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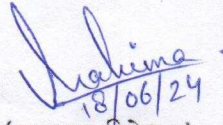
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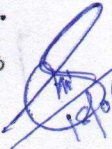
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Sikkim: 64 stranded tourists rescued

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NEW DELHI: Sixty-four out of 1,200 tourists, who were stranded in north Sikkim's Lachung following multiple landslides due to unprecedented heavy rains, were moved to Mangang town on Monday, officials said.

The rescue operation, however, had to be halted due to inclement weather, and the remaining tourists would be airlifted on Tuesday, they said.

Around 1,200 tourists, stuck in Lachung, were supposed to be airlifted, but the adverse weather conditions hampered the plans. At first, nine tourists were brought to Mangang by road, and another 55 joined them later in the day, officials said.

The district administration had to set up log bridges over the slides to facilitate movement by foot and by vehicles where roads were motorable, they said.

The rescue operation, led by District Magistrate Hem Kumar Chettri, was carried out by personnel of the police, Forest Department, BRO, NDRF and the local panchayats, officials said. Chettri said that if the weather remains favourable on Tuesday, all the tourists will be brought to Mangang by air and for this, six helicopters are on standby at Bagdogra near Siliguri.

While flying in to rescue the tourists, these helicopters would



A vehicle moves on a road along the swollen Teesta river after heavy rainfall in Sikkim.

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also be carrying essential commodities for the residents of Chungthang and Lachung, he said.

Meanwhile, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) deployed multiple heavy machineries and hundreds of labourers to clear the debris on the roads hit by landslides in the Mangang district. BRO has cleared multiple slides along the Sanklang-Toong road and the stretch between Naga and Lanthakola on the Mangang-Chungthang road.

Notably, incessant rains wreaked havoc in Mangang since June 12, causing multiple landslides, and severing connectivity to most parts of the district. Due to the blockage of various roads at several locations, around 1,200 tourists got stranded in Lachung town, officials said.

The situation became grave after the collapse of the newly constructed suspension bridge at Sanklang as it was the main connection to North Sikkim and Dzongu, they said.

"Responding to the natural disaster by overcoming severe weather conditions and heavy rainfall in the region, the BRO launched restoration efforts by mobilising huge manpower and machinery to restore connectivity to North Sikkim at the earliest," a statement said.

"Swift and efficient response by a brave team of 758 BRPF under Project Swastik once again demonstrated their selfless commitment, resilience and determination in restoring vital connectivity and rescue of stranded tourists from North Sikkim," it added.

Assam flood situation worsens, 100k affected

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GUWAHATI: The flood situation in Assam worsened on Monday with over 100 thousand people reeling under the deluge across eight districts, an official bulletin said.

According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), more than 105,700 people are hit due to the floods in Baksa, Barpeta, Darrang, Dhemaji, Goalpara, Karimganj, Nagaon and Nalbari districts. Karimganj is the worst hit with over 95,300 people suffering, followed by Nagaon where nearly 5,000 people were affected and Dhemaji with more than 3,600 people reeling under flood waters, it said.

Till Sunday, only around 6,000 people were suffering in flood waters across four districts of the state.

The total number of people losing their lives in this year's flood, landslide and storm stands at 34. The administration has been operating 11 relief camps in one district, where 3,168 persons have taken shelter, and running three relief distribution centres in one district.

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The authority has distributed 21.5 quintals of rice, 3.81 quintals of dal, 1.14 quintals of salt and 114 litres of mustard oil among the flood victims during the last 24 hours.

At present, 309 villages are under water and 1,005.7 hectare of crop areas have been damaged across the state, the ASDMA said.

Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhemaji, Goalpara, Hojai, Nagaon, Tamulpur, Darrang, Nalbari, Lakhimpur and Udalguri. At present, Kopili river at Kamrup is flowing above the danger marks, ASDMA said. On account of widespread flooding, over 62,173 domestic animals and poultry are affected across the state.

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50 tourists evacuated from Sikkim town ravaged by rain

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GANGTOK

Nearly 50 tourists were rescued from north Sikkim's Lachung on Monday and moved to Mangan town, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) said.

The rescue operation, however, had to be halted due to inclement weather, and the remaining tourists would be moved on Tuesday, it said. The operation began after the BRO restored connectivity between Chungthang and Mangan via the recently built bridge at Toong over the Teesta river.

"The BRO in close coordination with civil administration and team of NDRF is leading the mammoth evacuation operation," a statement said.

Incessant rain since



Treacherous path: A flooded road along the swollen Teesta river after heavy rainfall in Sikkim on Monday. PTI

June 12 wreaked havoc in Mangan, causing multiple landslips, and severing connectivity. Due to the blockage of various roads at several locations, 1,200 to 1,500 tourists got stranded in Lachung town, officials said.

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