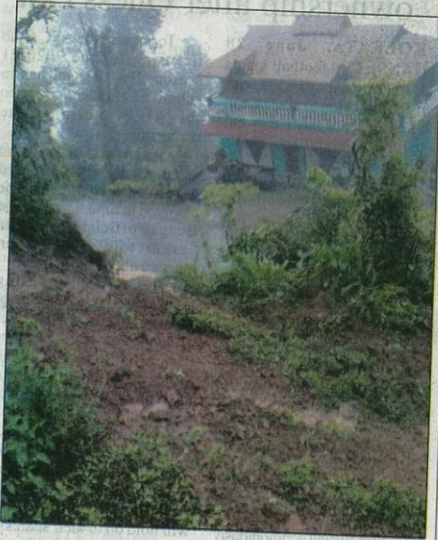


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South also suffer from continuous rains



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NAMCHI, June 28: A team from district administrative centre today visited the areas in South Sikkim where incessant rainfall over the past few days caused some damages.

The rainfall has triggered landslides along NH 510, NH 710, disrupted road connectivity at Tarey Bhir area and Ralang Phamtam, damaged water supply line at Rateypani, Namthang and inflicted some damages at Poklok, Nandugoon

and Namthang area.

The administration has deputed entire field staff for collection of reports of damages caused, and has deployed men and machinery at strategic locations where slides have occurred or is likely to occur to prevent road blockages. As an immediate mitigation measure, tarpaulins are being provided to affected households and areas to prevent further damages.

There is no report of casualty or major loss of property as of now.

No damage to Teesta-V dam at Dikchu: NHPC

SE Report

GANGTOK, June 28: The NHPC's Teesta-V power station has maintained that no was damage caused to the NHPC dam at Dikchu due to the landslide on Saturday.

In a press release, the power station management informs that the rainfall-triggered landslide near the dam axis on left abutment hill side had disrupted power supply and access to the dam

control room. Immediately, civil and electrical restoration works were geared up by a team of engineers of the power station and electricity was restored by early Saturday morning.

"No damage has occurred to NHPC dam at Dikchu. It has been designed to withstand all such natural calamities and local villagers and the people living in the surrounding areas need not to be worry as the dam is

absolutely safe and necessary precautionary measures have been taken as a part of preparedness during monsoon. Even during the earthquake in 2011, no damage occurred to this dam," states the NHPC release.

It is further informed that hooters are installed at important places including at Singtam to alert the local people about release of water from dam and power house.

To ensure safety of the people, NHPC Dikchu reservoir with very small storage capacity and monsoon water is released continuously depending on inflow of water into the reservoir.

According to the power station, the slide clearance work could not be started due to continuous rain and shooting boulders from the top. Once weather condition improves, the slide removal work will start and



connectivity to Lum village and other villages in North Sikkim will be restored, it stated.

Chauhan writes to DoNER minister seeking emergency assistance for Sikkim

SE Report

GANGTOK, June 28: State BJP president D.B. Chauhan today wrote to DoNER minister Jitendra Singh requesting emergency natural calamity assistance under NDMA and Central government for Sikkim.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall over the past one week has hit various parts of Sikkim. Dzongu, Passingdong and Mangan areas of North Sikkim and Yuksam area of West Sikkim in particular have been worst affected. Last night's torrential downpour and massive flash floods in north district have caused extensive damage to public and private properties," said Chauhan in his letter.

"Similarly, the highway connecting the Indo-China border in North Sikkim with

rest of the country has been cut-off due to the landslides and bridge collapse at many places. Considering the facts regarding present situation in Indo-China border in North Sikkim, restoration of the highway and the border roads should be the topmost priority in present time," said the State BJP president.

Chauhan added that the State government, district administration and State Disaster Management Authority are putting their best efforts to handle the situation but the incessant rainfall throughout the State have worsened the situation further.

Chauhan requested the DoNER minister to extend emergency assistance for the relief and rehabilitation work in the affected areas of Sikkim on urgent basis.