

Swami Agnivesh supports Narendra Modi's offer to help PoK

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NEW DELHI: Civil [rights](#) activist [Swami Agnivesh](#) today came out in support of [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#) for his offer to extend help to flood-hit POK and said the initiative was commendable especially after derailment of talks between the two nations last month.

He also applauded Modi's effort to reach out to the people of Jammu and Kashmir by declaring the floods, which until now have claimed more than 150 lives, as national tragedy.

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"This reaching out by Modi is indeed commendable especially after the derailment of diplomatic talks between the two nations," Agnivesh said.

He said Modi's act of touring with state chief minister [Omar Abdullah](#) was great gesture.

"We must also applaud the way the Prime Minister reached out to the people of Jammu and Kashmir immediately declaring the floods as a national tragedy and announcing an aid of Rs 1,000 crore and more, and that too with the partnership of state government.

"His going on a tour with the Chief Minister of J&K Omar Abdullah is again a great statesman like gesture and should be appreciated by all," Agnivesh said.