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Updates on Floods Situation in State
525 relief camps are operational

Due to very heavy and continuous rainfall during the period 19-24 August 2024, the water level of rivers in Tripura has remained inflated significantly. Water level of Gomati River at Sonamura is still above the danger level. There was comparatively less rainfall in last two days. In last 24 hours, the State has received highest rainfall of 42.5mm at Bodhjungnagar. Relief, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management Department, Government of Tripura today through a Press Release informed the Floods situation in Tripura as on 25.08.2024 up to 5 pm.

It is also mentioned in the Press Release that the situation is being closely monitored at the highest level by the Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha. The Chief Minister held an All-Party Meeting with the Heads of various Political Parties in the State. In the meeting leaders of all the major political parties assured to extend the wholehearted cooperation to the State in combating this unprecedented disaster. Chief Minister thanked them for attending the meeting and assured to consider all suggestions submitted by them. As on today, 3 teams of State Disaster Response Force (TSR) and 2 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are working in rescue operations in 3 districts. About 500 volunteers of Civil Defence and Aapda Mitra are continued to be engaged in relief and rescue operations. Till date, food packets to 27,000 approx. have been sent for distribution in Gomati and South Tripura Districts. As on date 525 relief camps are operational by the District Administration, providing shelter to over 1.17 lakh persons in the State. The District Administration is continuing to provide necessary emergency relief, including food, drinking water, medical help etc. in relief camps. Till date, 26 (twenty-six) persons have lost lives, 2 (two) injured and 2 (two) persons are reported to be missing. Preliminary reports suggest extensive damages to physical infrastructure like roads, buildings, power lines, embankments, and agriculture crops, houses, livestock etc. As per preliminary estimates, 20,289 houses are damaged including 1,610 fully damaged, 1,633 severely damaged and 17,046 partly damaged houses. The disrupted portion of NH-08 in Atharamura where the wide cracks were developed due to incessant rains and landslides, is now operational for Light Vehicles from today.

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Press Release also mentioned that a meeting of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority, was held on 24.08.2024, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary Tripura. The meeting was attended by the Director, General of Police, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management, and Secretaries and senior officials of various Departments. The Executive Committee reviewed in detail, the current floods situation, took stock of preliminary damage assessment and deliberated on the plan for immediate and long-term relief & restoration measures. The State Government will continue to work very hard in close coordination with various state departments and central agencies to mitigate impact of disaster on citizens.

It is also mentioned in the Press Release that as per the IMD (Indian Meteorological Department) forecast, heavy to very heavy rainfall will occur today and heavy rainfall tomorrow in some parts of the State. There is a Red Alert for today in South Tripura District and orange alert in Dhalai and Gomati Districts, so Administration advises caution to the citizens.