

Press Note

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The Government of West Bengal continues its comprehensive and round-the-clock relief and rehabilitation operations in the flood and landslide-affected districts of North Bengal following the extreme rainfall between 4th and 5th October 2025.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been personally monitoring relief and rehabilitation efforts for the second consecutive day, visiting Hasimara in Alipurduar yesterday and Nagarakata in Jalpaiguri today, accompanied by senior officials and heads of key Departments. Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the situation of Dhupguri and Maynaguri and advised MLA Dhupguri, Chairman Municipality and officials of the district administration to ensure relief distribution to the affected people and restoration measures.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Chief Minister travelled to Chalsa and Mal to visit the disaster-affected areas and review the on-ground situation. Later, she reached Kurseong, where she interacted with officials and reviewed the ongoing restoration efforts. The Hon'ble Chief Minister will visit the landslide-affected areas of Sukhiapokhri tomorrow to meet the affected people and closely monitor the relief and restoration works there.

During her visit, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the Tanatani Bridge over river Gathia, which was damaged during the flash flood, and reviewed the ongoing repair and safety measures. She also visited the relief camps at Bamandanga and Tandoo, interacted with the affected families, and oversaw the relief distribution work being undertaken by the district administration. She also announced that damaged houses will be reconstructed with the financial assistance of Rs 1.2 lakh for each house damaged due to calamity. At the Bamandanga Relief Camp, the Hon'ble Chief Minister personally handed over offer letters for Home Guard employment to family members of the flood victims as part of the Government's comprehensive rehabilitation initiative. In total, ten beneficiaries (eight from Jalpaiguri and two from Cooch Behar districts) received their appointment letters.

On her return, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also inspected the Kalikhola Bridge, which has been repaired by the Public Works Department (PWD). Earlier in the day, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed relief materials, food kits, and disaster management kits to the affected families at Nagarakata's Bamandanga and the model village. Special camps are being organized to facilitate the re-issue of lost documents for affected citizens, and books are being distributed to students who lost their study materials in the floods.

Those who have worked tirelessly during the crisis, including members of the Civil Defence, Fire Brigade, Police, Health Department and local community volunteers, have been felicitated in recognition of their dedicated service. Relief distribution drives are being carried out continuously under the supervision of senior district officials, with 24x7 Control Rooms functioning at all levels to coordinate operations. Simultaneously, departments such as PHE, PWD, Health, Power, Irrigation & Waterways, ARD, and Forest are assessing damages to plan long-term restoration. The Government of West Bengal remains fully committed to ensuring the safety, rehabilitation, and speedy recovery of all affected families, with relief and reconstruction efforts continuing on a war footing until normalcy is fully restored.