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INDIA GETS ITS FIRST AVALANCHE MONITORING RADAR IN SIKKIM

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An avalanche monitoring radar, the first of its kind in India, has been installed in North Sikkim by the Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment. It can detect avalanches within three seconds of its trigger and will assist in saving lives of troops and reducing damage to property. The radar was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. Tarun Kumar Aich, General Officer Commanding of Sukna-based 33 Corps, on September 20 at an altitude of 15,000 feet, one officer said. The radar was made operational by DGRE, a lab under the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), which is involved in forecasting and mitigation of avalanche hazards faced by the Army in the Himalayan region.

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