

Press Release

The Government of Sikkim is closely monitoring the situation arising out of the recent flash floods in Nepal and has taken proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of Sikkim residents who may have been affected or stranded due to the prevailing situation. In this regard, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim spoke telephonically with eight Sikkim residents undertaking the Mansarovar Yatra on 27th August, 2026, between 7:55 PM and 7:58 PM, to ascertain their safety and well-being. During the interaction, it was informed that all eight persons had crossed the Nepal-China border on 25th August, 2026, in the evening, for undertaking the Mansarovar Yatra. A Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)/flash flood occurred in the region on 26th August, 2026, following which their movement was affected. As per the latest information received on 27th August, 2026, all eight persons were at Saga County on the Tibet side. The eight persons have been contacted and are reported to be safe.

In order to ensure effective coordination and timely assistance to Sikkim residents who may be stranded or affected by the flash flood situation in Nepal, the Government of Sikkim constituted the Nepal Flash Flood Task Force on 27th August, 2026. The Task Force has been entrusted with the overall coordination, monitoring and facilitation of necessary assistance to Sikkim citizens affected by the situation. The Task Force is maintaining regular coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, and is also in continuous touch with the concerned Sikkim residents and their families to ascertain their status and facilitate assistance, wherever required.

As part of the State Government's preparedness and response measures, the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) has established a dedicated helpline at the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) for the families of Sikkim residents who may be stranded or affected due to the flash flood situation. The helpline is operational 24x7 and families or members of the public requiring information or assistance may contact the SEOC at 03592-201145, 03592-202461 and 03592-2025256. The Government of Sikkim, through the Task Force, SSDMA and the concerned departments, is continuing to closely monitor the situation and is taking all necessary measures in coordination with the Government of India and other concerned authorities to ensure the safety, well-being and timely assistance of Sikkim residents.