

10 dead, 22 soldiers among 82 missing as flash flood wreaks havoc in Sikkim

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Kolkata/Siliguri/Kalimpong: At least 10 people died and 82 others — 22 of them Army personnel — were reported missing in North Sikkim after a brute of a flash flood triggered by a glacial lake outburst struck early Wednes-

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day, sweeping away portions of highways, swallowing entire bridges and breaching the Chungthamdam.

Gangtok, Sikkim's capital city, was cut off by road as



A mini truck touches the roof of a house after flash floods, triggered by a glacial lake outburst, hit a locality in Gangtok district on Wednesday

well as the information highway, with the gushing waters of the Teesta destroying telecom and power infrastructure at several places.

“We have found nine bodi-

es so far, including that of an 11-month-old girl,” said Tashi Wangyal, a spokesperson for Sikkim Police.

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