

Press Release
Flood Situation in Orissa

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The water level in different major Rivers in the State is indicated below:

Water level (in Metre at 3 PM):

| River | Gauge Station | Warning Level | Danger Level | Present Water Level | Trend |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| Subarnarekha | Rajghat | 9.45 | 10.36 | 7.84 | Falling |
| Budhabalanga | NH-5 | 7.21 | 8.13 | 5.06 | |
| Baitarani | Anandpur | 37.45 | 38.36 | 38.20 | Falling |
| | Akhuapada | | 17.83 | 18.51 | Steady |
| Brahmani | Jenapur | 22.00 | 23.00 | 20.66 | |
| Mahanadi | Naraj | 25.41 | 26.41 | 24.98 | |
| Devi | Alipingal | 10.85 | 11.76 | 5.07 | Falling |
| Kushabhadra | Nimapada | 9.85 | 10.76 | 5.22 | Falling |
| Bansadhara | Gunupur | 83.00 | 84.00 | 81.28 | Falling |
| | Kasinagar | 53.60 | 54.60 | 53.31 | Falling |
| Rushikulya | Purusottampur | 15.83 | 16.83 | 13.56 | Steady |

All major rivers are flowing below warning level except the Brahmani. A fresh spell of flood has come in River Baitarani due to heavy rain in its catchments during last 2 days.

Position of Hirakud Reservoir: (Full Reservoir Level- 630 ft)

| Time | Present Reservoir Level | Inflow (Cusec) | Outflow (Cusec) | Gates Open | Discharge at Khairmal (Cusec) | Discharge at Barmul (Cusec) | Discharge at Mundali (Cusec) |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 PM | 628.17 | 132446 | 132446 | 5 | 295500 | 277750 | 337136 |

4121 villages of 95 Blocks and 16 ULBs in 19 Districts namely Angul-2+1ULB, Balasore-2+1ULB, Bargarh-6, Bhadrak-4, Boudh-3+1ULB, Cuttack-14+3ULB, Deogarh-3+1ULB, Dhenkanal – 6, Jajpur-9, Jagatsinghpur-7, Jharsuguda-1+1 ULB, Kendrapada-9+1ULB, Khurda-7+1ULB, Mayurbhanj-1+1ULB, Nayagarh-3, Nuapada-2+1ULB, Puri – 8, Sambalpur-2+1ULB and Subarnapur-6+3 ULB have been affected by the current flood.

32 persons (Bhadrak-1, Dhenkanal-2, Jajpur-11, Kendrapada-10, Khurda-1, Mayurbhanj-3, Puri-2, Sambalpur-2) have lost their lives in the calamity. Besides, there is report of 12 persons swept away/ drowned in flood water in the districts of Bargarh-3, Nayagarh-3, Jagatsinghpur-1, Kendrapada-2 and Cuttack-3 but their dead bodies have not been found so far.

Report of damage of about 55,016 dwelling houses has been received from 13 Districts. Detailed report will be given by the Collector soon after the flood water is receded.

As per reports so far received from Collectors of 15 Districts (Angul, Balasore, Baragarh, Boudh, Cuttack, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Jharsuguda, Kendrapada, Khurda, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, Puri, Sambalpur and Subarnapur), about 2.55 lakh people were evacuated from low lying areas to safer places and provided with emergent food assistance. 457 relief camps/ free kitchen centres were opened in the areas inundated and 2,19,136 persons have been covered. Since the situation has improved, many of the people have returned to their home. As on date, 200 free kitchen centres are operating in 5 Districts namely Kendrapada, Puri, Jajpur, Subarnapur and Jharsuguda covering about 76,000 persons.

Dry foods like Chuda, Gur, biscuit and Rice have been provided to the affected persons. 1,110 boats have been deployed for rescue and relief operation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the flood scenario and damage to the agriculture sector today.

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