

**Press Meet on Flood**  
**Government declares entire state “Natural Calamity Affected Area”**



In the wake of the recent flood the water level of Gomati River at Sonamura is reducing slowly, but is still above the flood level. The situation is being closely monitored, informed the revenue secretary Brijesh Pandey today at a press meet at the secretariat. He said, considering the gravity of the situation, leading to loss of human lives and public and private properties, the state government has decided to declare the entire state as “Natural Calamity Affected Area”. The decision was taken in a meeting of the State Executive Committee of Tripura Disaster Management Authority (TDMA) held under the chairmanship of the chief secretary on August 24, 2024. Accordingly a notification has been issued by the government in this regard.

In the press meet the revenue secretary informed, till now 32 persons have lost their lives, two are injured and one person is missing in this flood. As on date 346 relief camps are operational in the state by the district administrations, providing shelter to around 52,906 persons. The district administration is providing necessary relief including food, drinking water and medical help etc. To prevent spreading of any water-borne disease, regular cleaning of toilets, bleaching, disinfectant spraying etc. are being ensured in the shelter houses.

Meanwhile the Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) led by B.C. Joshi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, arrived in the state yesterday. They held a preliminary meeting with the officials of the state government. A detailed briefing was given to the team on flood situation and preliminary damage assessment as well. The IMCT is out today in the field for on-the-spot damage assessment in the affected areas of South Tripura and Gomati districts. The District Disaster Management Authorities led by respective DM and Collector and officials from different departments have taken preparatory steps to facilitate the assessment by the IMCT.

To tackle the fallout of floods on health aspects, doctors have visited 1271 times different relief camps to treat 37,596 persons. In addition, they have carried out 1,867 health camps to conduct health checkup of 43,887 persons.

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under SBM(G) Tripura has issued comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) relating to (a) Solid Waste Management, (b) Waste Water Management, and (c) Safe Sanitation Practices. These SOPs aim to mitigate the risk of water-borne diseases, ensure safe disposal of waste, promote healthy and sanitation practices and help in post flood recovery in affected areas. As on date, 100% power supply has been restored in 18 power divisions. The power supply is around 70%-90% in rest 6 divisions which are located in South Tripura, Gomati and Sepahijala Districts due to water logging. These too will be completed in 2-3 days, provided water level comes down.

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All 4734 Schools in the State have been opened except 163 schools which are yet to be re-opened. These schools are in four districts namely Dhalai (14), Sepahijala (33), Gomati (65) and South Tripura (51). Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) also started functioning since yesterday. As on date, 9,278 AWCs are physically functional and 'Take home Ration' is being given in 934 AWCs. Rest 10 AWCs are still under water and will be started once water recedes.

Labourers have been badly affected due to recent floods, resulting in loss of livelihood and income to them. The Labour Department has decided to provide one-time financial assistance to registered construction workers @ Rs.4000 per worker from the labour cess. This decision will benefit 42,981 registered construction workers in the state and provide them an amount of Rs. 17.20 Cr.

A committee headed by Prashant Badal Negi, Director, Tourism Department along with officers from other department has been constituted to interact with NGOs for collection and redistribution of relief materials received on donation. The Committee has held its first meeting with NGOs and chalked out a detailed plan in consultation with the District Nodal Officer, for sending relief materials to needy people. All those people, NGOs and organisations interested in donating relief material to floods affected people can get in touch with this team to give donations in kind. It is requested that only those items should be donated which are usable, in good condition, clean and fully sanitized. Food articles should be safe and within the expiry date. For more information, contact at 0381-2317878, E-mail- [tripuratourism@gmail.com](mailto:tripuratourism@gmail.com) of Tourism Department. Director, Tourism Department Prashanta Badal Negi and Director, Disaster Management J V Doati were also present in the press meet.

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