

SITUATION REPORT-2

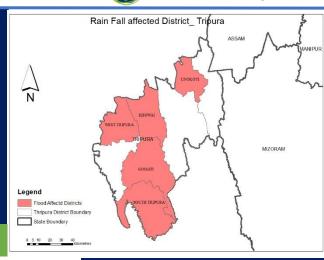
Floods & Landslides in Tripura

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Tripura has been hit hard by severe flooding following unprecedented rainfall over the past 72 hours. On 21st August 2024, the state experienced heavy downpours, with West Tripura receiving 182 mm, Khowai 157.60 mm, and Gomati 153.10 mm of rain. This intense weather event has led to 23 fatalities, 2 injuries, and 1 person reported missing. The floods have impacted approximately 17 lakh people across 8 districts, forcing over 77,625 individuals into 557 relief camps set up by district administrations. For more details: SEOC Sitrep 23-08-2024
- The infrastructure has been extensively damaged, with roads, bridges, and essential services such as electricity and water supply suffering severe disruptions. Housing has also been heavily affected: around 1,396 houses have been partially damaged, 184 houses completely destroyed, and 368 houses severely impacted, leaving many families homeless and in urgent need of shelter. The situation is especially dire in South Tripura, Gomati, and Unakoti districts.
- The heavy rainfall has triggered landslides in over 2,032 locations across the state, creating significant road blockades and complicating relief efforts. Although restoration work is ongoing, road erosion has occurred at 1,952 locations, with repairs completed at 579 sites. The power infrastructure has also been significantly affected, with 844 broken poles, 151 malfunctioning transformers, and 310 kilometers of conductors destroyed. Two substations are out of operation, further exacerbating the challenges faced by the affected communities.
- Agricultural damage is substantial, with approximately 5,000 hectares of vegetables and 1.20 lakh hectares of paddy fields completely submerged. Telecommunications have been disrupted, particularly in Gomati, South Tripura, and other flood-affected areas. The Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, has directed all telecom service providers to activate intra-circle roaming facilities in Tripura, effective from 27th August 2024, to help restore communication.
- Connectivity issues have also arisen, with bus services from Nagerjala bus depot, Radhanagar bus terminus, and Chandrapur Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) temporarily suspended. Train services from Agartala have been halted, and the Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) has canceled eight local trains connecting Agartala to Udaipur in Gomati district and Sabroom in South Tripura district due to landslides and flash floods. Additionally, all schools, colleges, and Tripura's lone state-run university, Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) University, have been closed until further notice.



Statistical Analysis



Worst Affected District: South Tripura, Gomati, Khowai, West Tripura, Unokoti



No. of Causalities: 23



Relief Camps: 557



No. of Inmates: 77627



Displaced: 46,271 families



Affected Population: 17 Lakh



Houses Damaged: Total 1948



Paddy Field damaged: 1.20 Lakh hectares



Electricity Damage: 844 poles, 151 Transformer



Injured: 02



Missing People: Approx. 01



Government Response

- In response to the severe flooding, the state machinery is working diligently in close coordination with various departments to mitigate the impact of this natural disaster. District Administrations are actively providing essential facilities in relief camps, including food, drinking water, and medical assistance.
- Officers from key departments such as Rural Development, Water Resources, Power, Public Works Department (PWD) Roads & Buildings, Forest, Police, and Fire Service, have been working around the clock for the past three days.
- More than 250 Quick Response Teams have been mobilized, comprising personnel from the State Disaster
 Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Civil Defence Volunteers, Aapda Mitra
 Volunteers, Fire and Emergency Services, Forest Department, Power Sector, Public Works Department,
 Agriculture, and other relevant line departments. These teams are engaged in relief and rescue operations and
 carrying out restoration work tailored to local needs and the flood situation.
- Twenty-six teams of SDRF, including Tripura State Rifles (TSR) jawans from all 14 battalions, are actively
 participating in rescue efforts. Additionally, four NDRF teams are in action, along with over 2,000 volunteers from
 Civil Defence and Aapda Mitra.
- Furthermore, four NDRF teams, comprising 120 personnel who were airlifted from Arunachal Pradesh, have been deployed to Gomati, West Tripura, and Sepahijala districts. The pre-existing four NDRF teams, totaling approximately 100 members, are stationed in South Tripura, West Tripura, Unakoti, and Khowai districts.
- In recognition of the tragedy, the Chief Minister has announced a solatium of ₹4 lakh for the families of each victim.
- * More details on Responses from Humanitarian agencies will follow in SitRep3









Tripura Flood Situation | Source: Media



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Source of Information

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