

Flood Causes havoc in Sangli: 321,000 affected people in Relief Camps

This is a brief report of the worsening flood situation at Sangli.

Maharashtra is adversely affected by flood as the torrential rain continued to lash the state for 10th day.

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| 1. | No. of district affected | 19 |
| | No. of Villages affected | 2172 |
| | No. of deaths | Above 200 |
| | No. of people shifted | 321,000 |
| | Loss of property | 2 billion US \$ |

Most of the rivers are flowing 4 to 5 meter above the danger lines. Most of the rivers Panchganga in Kolhapur, Bhima river in Solapur, Godavari river in Nanded, Painganga in Yavatmal, Mula and Mutha in Pune and Deena river.

The reservoirs have crossed their capacity which forced the officials to open the flood gates of many big dams causing flood situations in many areas. Over 200,000 cusecs of water was released from Jayawadi dam causing flood situation in Aurngababad. Over 200,000 cusecs of water released from Ujani dam which worsened the flood situation in Solapur district where 145 villages were submerged in flooding water. Over 52,000 cusecs of water was released from Veer dam, Koyna reservoir discharged 61,284 cusecs, Almatty discharged 280,000 cusec of water and Ratnagiri discharged 10,400 cusecs of water which caused flood in all of these 19 districts.

The worst hit districts are Sangli, Jalgaon, Solapur, Nanded, Hingoli, Ahmadnagar, Dhule, Akola, Buldahana, Kolhapur and Nandurbar.

The HCC is providing relief and rehabilitation in Jalgaon and Sangli. The flood situation in Sangli worsening day by day as more than 150,000 people have been evacuated to various relief camps. More than 130 villages have been totally submerged in flooding water.

There is a cry of the people for food, safe drinking water, medical treatment, shelters, warm cloths and urgent relief supplies.

In this dire situation the HCC has started its relief and rehabilitation work in Sangli apart from Chopera in Jalgaon district and in Gujarat.

The district collector of Sangli Mr. Rajendra Chavahan has pleaded HCC to help the people in various relief camps for the immediate supply of food grains, to feed flood affected victims in various camps, boats to rescue people who are trapped in the waters of the swelling rivers, life jackets, warm cloths, tin sheets, drinking water, medicine and first aid kits and walkie talkies for communication.

Priorities and Action taken by HCC:

1. **Provision for food:** The Government officials have requested HCC to provide food for 4000 people. On the basis of priority we have started feeding program from August 8th itself for 4000 affected people. We are giving them Khichadi which is easy to make and distribute.
2. **Provision for milk for children, kerosene stoves & lantern, blankets** which is immediate requirement.
3. **Providing medical treatment to the flood affected people:** The HCC disaster medical relief team has moved to Sangli under the leadership of Dr. Surendra Urunkar. They are 10 in the team with nurses, lab technicians, para medical staff and medicines. We are in cooperation with district health officer.

Due to water born diseases, an immunization programme is also required to be carried out to avoid spread of any epidemic. As the water recedes, there is a high risk of water born diseases which needs to be attended to urgently.

4. **Provision of shelters:** for the flood affected people. In the pouring rain people are standing without shelter. They need tin sheets to make provision for the shelter.

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