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Introduction : Disaster and natural hazards are common and occur not only in India but over the world. India has been prone to natural disasters on account of geo-climatic conditions. disaster such as floods, earthquakes, droughts, cyclones and landslides have been major within the country. Hazards are of two kinds, natural and manmade. natural hazards are the one that take place as a result of natural phenomena. these can be meteorological, biological and geological such as cyclone, tsunamis, earthquake, landslides, floods, drought and volcanic eruption. on the other hand manmade hazards are the one that occur due to human negligence. these are associated with industries or energy generation power plants and include explosions, leakage of toxic water pollution, dam failure, wars or civil strife or occurrence of fires. (Dey & Singh 2006).

Landslide is also called as semi or quasi natural hazards as it originates due to natural phenomenon or also by human activities. landslide is the common disaster in different parts of Sikkim. The high steep slope, mapping of the house or construction work in the hilly slope etc. causes are responsible for landslide in Sikkim. In the present project paper it is discussed about the causes, effects, management of landslide disaster in west and south Sikkim along with an overview of physical and socio-economic status of Sikkim as landslide is also triggered by human activities along with natural phenomenon.

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Concept of Landslide : A Landslide is the movement of a mass of rock debris or earth down a slope. Landslide is a type of mass wasting which denotes any down-slope movement of soil and rock under the direct influence of gravity. The term "Landslide" encompasses five modes of slope movement Falls, topples, slides, spreads and flows, these are further subdivided by the type of geologic material (bedrock, debris or earth). A landslide is the movement down slope of a mass of rock, debris or earth. Landslide occurs when gravitational and other type of shear stresses can be built up with in a slope by a number of processes.

India has been divided into a number of zones on the basis of vulnerability. very high and India has been divided vulnerability zone having highly unstable, relatively young mountainous areas in the Himalayas, high rainfall regions with steep slopes,



Study Area :-

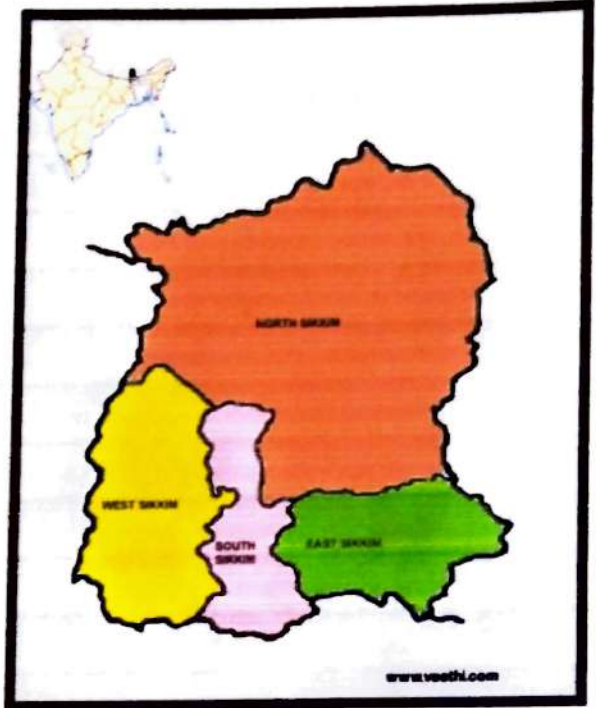
Sikkim is a small extremely mountainous state in the Himalayas with sharply defined and extreme deep water shed. with state is situate between 27°04'N to 28°07'N and 88°01'E to 27°06'E It is bounded by nepal in the west by the vast stretches of Tibetan plateau in the north and by Bhutan and Chumbi of west Bengal stretches along its southern boundary. The state has a total area of 7096 Sq. km. Sikkim is divided into four districts - East west. North and South.

The state lies between very high and high landslide vulnerable zone the basis of intensity of the controlling factors of landslide through north and east sikkim are in very risk zone of landslide. South and west districts of sikkim are also in high risk zone of landslide prone areas. west and south District of sikkim lies at an altitude of more less 400 meters to 2500 meters with unique countryside escape of endless waves of agricultural field's and the terraced slopes etc. Causes are responsible for landslide in Sikkim In the present project paper it is discussed about the causes, effects and management of landslide Disaster in west and South sikkim along with an overview of physical and socio-economic status of sikkim as landslide also triggered by human activities along with natural phenomena.

