

Lakhimpur and Dhemaji remain cut off as flood fury continues



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The north Assam districts of North Lakhimpur and Dhemaji are still reeling under the second wave of flood and more areas have come under the surging waters of the rivers Singara, Jiadhol, Dikrong et al.

All sorts of surface communication to North Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts have been remaining snapped from Saturday morning after a temporary sub-way on national highway 52, built following the breach of the main road, was washed away due to heavy flood.

According to information, a bailey bridge, being built after NH 52 was breached on June 14, is expected to be opened for traffic this evening that would restore road communication. Moreover, a sub-way was built with boulders and sandbags for traffic movement after the highway was breached in June 14 flash floods near Ganeshmandir on the outskirts of Lakhimpur town.

It was washed away by gushing waters today as incessant rain in the district as well as neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh fed the rivers, with four-five major rivers, including Ranganadi river, flowed above the danger mark.

However, railway communication between North Lakhimpur and Murkong Selek was snapped since Friday when flood water washed away the boulder base of both sides of a railway bridge between the Dhemaji and Silapathar stations on Rangapara North Murkong Selek section.

What has made the situation more aggravated is that NEEPCO has released its excess waters from its Rongabadi hydel project on Saturday in Arunachal Pradesh.

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