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About UDAAI Monthly Reports

Uttarakhand Disaster & Accident Analysis Initiative (UDAAI) is a monthly initiative by Dehradun-based environmental action and advocacy group, Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation. The goal of the UDAAI reports is to document disasters and accidents in Uttarakhand, leading to human and ecological casualties. UDAAI is based on media reports in respectable publications in English and Hindi newspapers, as well as news portals. UDAAI neither attempts nor claims to document all disasters and all accidents in Uttarakhand; its focus instead is to document major casualties and non-casualty events on a regular basis.

We strongly believe that with the perils of inclement climate and unabated disasters, the ecologically fragile and earthquake-prone state of Uttarakhand needs to take many more steps to increase its disaster preparedness. We therefore see UDAAI as a document that highlights attention towards the urgent need of a holistic disaster management and accident minimization policy framework in Uttarakhand.

It is our earnest hope that UDAAI will spur political leadership, policy makers, bureaucracy, research and academic institutions, businesses, civil society organisations, media and the citizenry at large to initiate inclusive, regular and action-oriented conversations on the subjects of resilience, mitigation and adaptation in Uttarakhand. With mainstreaming and a greater focus on the issue, there is likely to be an improvement in the process of planning of climate actions and disaster management in Uttarakhand.

May 4, 2024: Woman among three labourers killed in forest fire in Almora

Three labourers, including a woman, were killed while another was injured while trying to douse a forest fire in Almora district making it the first deaths this year in forest fire that have been raging in the hill state over the past fortnight.

The incident occurred in Someshwar tehsil on the evening of May 2, 2024 when four labourers who were employed by a person to extract highly inflammable pine resin (leesa), were trapped in the forest fire while trying to douse out the flames.

There were no identity cards on the labourers and belonged to Nepal. While one died on the spot, two died while being treated at different hospitals – Almora Base Hospital, and Government Hospital in Haldwani. These three deaths mark the first deaths in forest fires in the hill state this year, forest officials said.

"A case has been registered in the incident and we are trying to ascertain how the fire started in the forest. We have given a complaint to the police for setting the fire in the forest, based on which they have registered a first information report (FIR)," said Deepak Kumar, Almora divisional forest officer (DFO).

Over the past two weeks, forest fires have been raging in Uttarakhand, especially in the Kumaon region that includes Almora district where the first deaths have been reported this year. On Friday May 3, 2024 the state reported 64 forest fire incidents – 30 in Garhwal, 29 in Kumaon, and five in wildlife administrative regions.

Over 1,000 hectares of forest land have been damaged in forest fires in the last six months, Nishant Sharma, the nodal officer for forest fire incidents in Uttarakhand, said. Uttarakhand has recorded the highest number of large forest fires in the country during the week from April 25 to May 2, according to the data of the Forest Survey of India (FSI). In the same seven days, Uttarakhand also recorded 3,768 fire alerts, the second highest in the country, only behind Odisha, which recorded 3,769 alerts, according to FSI data.



May 5, 2024: Five students dead and one injured in accident while returning from Mussoorie

Studying in two different universities, four students and one of their friends died in a car accident on the Chunakhala-Jhadipani road; one of their friends, a girl, was seriously injured. Crashing through a road barrier, their Ford Endeavor fell 50 ft down the slope and onto the road below, tyres in the air. The friend had come from Moradabad to meet them.

The cause for the accident is speculated to be loss of control of the vehicle, which was travelling at high speed down the steep slope. According to Mussoorie police, the incident occurred at 5.15 am. The names of the deceased are Hridayansh Chandra from DIT University, Aman Singh Rana, Divyansh Pratap Bhati, Tanuja Rawat, and Nayanshri, from IMS Unison University.

While three were dead on the spot, two died on the way to the hospital. The student who was seriously injured is being treated at Max Hospital, and has sustained injuries on the head, neck and waist.



May 16, 2024: "Lackadaisical approach" - Supreme Court pulls up state over forest fires

The Uttarakhand government is lackadaisical in controlling forest fires, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday, May 2024 summoning the state's chief secretary to appear before it on May 17, 2024 and explain lapses in utilising funds, large vacancies in forest department posts, lack of firefighting equipment, and deployment of forest officials and vehicles on poll duty and Char Dham yatra despite exemptions granted by the Election Commission.