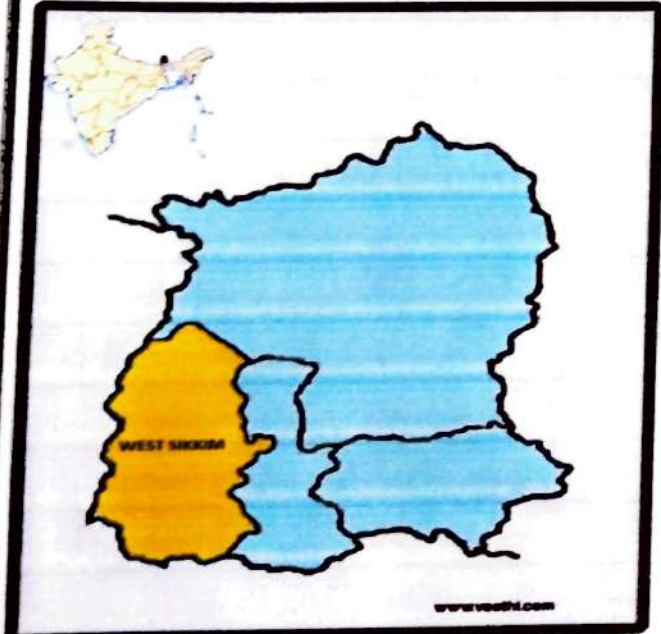
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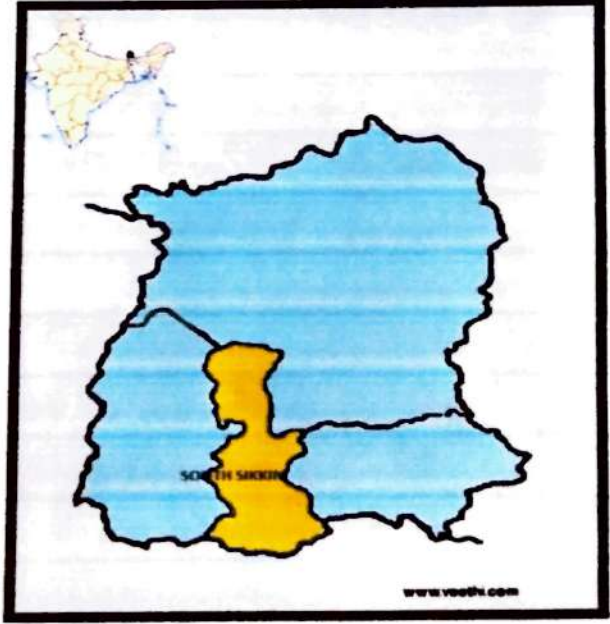
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2. SIKKIM



4. WEST SIKKIM



3. SOUTH SIKKIM

Objectives :

The present project paper on landslide has been initiated to fulfill some basic objectives which are as follows.

- To study the general overview physical and economic, socio-cultural environment of the study area as both very much related to landslide.
- To identify the major causes of landslide and its consequences in the study area specially in west and south sikkim.
- To assess the effective landslide management techniques and to give some suggestive measures to prevent landslide in the study area.

Research question :

- (i) what is the nature of landslide in west and south sikkim.
- (ii) what are the main causes of landslide
- (iii) what are the effects of landslide on the lives of the local people.
- (iv) what measures have been taken to prevent landslide from government.

## • Data base and methodology

→ The data has been collected from two sources - primary and secondary. The primary data has been collected from hotel manager, car driver, local people, and seller of souvenir shop. The secondary data were collected from various book, article, different link from website, journal etc.

→ We collected data from hotel manager, car driver, local people and seller of souvenir shop through interview method, and we gain an understanding of landslides through the observation method while travelling near landslide prone area.

→ Different cartographic techniques have been chosen to represent the data properly. We used bar and line graph to show rain fall and temperature. To represent demography and literacy we have used pie and bar diagram.

## Limitations of the Study

Due to the limited time period surveys were not able to collect data properly, besides this some other problem such as, poor internet connection, communication gap between respondents and surveyor due to different language etc. which was prevailed in that area. Hence the study was not done properly.

## A general overview on physical and socio-economic environment of Sikkim

As landslide is called as semi or quasi natural hazard it is originated by natural phenomena and triggered by human activities. Sikkim is one of the vulnerable state is India due to landslide ecology, relief structure, nature of slope, type of rock and its resistance power to erosion, soil, climatic nature, (specially rainfall) vegetation, cover etc. all are the controlling factors of landslide. Apart from these human activities such as economic activities, developmental work also affect on landslide. On the other hand, physical and socio-economic environment of the region can be deviated due to landslide.

Hence a brief introduction on physical and socio-economic environment of Sikkim should in thought to know the causes and consequences of landslide in the study area.

## Physical Environment

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### 2.1.1. Physiography :

Situated in the Himalayan mountains the state of Sikkim is characterised by mountainous terrain. Almost the entire state is hill with an elevation ranging from 180 metres (590 ft) in the south at the border with West Bengal to 8,586 m. (28,169 ft) in northern peaks near Nepal and Tibet the summit of Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest peak is the state's highest point situated on the border between Sikkim and Nepal. For the most part, the land is unfit for agriculture because of the rocky precipitous slopes. However some hill slopes have been converted into terrace farms.

### 2.1.2. Drainage :

Sikkim is drained by large number of perennial rivers, which merge into two prominent rivers, the Teesta and the Rangit. Rest of other streams eventually join one or the other Rangit also joins the Teesta just near the boundary between Sikkim and West Bengal.

