

# 12 killed as rain, landslips wreak havoc in Tripura

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At least 12 people have died and two are missing in Tripura following flash floods and landslips due to torrential rain over the past few days.

The State government has opened nearly 450 relief camps where 65,400 people have taken shelter.

The Indian Air Force deployed two Mi-17 helicopters on Thursday to evacuate people stranded in the flood-affected areas. Eleven National Disaster Response Force teams, 26 SDRF units, and emergency service teams are engaged in relief and rescue operations.

While landslips occurred at 2,032 locations, 1,789 of these have been cleared and restoration work is under way.

The water level of rivers



NDRF members evacuate people from a flood-affected area in Adhaynagar village on the outskirts of Agartala on Thursday. PTI

is above the danger mark in Dhalai, Khowai, South Tripura, West Tripura, North Tripura and Unakoti districts.

## More rain on Friday

The India Meteorological Department has forecasted more rain for Friday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sa-

ha and assured him of all support.

State officials have reported extensive crop damage, particularly to early and late kharif crops in all eight districts of the State. Preliminary estimates suggest that around 5,000 hectares of vegetable crops and 1.2 lakh hectares of paddy have been submerged.