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Sri Sankara Bhagavadpadacharya Paramparagatha Moolamnaya Sarvajnapeeta

His Holiness Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetadhipathi

JAGADGURU SRI SANKARACHARYA SWAMIGAL
Srimatam Samsthanam

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Dear Devotees,

4.8.2024

Wayanad Relief Fund

On 30th July 2024, a series of devastating landslides struck the villages of Mundakkai, Chooralma and Meppadi in Wayanad district of Kerala. Torrents of water and boulders cascaded down the hill side resulting in widespread destruction. The disaster appears to have claimed lives far more than what has been reported since several are still missing. Satellite images have revealed that about 86000 sqm² of land skidded along the banks of Iruvaipuzha river. The extensive damage to infrastructure and loss of life and properties has prompted large scale rescue and relief operations to support the affected people. Geoscientists point to unchecked human interventions like deforestation, unplanned construction activities and climate vagaries for the calamity that befell Wayanad. While police makers and scientists can evolve long term strategies to address such natural catastrophes that affect people living in ecologically fragile lands like Wayanad, it is time for the countrymen to rise to the call of this grave human tragedy and provide succor and relief to our unfortunate brethren.

Wayanad which literally means "Land of Paddy Fields" today presents a graveyard of human tragedy of very high proportions that has shell shocked the nation and stirred the conscience of Indians across the country and beyond.

Sri. Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam has always been in the forefront of relief work no sooner a natural calamity strikes any part of the country. When a cyclone wiped out the entire town of Dhanushkodi and swept a train of the Pamban bridge which too collapsed in December 1964, the Mahaswami of Kanchi organised huge supplies of rice and other materials immediately bringing the much needed comfort to the distressed who were cutoff from the mainland. The 69th Acharya His Holiness Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal would immediately leave for the disaster zone and personally guide the relief operations and bless the people in difficulty. Be it the earthquake of Kumaon in Uttarakhand, Latur in Maharashtra, Bhuj in Gujarat, the Mutt mobilised its devotees to swift relief action and poured funds and essential necessities in the affected areas. Even when the Mutt was passing through difficult times inflicted on it when the Tsunami struck the coast of Tamil Nadu extending right up to Sri Lanka, the devotees rose in unison and marshalled all their resources to support the unfortunate. This exceptional record of the Mutt during times of calamity has prompted the present Jagadguru His Holiness Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal to appeal to all the devotees of the Mutt to rush their relief material and also contribute to the relief fund immediately. If ideas rule the world, the spiritual vibrations that emanate from saintly order like the illustrious Parampara of the Gurus of our venerated Peetam can chasten the

environment and transform death like bloom in dazzling illumination. The vision of His Holiness is that of "One Life" and his mission is to do good to all creations.

We appeal to all the devotees of the Mutt and like minded people to contribute generously to the Wayanad Relief Fund. All contributions are eligible for tax exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The contributions may be forwarded directly to the bank account of the Mutt's tax exempt trust "His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal Golden Jubilee Trust" which has 80G, CSR registration, NGO Darpan registration, details as below :

Name of the Account : HHJSS Golden Jubilee Charitable Trust
Bank and branch : HDFC Bank Ltd., Royapettah High Road Branch, Chennai
Account No. : 50100250949824
IFSC Code : HDFC0003631
MICR Code : 600240118

After transfer of funds is effected, please send an email to siesvs@gmail.com giving the details of your name, postal address, UTR No. and the name of the bank and branch to enable the trust to issue the receipt and forward the Prasadam from His Holiness to the Donor.

Relief material in kind may please be send to

The Manager
Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam
1, Salai Street, Kancheepuram – 631502
Tamil Nadu

It can also be sent to

Shri. G. G. Krishnan
C/o. Vinu P.
Pazhampillil House
Nallurnad PO, Mananthavady,
Wayanad, Kerala – 670645
Tel No. 9869446473 (GG Krishnan) / 9495612942 (Vinu)

The Mutt will ensure full utilisation of the relief contributions for rebuilding temples, schools, primary health and other community spaces in Wayanad and shall accelerate the efforts to restore normalcy of living in Wayanad.

Yours faithfully

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