

Flood scene improves: Toll mounts to 40



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There seems to be marginal [let up](#) in the flood scene during the last 24 hours following the halt of rains that lashed the catchment areas.

The water levels of the [Brahmaputra](#) and its tributaries have shown receding [trend](#) during the last 12 hours much to a major respite for millions of people who have been rendered homeless.

But the blues have refused to die down where there is report of [ten](#) more deaths and with this the toll had gone up to 40 till Friday.

Assam Chief minister Sarbanabda Sonowal who came to [New Delhi](#) on Wednesday called prime minister [Narendra Modi](#) on Thursday and apprised him of the situation who assured the flooded [state](#) of all help to overcome the problem.

Prominent [RTI](#) activist Akhil Gogoi blames it all on the big dams for the ravaging flood alleging that more mega dams would result in more disaster in the [state](#). He further strongly took on the Centre accusing it of not taking up the issue seriously.

Army, NDRF, SDRF jawans are continuing relief and rescue operations in the affected areas while Indian [Air](#) Force has been airdropping relief materials to the marooned people in the remote and inaccessible areas.

Apart from Nagaon, other worst-hit districts include Barpeta, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Golaghat, [Morigaon](#), Sonitpur, Biswanath, [Goal](#) Para, [Tinsukia](#), Dibrugarh where the government has set up as many as 1000 relief camps.

Many organizations and non governmental organizations have also been helping the marooned people shift to the relief camps.

Normal surface communication remains cut off in the flood hit areas. Train services in the entire north eastern region remains unmoved for sixth consecutive day on Thursday. The Northeast Frontier Railway has suspended movement of all trains outside the region till August 20.

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