



Namaskaram,

We are very sorry that it has taken more time than we intended to bring you a clear update. We wanted to ensure that everything we shared with you came from authentic and trusted sources. We know that every minute of waiting is agonizing in a situation like this.

Our team has been gathering information from multiple sources, carefully assessing it, and, above all, working to verify what we are hearing with our teams and contacts on the ground before sharing it with you.

There is now confirmation that personnel are on the ground at Gyirong Port with equipment, and that a search and rescue operation is being conducted by the Chinese authorities. These efforts were temporarily paused on the 28th due to the risk of a second flood and resumed by 12:00 pm (noon) local time.

Here is a link showing the activity currently taking place in the immigration office area: (Note: Imagery in these links may be distressing)

<https://x.com/XHNews/status/2093329442777301292?s=20>

Source: Xinhua News

At this time, there seem to be no encouraging indications of survivors at the immigration office area. The immigration office complex has been completely washed away. We have been able to verify the extent of the destruction through multiple publicly available sources, as well as information being received from people on the ground.

The following links show before-and-after images of the immigration office site: (Note: Imagery in these links may be distressing)

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DckutFjOiJz/?igsi=MTNkeGc4ODYxemozbw==>

Source: ABC News

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2026-08-27/before-after-satellite-photos-show-devastation-from-nepal-flash-floods>

Source: Los Angeles Times

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/rescuers-search-survivors-after-devastating-nepal-flood-2026-08-27/>

Source: Reuters

https://www.instagram.com/reels/DckRn5Tj_ya/

Source: China Daily

<https://x.com/CNinLatvia/status/2093376623374373102>

Source: Chinese Embassy in Latvia

We have teams stationed on both sides of the border at the closest locations permitted.

On the Chinese side, our team is approximately 25 km from the Gyirong site, which is currently the closest permitted location. They are in direct contact with frontline rescue teams and officials, and are working to receive and pass on information as it becomes available.



On the Nepal side, our coordination team is currently in Kathmandu, as access to the affected area is not permitted. The devastation on the Nepal side is extensive, with roads washed away, significantly restricting movement.

The team has been closely coordinating with frontline rescue and government authorities - Office of the Prime Minister of India, Embassies in Kathmandu, Embassies in Beijing, Nepali Army Front End Search and Rescue Team, Nepal Tourist Police and Rescue Control Board.

Our group's information has been provided to the frontline rescue teams, and additional phone-signal information is also being shared to assist with the search. We are also continuously monitoring lists of people who have been rescued and cross-checking them against names in our group.

So far, there has been no released list of rescued individuals from the Chinese port that includes members of our group. Lists released by the Nepal Government are identifying survivors from affected downstream areas, and so far, none of the names on those lists have matched our group members.

<https://ndrrma.gov.np/en/rescue>

We have been informed that the valley at the Gyirong port is covered with significant debris, probably as much as 45–50 feet of silt and debris, as evidenced in the images. The local experts who know the terrain well have told our on-ground team that it is very unlikely that anyone could have possibly survived the force of the flood. The mix of debris and water rose very high, probably as high as 150 ft with immense force, completely wiping out the whole building complex.

Although we have been seeing various visuals of the destruction at the port, we have now been able to corroborate these images and findings through multiple local sources and people on the ground who have direct knowledge of the situation. This has confirmed the extent of the destruction we have been seeing in the visuals. We were desperately hoping for some positive indication from the site. However, we are deeply pained to share that the devastating findings we have been able to verify so far are not giving us any encouraging indication.

Everything in this update reflects our best understanding as of now, drawn from the authorities, published reporting, and people on the ground; access to the area remains restricted and we cannot verify every detail ourselves.

We wish with all our hearts that we could offer you something more hopeful. Everything our teams have seen, and everything those closest to the site have shared with us, has led us to expect the worst.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share this update. This is an unimaginable calamity that has affected our community. We know how deeply distressing and painful this moment is for you and your family. We will remain in close contact and continue to share further information as soon as we receive it.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for support at any time. Please know that you are not alone. Sadhguru and the whole Isha community is with you.

Pranam,
Isha Volunteers