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Chief Minister in Silchar for 3rd time in less than 10 days CM distributes ex-gratia relief to next-of-kin of flood victims at Silchar Dr. Sarma visits breached areas of Bethukandi dyke

Dispur, July 1: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday made another official visit to flood-ravaged Silchar town in Cachar district. The third in a series of visits to the district headquarter town in less than 10 days, the Chief Minister made a visit to the relief camp that has been set up at the Gurcharan College premises and interacted with the inmates who have taken refuge there. The Chief Minister also visited the medical camp that has been set up within the college compund for the benefit of those who have taken shelter at the relief camp. He was also seen visiting the cooked-food relief camp set up there by members of the Bharat Sevashram Sangh. At the relief camp, the Chief Minister was seen assuring the inmates of all support from the government in their rehabilitation. Further, he directed the concerned officials to ensure the inmates have access to proper sanitation, drinking water, nutritious food, etc during their stay in the camp.

Later, the Chief Minister, at a ceremony held at the Deputy Commissioner's office, distributed ex-gratia relief in the form of cheques to next-of-kin of 10 deceased who lost their lives in the recent flood. The Chief Minister stated the process of granting relief to family members of the rest of the deceased has begun and soon, they too would be granted the exgratia amount.

The Chief Minister also chaired a review meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office and directed the officials of the district administration and other departments to leave no stone unturned to ensure return of normalcy to the district at the earliest. He was seen issuing instructions to the senior officials to take special care of the needs of the pregnant women, lactating mothers and children in the relief camps and elsewhere.

The Chief Minister concluded his official trip by visiting the breached areas of the Bethukandi dykes over river Barak. He directed the engineers and officials to ensure proper and quality materials are used in the reconstruction of the breached areas.

Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma was today accompanied by senior ministers of government of Assam and lawmakers of Parliament and Assam Legislative Assembly.

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