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Rain triggers landslides in around 40 villages in Namchi district, 39 person evacuated

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Heavy rainfall on the night of 31 Sept has caused landslides in different parts of Namchi district. The downpour has damaged several houses, electricity supply and road connectivity in the district.

Around 20 families have been shifted to temporary shelter. The team from Disaster Management department along with the line departments are taking up restoration work and assessing the damage caused by the slides.

Rainfall caused the most damage in Dambudara Ward under Namchi Municipal Council where 6 families along with more than 20 college students had to be shifted to safe locations. Landslide damaged five buildings along with Grace Pentecostal Fellowship Church. The landslide also hit power supply of Dambudara Kolok area and restoration work is underway.

As informed by the District Administrative Center's Disaster Management Cell, about 40 villages have been impacted by landslides, flashfloods in the District. A total of 101 houses have reported damages. Among them 25 were



found to be in precarious condition.

Several State highway roads, Fair Weather roads were closed and subsequently task forces were deployed to restore the road connectivity. The District Disaster Management Authority under the command of Member Secretary, Addl. District Magistrate (Namchi) had formed various strike teams early in the morning under the command of respective Sub Divisional Magistrates. The teams visited disaster sites and provided relief materials and evacuated some of the victims.

In total about 39 people (30 in Yangyang and 09 in Namchi) were evacuated and shifted to safer locations. The rescue operations along with relief material disbursement were done under the command of respective Sub Divisional Magistrates with the support

of Quick Response Disaster Management Teams. All the Disaster Management volunteers (Apada Mitras and Sri Satya Sai Volunteers) have been kept on high alert.

The Quick Response Team visited all the major landslide affected areas under Namchi District and provided necessary support under the supervision of Sub Divisional Magistrates.

Meanwhile, Chairman NMC/Incharge Namchi-Singithang constituency, Ganesh Rai along with SKM party vice president, Bhojraj Rai, Chairman, Arun Rai, SKM vice convener, Kala Subba and other party workers also visited the different landslide affected areas today. The team assessed the damages and also distributed immediate relief like tarpaulins, daily essentials to the families who have been shifted to shelters.