

Let-up in flood: blues on



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Guwahati: There is let-up in the over all flood situation as the water level of the Brahmaputra is receding but the brimeful woes of those displaced are continuing.

The According to information, the first wave this time displaces as many as 18,000 people ravaging properties worth Rs 50 lakhs. A total land area of about 4,285 hectares has already been submerged, including nearly 1,150 hectares of farmland.

The Government claims that relief resources like rice and other essential commodities, besides medicine and healthcare facilities are being made available in the affected areas although it is alleged that these are not adequate.

Our Correspondent from Dibrugarh: The entire Dibrugarh township starts heaving a sigh of relief as the water level of the Brahmaputra is receding on Thursday morning. Heavy erosion is continuing in both sides of the Brahmaputra at Maijan and Matmora to make the situation more alarming.

The officials with the state water resources department are closely monitoring the situation and they are using sandbags in view of the situation. The embankment at Maijan is crucial and if it is breached it can wreck havoc to Dibrugarh township.

Deputy Commissioner Ashutosh Agnihotri also rushed to take stock of the commotion in the Thakurbari area. Several people were seen lending their helping hand in putting up the spurs under the supervision of the engineers from the Water Resources department.

Our Correspondent from Silchar adds: The flood situation in Barak Valley still remains a grim one as the Barak is still flowing above the danger level. The Barak river and its tributaries inundated new areas in Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts. Besides the Barak, Kushiara, Katakhal and Longai, have been flowing well above the danger level. A flood control dyke of the Barak river was breached at Roypur in Barkhala circle of Cachar district.

Our Correspondent from Jorhat: The rising water of the Brahmaputra is disrupting the normal life in the world's biggest river island, Majuli island. An embankment has so far been dividing the streams and the

river. The first wave of flood waters this time is affecting hundreds of people.

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