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# Slides wash away bridge to Tenzing Hillary Park

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**GEYZING, August 29:** The bridge at Nayabazaar near Uttarey bazaar which acts as an access point between Uttarey and famous tourism hotspot Tenzing Hillary Park of West Sikkim has collapsed due to a landslide triggered by incessant rains.

The area remains cut off as the bridge is completely damaged. Vehicular traffic has been snapped cutting the connectivity between Uttarey and Tenzing Hillary Park along with some nearby wards such as Gumpadara, Sangdara and others.

A local informed that the condition of the bridge had deteriorated due to continuous landslips triggered by rains and an urgent restoration work was needed. He added that since many months, the bridge was on the verge of collapse but the restoration work was



not initiated.

Another person maintained that the entire bridge has come crashing down and a construction of a new bridge is only option now to restore the traffic connectivity.

The concerned locals have demanded the concerned department to facilitate the road connectivity at the earliest considering the upcoming tourist season in the region. Locals and tourists flock Uttarey and nearby areas

especially after monsoon season and their major destination includes Tenzing Hillary Park. Till the bridge is not restored, the locals of nearby wards will also face problems in the absence of road connectivity.

We are hopeful that the road connectivity will be restored soon, a local said.

The visit of the officials from the concerned department to the affected site could not be ascertained.