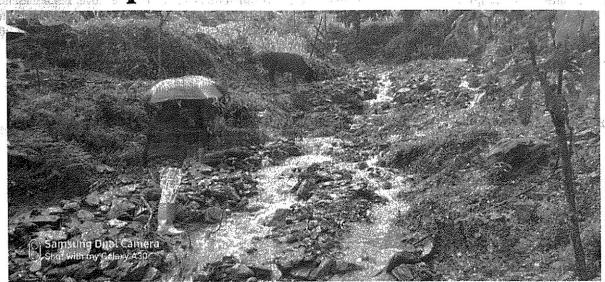
## Rains ็pour havoc on West Sikkim



## RUDRA KAUSHÍK Gyalshing, 28 Jun:

TA Test Sikkim has been VV receiving heavy rain and reporting landslips, road damage and flashfloods from various places. Just about every water channel, from jhoras to streams, is breaking its banks and disrupting lives. Many families residing in sinking and landslide prone zones have been compelled to evacuate to safer locations and the people spent a sleepless night on Saturday.

An under construction house of Kamal Prasad Bhattarai of Timburbung (Soreng Chyakhung constituency), allotted under Chief Minister's Rural Housing Mission was damaged by a landslip. The courtyard and protective wall of the house were completely damaged in the slide and the house is on the verge of collapse.

Meanwhile, a flashflood found its way into the house of Roshan Chettri in Timburbung forcing the family to relocate to a safer place.

A parked vehicle at Daragaon near Soreng was also damaged by a slide.

The villagers of Tsong under Yuksam Tashiding constituency are also living in fear of a repeat of last year's devastating flashflood. It may be recalled that many families

of Tsong village were rendered homeless by landslides on 08 November last year. The resettlement programme for the affected families of Tsong, although assured by the state government is yet to be initiated. The affected villagers who have returned are fearful again and some of them evacuated on Saturday.

Road connectivity at some places of West Sikkim was also disrupted by landslides.

The Pelling-Tashiding road is inaccessible due to a massive landslide near Fambrong falls. Tashiding to Gerethang road is also blocked due to a landslide as is Reshi-Rinchenpong road.

## Slides, rains disrupt normal life in West Sikkim

## **KUSH HANGLEEWANG**

GEYZING, June 28: blockages and damage to Chakyung constituency has public and private properties been damaged in a mudslip. in various parts of West Sikkim. At some sinking and entered another house at the landslide-prone areas, the local same village. The family

Normal life is affected in

moving out considering the Tashiding constituency are heavy rains and landslides.

One under-construction

Slush from a landslide

worried that the last year's initiated. flash flood may be repeated in Saturday considering the intensity of the rains.

Many families of Tsong

government is yet to be Tashiding to Gerethang road

flashflood and landslides.

Road connectivity at some evening. had been rendered homeless places of West Sikkim was due to the sudden flashfloods also disrupted by the department has deployed residents have gone to safer members have taken shelter in in November last year. The landslides. Pelling-Tashiding machineries and manpower to resettlement programme for road is inaccessible as a various landslide-affected Similarly, villagers of the affected families of Tsong, massive landslide created locations of west district to west district with people not Tsong under Yuksam- as assured by the State blockade near Fambrong falls. clear the traffic.

is also blocked due to a Continuous heavy rains have CMRHM house at the area. They had to move returned back to their native Rinchenpong road was also resulted in landslides, road Timburbong, Soreng- out to a safer location on village fear for their life and blocked due to landslide but it safety as Tsong is prone to was informed the road would be made trafficable by the

The concerned

