

IN THE FACE OF FLOODS

*- SRUTI's Commitment to
Community and Continuity*



The monsoons arrived in Delhi around 27-28 June 2024, bringing heavy rainfall and breaking the records in 24 hours. The capital's infrastructural capabilities were immediately tested following the torrential rains. Waterlogging in the city gravely impacted households, offices, and vehicular movement.



SRUTI office was also not spared by the flash-flood-like situation, and the basements where our finance-administration team and resource mobilization team worked as well as the library of the office were submerged in waist-deep sewage water. Many files, furniture, documents, books and computers, all were submerged!

Taken aback by the news and the losses sustained, the SRUTI Team immediately sprung into action! We put our heads together, organising immediate measures to drain the water not only for us but also for our distressed neighbours - who were also severely affected.



Our team coordinated and organised relief during this deluge situation, trying to save the office and all the organisational memory and collective history the space (SRUTI) embodies! Dangers of infection, the threat of exposed electrical wires and dirt could do little to deter the spirits.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVxx52ozJJE>

From cleaning files, libraries, etc. to removing water by buckets, each one of us dived into the water, to save any and everything that could be saved!

Unperturbed by the mammothness of time and effort involved, we at SRUTI remain steadfast to survive and thrive. We are now looking forward to exploring new spaces to reinvigorate our office and continue working with the zeal and rigour with which we have been working over the years.



Solidarity poured in from across our Fellows, and networks offering their space and to help navigate through distress and recover the office space.

This crisis once again highlighted the deep-rooted values of collectivism, camaraderie and resilience that SRUTI continues to envision and uphold in its journey of 40 years.