## Relocation of Upper Dzongu landslide-affected villagers directed

GANGTOK, July 1 (IPR): Chief secretary S.C. Gupta chaired the State Level Task Force Meeting at the conference hall of Tashiling Secretariat today to review the State government's plan of action in line with the new guidelines for phased reopening (unlock 2.0) issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on June 29.

The meeting was attended by members of the State Level Task Force and was joined by all District Collectors through video conference.

At the outset, the chief secretary informed that the fresh guidelines 2.0 on phased re-opening (unlocking) of activities issued recently is enforced from July 1 to 31 in Sikkim. He directed the officials for strict enforcement of the new guidelines.

The new guidelines were discussed in detail during the meeting, and specific directives issued

The chief secretary added



Passingdong village in Upper Dzongu which came under a major landslide on Saturday.

that it is mandatory for the returnees to get prior registration on covid-19sikkim.org and undergo compulsory quarantine as per the Health department protocol. He reiterated that all the government offices will now function with 50% of staff strength to ensure that all important works are attended to.

Thereafter, the chief secretary convened a meeting with the heads of various departments to prepare a comprehensive report on the damages caused due to natural calamities in the State. The meeting also had the presence of additional chief secretary, Finance, V.B. Pathak and DGP A. Shankar Rao.

During the meeting, the

chief secretary made assessment of various places which have been severely damaged by the recent flashfloods and landslides triggered by the incessant rainfall in the State. He also asked the concerned officers to identify the vulnerable and affected areas which needed immediate attention like Adarshgaon in Singtam, Tsong