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Monsoon rain starts showing its impacts over Sikkim

Gangtok, 19 June (SR):

The incessant rainfalls because of pre-monsoon for the last few days has triggered landslides in many places around Namchi, South Sikkim. The mudlides has damaged several houses in the locality.

The contineous rainfall of Wednesday night has caused landslides in Dambudara, Tinzir and it sorrounding areas. The team of Disaster Management department along with the Additional, DC [south] inspected the landslide affected areas and took stock of the damages and distributed relief materials to the affective families victims.

Similarly, a landslide



occured at Sokpay, Lower Rakdong in East Sikkim on Dikchu-Gangtok axis and

blocked the road at around 1 pm today. The vehicles plying this stretch have been diverted

from Ipsing-Samdong road while some commuters have opted for transshipment at

this spot. The traffic is expected to be restored by tomorrow evening.

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Landslide at Sokpay blocks Dikchu-Gangtok road



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DIKCHU, 19 JUN:

Hheavy rain has triggered a landslide at Sokpay, Lower Rakdong, East Sikkim on the Dikchu-Gangtok axis blocking the road today at around 1 pm.

Vehicular traffic on this stretch has been diverted to Ipsing-Samdong road while some commuters have opted for transshipment at this spot. Traffic is expected to resume by Saturday evening.

Landslide blocks Legship-Nayabazaar road, drivers accuse dept. of late clearance work

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GEYZING, June 20: Roads & Bridges department has started clearing Legship-Nayabazaar road which was blocked near Tatopani due to a landslide triggered by the incessant rain of Friday. Machineries and manpower have been deployed at the landslide affected site to clear the traffic but restoration work may take time as the road is completely blocked by massive boulders and slush.

“Removal of boulders and slush from the road at a treacherous terrain is one of the most difficult and risky jobs but we are working constantly to get the traffic cleared,” a person engaged in the road restoration task said.

The road connects west district headquarters of Geyzing with Jorethang.

The road constructed across a steep terrain near Tatopani remains vulnerable to landslides especially during rainy season and recent back cutting initiated for the road expansion has added to risk of landslips during on-going monsoon season.

Due to the blockage of road caused by landslide that occurred around 6 pm on Friday, many passengers got stranded at both sides of the road. The commuters travelling from Jorethang to Geyzing, Yuksam and Tashiding were compelled to take Reshi-Rinchenpong route via Legship to reach their destinations. Similarly, the passengers travelling to Jorethang and other places of

the State were transported through the same route. However, the heavy vehicles could not access Reshi-Rinchenpong road via Legship as the new road constructed through Legship is narrow, treacherous and lacks carpeting.

Many drivers stranded at both sides of Legship-Nayabazaar road complained that the Roads & Bridges department was not in hurry to restore the road, alleging that machineries were deployed at the landslide affected site only after 11:30 this morning even when the concerned authority was informed about the landslide on Friday itself.

“Had the road restoration work started early this morning then the traffic would have been cleared at the earliest. We are waiting for road to be opened since several hours,” a driver said.

They shared that the officials from concerned department turned out late at the affected site.

However, the officials could not be reached for their comments.

The drivers suggested that prompt action was must from the concerned authority.

Some drivers maintained they spent the whole night in their vehicles without any food and water at a vulnerable stretch of road.

Many passenger-laden vehicles and goods vehicles returned to the places they had departed from considering the fact that road restoration work may take time.

As many as 6000 litres of



milk also got spoiled as vehicles assigned by Sikkim Milk Union for carrying the milk from various places of west district got stuck because of the road block.

“In this hot and humid

condition, milk gets spoiled rapidly and we are stuck here since early this morning,” a driver said.

Road restoration work was still underway till the time of filing this report.

पैहो जांदा जोरथाड-गेजिड सडक अवरुद्ध



गेजिड २० जून: पश्चिम र दक्षिण सिक्किमको प्रमुख व्यावसायिक केन्द्र जोरथाड बजार र पश्चिम जिल्लाको मुख्यालय गेजिडलाई जोड्ने मुख्य सडक मार्ग लेगसेप नजिक तातोपानी छेउमा पैहोको कारण आज वाहन चलाचल बाधित रह्यो। बर्खायाममा यो सडकले प्रायःजसो दुःख दिइने रहन्छ। गए राति झरेको उक्त पैहो यो समाचार सम्प्रेषण गर्दासम्म खोलिएको थिएन। यात्रीहरूले समस्या झेल्दै अर्को वैकल्पिक

मार्ग भएर आ-आफ्नो गन्तव्यसम्म पुगे। यता सोरेड महकुमा अन्तर्गत विभिन्न ठाउँमा सानोतिनो पैहो झरेर वाहन चलाचलमा बाधा पुऱ्याएको छ। शुक्रवार बुदाडदेखि चुम्बुड सडकको पहिलो, पाँचौ, आठौँ र चौधौँ किलोमिटरमा माथिबाट पैहो झरेर वाहन आवातजावत ठप्प थियो। सम्बन्धित विभागको सक्रिय पहलमा कतिपय ठाउँ हिजै सडकलाई दुरुस्त बनाए तापनि राति फेरि पैहो झरेर सडकलाई अवरुद्ध गरेको छ। सोरेड महकुमा अन्तर्गत

सबै मुख्य सडक मार्गहरू खुल्ला रहेता पनि बुदाड-चुम्बुड रोडलाई गए रातिको पैहोले पहिलो, तेस्रो र छैटौँ किलोमिटरमा बाधित तुल्यायो। जानकारी अनुसार उक्त सडकलाई दुरुस्त बनाउन अनुमानित एक हप्ता लाग्न सक्ने बताइएको छ। यसरी नै च्याखुड-खानिशिर्बुड रोडको दसौँ किलोमिटरमा पानीले ड्रेनलाई व्यापक क्षति गरेको छ। सम्बन्धित विभागले जेसीबी लगाएर सडकलाई खोल्ने काम भइरहेको छ।