

Flood Situation in Assam turns grim : Over 1.5 lakh hit



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Our Guwahati Correspondent : Over 1.5 lakh people in seven districts of Assam have been affected in the first wave of floods with the Brahmaputra, Barak and their tributaries flowing above danger levels.

People in flood-hit Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Sibsagar, Dibrugarh, Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts have taken shelter on national highways, officials said, adding the BSF has been engaged in rescue operations.

Nearly 84 villages in Karimganj with a population of 42,386 have been inundated with water over-crossing a dyke.

In Cachar district, flood waters entered some parts of Silchar town as a dyke breached in Roypur. Three relief camps have been set up in the affected area, the officials said.

The Brahmaputra was flowing above danger mark in Dibrugarh, thereby threatening a dyke near Maijan protecting Dibrugarh city.

The affected people in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts complained that the administration had failed to take steps to prevent the flooding.

In Dhemaji district, 25 villages with a population of 11,057 have been affected and standing crops in 1,549 hectares have been damaged, the officials said.

The Desang river eroded 30 meters at Betabari Chetia Kaiborta village in Sibsagar district, they said, adding the Water Resource Department was taking measures to prevent further damage.

All rivers in Karimganj, Hailkandi and Cachar districts were also flowing above danger level due to incessant rains for the last few days with the advent of the Monsoon.

Rivers Longai and Kushiara in Karimganj district were also rising above danger mark, submerging low-lying areas.

Latest reports indicate that in Goalpara and Dhubri water is rising whereas in areas like Nimatigath, Tezpur and Dibrugarh it is going down.

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