

# **NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Hon'ble Prime Minister visit Sikkim accompanied by Vice Chairman, NDMA**

Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority accompanied Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to the earthquake ravaged Sikkim today. Hon'ble Prime Minister undertook an aerial survey of North Sikkim and other parts of the State. He visited the Sikkim Manipal Hospital to meet the patients who are undergoing treatment there.

Later on, a meeting took place at the Katoch Hall in the Libing Cantonment with the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, the State Government administration, representatives of the Army, NDRF and other armed forces. Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NDMA also attended this meeting. During the meeting, Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed sorrow at the devastation caused by the earthquake and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families. Hon'ble Prime Minister greatly praised the work done by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Sikkim.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister announced the grant of Rs.1000 cr. and assured that the Govt. of India and entire Nation will stand by the people of Sikkim.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also announced that a team of experts would be visiting Sikkim to assist the State Government in rebuilding the infrastructure. In fact, NDMA has constituted a national level Expert Committee to undertake Post- Earthquake Reconnaissance in the areas affected by the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Earthquake epicentered around Sikkim-Nepal border. The Expert Committee will cover the affected areas of Sikkim, West Bengal and Bihar. The team will be visiting Sikkim shortly.

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**Caption:-** Dr Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister interacting with a quake victim undergoing treatment at Sikkim Manipal Hospital during his visit to the State today. Shri B.P. Singh, His Excellency, Governor, Sikkim, Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim and Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NDMA could also be seen.