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Army rescues 78 from lake burst-induced landslide at Yumthang

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GANGTOK, September 1: Indian Army rescued 78 citizens, with majority being tourists, stranded at Yumthang in North Sikkim on Wednesday. The incident occurred four kilometres below Yumthang around 11:30 am on August 31.

Two trucks of Indian Army plying on the road met with a landslide which occurred due to sudden glacial lake burst. The Army personnel were in chest deep mud with their vehicle stuck, informs a press release.

The Army personnel went back and halted the tourist vehicles following them. The tourists were taken to nearest army camp at Shiv Mandir. They were provided food and elderly were offered medical



care. The troops vacated their accommodation to make arrangements for the stay of the eight women, two infants and others.

Around 5 PM on Wednesday, the Indian Army created a path to cross the site on foot. All the tourists were

brought back to the camp, leaving the vehicles behind. All the people were assisted to cross over on the other side with Army and BRO vehicles taking them to Lachung. Meanwhile, efforts are on, to clear the road for vehicular movement as soon as possible.