



**Touch and go:** Indian Army personnel rescue a man from flood waters in the Jamunamukh area in Hojai district of Assam on Friday. ■ RITU RAJ KONWAR

# Floods wreak havoc in Assam

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Rains in Assam have affected 7.18 lakh people across 27 flood-hit districts and caused widespread damage to private and public infrastructure besides inundating 63,970.62 hectares of cropland.

According to data provided by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) on Thursday, two

people drowned in Nagaon district. Floods and landslides since May 14 have so far killed 11 people while seven others have been reported missing.

“So far, 80,298 people including 12,855 children have been shifted to 167 relief camps across the flood-affected districts,” an ASDMA spokesperson said.

A defence spokesperson said more than 900 people

were rescued by the Army in central Assam’s Hojai, one of the worst-affected districts. Personnel of the National Disaster Response Force and other agencies have evacuated almost 7,000 others by boats.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who inspected landslide-hit districts said the Centre has sanctioned ₹1,000-crore for Assam to deal with the flood situation.