



Jharkhand Offers Aid to Flood-Hit Assam

Why in News?

According to the Chief Minister of Assam, **Jharkhand has offered Rs 2 crore as aid** to the **flood-affected people** of this northeastern state.

Key Points

- At least 113 people have been killed in the **flood, landslides, lightning and storms** due to **Assam floods.**

Floods

- **About:**
 - **Floods** are the most frequent type of natural disaster and occur when an overflow of water submerges land that is usually dry.
 - Between 1998-2017, 2 Billion people have been affected worldwide due to floods.
- **Causes:**
 - These are often caused by **heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt or a storm surge** from a **tropical cyclone** or **tsunami** in coastal areas.
- **Types of Floods:**
 - **Flash Floods:** These are caused by **rapid and excessive rainfall** that raises water heights quickly, and rivers, streams, channels or roads may be overtaken.
 - **River Floods:** These are caused when **consistent rain or snow melt** forces a river to exceed capacity.
 - **Coastal Floods:** These are caused by **storm surges** associated with tropical cyclones and tsunami.