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Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma today visited Tikrikilla to review the damages caused by the flash flood last week, particularly to the AMPT road, which is the lifeline for the people of plain belt areas of West Garo Hills.

He held meeting with officials of administration, PWD and line departments and inspected the damage portion of the road at Bondumali in Tikrikilla, Phulbari and Selsella.

He interacted with people of different villages of Raksamgre and Tikrikilla, who were called in for an audience with Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister informed that an alternative route be created immediately for the people of the area, while the damage portion at Bondumali is being repaired and restored at the earliest possible time.

Additional Chief Engineer PWD (roads) Gromyko Marak informed that alternative route to connect Tikrikilla with neighbouring Agia of Goalpara district in Assam is being made functional to enable the movement of people in the region.

The damage road at Bondumali has disconnected plain belt area of West Garo Hills, South Salmara - Mankachar district of Assam with rest of the region via Lower Assam’s Goalpara district.

“The entire administration is working in a war footing to ensure that the restoration work is completed at the earliest. In the next two weeks the road will be restored and vehicles should be able to ply,” the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister also directed the administration and the PWD (roads) to ensure that repair and restoration works in AMPT road is expedite.

He later visited the Corona Care Centre at Betasing in South West Garo Hills and held review meeting at Ampati with officials of the administration and the health department.

He lauded the effort of the administration for working tirelessly in their battle against covid. In South West Garo Hills, three returnees from red zones in the district has been detected as Covid-19 positive, who are currently under quarantine.

“In the long run we have to learn to live with the virus and adapt ourselves to the situation and follow all the precautions because we really don’t know how long this battle against Covid will continue,” the Chief Minister said in his interaction with the officials.
He also informed that Meghalaya’s model of testing is one of the best as the State is following a strict three layer testing, which includes RT-PCR test for all the returnees.

“We are all together in this battle against covid, I would like to put my sincere appreciation to the frontline workers and the community as the society has come together to defeat covid,” the Chief Minister added.

MLA of Raksamgre was present at Tikrikilla, while MLA of Salmanpara was present at Ampati during the review meetings.

Inspecting the damage portion of the road at Bondumali

Visit to Corona Care Centre at Betasing