The Rangit river and its tributaries originate in the Tolung glacier in West Sikkim.

and after flowing for about 60 km. joins Teesta below Malb near the border of Sikkim with West Bengal. River Rangit is a major tributary of River Teesta from the western Sikkim. Major tributaries of Rangit are Rimbi Khalo, Rathangchu, Kalej Khalo, Ramam Khala and the little Rangit.

2.1.3. Soil :-

The hills of Sikkim mainly consist of gneiss and schist which weather to produce generally shallow brown clay soils. The rock consists of phyllites and schists.

2.1.4 Climate :-

The state has five seasons. winter, summer, spring, autumn, and monsoon, season. Most of the inhabited regions of Sikkim experience a temperate climate, with temperatures seldom exceeding 28°C in summer the average annual temperature for most of Sikkim is around 18°C during the monsoon. heavy rains increase the risk of landslides, the record for the longest periods of continuous rain in Sikkim is 11 days. Fog affects many plants of the state during winter and the monsoon making transpiration perilous temperatures in the mountain can drop to as low as -40°C in winter.

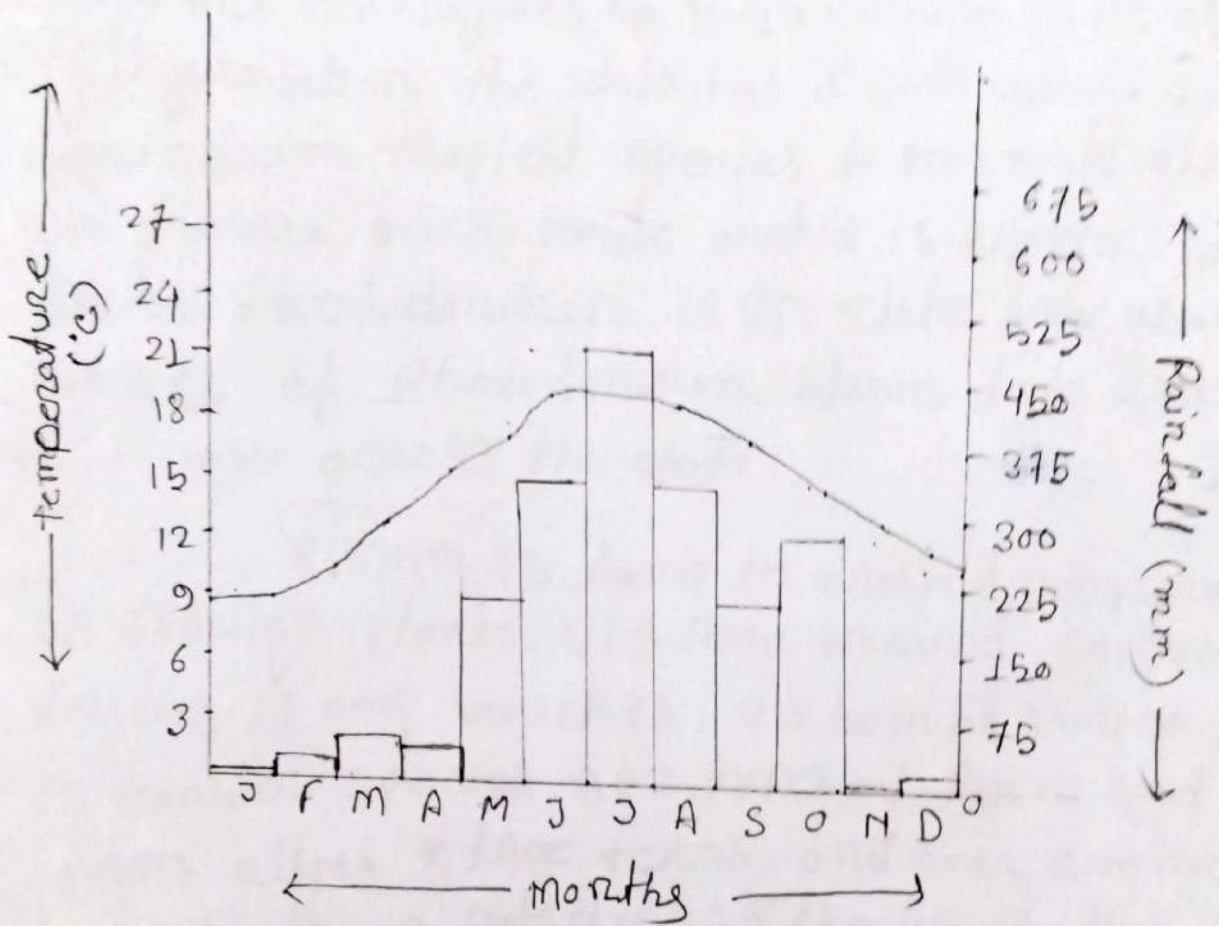
Temperature on rainfall data of Sikkim 2021

