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ARUNACHAL : BRO Clears Sela Pass of snow

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The sela pass, along Arunachal-China international border in Tawang district has experienced extreme bad weather since the beginning of month Dec 2018. The average snowfall recorded around 20 Km stretch on either side of sela pass during this month till 29th Dec 2018 ranges from 10 cm to 40 cm.

All out dedicated efforts in terms of mechanical as well as physical means have been put on ground by BRO to allow at least disturbance to the smooth flow of traffic due to such odd weather conditions BRO is tirelessly carrying out rescue operation and crisis management on the ground round the clock to help recovery and movement of any civil as well as army vehicle struck up on road due to skidding and thus avoiding traffic jams to last long.

Team BRO is also playing the role of traffic police and management. Team of BRO 90 RCC comprising of 02 Officer, 04 JE and 20 other Ranks is deployed on daily basis for snow clearance and ensuring smooth flow of traffic at sela pass.

Sela pass having an altitude of 4195 mtr i.e. 13760 Ft above MSL is located at Km 240.00 on road Balipara Charduar Tawang. The weather conditions during the winters which sets in as early as October and lasts till end of May.

The road stretch for at least 20 Km length on either side of Sela Pass experience moderate to heavy snowfall which at times hampers the traffic worthiness of the road due to the resultant icing effect.



Army rescues 2,500 tourists in Sikkim

300-400 vehicles stranded in heavy snowfall in the region

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The Army has rescued over 2,500 tourists stranded near the 17th Mile area in east Sikkim, close to the India-China border, because of heavy snowfall, officials said on Saturday.

The tourists were returning from Nathu La pass and Tsomgo (Changu) Lake on Friday evening when snowfall blocked roads, leaving 300-400 vehicles stranded at various points on Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, East Sikkim District Magistrate Kapil Meena said. He said the Army swung into action and rescued the tourists. They were brought to a camp in the 17th Mile area and served food and medicines. Arrangements were being made to transfer the tourists to the State capital.

“#IndianArmy rescued more than 2500 civilians stuck in more than 400 vehicles around Nathula, Sikkim, due to heavy snowfall. All were provided food, shelter & medical care last night,” the Army tweeted Saturday.

As of now, no tourist vehicle will be allowed to ply on Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Mr. Meena said. Operations were under way to clear the snow and restore the road link.

The Army has also deployed two sets of JCBs and Dozers of the Border Roads Organisation for snow clearance and restoration of connectivity. The Army said the evacuation operation would continue until all stranded tourists were moved to Gangtok.