

## **AID FOR VICTIMS OF INDIAN CYCLONE**

TOKYO, Japan—Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG), the Soka Gakkai International organization of India, and the Soka Gakkai of Japan are providing emergency humanitarian assistance to victims of the super-cyclone that struck Orissa, India, on Oct. 29.

BSG members in Calcutta have made preparations to truck mineral water to survivors, while members in Delhi have arranged transportation to deliver food, clothing, medicine and vinyl sheets to erect temporary shelters. Meanwhile, General Director Kazuya Morita presented Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, with a Soka Gakkai donation of ¥5 million (US \$48,077) on Nov. 10.

According to local press and U.N. disaster management team reports, the human toll in the devastated areas of eastern India may reach 15,000, with thousands more injured and left homeless. The disaster was compounded by a 10-foot-high tidal wave that swept more than nine miles inland. Survivors remain without water, food or sanitation, and vulnerable to outbreaks of cholera and other communicable diseases.

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