

Floods in Assam takes grim turn: Dhemaji still worst-hit



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Guwahati : Assam's flood situation has taken a grim turn on Tuesday as the Brahmaputra and its tributaries are flowing at an alarming level. The situation has gone from bad to worse following incessant rainfall during the last 24 hours.

Officials here say all surface communications in the worst-hit Dhemaji district are still remaining disrupted which has left lakhs of people displaced. With fresh rainfall in some places in the morning more areas in the district have come under the surging waters. The water levels had showed a receding trend on Monday.

According to officials engaged in the relief works, the district administration is providing shelter to the marooned people in four relief camps and 120 temporary shelters with uninterrupted food and medical relief.

The authorities has asked the army jawans to repair the damaged bridges in the district. Besides, the North Eastern Frontier Railway is working round the clock to clear the tracks of flood water.

District administration says that over 40,000 people in 120 villages were displaced when the river Kumotia breached its embankment a few a days ago. Vast tracts of land are submerged in the Lakhimpur district after heavy rainfall and road communication had snapped in several places.

The water level of Barak river has also maintained a rising trend inundating vast areas in Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts.

Nine districts have been affected in the current wave of flood. These are: Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Cachar, Karimganj, Hailakandi, Darrang, Morigaon, Sonitpur and Barpeta.

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