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The state was further asked to explain why state disaster management funds (SDMF) were not released for tackling forest fires and questioned if the balance from the CAMPA funds was diverted for any non-forest activity. The court also sought details of vacancies in forest posts and timelines for filling them, reasons for lack of supply of firefighting equipment for forest personnel at the district and taluka level, and deployment of forest officials for poll duty.

The Uttarakhand government, represented by Deputy Advocate General Jatinder Kumar Sethi, said the state has additionally filled up 1,250 vacant posts and will gradually close the gap on vacancies. He said the state depends on central funds for protecting forests, having limited sources of revenue and explained that in February, when the fires started, there were 137 large forest fires, and by last week, these fires decreased significantly, which made him say that the "emergency situation" was over.

The court said, "Last time you said only 0.01% of forests in the state is on fire. But the note by amicus says it is much more. You cannot compare the entire state. This is a wrong comparison." Not willing to buy state's reasoning, the bench said, "On one hand, the state contends that manpower and vehicles are not available and on other hand, it keeps a large number of vacancies unfilled."

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Lackadaisical approach': SC pulls up state over forest fires

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A note prepared by advocate K Parmeshwar assisting the court as amicus curiae showed that fires were still raging over an area spread across 40 hectares of forest in the state and on May 9, when the top court took note of the matter, the state said the "emergency" situation is over though five large fires (covering more than 200 hectares) were raging. He quoted state reports to suggest that in 2022, over 2,186 fires were reported, which affected 3,425 hectares of forest land.

Parmeshwar said though the state has an action plan in place for mitigation of forest fires, it lacks in implementation.

His note said that in 2023-24, the Centre under CSS sanctioned Rs 14.02 crore, of which only Rs 3.75 crore was released. On CAMPA funds last year, he said of the Rs 8 crore sanctioned, only Rs 3.40 crore was released for mitigating forest fires. On vacancies, Parmeshwar cited a major manpower crunch with over 1,000 of 3,650 sanctioned posts of forest guards and more than 200 of 1,729 forester posts being vacant.

"The rosy picture presented to us on the last date by the state does

not seem to be correct," the bench said, adding, "Though an action plan has been prepared and finalised, no steps have been taken to implement it."

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The court failed to understand non-availability of funds when CAMPA funds from last year remained unutilised. "Chief secretary should explain whether the said fund (CAMPA) is being utilised for other purposes not connected to forest activity."

Parmeshwar said general elections in Uttarakhand were completed in the first phase of voting, and there are various orders issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and even by the state's principal secretary exempting forest staff and vehicles from poll duty. The court said, "When there is an exemption, you are just trying to find out an excuse. It is a very sorry state of affairs. Are these officers being deployed in assembly elections too? We don't know as many of the state's statements seem to be either excuses or are incorrect."

Sethi suggested formation of an expert body to consider various aspects of the matter. The court was not inclined as it was informed that the Centre had already constituted a three-member team to take immediate steps to control forest fires in the state.

Additional solicitor general ASG) Aishwarya Bhati appearing for the Centre informed the court that central funds were made available to the state under CSS and CAMPA. Though figures under CSS were not readily available, Bhati contradicted the figures provided by the amicus on CAMPA funds. According to her, the Centre released Rs 9.12 crore in the last financial year and a further amount of Rs 10 crore in April this year. Uttarakhand's principal conservator of forests D Mohan, appearing through video conferencing, admitted that some forest officials were deployed for poll duty. He informed the bench that Rs 3.4 crore was spent out of CAMPA last year and, this year allocation of ₹2 crore has b done already.

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May 23, 2024: Cloudburst in Pauri and Uttarkashi

Acres of agricultural land was washed away from cloudburst in Pauri and Uttarkashi districts on May 22, 2024. At least 24 houses and cowsheds were damaged due to the debris and water flow. Two cattle also died. Thirty metres of the Kotdwar-Baijro motor road was washed away and vehicles buried under debris.

The cloudburst in Pauri happened in the villages of Kunjoli, Sukai, and Rainka-Farsaari, while agricultural land was also destroyed in the Jivai, Gudialkhet, and Satgharia villages. In Uttarkashi district, the cloudburst took place in Garhwalgad village in Chinyalisaur.

In Kumaon region, intermittent rains have impacted life and the Haldwani-Almora national highway had to be shut down for two hours due to debris collecting near the Kwarab bridge. In Chaukhutia, the water of the Kaligad spring entered the market of Chandikhet, while water levels of the rivers Saryu and Gomti rose and drinking water supply was impacted due to silt in the river water.