Month	Temperature (°C)	scale	Temperature (cm)	Rain fall (mm)	scale	Rain fall (cm)
January	9.4	1 cm = 3°C	3.13	6.1	1 cm = 7.5 mm	0.08
February	10.9		3.63	21.9		0.29
March	13.7		4.56	57.0		0.76
April	16.6		5.53	45.5		0.60
May	18.7		6.23	266.4		3.55
Jun	20.3		6.76	554.6		5.25
July	20.3		6.76	394.0		7.38
August	20.4		6.8	401.3		5.35
September	19.6		6.53			3.41
October	17.3		5.76	334.9		4.46
November	13.9		4.63	3.9		0.052
December	11.1		3.7	22.7		0.30

Source:- Hydrometeorological Division, India meteorological Department New Dilliy



# Temperature and Rainfall data of Sikkim 2011



## 2.1.5 Flora and fauna :

Sikkim is situated in an ecological hotspot of the lower Himalayas one of only three among the eco-regions of India. owing to its altitudinal gradation, the state has a wide variety of plants from tropical species to temperate alpine and tundra ones. Noble orchid is Sikkim's state flower. Rhododendron is its state tree about 40 species of Rhododendron bloom late April-mid May across the state.

Sikkim is home to around 5000 species of flowering plants, 515 rare around 60 primula species 11 oak varieties, 23 bamboo varieties 16 conifer species 362 types of ferns and fungi along 8 tree ferns, and over 900 medicinal plants. A relative for the poinsettia locally known as 'christmas flower' can be found in abundance in the mountainous state.

□ The fauna of Sikkim include the snow leopard, musk deer, Himalayan tahr, red panda, Himalayan marmot Himalayan serow, Himalayan goral, muntjac common langur, Asian black bear clouded leopard marble cat leopard cat whale, Tibetan wolf dog, Sodgeer, bindusong and Himalayan jungle cat.

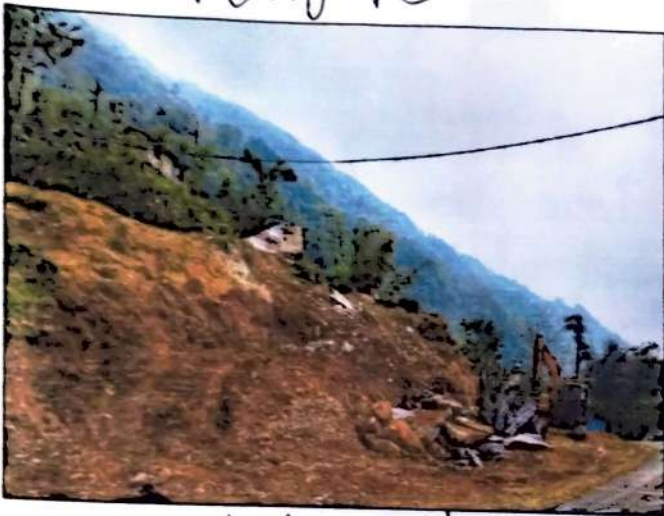
Among the animals more commonly found in the alpine zone, are yaks, mainly reared for their milk, meat and as a beast of burden. Sikkim has more than 350 species of birds. Some of which have been declared endangered. The red panda is the state animal of Sikkim.



Physiography



Drainage system (Rongt)



Ground Clay Soil



Rhododendron Plant



National Animal Red Panda

# Socio-economic Environment

## 2.2.1 Demography :-

AS per census of india, 2011 total population of sikkim was 6.11 Lakhs, Sikkim is the least populated state of india male 52.87% and female 47.05%

## 2.2.2 Literacy :-

Literacy rate in sikkim stood was at 81.42% where male literacy rate was at 86.55% and female literacy rate 76.04% census of india, 2011

## 2.2.3. culture :-

In SIKKIM the leading communities are the lepehas Bhutias and Nepalese. the official languages of the state are English, Nepal, Sikkimese and lepcha. the sikkimese are highly devout people and religion play major role in sikkim there are major two religions Buddhism and Hinduism, and sikkim is multi, lingual state where people of many communities reside harmoniously.

## 2.2.4. Health :-

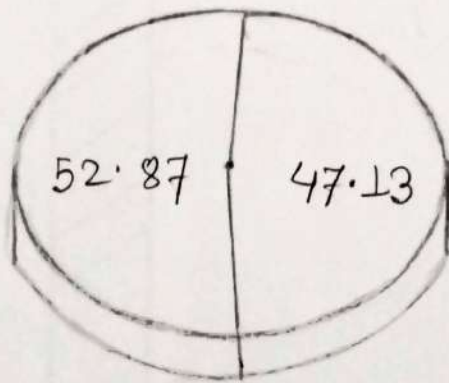
There are few hospitals, health Centres clinics and health facilities across the state of sikkim. these medical facilities

