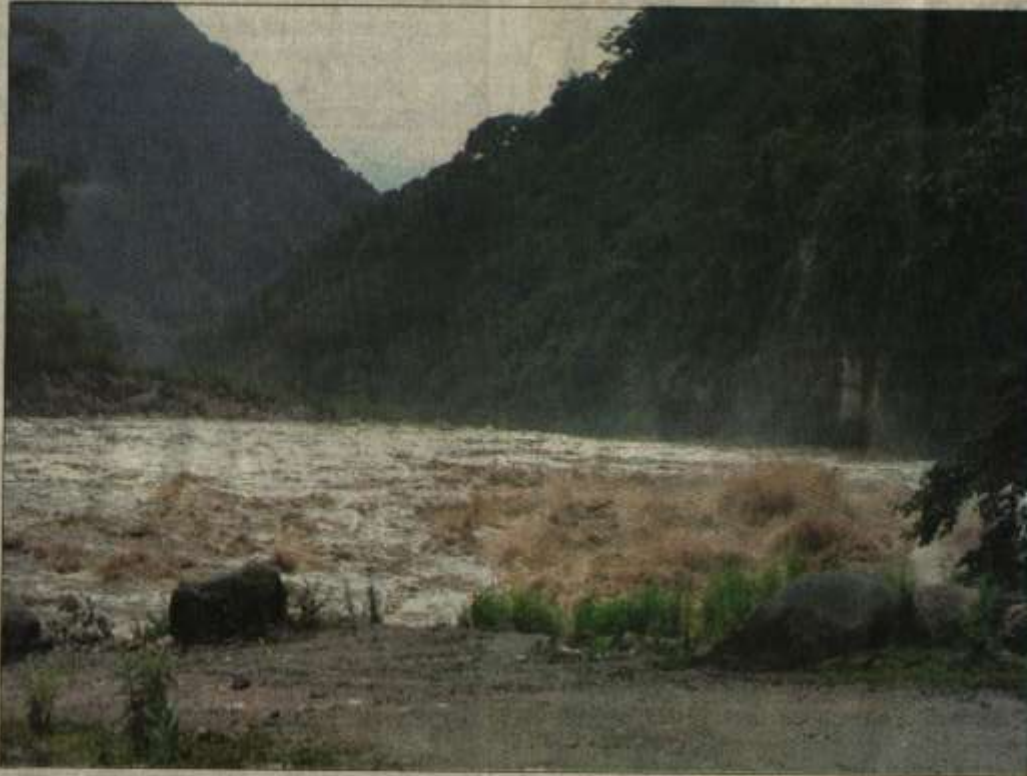


Gangtok Times 18-06-19

Cloudburst in North Sikkim, alert sounded as Teesta flows over danger mark



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WANGCHUK BHUTIA**

Gangtok, June 17: A flood alert has been sounded in several areas in north Sikkim and parts of East Sikkim after a massive cloudburst inundated the upper reaches of Teesta river. The Teesta River is flowing over the danger mark after the cloudburst.

Alert has been issued by the East District administration for the areas falling under the Teesta downstream following a cloud burst that has been reported to have occurred somewhere in the upstream of dam of Teesta III HEP at Chungthang.

As per DM North, Heavy inflow with muddy water and logs is coming at Dickchu Teesta V Dam from 2.30 pm onwards. Teesta III has released 600 cumecs of water from its Chungthang Dam wef 12.30 pm.

A major landslide have been occurred at Lachen Phaka in North Sikkim.

Palzor Lachenpa, former Lachen Pipon while speaking to this correspondent said that the landslide is still active and if it continues it may block the flow of river which will be dangerous.

Meanwhile, the Chungthang-

Lachen road is blocked at Munsithang since last night.

SDM Chungthang has stated that there is no casualty and damaged reported from Lachen yet, but the flow of water is very high in Lachen river. People of Lachen and Chungthang are alerted about the situation.

Accordingly Teesta V is releasing heavy water from Dam Teesta V. Likewise, Alert has been sounded for Teesta downstream.

The East District administration has launched a series of precautionary measures as Teesta river is in full spate due to release of large volume from the dams upstream.