डी और उत्तरकाशी में फटा बादल

दो दर्जन भवन क्षतिग्रस्त, ३० मीटर सहिवेदहा, वैजरो और गढ़वालगाड गांव में आफत वनकर वरसी वर्षा

उत्तरकाशी में मुसलधार वर्षा से बुधवार शाम आफत आ गई। दोनों जिलों में बादल फटने से कई एकड़ कृषि भूमि बह गई। पानी और मलबे की चपेट में आने से करीब दो दर्जन भवन व गोशाला क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए। इससे दो मवेशियों की मौत हो गई। पाँडी में कोटद्वार-बैजरो मोटर मार्ग का करीब 30 मीटर हिस्सा बह गया और वाहन मलबे में दब गए। इस दौरान ग्रामीणों ने सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाकर जान बचाई। प्रशासन ने राहत-बचाव कार्य शुरू कर दिया है। कैबिनेट मंत्री सतपाल महाराज ने प्रशासन को प्रभावित दिए हैं। चारधाम यात्रा मार्ग पर वर्षा बहकर आए मलबे की चपेट में गया। कुणजोली, फरसाड़ी, सुकई,

हो रही थी। इसी दौरान कुणजोली



कुमाऊं में वर्षा से मार्गों पर मलबा, यातायात बाधित हल्द्वानी : कुमाऊं के पर्वतीय इलाकों में तीन दिन से रुक-रुक हो रही वर्षा और अतिवृष्टि से जनजीवन पर असर पड़ने लगा है। नदी-गर्धरों के उफोन पर आने से सड़कें बाधित हो रही हैं और पेयजल योजनाओं को नुकसान पहुंचा है। बुधवार दोपहर बाद तेज वर्षा से क्वारब पुल के पास मलबा आने से बंद हल्द्वानी-अल्मोड़ा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग दो घंटे बाद खोला <mark>जा</mark> सका। चौखटिया में कालीगाड़ गधेरे का पानी चांदीखेत बाजार में घुस आया। बागेश्वर में वर्षी से सरयू, गोमती का जलस्तर बद गया और सिल्ट आने से पेयजल आपूर्ति व्यवस्था प्रभावित हो गई। पिथौरागढ जिले में भी सुबह भारी वर्षा हुई।

पौडी जिले के वीरोंखाल ब्लाक के बैजरो क्षेत्र में बादल फटने के बाद पानी के साथ आए मलबे में दबी कार 🌞 सामार : सुचि वामीण

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बीरोंखाल प्रखंड स्थित बैजरो और पहुंचा। सुकई गांव में 20 घरों में डा. आशीप चौहान ने जिला आपदा आसपास क्षेत्र में मूसलधार वर्षा पानी घुस गया। कुणजोली के परिचालन केंद्र पहुंचकर स्थिति

संचार सेवा बहाल करने के निर्देश स्थानों की ओर भागे। पानी के साथ के खेल मैदान में भी मलबा भर प्रभावितों को प्राथमिक विद्यालय में हड़कंप मच गया और ग्रामीण और पंचायतघर में ठहराने व सुरक्षित स्थानों की ओर भागे। का विशेष प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा। चारों आने से कुणजोली गांव में भगत जिबई, गुडियालखेत, सतघरिया उनके लिए भोजन-पानी की करीब छह बजे वर्षा बंद हुई तो धाम में यात्रा सुचारु है। सिंह का मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हो आदि गांवों में कृषि भूमि को भी व्यवस्था करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। एक गोशाला मलबे में दबी मिली। शाम करीब पांच बजे पौड़ी के गया। कुछ दुकानों को भी नुकसान नुकसान पहुंचा है। जिलाधिकारी उधर, उत्तरकाशी में चिन्यालीसौड़ इसमें दबने से एक भैंस और एक तहसील के सुदूरवर्ती गढ़वालगाड गांव में शाम साढ़े पांच बजे भारी समीप ही कोटद्वार-बैजरो मार्ग का का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने बताया वर्षा हुई। इस दौरान गांव के बौणी और चतर सिंह नेगी की परचूना की गांद के पास बादल फट गया। करीब 30 मीटर हिस्सा वह गया कि उप जिलाधिकारी नुपुर वर्मा नामे तोक में बादल फटने से पहाड़ी से भारी मात्रा में मलबा और पत्थर