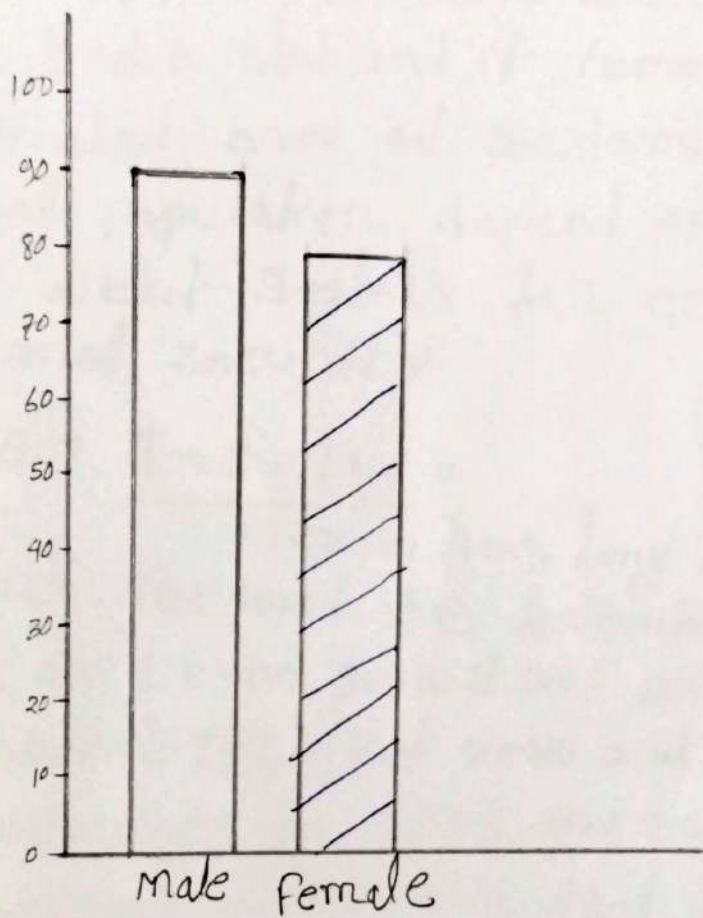
Population composition of Sikkim 2011

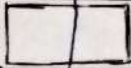

Sex	percentage of population	total population	population (c)
male	53.87	100	$\frac{53.87}{100} \times 360 = 190$
female	47.05		$\frac{47.05}{100} \times 360 = 169$

Literacy Rate of Sikkim, 2011

Sex	percentage of literacy	scale	Literacy Rate (cm)
male	86.55	1 cm = 20	4.32
female	76.04		3.80





LEGEND	
male	
female	



### 2.2.5.1. Agriculture.

Economy of Sikkim is largely agrarian based on the terraced farming of rice and the cultivation of crops such as maize, millet, wheat, barley, oranges, tea and cardamom. Sikkim produces more cardamom than any other India state and it has the largest cultivated area of cardamom (88%). It is rural population depend on agriculture and allied sectors for economic food national security.

### 2.2.5.2. Industry :-

Sikkim has long been agro-based society. The Govt. has formulated certain policies such as Sikkim Industrial Promotion and Incentive (SIPI) Act 2000 and its subsequent amendments in 2003 and 2007. Some of the industries of Sikkim that deserves a special mention in this context are: pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food processing, Breweries, MatherSS corrugated boxes, tea processing etc.

### 2.2.5.3. Eco-tourism :-

In January 2016, Sikkim became India's first '100 percent organic' state. The Directorate of Ecotourism under the Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Depart-

Government has identified and demarcated 11 areas in Sikkim as ecotourism. Eco-tourism in Sikkim started in the year 1995-96 with trainings awareness, changes in regulations to adapt to the mountainous terrain and entry of foreign tourists in many of restricted and protected areas

protected parks and sanctuaries for eco-tourism activities:- Kanched Zong National park, Singha Rhododendron Sanctuary, Ramjong, the wildlife, sanctuary (Kyangnosha) Alpine, Sanctuary, macram wildlife, sanctuary Varsey Rhododendron sanctuary.

### 2.2.6 Transport :-

National Highway 10 (NH10) Formerly NH 31A) links Silguri to Gangtok. Sikkim nationalised transport runs bus and track services, operate throughout Sikkim and also connect it to Silguri. A branch of the highway from Melbu connects western Sikkim. Towns in eastern, southern, and western Sikkim are connected to the rail stations of Kalimpong and Darjeeling in northern west Bengal. The state is

provided treatment both to the local patients and other patients from neighbouring place as well.

