

No let-up in Lakhimpur monsoon agony; CM greeted with wrath



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There is no let-up the overall flood scenario in north Assam district of North Lakhimpur even as Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has admitted virtually his government's inability to tackle the problem.

According to information, the flood waters have been ravaging more and more areas in the district with a rising death toll of 27. Lakhs of people, who have been rendered homeless are shifting to safe places. Army Jawans and civil officials are running rescue and relief operation in the flood.

Army personnel using boats and rafts were transporting people, who had taken shelter on roof-tops, to safer places and relief camps set up in highlands, schools and colleges. The district administration has set up 14 relief camps to provide shelter to the affected people. Flash floods in catchment areas of Arunachal Pradesh have submerged the two neighbouring districts of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji breaching dykes at several places. Surface communication was snapped due to overtopping of National Highway 52 and both the districts were cut-off from the rest of the country.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Tuesday visited the flood affected areas of Lakhimpur district and took stock of the progress of the relief and rescue measures. Mr Gogoi also admitted the fault of his government for the plight of the Lakhimpur people.

Gogoi arrived Lakhimpur at around 12.20 PM went to see the washed away portion of the National Highway. Accompanied by APCC Chief Bhubaneswar Kalita and water resource minister Bharat Narah, Gogoi also talked to the flood marooned people taking shelter in the various relief camps. However, Mr Gogoi was visibly upset when he had to face the wrath of the flood victims. But these people openly criticised water resources minister Bharat Narah for these sorrowful state of affairs.

He further assured the people of a probe into the allegation that the flood occurred in Lakhimpur due to release of excess water by the Ranganadi hydel project.

Meanwhile, our New Delhi bureau has informed that former Assam chief minister and AGP(P) Prafulla Kumar Mahanta on Tuesday called on union water resource minister Saifuddin Soz and submitted a memorandum to him seeking his intervention in finding out a permanent solution to the perennial flood problem of Assam. Mr Mahanta further demanded of the minister to prepare a strategic plan to contain the flood situation.

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