क्षेत्रों में तत्काल राहत पहुंचाने और गए। यह देखकर ग्रामीण सुरक्षित सड़क बंद हो गई। राइंका फरसाड़ी है। सुकई व फरसाड़ी गांवों के गांव के मध्य पहुंच गए। इससे गांव बैल की मौत हो गई। पूर्व प्रधान सूरत सिंह के मकान का एक हिस्सा दुकान भी मलबे में दब गई।

DAIMIK JAGMAN MAY 23 2024

May 24, 2024: Heavy rains caused flowing debris to enter houses

Heavy rains brought flowing debris into 21 houses in four villages in Birokhal block. People spent two days trying to clean their houses of the collected debris and silt in their homes. Some houses were in such bad shape that even their food was spoiled. Seven villages faced acute water scarcity due to pipelines getting washed away.

In Pabo and Thailisain blocks, heavy rains led to the small bridge in Sainji village being washed away. About 12 villages are impacted due to this. The village temple wall also crumbled due to the heavy rains. Several drinking water lines were also impacted and destroyed.

मलबे से सारा सामान हुआ बरबाद, खाने का सामान भी नहीं बचा, सात गांवों में पेयजल संकट

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

बैजरो/कोटद्वार। 22 मई देर शाम अतिवृष्टि से बीरोंखाल ब्लॉक क्षेत्र के चार गांवों के 21 घरों में मलबा घुस गया था। लोगों का दूसरा दिन घरों से मलबा साफ करने में ही बीता। स्थिति यह है कि घरों में घुसे मलबे से सारा सामान बरबाद हो गया है। स्थिति यह है कि लोगों के पास खाने का सामान भी नहीं बचा है। वहीं पेयजल लाइन बहने से करीब सात गांवों में पेयजल संकट गहरा गया है।

पंचराड गदेरे के उफान से क्षेत्र की पेयजल लाइन बह गई है, जिससे प्रभावित गांवों के साथ ही बैजरो बाजार, तोलियो व कुंड में पेयजल संकट बन गया है। बीते शाम को बाधित हुई बिजली आपूर्ति सुचार कर दी गई है। वहीं, आपदा की चपेट में आए बैजरो-थलीसैंण एनएच और बैजरो-पोखड़ा मार्ग को अस्थायी रूप से यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है। राजस्व विभाग की टीम ने प्रभावित क्षेत्र में डेरा डाल दिया है।

त्रीनगर से यहां पहुंची एसडीएम र वर्मा, तहसीलदार धीरज राणा



बीरॉखाल के सुकई गांव में अतिवृष्टि के बाद घरों के बाहर जमा मलबा। संवाद

अतिवृष्टि से सैंजी गांव में पुलिया बही

पाबौ/थलीसैंग। मूसलाधार बारिश से पाबौ और थलीसैंग ब्लॉक के करीब आठ गांवों में भारी नुकसान हुआ है। बारिश से गाड़ गदेरे उफान पर आ गए और पानी व सैंजी गांव में कई सड़कों पर मलबा आ गया और कई पेयजल लाइनें क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई। सैंजी गांव के मंदिर की सुरक्षा दीवार टूट गई। वहीं पुलिया बहने से करीब 12 गांवों का संपर्क कट गया है। सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता सुरेंद्र नेटियाल व संजय नौटियाल ने बताया कि बुधवार को दोपहर बाद हुई बारिश से थलीसँण, नौठा, पाबी, सैंजी, कालौं, बजवाड़ में नदी नाले उफान पर आ गए। बारिश से मलबा आने से सैंजी गांव के मंदिर की सुरक्षा दीवार भी दूट गई। संवाद

व नायब तहसीलदार आनंद पोल कुमार सेमल्टी के साथ ही राजस्व गांवों में नुकसान आकलन कर रहे हैं। अतिवृष्टि से कुणझोली गांव के भगत सिंह के भवन के ढहने का बृहस्पतिवार शाम पांच बजे तक

खतरा बना हुआ है। उनके परिवार सिंह ने बृहस्पतिवार को प्रभावित ने अन्यत्र शरण ली है। जिलाधिकारी इलाके का दौरा किया। बताया कि डॉ. आशीष चौहान के निर्देश पर कानूनगो विनोद रावत व विनोद राजस्व विभाग ने प्रभावित क्षेत्र में निजी संपत्तियों और सरकारी उपनिरीक्षक प्रदीप रावत प्रभावित . संपत्तियों के नुकसान का आकलन शुरू कर दिया है।