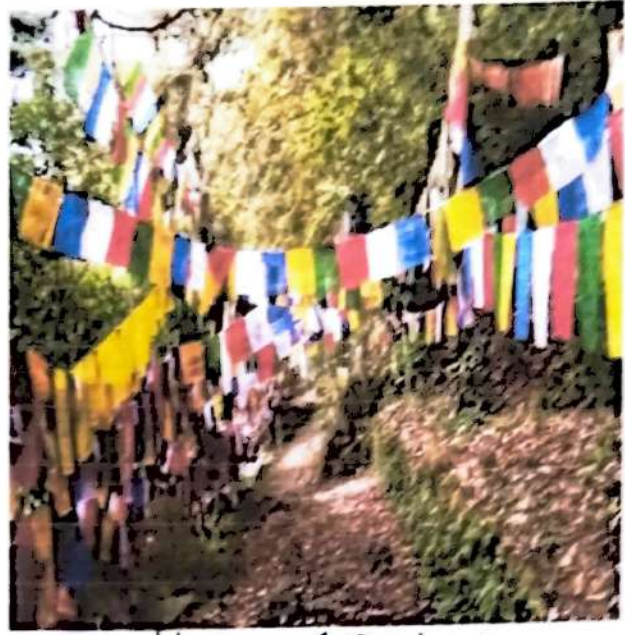
SL NO	HEALTH INSTITUTION	EAST	NORTH	SOUTH	SOUTH	STATE
1.	State Referral Sikkim Hospital	1	.	.	.	1
2.	District Hospital	1	1	1	1	4
3.	Community Health centre	1	.	.	1	2
4.	primary Health centre	8	7	5	6	24
5.	primary Health sub-centre.	48	41	18	39	146
6.	District tuberculosis centre Namchi	.	.	.	1	1
7.	Centre Referral Hospital manipal tadong	1	.	.	.	1
8.	total	58	49	24	48	179

2.2.5 Economy :-

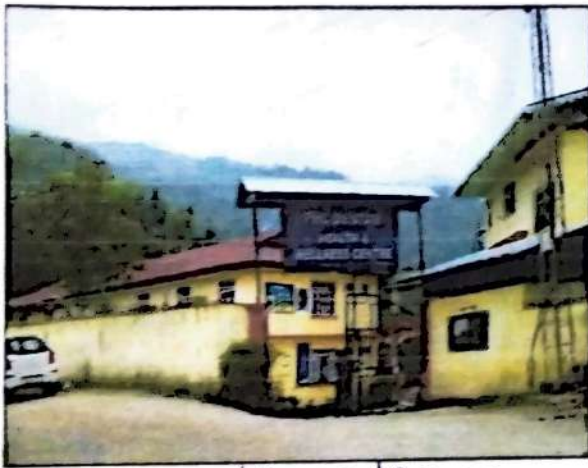
The economy of Sikkim is mainly based on agricultural and animal husbandry and tourism. Sikkim's nominal state gross domestic product (GDP) was estimated at US\$ 4.6 billion in 2019 with GDP per capita being \$ 7,530 (₹5,500) thus constituting the third-smallest GDP among India's 28 States.



culture of sikkim



culture of sikkim



primary health centre in Denthom



Cardamom cultivation



NH 10

# Landslide in study Area

The frequent occurrence of landslides is a very common phenomena in Sikkim Himalays and one that causes the most damage to property and connectivity in the causes the most land locked stat and also loss of the lives and property. Apart from this recent unplanned development activities, particularly road construction and ill planned settlements have further aggravated the incidence of the landslide and subsidene.

## 3.1. Causes:

The frequent occurrence of landslides is very common phenomena in Sikkim Himalay. In the Sikkim region can be caused by a variety of factors including geological, environmental and human related. Here some common causes that contribute to landslide —

① Geological causes :- Sikkim a stat in north eastern India is located in a seismically active region and experiences various geological process that can contribute to landslides,

② slope stability :- steep slopes and unstaabl geological formation can contribute to landslides.

The Sikkim region is characterized by rugged terrain with steep slopes, especially in the Himalayan mountain range. The presence of weak rock formation and loose soil can make these slopes prone to landslide.

A. Geological formation :-

The geological formation of Sikkim consists of complex and varied rock types including schists, gneisses, phylites and quartzites. Some of these rocks have inherent weakness and discontinuities, such as bedding planes, joints and faults which can act as potential sliding surfaces.

B. Environmental causes :-

Sikkim state is prone to landslide due to its rugged terrain and high rainfall. Several environmental causes contribute to landslide.

1. Heavy Rainfall :-

Intense or prolonged rainfall can saturate the soil, increasing its weight and reducing its stability. Sikkim experiences heavy and monsoon rains, particularly during the months of June to September. The excess water can infiltrate the ground leading to landslide. In August 2020, Jorethang landslide in West Bengal Sikkim.

(ii) Earth quakes :-

Sikkim falls in a seismically active region due to its proximity to the Himalayan tectonic plate boundary. Earthquakes can generate ground shaking, which can disturb the balance of slopes and trigger landslide. 2011 Sikkim earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 causes significant landslide in the region resulting in loss of life and infrastructure damage.

(iii) Erosion :-

Natural erosion process such as river erosion undercut sloped and weaken their stability. Continuous erosion removes support from the base of slopes making them prone to landslides.

