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Assam pilgrims trapped in Odisha calamity



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PURI: As many as 250 pilgrims from Assam are said to have been remaining stranded in Odisha since the coastal state are hit by the ravaging Feni. According to official information received from Bhubneswar, most of the people were on a visit to Puri, the most visited Jagannath temple who are waiting to leave the state back.

“We came to the temple town 7 days back. Then the weather was very nice. Now we are worried. But the local authorities are helping. We are waiting to leave,” said Ashmita Deka from Guwahati over phone.

Jairaj Panda, a local resident in Puri said they have shifted to a safer place along with dozens of pilgrims they kept with them. “We kept the pilgrims much to their convenience. But the weather has done otherwise. We have come to a safer place. How can we forget the pilgrims? We have also taken them away,” said Panda.

Ramesh Patnaik, who runs a non governmental organization said that they have tried their best to evacuate the pilgrims in Puri. “This is our duty. We have shifted as many 1400 tourists from the country and abroad during the last 4 days. Fifteen of them are from Assam. Apart from shifting them we provided them with food and help them connect their family members over phone,” said Patnaik.



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