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बारिश से किसानों की बागवानी को नुकसान

घनसाली (टिहरी)। घनसाली क्षेत्र में हुई भारी बारिश और ओलावृष्टि से बागवानी को नुकसान पहुंचा है। कारतकारों ने प्रशासन से मुआवजे की मांग की है। बीते बुधवार शाम लगभग चार बजे घनसाली के बासर और थाती पट्टी के भिगुन, तोली, जाखाणा सहित आसपास के क्षेत्रों में अचानक हुई तेज बारिश और ओलावृष्टि से कीवी,आइ, खुमानी, पुलम, सेब, माल्टा, संतरा, निब्बू आदि के फलों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। उपजिलाधिकारी अपूर्वा सिंह ने कहा कि बारिश और ओलावृष्टि से हुए नुकसान के आंकलन के लिए कृषि, उद्यान विभाग के साथ राजस्व विभाग की टीम को मौके पर भेजने के आदेश दिए गए है। संवाद

दोनों सड़कों पर यातायात बहाल कर दिया गया। ग्रामीणों ने बताया कि कुणझोली गांव में आनंद सिंह रावत के घर में मलबा घुसने से घर में रखा टेंट हाउस का सारा सामान खराब हो गया। पंचराड मदरे के उफान पर रहने से जहां भगत सिंह का शौचालय बह गया, वहीं मोतान मलबे में दब गया।

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May 28: Fire in Village Salra in Mori Tehsil in Uttarkashi district: Firefighter vehicle reaches in four hours due to lack of road

10 houses were burnt due to fire in village Salra in Mori Tehsil in Uttarkashi on May 27, 2024. Six people were injured while trying to douse the fires.

The district administration of Uttarkashi was informed about the fire in the village at 11.00 AM on May 27, 2024. Salra village is 8 kilometres away from the road. The fire

spread rapidly since the houses in the village are made from wood. Twenty-two families were rendered homeless in the fire.

There is a firefighting centre near Badkot, with one vehicle in Purola and the other in Mori. Salra is eight km by walk from Mori. As a result, it took four hours for the rescue teams of fire fighting and SDRF to reach the village of Slara. By then, 15 houses had burned down. If there was a road in Salra, the firefighters could have come from Mori in an hour.

Not just that, the scarcity of water was another challenge. The government has put taps and water lines in the village, but it's been two years and there is no water. As a result, villagers have to walk half-a-km to one kilometre to get water from a well and spring. If there was water in the village, the fire would not have been on the scale that it was.



It is also worth mentioning here that the houses in this region are made of deodar, kail, and pine wood. They do that to keep themselves warm from extremely cold winters. Also, due to the distances and remote areas, it is really tough to transport construction material to these villages. Moreover, the villagers also keep hay collected for their cattle inside these houses. This adds to the danger.

According to newspaper reports, 438 houses have been burned in fire in the past 20 years. The fire in Sidri in 2009 was the most devastating, where 26 houses were razed to the ground and two villagers and 20 cattle had also died.



May 31, 2024: Forest fires in state more than double this year: Data

Uttarakhand witnessed more than double the number of forest fire incidents, and triple the damage to forest land so far in 2024, as compared to the same period last year.

This year, the state has reported 1,156 forest fire incidents, compared to 484 incidents last year in the same period. Over 1,586 hectares of forest land has been damaged, compared to 576 hectares in the same period last year, according to forest department data. The state reported six casualties — five in Kumaon and one in Garhwal — due to forest fires.

Officials say overall forest land lost due to forest fires this year is less compared to previous years. Last year, 933 hectares of forest land was affected in 733 forest fires, causing the death of three people. In 2021, 3,943 hectares were affected and eight died in 2,813 fires and in 2022, 3,425 hectares were gutted in 2,186 incidents and two died. In 2020, 172 hectares of forest land was affected due to 135 forest fires, in which two persons died. In 2019, 2,158 forest fires affected 2,981 hectares of forest land, which led to the death of one and injuries to 15 others.

Forest fires are generally reported in Uttarakhand from February to June, with a peak in fire incidence in May and June. Over 90% of forest fires are man-made. Besides man-made, other reasons include lightning, friction of falling rocks, and monkeys accidentally throwing stones that create sparks leading to forest fires.



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Climate and environment conservation, waste management, sustainable urbanisation and a basket of sustainable development issues are key focus areas of the foundation.

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