DC (east) Kapil Meena shared that Singtam hospital along with the doctors & ambulance are on alert. MSO Singtam hospital has been briefed and is constant in touch with SHO Singtam in case of any emergency.

BDO Rukdong Tintek & BDO Khamdong has been communicated to alert their Ward Panchayats whose villages are near the river bank. People are advised not to panic and not to go to river side for fodder, firewood and fishing etc.

NODAL officer NHPC has been

directed to have round of alertness through loudhailer in and around Singtam bazaar. Police team from Singtam PS has already done one round for alertness through loudhailer.

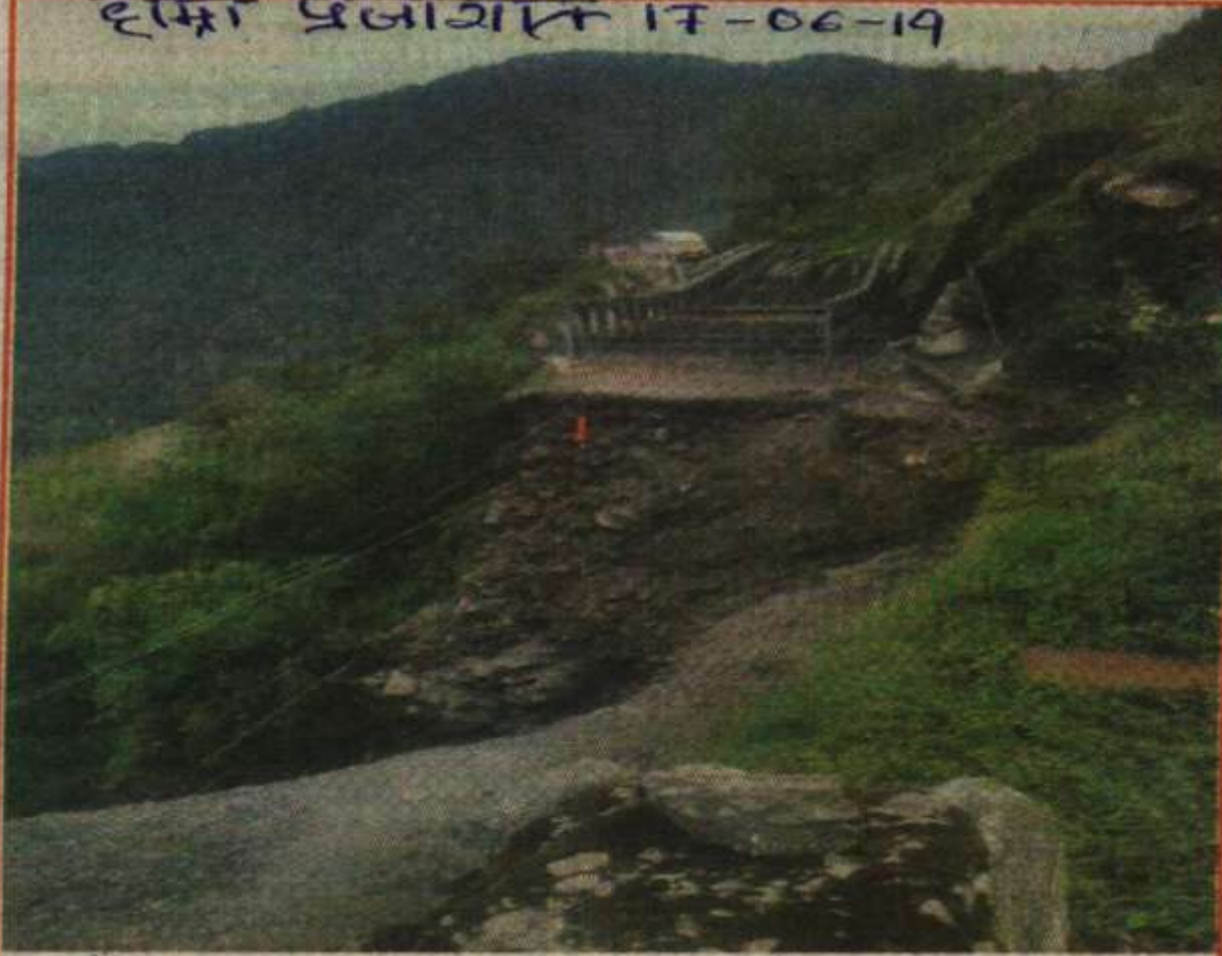
In addition, the SDRF team based in Gangtok and NDRF team based in Pakyong have also been communicated to be in the state of alertness round the clock through telephonically.

