



Situation Report 1 Avalanche in Sikkim

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

At about 11.30 a.m., a massive avalanche hit the Gangtok-Natu La road near MS 15. Approximately 5-6 vehicles along with 20-30 tourists on way to Natu La are feared to have been stuck under the snow.

Latest Situation

- According to a report received from the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, around 30 tourists were trapped in the avalanche, of which 12 tourists are undergoing treatment in Sochaigung and seven have died.
- 350 stranded tourists and 80 vehicles were rescued after snow clearance from the road,
- The road has since been opened for traffic by Border Roads Organization (BRO).
- There was another slide at the same place on the Gangtok-Nathula road at 5.35 pm. Snowfall also started making the rescue operation dangerous. According to this, the district administration has stopped the search and rescue operations for fear of further landslides.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh have expressed their condolences and are monitoring the situation,
- According to an NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) official, all tourists and tourist vehicles have been accounted for.
- Troops of Indian Army's Trishakti Corps and BRO personnel under Project 'Swastika' swung into action immediately and launched a comprehensive rescue mission.

Situation Updates



Human lives lost - 07



Injured - 20



Rescued population - 350



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