

Situation Report -1: Nepal Earthquake

A. Situation Report

A massive earthquake of magnitude 7.8 on Richter scale (as per USGS) struck Nepal on 25th of April 2015. Widespread damage has been reported from Nepal. The quake also jolted the neighboring countries of Nepal including India, Bhutan and China.

B. Impact of Earthquake in Nepal

- As per USGS at least 15 aftershocks of magnitude 4.5 or greater had been felt in Nepal so far.
- The death toll has risen to 758 across the country.
- Several buildings including houses, heritage buildings and temples are completely collapsed. Massive damages to roads and infrastructure were also reported.
- A Nepal tourism official has confirmed that part of Everest base camp was buried by avalanche triggered by the quake. 10 people feared dead.
- There are also reports of damage to Kathmandu airport which could hamper relief operations. Flights to Kathmandu have been suspended.
- All flights from India to Nepal have been cancelled as the Kathmandu airport is shut in the wake of a series of earthquakes.
- Massive damage in Gorkha, Lamjung and Bhaktapur is reported.
- Mobile phones and other communications have been disrupted.
- The Indian embassy in Nepal has also suffered some damage.

C. Impact of Earthquake in India

Bihar

- 19 people are died and 133 wounded in Bihar.
- Minor damages and cracks on buildings are reported from different parts of Bihar.
- Power has been switched off in North Bihar for safety purpose.

Uttar Pradesh

- Tremor was felt across all districts of UP
- Reported 15 deaths including Gorakhpur 2, Barabanki 2, SantKabirNagar 3, Kanpur Dehath 2, Unnao 1, Bahraich 1, Mirzapur 1, Sharavasti 1, Prataphgarh 1, Badau 1

- In Maharajganj district, all offices, schools and colleges have been closed as soon as the tremor was felt. Telephone connections have been disrupted badly in Maharajganj and area bordering areas to Nepal.
- Minor damages to buildings and schools are reported from different districts of UP including Lucknow, Lakhmpur Khiri etc.

West Bengal:

- 3 people are confirmed dead from West Bengal.
- 40 children were also injured when a part of their school collapsed in West Bengal's Malda.

Sikkim

- Damages to roads and buildings are reported.
- Disruption to communication lines were also experienced by the coordination team.

Assam

- No information on damages received so far

Uttarakhand, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana

- No information on damages received so far

D. Response: Nepal

- Emergency declared in Nepal after massive earthquake hit the country
- Search and rescue operation was immediately started by the locals and police personnel.
- Nepalese Govt. has asked for help with rescue teams, medical teams, and help in damage assessment.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called an emergency meeting to discuss the impact of the earthquake. He also phoned his counterpart Sushil Koirala to pledge India's immediate assistance to Nepal.
- The Prime Minister directed evacuation of tourists and immediate dispatch of relief and rescue teams to Nepal, as well as to affected areas in India. Nearly 125 Indian nationals are stranded in Nepal after the high-magnitude earthquake.
- IAF's C-130J Super Hercules which has landed at K'mandu with 39 NDRF personnel and 3.5 tonnes of load.
- 10 NDRF teams equipped with latest disaster management gadgets; medical component and also having dog squad trained in Urban Search and Rescue Operation are proposed for deployment in Nepal to assist in response & relief work.



- 06 teams from NDRF base Ghaziabad and 04 teams from NDRF base Bathinda are being mobilized for airlifting to Kathmandu. Remaining 07 teams are on standby at NDRF base Mundali, Bhuaneshwar, (03 teams) Gandhinagar (02 teams) and Patna (02 teams) and will be mobilized on short notice for quick deployment.
- The Ministry of External Affairs has set up a 24-hour control room. Indians stranded in Kathmandu who want to get in touch with their families in India can contact the embassy in Kathmandu controlroom@mea.gov.in
- 5 helicopters will be placed in Pokhara for airlifting purposes by MoD, India

E. Response within India

- An emergency meeting of National Crisis Management committee headed by the Indian Cabinet Secretary has been called.
- On instructions of PM Modi, all disaster management mechanisms have been activated in districts of Bihar/UP along Nepal border.
- Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has tweeted that he has directed officials to take steps to restore communication lines on Indo-Nepal border.
- Indian Army, Air Force and Border Roads Organisation have been put on high alert
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has mobilized its 04 rescue teams from its Patna base for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) to the affected areas of northern Bihar like Supaul, Motihari, Darbhanga, Goplaganj and 01 team to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh fearing damage due to earthquake.
- National Disaster Management Authority sets up control rooms. The numbers are 011-26701728, 011-26701729 & 9868891801.
- UP CM Akhilesh Yadav increases the earthquake relief to Rs 7 lakh for the family members of the deceased person & all medical help to the injured, according to media reports
- Bihar Government announced compensation of Rs 4 Lakh for kin of deceased in earthquake
- IAGs in respective state are closely monitoring the situation closely with Government.
- An emergency meeting of IAG Bihar is scheduled on 26th April.
- Inter-Agency Coordination Committee of Sphere India called an emergency teleconference on 25th, April to take a stock of situation. Further decided to compile the information and mapping of resources available with members for any immediate deployment. Next meeting of Inter Agency Coordination Committee is scheduled on 27th April.

F. Source of Information

- Inter-Agency Groups
- International and national media sources

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