Meanwhile, Residents in Singtam particularly Adarsh Gaon have appealed to the government for quick and speedy redressal of this issues which emerges every year in Rainy seasons.

Many have stated that hydro power dams along the Teesta river in its upper reaches has had an adverse effect on the fragile ecosystem of Sikkim Himalayas which is alarmingly showing signs of distress.

Indian Meteorological Department has also issued thunderstorm warning stating that latest meteorological observation indicates that thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and moderate rain likely to affect some parts of the district of North Sikkim during next 2-3 hours from 16:30 hours IST of date 17.06.2019.

हाम्रो प्रजाशासित 17-06-19



प्रकृतिको सुन्दर रूप हेर्न लालायित पर्यटकहरूलाई प्रकृतिकै अर्को विनाशलीलाले रोक्यो। हात्तीमुँडे पानीले जुलुकदेखि ५ किलोमिटरमास्तिर सडक सोहोरेर लगेपछि यायात पूर्णतया लथालिङ्ग बनाएको छ। बाहनको कुरै छोड्दा मानिसहरूसम्म हिँड्न नसक्ने अवस्थामा पुग्यो। उत्तर सिक्किमको सुन्दरता हेर्न आतुर भई सिक्किम आइपुगेका पर्यटकहरूलाई यो पैहोले ठूलो चोट पुग्यो। अहिले धमाधम बेली पुल निर्माण कार्य चलदैछ। सम्भवतः तीनदिनभित्र सडक व्यवस्था सुचारू हुने बताइएको छ। जुलुक, थाम्बी, नाथाङ, कुपुप, टुकला आदि क्षेत्र यही सडक भएर पुगिन्छ।



TEESTA ALERT!

An alert was sounded for all settlements downstream Teesta river in north and east districts on Monday after release of water from Teesta-V and Teesta-III hydel power project dams. The release of water from Teesta-III dam at Chungthang at 12.30 pm was necessitated following reports of cloud burst upstream. Heavy inflow of muddy water with fallen pieces of trees reached Teesta-V dam at Dikchu. The lower dam then released the water at around 2.30 pm.

The district administrations in both east and north districts alerted the people living near the river about the situation and to take adequate precaution, especially at Singtam. Response teams were deployed at Singtam and Rangpo and were maintained at a high state of alertness. By evening, the water level of Teesta river started receding and authorities are closely monitoring the situation. Response teams were stationed at the Singtam and Rangpo with floodlights in the night to monitor the situation. It is informed the water levels of the river are decreasing.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister P.S. Golay has directed the authorities to extend all possible help to the tourists and the general public who are suffering due to the natural calamity and road blockages due to torrential rain.

Summit Times 16-06-19

Landslide over Lachen Chu pushes debris into Teesta, dams open gates, river swells

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 17 JUN:**

A suspected case of a cloud-burst in the higher reaches of North Sikkim triggered a massive landslide at Lachen Phaka this morning. Debris from the landslide, made up of trees and boulders, added to the already swelling Lachen Chu which empties into the Teesta at Chungthang and led to the Teesta Stage III dam management at Chungthang to open its sluice gates and allow the water and the debris through. Official sources inform that the dam release 600 cumecs of water which is around 6 lakh litres per second at around 12:30 pm.

This had a snowball effect downstream and Teesta Stage V dam at



Dikchu was also alerted to increased inundation and advised to release its waters.

The East and North district authorities, alerted to the development in the morning, also began taking precautions along the river downstream, using public address systems and other mediums to warn people about the

river's rising levels.

Palzor Lachenpa, former Lachen Pison, while speaking to this correspondent, informed that the landslide at Lachen Phaka was still active and if it continues, might block the Lachen Chu and pose even bigger risks in the coming days.

There were also Met Department warnings

about heavy overnight rainfall and with the monsoon having officially arrived in Sikkim, continued inundation has everyone concerned.

