

# SIKKIM EXPRESS

Wednesday, 02 December, 2009

## 11 BACs learn 'early warning system & disaster management' through live video conference

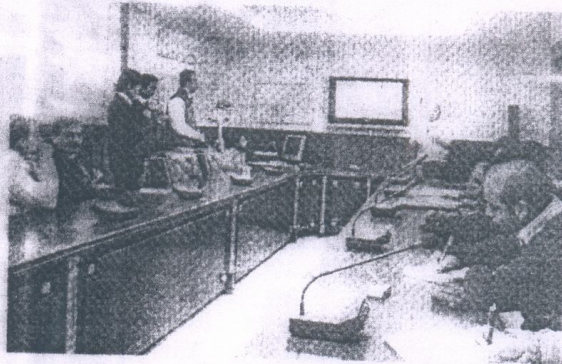
**Staff Reporter**

**GANGTOK, December 1:**

A live video conference on 'early warning system and disaster management' was held today here at the conference hall of Rural Management and Development Department.

Pramod Sarpotdar, the National Communication Advisor with the Home Ministry and the Ministry of Disaster Management presented a power point presentation which was communicated live at eleven Block Administrative Centres of Sikkim.

During the presentation, Mr Sarpotdar said, India is highly prone to natural disasters. "Floods, droughts, cyclones, earthquakes and landslides have



compounded the problem such as epidemics, fire etc," he said adding that the new scientific method of early warning system can help in taking necessary actions before hand.

State RMDD Secretary AK Ganeriwala said, the main idea behind organizing the live video conferencing was to make the rural people aware

about the steps to be taken during the occurrence of natural disasters. He also informed that the early warning disaster system was installed with the help of State Science and Technology Department.

Others to be present in the programme were Dr. Sandeep Tambe, Additional Secretary of RMDD and other officials.