

Odisha flood affects 4.67 lakh people

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Floodwaters entered villages in coastal districts of Odisha affecting 4.67 lakh people while lakhs of people were marooned by a vast sheet of water on Wednesday.

Low-lying areas of Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack and Puri were hit by the floodwater flowing in Mahanadi River. Breaches occurred at weak river and canal embankments worsening the situation. "The flood is currently passing through low-lying areas of Cuttack and Puri. By midnight it would have passed. We are expecting the floodwater to start receding early morning on Thursday.