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Press Release

## **Operation Sadbhav: India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to Myanmar following widespread flooding due to Typhoon Yagi**

In solidarity with the people of Myanmar, and as a first responder to natural disasters in the region, India launched Operation Sadbhav to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to those affected by flash floods caused by Typhoon Yagi.

2. Under Operation Sadbhav, 35 tonnes of HADR aid was delivered by an Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft in Naypyitaw today, for distribution in the affected central and northern parts of Myanmar. In addition, an Indian Navy (IN) Ship INS Satpura brought a second consignment of 21.5 tonnes of HADR aid to Yangon today, for similar distribution. The delivery of consignments in two different locations, Naypyitaw and Yangon, will help deliver and distribute HADR aid more effectively, more speedily and closer to the affected areas. All HADR materials are for immediate distribution across the different affected areas and the different affected communities.

3. The first consignment of HADR material sent via IAF aircraft was handed over by Ambassador Abhay Thakur to H.E. Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for the Ministry of the SAC Chairman's Office (ii) today in Naypyitaw at the Naypyitaw international airport. The second consignment of HADR material sent via IN ship was also handed over by Ambassador Abhay Thakur to H.E. U Soe Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon Region Government today, at the Thilawa port in Yangon. Stakeholders and concerned local distribution agencies joined the respective handing over ceremonies in Naypyitaw and Yangon.

4. The aid material, as pallets of essential items of use (edible and non-edible) and medical pallets, comprises medicines, food, kitchen kits, clothing, hygiene kits, tents, mosquito nets, solar lamps and water purification supplies. The medical pallets contain first aid items, antibiotics, anti histamines, analgesics, intravenous fluids for commonly spread infections and diseases. The food items handed over are instant noodles, rice, milk powder, drinking water, ready-to-eat meals, high energy biscuits, multi-micronutrient food, cooking oil, sugar, canned fish, canned meat, tea, salt and spices. Among the non-food items are mosquito nets, tarpaulin, tents, bleaching powder, disinfectant fluid, soaps, detergent powder, hygiene kits, dignity kits, crutches, wheelchairs, chain saw, divator sets, towels, shirts, blankets, sandals, fuel tanks, solar lamps, portable generators and water pumps.

5. Operation Sadbhav is a testament to the abiding friendship between India and Myanmar, and reflects India's steadfast support to the people of Myanmar in times of need.

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