

Floods 2020 !!

Over 14 lakh people were affected due to floods in five river systems of Odisha. Seventeen people have lost their lives and Lakhs of people are water-locked. Over two lakh people of Jajpur, Binjharapur, Dasarathpur, Bari, Rasulpur, Korei, and Dharmasala blocks in the district are affected areas by the flood. Besides, as many as 84 villages under 45 panchayats in the seven blocks of the district are marooned.

Response so far..

As many as 18 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) have been engaged in the rescue and relief operations. At least 50,000 marooned people have been evacuated by these three wings.

Water resources secretary Anu Garg said instructions were given to the collectors of flood-prone districts prompt mobilization of man, material and machinery placed at their disposal to the affected pockets or areas likely to be hit by the flood.

As many as 17 officers have reached Bari block which remained cut-off since Saturday evening. Relief and rescue operations were intensified in the region.

The Central Water Commission (CWC) on Saturday issued a red bulletin for Chhattisgarh. According to the red bulletin, Mahanadi was flowing above its danger level at Surajgarh Kalma breaking all previous records.

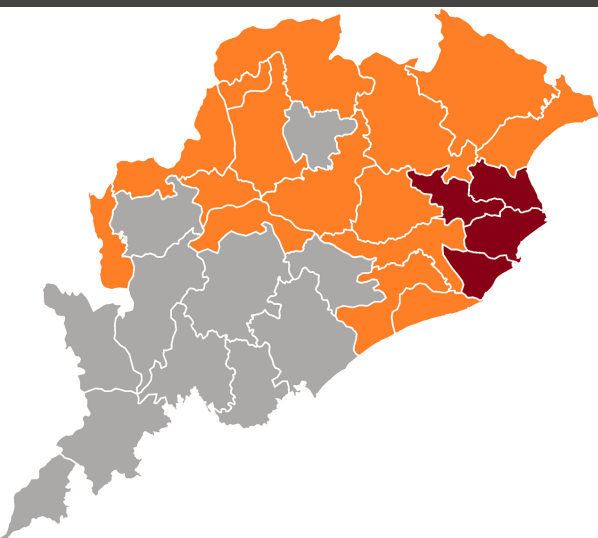
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Sleepless nights - Floods washed away businesses set up by corona refugees !!

The first-time entrepreneurs and guest workers who returned back from their migrated places due to COVID19 crisis - to take up agriculture activities in their own places, investing the little money they brought back, have been left in ruins !!

The apprehension of high floods in different rivers of Odisha proved authentic on Sunday as at least 32 breaches occurred in major river systems in the state. Majority of the breaches were reported in the Brahmani river system in Jajpur district. The high flood, according to official sources, had by Sunday evening destroyed at least 8 lakh hectares of farmland





According to state Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Pradeep Kumar Jena, Bari and Dasarath block areas in Jajpur district were severely hit with thousands of hectares of standing crop getting washed away in the gushing floods of Brahmani, Baitarani and Kharasrotha rivers.

The district Collector said that the district administration has received information on another flood expected in the Mahanadi river system. If that happens, Barachana block will also be affected severely.

A report by the sub-collector and the block development officer (BDO) of worst hit Bari block in Jajpur district, said that the water level in Brahmani river has receded by two- feet, but water logging in habitations is there due to breach of the river embankment. The Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC) office said free kitchen is being opened at 35 centres in Bari to feed the people evacuated from their houses. Green fodder has also been given for cattle, they said, adding that the power supply to the affected villages remained disrupted in Bari.



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Highlights:

- Rampa, Aruala, Sahoopada, Mandari, Mahakalapada, Sasana, Dattapur, Narayanpur, Deulisahi Panchayats are mostly affected and still cut-off
- Drinking water has been a major problem in affected areas - tube wells, dug wells are contaminated and damaged.
- 35 free-kitchen centres by the district administration in in Bari to feed the people evacuated from their houses
- Cooked food is being provided to some areas by Civil Society Organisations
- CYSD has setup three base camps accompanied by 30 dedicated volunteers in each camp for relief and support