Meanwhile, the Chungthang-Lachen road was blocked at Munsithang last night.

As per SDM Chungthang although

no damage has been reported from Lachen village, the volume of water in Lachen Chu remained very high and was being closely watched and the residents of Lachen and Chungthang alerted about the situation.

In East district, the DC's office has directed the BDOs of Rakdong

Tintek and Khamdong which stretch along the Teesta to alert Ward Panchayats at villages near the river bank. The district authorities insist that while there was no need to panic yet, people should be advised not to venture to the riverside to collect fodder, firewood or fishing etc.

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Summit Times 18-06-10

Landslide over Lachen Chu...

The DC East has also placed the District Hospital at Singtam on alert.

In addition, the SDRF team based in Gangtok and the NDRF team stationed in Pakyong have also been put on alert.

DDMA and SDMA authorities have been directed to stay vigilant and prepared to respond to any eventualities.

MEO, Nagar panchayats, local civil defence personnel and SHOs are carrying out warning activities.

The Deputy Director, Disaster Management, also reached Singtam to join the monitoring being carried out by the district administration.

लाचेनमा बादल फाट्दा टिस्टा नदीको जलस्तर बढ्यो

हासो प्रजाशक्ति १४-०८-१९

नदी किनारका वासिन्दालाई प्रशासनले गरायो सतर्क

गान्तोक, १७ जून: उत्तर सिक्किममा बादल फाटेको कारण टिस्टा नदीमा जलस्तर बढेकोले राज्यका तल्लो भू-भाग सिङ्ताम-रम्फू साथै छिमेकी उत्तर बङ्गालमा समेत खतराको स्थिति सिर्जना भएको छ। सिक्किम प्रशासनले सिङ्ताम र रम्फू क्षेत्रमा टिस्टा नदीको किनारमा बसोबास गर्नेहरूलाई सतर्क गराउँदै नदीदेखि टाडो बस्ने अपील गरेको छ। प्रशासनले सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रका बीडीओ कार्यालयहरू, पुलिस थाना साथै अस्पताललाई आपतकालको निम्ति अलर्ट गराएको छ।

उत्तर सिक्किमका जिह्वापाल कार्यालयका अनुसार चुङ्गथाङ्गदेखि माथि पहाडी भेकमा बादल फाटेको स्थिति रहेको छ। जसको कारण टिस्टा नदीको जलस्तर खतराको सीमादेखि माथि पुगेको छ। यसरी टिस्टा नदीको जलस्तर बढ्दा चुङ्गथाङ्गमा जल विद्युत परियोजना टिस्टा स्टेज थ्री र डिक्चुको स्टेज फाइभको ड्याममा प्रचण्ड चाप परिरहेको छ।

स्थितिलाई ध्यानमा राखेर चुङ्गथाङ्ग स्टेज थ्री ड्यामबाट आज अपराह्न करिब ६ सय क्युमिक पानी टिस्टा नदीमा छोडेको छ। यसले राज्यका तल्लो भू-भाग विशेष गरेर सिङ्तामको आदर्श



गाउँलाई कुनै पनि समय प्रभावित गर्न सक्ने आशङ्कालाई ध्यानमा राखेर प्रशासनले सतर्कता अर्पण गरेको छ।

यसैबीच मौसम विभागबाट प्राप्त

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जसले गर्दा कतिपय स्थानमा यातायात पनि प्रभावित भएको छ। प्राप्त जानकारीअनुसार पैहोको कारण सडक मार्ग अवरुद्ध हुँदा पर्यटकहरू

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लिएर उत्तर सिक्किमका विभिन्न पर्यटन गन्तव्य गएका करिब ६० वटा वाहन लाचेन र जेमाबीच फसेको छ। फसेका ती पर्यटकहरूलाई उद्धार गरेर लाचेनमा राखिएको छ भने भोलि बाटो खोरिएको खण्डमा गान्तोक पठाइने बताइएको छ। यसरी नै मौसमलाई हेरेर राज्य प्रशासनले अनिश्चित समयको निम्ति लाचेन, लाचुङ तथा जङ्गुको निम्ति टुरिष्ट पास बन्द गरिएको छ।