri Guru Granth Sahib World Univer-



SGPC chief Avtar Singh Makkar with a medical team at the Amritsar airport on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTOGRAPH

Lending a helping hand to the flood-affected people in Jammu and Kashmir

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- Shri Guru Granth Sahib World University has sent one lakh packets of biscuits, 1,100 packets of bread, 1,000 packets of salt, 500

kg of sugar, soap and toothpaste for the flood-hit

- A team of 12 SGPC officials in Srinagar is coordinating rescue operations
- The SGPC has brought back at least 300 survivors from the Kashmir valley
- It has decided to set up offices in gurdwaras for collecting relief material
- It has opened an account with HDFC Bank (263177000013) for the purpose

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relief material was airlifted to Kashmir. A team of 12 SGPC officials, led by additional secretary Daljit Singh Bedi, is camping in

Srinagar to coordinate rescue and relief operations. The SGPC has brought back at least 300 survivors from the Kashmir valley in

the past few days, booking air tickets for them in private airlines. The SGPC has decided to set up offices in SGPC-run gurdwaras for

collecting funds and relief material for affected people. It has opened an account with HDFC Bank (A/C No. 0263177000013) so that the people can deposit money for helping the flood-hit.

Avtar Singh Makkar, SGPC chief, said the relief work would be stopped only after the situation in Jammu and Kashmir turned normal.

More institutes pitch in

Fatehgarh Sahib: SGPC institutions — Shri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Mata Gujri College, Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Polytechnic College, Baba Zorawar Singh Fateh Singh Senior Secondary School — today sent relief material to the flood-ravaged Jammu and Kashmir. The consignment was flagged off by SGPC chief Avtar Singh Makkar. It comprised 2,000 blankets, 1,000 towels, 5,000 mineral water bottles, 1,000 candles, 1,200 matchboxes, 2,500 bath soaps, 2,500 toothpaste tubes and 150 kg of snacks.

Makkar said the staff of the SGPC institutes would donate their two days' salary for the flood victims.

No handbags

Avtar Singh Makkar, SGPC chief, said carrying handbags inside the Golden Temple had been banned in order to strengthen security inside the holy shrine.

Flood-hit Sikhs ignored in J&K: SGPC

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Amritsar: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has blamed Jammu and Kashmir government of ignoring Sikh victims of floods and urged the governor to ensure that they are treated at par with other people of the state.

SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar on Thursday said that the Sikhs, being a minority in Jammu and Kashmir, are not being properly looked after in their



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Medical team to help flood-hit

Patiala: Under the banner of Indian Medical Association Punjab Crisis Response Committee, a team of 13 doctors of Patiala and Sangrur left for J&K on Thursday for a week-long relief camp in flood-affected areas of Shopian district. The team, flagged off by cabinet minister Surjit Singh Rakhra, is carrying relief material worth over Rs 5 lakh. The team includes Balbir

SGPC wants special aid for J&K Sikhs

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SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar met J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Governor NN Vohra during his visit to the flood-hit state. He sought a special package for the rehabilitation of Sikhs in the state.

Makkar returned to Punjab today after a two-day visit to J&K. The Governor gave the SGPC delegation a patient hearing and assured them of all help to the flood-affected members of the community. The J&K Chief Minister and the Governor



SGPC delegation meets J&K Governor NN Vohra (fourth from right) in Srinagar. A TRIBUNE PHOTOGRAPH

praised the SGPC for the relief work.

Makkar handed over a memorandum to the CM regarding the problems being faced by Sikhs in the

hill state, besides their rehabilitation issues.

In the memorandum, the SGPC said, "Being in minority, the Sikhs are not being looked after properly in

J&K. Nothing has been done by the government to rescue and rehabilitate them. The SGPC is trying to provide them maximum help on its own. However, the magnitude of the tragedy necessitates the government to step in as the SGPC has limited resources. We request you to ensure that the Sikhs are not left to fend for themselves and are treated at par with other people of the state."

The SGPC claimed 4,000 Sikh families had been affected by the floods and around 25 to 30 Sikhs had lost their lives.

MAKKAR REACHES OUT TO J&K FLOOD VICTIMS

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AMRITSAR: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Avtar Singh Makkar on Wednesday reached flood-hit Srinagar, where he would take stock of various relief measures being taken by SGPC volunteers for the flood-affected people of the Kashmir Valley.

Makkar left by an aircraft from Chandigarh on Wednesday.

He is camping at Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga at Badgam near Srinagar, where the SGPC has been running a relief camp for the flood-affected people.

A release issued by the SGPC headquarters said Makkar would be meeting Jammu and Kashmir governor NK Vohra. During the meeting, Makkar is likely to convey the SGPC's desire to take up rehabilitation work for the flood-hit people of the Valley. A SGPC spokesman stated: "Now that the flood waters have receded, the SGPC is keen to get involved in the rehabilitation of flood-hit families, many of whom have been rendered homeless."

Senior SGPC officials Roop Singh, Satbir Singh, Daljit Singh Bedi and Golden Temple manager Partap Singh have also reached Srinagar.

Meanwhile, another team of SGPC has left for Srinagar with medicines. A five member medical team is providing free medical help and medicines to the patients

Sikh delegation calls on Mirwaiz

Srinagar, Oct 21: A high level delegation of Shri Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee Amritsar Punjab (SGPC) called on Hurriyat Conference (M) Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq at his Nigeen residence here, a spokesman of the amalgam said in a statement.

He said the participants included SGPC Secretary, Diljit Singh Ji Bedi, S Jagit Singh Ji Jagi and S Lucky Singh Ji. "The delegation discussed Kashmir situation and the flood aftermath with Mirwaiz. The delegates also brought relief material to be distributed among the flood

victims. Media advisor to Hurriyat, Advocate Shahid-ul-Islam was also present during the meeting," the spokesman said.

He said on the occasion, Mirwaiz also appreciated the role of S Avtaar Singh Ji Makkar SGPC President Sri Amritsar, Secretary SGPC S Diljit Singh Ji Bedi, S Parminder Singh Ji Office In-Charge, S Gurjeet Singh Kingi President GPC Budgam Gurdwara and other members of unit for establishing relief camp at Gurdwara Shaheed Bunga Sahab – Barzulla Baghat and lending a helping hand to the needy during floods.