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NDRF uses UAV to survey Pune landslide site

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India: The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is using Netra, an unmanned aerial vehicle, to carry out surveillance at the landslide site at Malin in Ambegaon taluka of Pune. This is only the second time that the disaster response force has used an indigenously developed high-tech surveillance technique in its rescue efforts.

The NDRF team flew the UAV around 9.30am on 3 August to rule out the presence of cracks and leaks on hills surrounding the disaster site. The battery-operated high resolution surveillance instrument covers an area of 2.5km radius and transmits streaming visuals. It is primarily used to gather information about inaccessible areas and untraceable objects trapped there.

The disaster response force inducted the unmanned aerial vehicle only last year. "This is the second time that we are using Netra in a rescue operation in the country since its induction," said A P Rameshan, NDRF sub-inspector, who is among the four people from the force trained to operate the drone.

The NDRF used the drone for the first time at Mandi in Himachal Pradesh in June to trace 24 engineering students from Hyderabad and a tour operator, who were swept away when water in the Beas river rose suddenly.

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