

## **JK highway closed, passengers escape unhurt in landslides**

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**Banihal (JK):** Several passengers had a narrow escape after landslides triggered by heavy rains buried some vehicles on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, resulting in its blockade today.

Landslides occurred at several places between Banihal and Peera sectors of national highway, resulting in closure of the highway today, police officials said.

The landslides took place at Gungroo, Panthal, Khoni Nallah, Seri Karole and Peera on the highway and also sliding of rocks and stones from mountain tops in other stretches of the highway also occurred making the journey on the highway risky, they said.

Meanwhile, about three vehicles were partially buried under landslides at Ramsoo and Seri, they said, adding the passengers escaped narrowly without any injuries.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) have started clearance of landslides on the highway stretches in these places but rains are making the task difficult, they said adding operation to clear the highway is on.

Due to closure of the highway, over 200 vehicles are stranded at various places en route the highway, they said.

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