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Nabanna, Howrah.

Press Note

In continuation of the massive restoration and relief operations undertaken over the last few days in the flood and landslide-affected districts of North Bengal, notable progress has been achieved in bringing normalcy back to the affected areas.

All district administrations, in close coordination with various departments, have been working tirelessly to ensure uninterrupted assistance to those in need. Distribution camps, gruel kitchens, and temporary shelters continue to operate round the clock, providing essential supplies, food, and safe shelter to affected families. In addition, special outreach camps are being organised to assist residents who have lost important personal documents in the floods, ensuring prompt re-issuance through the concerned authorities.

Special emphasis has been laid on reaching remote and inaccessible areas, such as Tabakoshi in the Sukhiapokhri Block amongst others, with outreach activities gaining significant momentum through coordinated efforts involving civil administration and disaster response teams.

The process of clearing debris and rubble from affected sites is being undertaken on a priority basis, while disinfection of water bodies, ponds, and fishery areas has commenced to prevent any outbreak of waterborne diseases and to restore normal livelihood activities at the earliest. Simultaneously, the assessment of damage to infrastructure, including dwelling houses and crops, is being carried out by the district administration to facilitate appropriate relief and compensation measures.

Significant progress has also been made in infrastructure restoration works. The repair of the Dudhia Bridge in Darjeeling is well underway and is expected to be completed by 25th October, 2025. Similarly, repair works on the Kalikhola Bridge over NH-31C are being attended to on an emergency basis, and the bridge is already partly operational. In addition, at over 30 sites across the affected districts, repair and restoration of roads, bridges, and culverts are being carried out round the clock to reopen them to vehicular traffic at the earliest possible time.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal is continuously monitoring the relief and rehabilitation measures being undertaken across the affected districts. The Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, also held a review meeting with all concerned District Magistrates to assess the ongoing efforts and to ensure that every possible assistance reaches those affected without delay.

The State Government remains fully committed to ensuring that relief, rehabilitation, and restoration activities continue with utmost urgency, compassion, and dedication. All agencies are working in close coordination to restore normal life at the earliest, reflecting the Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the affected people.