

Situation Report 1

Flash Flood in Ramban

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SITUATION UPDATE

- On April 20th, 2025, the Ramban district in Jammu & Kashmir experienced intense rainfall, and cloudburst triggering sudden flash floods, mudslides, and landslides that caused widespread devastation across several villages.
- The flooding resulted in the loss of at least three lives, with the deaths reported from Baghana village following a house collapse.
- More than 45 houses were completely destroyed, and around 250 structures—comprising homes, shops, and public facilities—were partially damaged. Several vehicles and commercial establishments were swept away by floodwaters, adding to the mounting economic and infrastructural loss.
- The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44), sustained extensive damage due to shooting stones and landslides. Multiple sections of the highway were either washed away or rendered impassable by debris, leaving thousands of commuters, including tourists and goods transporters, stranded at various points.
- Restoration efforts are underway, with authorities like BRO and PWD estimating that it may take up to three days to enable partial traffic movement.

Statistical Overview



Population Affected: Approx. 500



No. of Causalities : 03



Houses damaged:



Villages affected:

12

- Simultaneously, alternative routes like Mughal Road and Sinthan Top were activated to reroute emergency supplies and traffic. Health facilities along these routes were placed on high alert, with all leaves cancelled to ensure uninterrupted medical services.
- The affected villages—including Seri, Bagna, Panote, Khari, Digdol, Nachlana, Mehar, and Chamalwas—have either become inaccessible or remain extremely difficult to reach due to road destruction and ongoing landslide threats.

Government Response

- In immediate response, the Divisional Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner
 of Ramban visited the affected sites and convened emergency coordination
 meetings to oversee and streamline relief operations. The district administration
 began rapid damage assessments and mobilized earth-moving machinery to
 clear roads and reestablish connectivity.
- Chief Minister visited the affected areas, to oversee relief operations and assure residents of governmental support.
- The government has urged citizens not to hoard essential commodities, assuring that measures are in place to prevent shortages and black marketing.
- Mobile medical teams were sent to key junctions, and ambulance services were stationed at high-risk areas.
- The Indian Army, along with NDRF, SDRF, CRPF, police, and local volunteers, carried out rescue operations in remote and badly-hit areas.
- The Army distributed food, tea, water, and blankets to travelers and families stranded along the highway. Mobile medical camps were established to attend to injuries and water-borne illnesses, with particular attention to vulnerable groups such as children, pregnant women, and the elderly.

- People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-
- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191-2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (94199 93745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (84919 28625)
- PCR Kishtwar (99061 54100)
- PCR Kargil (95419 02330, 95419 02331
- PCR Ganderbal (99066 68731)

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