

# Rains pour havoc on West Sikkim



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GYALSHING, 28 JUN:**

West Sikkim has been receiving heavy rain and reporting landslips, road damage and flashfloods from various places. Just about every water channel, from jhoras to streams, is breaking its banks and disrupting lives. Many families residing in sinking and landslide prone zones have been compelled to evacuate to safer locations and the people spent a sleepless night on Saturday.

An under construction house of Kamal Prasad Bhattarai of Timburbung (Soreng Chyakhung constituency), allotted under Chief Minister's

Rural Housing Mission was damaged by a landslip. The courtyard and protective wall of the house were completely damaged in the slide and the house is on the verge of collapse.

Meanwhile, a flashflood found its way into the house of Roshan Chettri in Timburbung forcing the family to relocate to a safer place.

A parked vehicle at Daragaon near Soreng was also damaged by a slide.

The villagers of Tsong under Yuksam Tashiding constituency are also living in fear of a repeat of last year's devastating flashflood. It may be recalled that many families

of Tsong village were rendered homeless by landslides on 08 November last year. The resettlement programme for the affected families of Tsong, although assured by the state government is yet to be initiated. The affected villagers who have returned are fearful again and some of them evacuated on Saturday.

Road connectivity at some places of West Sikkim was also disrupted by landslides.

The Pelling-Tashiding road is inaccessible due to a massive landslide near Fambrong falls. Tashiding to Gerethang road is also blocked due to a landslide as is Reshi-Rinchenpong road.

## Slides, rains disrupt normal life in West Sikkim

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**GEYZING, June 28:** Continuous heavy rains have resulted in landslides, road blockages and damage to public and private properties in various parts of West Sikkim. At some sinking and landslide-prone areas, the local residents have gone to safer locations.

Normal life is affected in west district with people not

moving out considering the heavy rains and landslides.

One under-construction CMRHM house at Timburbong, Soreng-Chakyung constituency has been damaged in a mudslip.

Slush from a landslide entered another house at the same village. The family members have taken shelter in another place.

Similarly, villagers of Tsong under Yuksam-

Tashiding constituency are worried that the last year's flash flood may be repeated in the area. They had to move out to a safer location on Saturday considering the intensity of the rains.

Many families of Tsong had been rendered homeless due to the sudden flashfloods in November last year. The resettlement programme for the affected families of Tsong, as assured by the State

government is yet to be initiated.

The villagers who have returned back to their native village fear for their life and safety as Tsong is prone to flashflood and landslides.

Road connectivity at some places of West Sikkim was also disrupted by the landslides. Pelling-Tashiding road is inaccessible as a massive landslide created blockade near Fambrong falls.

Tashiding to Gerethang road is also blocked due to a landslide. Similarly, Reshi-Rinchenpong road was also blocked due to landslide but it was informed the road would be made trafficable by the evening.

The concerned department has deployed machineries and manpower to various landslide-affected locations of west district to clear the traffic.

