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# DIGNITY DIARY

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## GROUND REPORT



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***WE ARE THERE.. NEED YOU TOO!***

To Do Your Bit.. [Click here](#)

**We are continuously reaching out to the affected people across the country with our disaster response efforts.** From April to November third week, Goonj has extended its disaster response operations **over 80 districts in 21 states**, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and more. With local teams, partners, and volunteers, we reached flood and other disaster-affected families with **65,000+ kits with essential needed materials**.





**Village-** Parapathivanipeta District-  
Srikakulam Andhra Pradesh

*\*In our previous issue, the figures mentioned were inaccurate. We apologise for the error. The correct data is: From April to October third week, we reached the affected communities across 20 states and 74 districts, channelizing over 55,000 relief kits.*

## Odha Do Zindagi (ODZ)

After a year of disasters, winter brings another set of challenges for many communities. This winter, participate in Goonj's annual winter campaign Odha Do Zindagi (Spread the Warmth). Contribute your underutilized woolens, blankets, shawls, socks, mufflers and essentials like tarpaulins and shoes. Encourage your friends and family to join in and bring warmth and care to those facing the season's harshness.

To know more, visit: <https://goonj.org/odha-do-zindagi/>





## STORIES FROM THE GROUND

*These stories reflect our work with communities during the winters of the past.*

***In Kanthi village, Ramban district, Jammu & Kashmir, a damaged footpath endangered daily commutes, especially for children and elderly residents. Through Cloth for Work, villagers repaired the path over three days using hammers, chisels, and collective determination. They knew winter would worsen conditions. Their effort rebuilt infrastructure and strengthened community ownership, proving people-led change creates lasting resilience.***





***In Amadi village, Katni district, Madhya Pradesh, the community's traditional well had deteriorated, forcing residents to walk long distances for water. Further, it was sensed that the distance will add a lot of stress on villagers with coming winters. Under elder guidance, villagers united in shramdaan (collective voluntary labour), cleaning and restoring the well. Through Goonj's Cloth for Work initiative, they were rewarded with Winter Kits for their effort.***





# We are there.. Need you too!

## Contribute Material:

- Clothing (all age groups including new undergarments)
- Woolens, blankets and winter clothes
- Tarpaulins and mosquito nets
- Sanitary pads and general medicines
- Utensils
- School material
- Toiletries, slippers
- Solar lights, umbrellas, torches and batteries



**1. Drop off material** at [Goonj Offices](#) & [Community Dropping Centres](#)

**2. Monetary contributions** are vital for transport and essential supplies

[Contribute here](#)

## Expand Your Impact

- [Organise](#) a collection camp in your community, office, or school
- [Contribute](#) through your organisation
- Initiate Payroll Giving in your organisation for employees to stand with affected communities. To start a micro-site, write to us at [mail@goonj.org](mailto:mail@goonj.org) or [contribute here](#)

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# The Way Forward

According to the **Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2026** released by the environmental think tank Germanwatch during COP30 in Belem, Brazil, India stands as the ninth most affected country globally by climate-related disasters over the last 30 years. The report shows that from 1995 to 2024, climate disasters affected 1.3 billion people globally and caused economic losses of about USD 170 billion (₹14.1 lakh crore).



**Societal Alliance for Resilience and Response to Disasters (SARRD)**, is a growing alliance of people, organisations, and institutions that believe response to climate emergencies must begin long before they unfold through awareness, preparedness, and shared responsibility. It continues to grow as a platform that brings together diverse actors including citizens, from all sectors to build resilience, respond with dignity, commitment and adapt through continuous learning.

Join the SARRD Journey: <https://goonj.org/sarrd/>