

# Area MLA, DC visit areas affected by rain, flash floods in Daramdin constituency



**SORENG, June 19 (IPR):** Power minister-cum-Daramdin MLA M.N. Sherpa and Soresng district collector Bhim Thatal visited various areas under Daramdin constituency in Soresng district today to inspect and assess the damages and losses caused by the disasters triggered by the monsoon so far. Accompanying them were panchayats, officials from line department and public representatives.

During the visit, Sherpa directed the concerned panchayats to identify and verify the damages done, both total and partial destruction, to private properties including houses, land and livestock. Further, he asked the concerned officials to submit an interim report to the district collector at the earliest. He assured that officials will also be engaged in estimating the damages

and in data compilation.

Additionally, Sherpa assured that all necessary assistance and prompt action will be taken to alleviate the damages. He added that since the monsoon season is still likely to cause more damages in coming days, people should be more vigilance and alertness from each stakeholder is necessary.

DC Bhim Thatal stressed upon the roles and responsibilities of the community including Aapda Mitras as the first responders when disasters occur. He instructed the revenue surveyors to compile detailed reports about the damages caused to both private and government properties. Adding to this, he asked the concerned officials to do a proper estimation of damaged land belonging to private holdings. He assured for temporary arrangements

would be available to avoid any connectivity hindrance.

Thatal also instructed immediate evacuation of the families dwelling in the affected and prone to slid areas. He also instructed segregation of the damages department-wise so that relief and restoration could be taken by the concerned departments.

One of the devastated areas was the NTPC Ltd. site at Salangdang. Upon arrival, the inspecting team were briefed by NTPC project executive director Satish Upadhyay about the accounts of damages. He also put forth all his issues and concerns about the regular functioning of the site.

The place visited today were Kattarbotey, IRBn camp at Salangdang, Lower Tikpur and Okhrey wherein the people put forth their grievances.

# Inspection of landslide-hit areas of Pakyong district

**PAKYONG, June 19 (IPR):**

Gnathang-Machong MLA D.T. Lepcha, accompanied by Zilla Adhakshya Laden Bhutia, Pakyong DC Tashi Chopel and other officials, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the calamity-hit areas spanning from Chochen to Rolep and other areas in the Pakyong district today.

The inspection commenced in Latuk Thek, where the substantial damage brought on by persistent rain and the ensuing landslides was witnessed. In consequence of the inclement weather, there were numerous interruptions on the roads, and multiple sections of the road have eroded away. Also seen was the damage done to a livestock shed, for which an ex-gratia cheque was promptly delivered to the owner.

Following the visit, the inspection team proceeded to Rolep (Rongli), where a riverbank landslip had caused significant damage to houses and roads.

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The Gnathang-Machong MLA and the DC inspected the damage that had been done and reiterated to provide assistance to those who had been impacted. They interacted directly with the impacted residents, listening to their grievances and

concerns.

The individuals who were affected were given the assurance that assistance would be provided to meet their urgent requirements.

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Roads & Bridges SE Navin Gurung highlighted the damages incurred at the site.

It was noted that the Rangpo river had washed away the old bridge in the Thek area, further exacerbating the transportation challenges faced by the local community. In response to the concerns raised by the public in attendance, the department officials assured them that they would issue directives to the contractor to promptly address the demands for road construction resumption and the launch of a new bridge.

After visiting the prior sites, the team proceeded to Lamaten and Lossing to review an ongoing NHIDCL road construction project. The



officials got the opportunity to interact with the NHIDCL employees as well as members of the affected residents during their visit.

The residents expressed to the officials their dissatisfaction and issues, underscoring the difficulties they are encountering. Their worries were well heard and proactively taken into consideration by the MLA, the DC and all other concerned officials, who reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the issues.

The direct interaction between the officials and the

affected public provided a platform for the community to voice their grievances and expectations.

Also present during the inspection were Inchung

Bhutia, advisor, CEO Education, SDM Pakyong, SDM Rongli, DFO (T), BDO Regu, BDO Parakha and heads of offices of the concerned departments.