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Stranded Air Force crew rescued from remote North Sikkim



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GANGTOK, May 8: In a daring rescue operation, Indian Army and Air Force helicopters on early Friday morning evacuated four IAF crew and personnel stranded on the ice-covered area of North Sikkim.

The combination of Army and Air Force helicopters and Army troops were pressed into service to undertake the daring evacuation of the crew of the IAF helicopter and air dispatch crew. They were stranded due to an

emergency landing of the IAF helicopter in North Sikkim's remote and inaccessible area on Thursday, a PIB release informs.

The stranded military personnel braved inclement weather conditions for several hours before being evacuated. Earlier on Thursday, the army rescue columns with personnel of ITBP had moved on foot, traversing dangerous terrain in bad weather, to the helicopter landing site to evacuate the individuals and provide medical aid.

Later, the combination helicopters executed a daring landing on an unprepared ground at an altitude of 15,500 ft and rescued the stranded personnel. The rescue operation demanded pushing to limits, both man and machine, for the successful extrication of the stranded crew, the PIB release mentions.