

Situation Report -1

Sikkim Flash Flood



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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- South Lhonak Lake, located in North West Sikkim, experienced a glacial lake outburst and triggered flash floods due to incessant rainfall in the region on the morning of October 4th.
- The situation was further aggravated by the sudden release of water from the Chungthang dam, resulting in a rapid increase in water levels downstream, reaching heights of 15-20 feet.
- As of now, 23 Army personnel are reported missing at Bardang near Singtam after a flash flood in the Teesta river in the Lachen valley, according to the Defence spokesperson in Guwahati. Search operations are currently underway.
- The flash flood made its way through the River Teesta, sweeping away the Indreni Bridge in Singtam town, which is approximately 30 kilometers from Gangtok. A connecting bridge in the Balutar hamlet was also washed away.
- Several low-lying areas have been submerged, and there have been reports of vehicles, parts of ATTC college, and NH-10 being washed away.
- Vulnerable low-lying regions, including Gazoldoba, Domohani, Mekhaliganj, and Ghish, may face potential impacts. Numerous images depict roads, structures, and trees being swept away by the rising waters.
- The river Teesta is flowing below the Warning Level at the CWC Domohani Station. The water level at 0600hrs was recorded at 84.83 meters and is expected to cross its Warning Level within the next 6 hrs.
- The State Disaster Management Minister, along with the DC and other officials, has reached the flood-affected areas of Singtam, Adarsh Goan, and adjoining areas.
- The SDMA Sikkim has issued a flood alert after torrential rainfall led to the swelling of the Teesta River. The SDMA has urged people to avoid traveling along the river basin due to the flooding.
- Many homes near the River Teesta, located in Gangtok's Singtam area, have been evacuated. Additionally, temporary relief facilities have been established at Singtam Senior Secondary School.
- IMD has forecasted heavy to very heavy rainfall in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, North Odisha and North-Eastern parts of the country during the next two days.

Statistical Overview



Missing Population - 23

Roads Closed - NH - 10

- Ravangla to Yangang blocked at **Goguney**,
- Bermiok to Namchi Via Phongla blocked near **Vedghari**
- Jorethang to Melli blocked at **Thulo Golai Mazitar & 10th Mile**,
- Namchi to Rangpo via Namthang-Mamring blocked at **Narak-jhara**
- Namchi to Singtam via Damthang-Temi blocked at **Gammon Bridge and Indreni Bridge**
- Ravang to Legship blocked near **tree house**.



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