(c) Human Related causes :-

Human activities can also contribute to the occurrence or exacerbation of landslide. Here are some man-made causes of landslide.

(1) Deforestation :-

clearing large areas of forest for agriculture logging or urbanization reduces the stability of slopes. tree roots help bind soil and prevent erosion, so their removal can make slopes more prone to landslide.

## iii) Construction and Excavation :-

poor construction practices, improper grading of slopes and excessive excavation can alter the natural stability of the land. Building roads, highways or structures on steep slopes without appropriate engineering measures can increase the risk of landslide.

## iv) Defective Drainage Systems :-

Inadequate or poorly designed drainage systems can lead to the accumulation of water in the soil, increasing pore pressure and reducing the shear strength of slopes. This can result in slope failures and landslides.

## v) Surface Modification :-

Altering the natural drainage patterns by modifying rivers, streams or water channels can cause increased water flow and erosion, which can weaken slopes and trigger landslides.

## vi) Irrigation and water leakage :-

Improper irrigation practices, such as excessive water application, on inadequate drainage systems can saturate slopes and increase their susceptibility to landslide. Water leakage from pipes or sewers can infiltrate the soil leading to instability.



Cons in the valleys facing steep hill slopes etc are damaged and sometimes villages are completely destroyed by the thick debris of rocks muds and other materials dislodged from the hill caused by landslide of various sorts triggered by earthquakes or heavy rainfall or human activities.

### ② Economic Effect

Loss of agricultural farms and crops;

At the very outset it may be pointed out that majority of settlements are built on the hill slopes and foothills in mountainous areas, and thus agriculture is also practiced on hill slopes and in the valleys, generally, terraced cultivation is in practice. In the event of massive landslide the terrace farms are completely destroyed by falling debris of rocks, the debris is dumped in the valleys and hence farms and crops on the valley floors are also buried under thick debris cover.

### ③ Environmental Effect;

Damming of rivers and flash floods;

Huge volume of debris produced by landslide of various sorts coming into the rivers forms temporary dams across the river.

and thus blocks the river flow. In such situation substantial volume of water is impounded behind the temporary dams and some lakes are also formed. When the impounded water overtops the debris dams, such landslide-dam generated flash floods wash out everything coming in their way including human settlements, domestic animals, inhabitants and their belongings resulting in the downstream section of the rivers.

### ④ Effect on Ecosystem :

① Impact on water : When landslide occur, they can seriously damage or destroy ecosystem. Sometimes the effects can last for thousands of years. They can pollute streams and water bodies. This invariably has severe repercussions on water quality and marine life.

### ② wipe out forest land :-

What's more, these hazards can wipe out large tracts of forests, wildlife habitats and remove productive soils from slopes.

③ Dam up on flood streams;

Also they can dam up rivers and streams. In so doing - water flow is restricted. marine and terrestrial organisms that depend on the water flow may eventually die. conversely, that depend on the water flow may eventually outburst floods can introduce adverse flows amount of new sediment into streams or they can submerge, and kill vegetation in the flooded region. In Sikkim flash flood killed 22 people, triggered a series of landslides and washed away nearly 30km of highway in north Sikkim amid torrential rain.

④ Loss of lives and social disruption &

landslide. are responsible for a number of death, injury to people. damage to housing, infrastructure and agriculture lands. In Sikkim on Sunday, 18 September 2011 at 6:11 pm. (local time) a Mw 6.9 earthquake. with an epicenter located near the Sikkim region (27.723°N, 88.064°E) killed 77 people. including 16 at the Teesta Stage III Hydroelectric power project site injured 710 left thousands homeless and temporarily displaced many and also caused substantial loss to livestock.

## ④ Socio. Economic effects of landslide :-

### Socio-economic effects

include adverse impacts, as enumerated above on people, their homes and properties, industries and factories, agricultural land and crops, timber, life lines such as roads and highway institutions etc. It is significant to note that socio-economic problems caused by mass movement of rock waste and landslides, due to slope failures are many fold and are assuming larger proportion due to expansion of built environment in environment, fragile and vulnerable, mountainous areas.

### Contour bunding:

Earlier embankment was contour bunding at intervals across the slope and along the contour line of the many landslides in Sikkim. A series of such bands is very useful in dividing the area into strips and acts as a barrier to the flow of water.

### Bench terracing:

Relatively steep land was transformed into a series of level or nearly level strips or steps running across the slope of many landslides in South Sikkim.

### Rock slope Netting

Rock Netting is used to cover an entire area of unstable rock. The slope netting can be either draped or bolted in each corner of each panel. Rock netting is used where the unstable rock is big and blocky. It is a new technique of landslide control which is used for landslide control of Sikkim.

### Contour trenching:

Series of deep pits or trenches across the slope at convenient distance was built within the landslide of South Sikkim. The soil excavated from the trenches was deposited on the lower edge of trenches where forest trees were planted.

## Sausage wall:

preference was given to sausage wall among the mechanical method in every landslide of sikkim and every landslide was nearly checked by applying sausage wall.

