

No let-up in monsoon misery



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There seems to be no respite from the ravaging flood [waters](#) in Assam on Monday. A steep rise in the water levels of the [Brahmaputra](#) and its tributaries have compounded the scene where 15 districts have been reeling under the surging [waters](#).

According to government information, the current flood waves have affected nearly 5 lakh people who have been rendered homeless. Nearly 75,000 people have been taking shelters in the relief [camps](#) while thousands of others have been remaining trapped.

The flood [waters](#) have claimed yet another person on Sunday and with this the toll has gone up to 3. In Lakhimpur district alone, one person died and [over](#) 50,000 people covering 130 villages have reeling under flood where vital [roads](#) and bridges have been ravaged with the last couple of days.

Same scene prevails in Bongaigaon where the flash flood affected 22,000 people covering 30 villages in Srijangram and [Bijni](#). Crops covering an area of 3,245 hectares have been damaged by the flood [waters](#).

The situation is different in Goalpara where the current flood waves submerged around 45 villages affecting more than 20,000 people in Lakhimpur.

The river [Brahmaputra](#) and its tributaries Jiabharali, Gabharu, Belsiri and Panchnoi have been flowing dangerously submerged in Sonitpur district. The worst-hit areas include Bhumuraguri, Kacharipam and Rajgar villages.

Army and NDRF personnel have been stepped up relief and rescue

operations in the worst-hit districts which include Barpeta, Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Sonitpur, Dhemaji.

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