

Army ready to help in the time of disaster



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KOHIMA: In the event of any natural calamity in [Nagaland](#), the Eastern [Air](#) Command, one of the five operational commands of the Indian [Air](#) Force, will join the [Nagaland](#) State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) to effectively respond to incidents with [Air](#) Force personnel and other resources like well-equipped helicopters for disaster rescue operations.

For this, both the concerned parties will work out comprehensive disaster management plans, helibases and strategic partnerships to make a greater impact on relief efforts including supplies of foods, safe drinking water, medicines and other materials to civilian population in tragedy.

These issues were discussed when [Air](#) Marshal Anil Khosla, the [Air](#) Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Eastern [Air](#) Command called on Chief Minister TR Zeliang at his residential office here this morning.

Khosla, who has also been tasked for defence in the eastern borders, discussed with Zeliang on construction of specialized defence radar at Pfutsero in Phek district.

The State government had already approved the acquisition of land for Airforce station in the district earlier like that of Shillong Peak which serves as a radar station for the Indian [Air](#) Force.

Khosla briefly highlighted the Chief Minister about the Shillong radar which looks into China and [Bangladesh](#) frontline that has high visibility capabilities to detect enemy's aircrafts in remote and inaccessible terrain of Northeast [India](#).

He appreciated Khosla for his keen interest to involve Airforce in joint disaster management in [Nagaland](#) and suggested both parties to sit across for discussion and tie-up for relief mission.

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