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Vehicle plunges into Dikchu hydel reservoir



**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 18 MAY:**

One vehicle plunged down the road near Dikchu Bridge in North Sikkim at around 5:30 pm today.

The vehicle was plying towards North Sikkim when it went off the road and plunged into the reservoir of Teesta

Stage V hydel project, as per an eye witness.

Police have recovered a mobile phone and a driving license believed to be that of the victim from the accident site.

However, the vehicle is yet to be traced and as of now, there are no details about the occupants in the vehicle. A

team from District Disaster Management North along with police personnel from Mangan and Phidang as well as NHPC officials from Dikchu damsite reached the spot in the evening today.

The search operation had to be suspended at night and will resume early Thursday morning.

Vehicle plunges into Teesta river, search op continues

MANGAN, May 19 (IPR): The ongoing search operation at Teesta river in Dikchu, after a vehicle plummeted into the NHPC Teesta reservoir is being administered under the directives of the DC Mangan and the SP Mangan along with coordination of GREF, Teesta Urja and rescue teams from NDRF, SDRF, Teesta rescue, Mangan Police and the local residents.

The accident occurred at around 5:30 pm on May 18.

The rescue operation began immediately after the accident. The search operation began after requisition to NHPC and Teesta Urja to decrease the



water level at the accident site which led to rescue of the vehicle at 4:45 am this morning.

Mangan DC A.B. Karki is

co-ordinating with the DCs of Gangtok and Pakyong. Meanwhile, search is still on for the occupant of the vehicle.