



# Situation Report -02

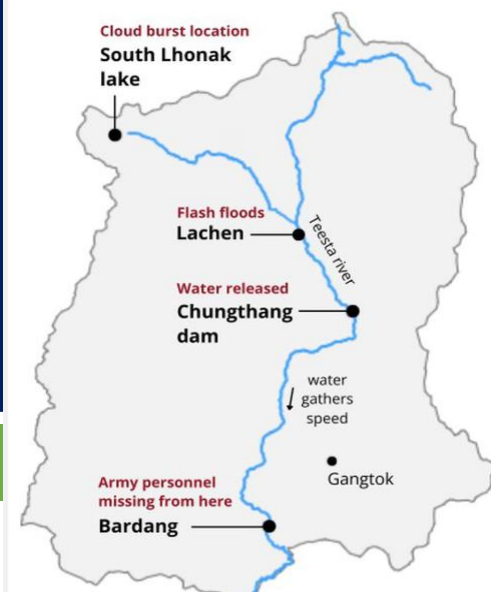
## Sikkim Flash Flood

Date: 04<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time: 07:30 PM(IST)

### SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- A cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in north Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta River, resulting in 14 confirmed deaths and 120 people reported missing, including 23 army personnel.
- Flash floods in Sikkim were exacerbated by the release of water from the Chungthang dam, causing a sudden increase in water levels up to 15-20 feet downstream.
- All residents of Singtam town have been relocated to safe places, and people from Dikchu village along the river belt were evacuated to a nearby school.
- By 1 pm on Wednesday, the water level in the Teesta at three stations – Melli, Singtam, and Rohtak River – had receded below the danger mark, according to data from the Central Water Commission, indicating no ongoing flood situation.
- Several bridges were severely affected. The Indreni bridge in Singtam, located 30 km from the state capital Gangtok, was completely washed away by the Teesta River water early Wednesday.
- Two other bridges, Baluatar and one near the Lanco Hydel power project, collapsed due to the surge in Teesta.
- North Sikkim has been completely isolated from the rest of the state, while Sikkim has been cut off from the rest of India due to the severe damage inflicted on NH-10 by the flood
- The West Bengal Chief Minister reported the evacuation of 10,000 people and accommodation in 190 relief camps across nine districts in the southern and northern parts of the state.
- The NH-10, connecting Sikkim's capital Gangtok and Siliguri, the largest city in northern West Bengal, was completely washed away near the Likhuvir-Setijhora stretch.



Source: Media (The Hindu)

### Statistical Overview



Human Lives Lost - 14



Missing Population - 120



Bridges collapsed - 06



No. of Relief Camps - 190 (West Bengal)



Roads Closed - NH - 10



## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for the entire district of Sikkim on October 4th.
- The Prime Minister spoke with Sikkim Chief Minister on October 4 to assess the situation.
- The Border Road Organisation (BRO) initiated rescue operations, evacuating 80 locals safely so far.
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) deployed four teams for rescue and relief operations following the flash flood in Sikkim and bordering areas.
- As a precautionary measure, all schools in Mangan, Gangtok, Pakyong, and Namchi districts will remain closed until October 8, as stated in a circular issued by the education department.
- To address concerns related to the flood, the West Bengal Chief Minister directed officials to establish a 24-hour control room for people to register complaints. Additionally, a flood alert was issued for North Bengal and Bangladesh, as parts of National Highway-10, the main link between Sikkim and the rest of the country, were washed away.
- Relief efforts continue, with local authorities and disaster response teams working tirelessly to assist those affected by the flash floods.
- For emergency contact numbers and details of relief camps, please refer - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17aA4aSP4jTByH1GjHWyx6de3nMbmBkBw?usp=sharing>



Source: Media



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