# SOME OTHERS PHOTOGRAPHS RELATED TO LANDSLIDE



Land slide prone area unplanned settlement



heavy rainfall



Uprooted plant



Land subsidence.



Rock slope netting



Bench terracing

## Some instances of

2007, 19th July:

Heavy rain triggered a landslide in Rabangla, South Sikkim, the Singtam, Rabangla road has been as many as 11 landslides while the Namchi - Rabangal route via Damthang has been closed because of an uprooted tree.

2011, 23rd June:

A differential spell of rain from 7.30 PM to little past midnight on the 23rd Jun 2011 triggered numerous small landslides on Pelling where 14 people perished on the Pelling - Omdom road in west Sikkim.

2011, 18th September:

on September 18, 2011, a 6.9 magnitude earth quake struck the India, Nepal border region. According to news reports, impacts of the earthquake included landslides in the northern India state of Sikkim between Nepal and Bhutan.

2020, 21st Jun - A landslide occurred in Tatopani at 6 PM on Friday. The road constructed across a steep terrain near Tatopani remains vulnerable to landslide especially during rain season and recent



back cutting initiated for the road expansion has added a risk landslide during an going monsoon season. Legship. Noyabazar road was blocked near to topain. due to the landslide, the commuters travelling from Jorethang to Meyzig, YUKSON and Toshiding were compelled to take Paschi-Rinchenpong route via Legship to reach their destination.

2020, 28th June } A landslide occurred at national Hydropower project of corporation (NHPC) Teesta Stage-V dam on the left bank of the river in Dikchu. According to the local people of Jang and Apadar the landslide was occurred due to the negligence of NHPC. and it could have been avoided with proper preventive work on time. the landslide has severely damaged the 55 meter high dam of the 510 MW Teesta Hydropower project of NHPC.

2020 6th August } A massive landslide occurred in Jorethang in South Sikkim. A road in Jorethang was also washed off due to heavy rainfall in the region. The IPAC laboratory in Mazhitan Jorethang was badly damaged in the landslide. The house was also completely washed away due to the landslide triggered by heavy rain fall in the area.

2022, 5th February:-

A landslide occurred to Petling village in Namchi district due to heavy rainfall 60 houses were damaged in this landslide.

2023, 18th June:-

Multiple landslides induced by heavy rainfall have damaged over a hundred houses in West Sikkim district. The incessant rain has caused extensive damage to infrastructure and property in the state.

Management:-

Guidelines by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on management of landslide. reduce the enormous destructive potential of landslide and minimize the consequential losses by institutionalizing the landslide hazard mitigation efforts, preventive and corrective measures. To lessen the impacts of landslide it may be mentioned that landslide cannot be stopped. But number, frequency, recurrence and severity can be minimized. Some preventive measures have been taken to manage landslide in the study area -

# Some Instances of Landslide in the study area



A landslide occurred at Pathing village in namehe district due to winter.



The IPEA laboratory was badly affected due to landslide.



The stone stage - dam was broken due to landslide.



Landslide all over Sikkim due to earthquake.



14 people died in Palling due to landslide.



Leg ship - Nayabazar road was due to landslide.



Nomechi Rabangla Road was closed due to landslide.

# SUGGESTIVE MEASURES

Along with the management system of landslide in sikkim Himalaya some other measure should be taken.

- (i) During pursuing of any disruptive project in the high risk zone, like sikkim, should, be proceed with prudence
- (ii) Environmental Impact Assessment standards should be followed before mining or dam building.
- (iii) Landslide micro zoning method should be implemented in the extremely vulnerable areas.
- (iv) To strengthen hazard reduction and public awareness effort, locality available stranded people should be contacted.
- (v) To strengthen disaster management potential more funding should be given to landslide planning and mitigation agencies.
- (vi) mitigation techniques such as confining agriculture to valleys and place with moderate slopes, fostering large scale afforestation initiative and building water bunds should be encouraged.
- (vii) Encouraged the use of effective landslide rehabilitation and mitigation techniques.

## CONCLUSION

physiography, climate and other natural phenomenon of Sikkim Himalayas make it hazardous with frequent landslide. Human activities play the role as positive catalyst for this calamity. There are spatio-temporal variate on in frequency of landslide occur basically due to heavy rainfall along with some associated factor. Many times it creates massive and unwarranted loss of life and property therefore, there should be efficient management of landslide hazard, there are necessities of the development of industrial capacity. It may be mentioned that landslide can not be stopped. But there number, frequency, recurrence and severity measure to lessen the impact of landslide which will help to prevent water entering the hill slopes through joints and cracks. Decrease sea water pressure in the rocks, through shallow and sub-shallow drainage, place drainage place drainage trenches in order to reduce water pressure in the vicinity of hill slopes. The inhabitants of this area should be sensitized through awareness programs, mock drills, poster and so on and on the landslide prone areas of Sikkim require special attention and vigilance. To cope up with this calamity.

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