

DM SOUTH CARRIED OUT PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED DUE TO SEA INGRESS

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The office of the District Magistrate, South Goa has made a preliminary assessment of the damage caused by Ockhi cyclone in South Goa.

There is no reported damage to shacks in Mormugao Taluka but retaining wall at Hollant, Issorcim is damaged. Also almost 60 mts. of the Floating Jetty at Baina Beach has been washed away.

In canacona taluka also, no major loss has been reported in the preliminary reports received.

However, Shacks in Salcete Taluka have been reported to have suffered damages to the tune of Rs.30 lakhs. A preliminary report has suggested damages caused to village and number of shacks affected are Varca- 05, Cavelossim -06- Major and 07-Minor, Carmona- Nil, Majorda -Nil, Calata -Nil, Utorda -02, Benaullim- 05 major damage, Betalbatim -09 minor damage, Colva -Nil, Sernabatim- Nil.

There is no reported incidence of loss of human life. Necessary instructions of alert calls were in place to all the revenue officials and other line agencies to inform tourists not to venture into the sea due to Ockhi cyclonic conditions. Fishermen were also instructed not to venture into the sea.

District Magistrate, South Goa has sent the report to the Government detailing the damages so caused. Further, it has been recommended to notify the event as State disaster to release compensation to affected parties particularly the Shack owners. The decision in this regard is likely tomorrow at the State Disaster Management Authority meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Goa.