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A view of a flooded area as incessant rains continued to pound Manipur capital Imphal on Friday.

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Thousands hit as floods wreak havoc across NE

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IMPHAL/SILCHAR: The flood situation in Assam remained grim on Friday, with at least five more deaths and more than 300,000 people getting affected across districts, following incessant rainfall in northeastern states in the aftermath of cyclone Remal.

The situation in Manipur, however, slightly improved amid a decline in rainfall, even as one more casualty was reported. In Mizoram, officials recovered the body of a woman, who is suspected to be a victim of a landslide.

According to officials, three people died in the flood in Barak Valley of Assam on Friday. Body of 70-year-old Mojammil Ali, who went missing in Cachar's Borkhola on Thursday, was recovered. Likewise, seven-year-old Dhruba Jyoti Das, who went missing on Thursday, was found dead on Friday. Officials also said that one person from Cachar died in Meghalaya after drowning in flood water.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), eight deaths were recorded in the eastern state till Friday but authorities in Barak Valley and Nalbari said there were two more casualties.

Chief minister Himanta Biswa

Sarma said Union home minister Amit Shah has taken stock of the flood situation in the state. "Hon'ble Home Minister Shri @AmitShah Ji telephoned me to enquire about the flood situation in various parts of Assam, following the impact of cyclone Remal. He has assured us the complete support of the Government of India in these trying times. We are grateful for his proactive efforts," he wrote on X.

According to ASDMA, Il districts, mainly Karbi Anglong, Dhemaji, Hojai, Cachar, Karimganj, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Hailakandi, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong West and Dima-Hasao, are affected by the floods.

In Manipur, the overall toll rose to four after one more person died in flood-related incident, officials said. The torrential rains also triggered water-logging at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal, officials said.

"The situation at the Raj Bhavan has improved considerably compared to the last two days. The inundated areas will be cleared soon depending on the overall weather condition," a senior official said requesting anonymity.

Principal secretary in charge of the control room, Arun Kumar Sinha, told news agency ANI that the Manipur government has established a control room that operates 24x7 to help people.