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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.

**1. August 1, 2024: Rain Havoc: Nine Dead, Five Missing in Uttarakhand**

Heavy rains in Uttarakhand on July 31, 2024 disrupted life in many areas. Nine people have died in various incidents, while five others are missing, with search efforts underway. A high alert has been issued in Kedarghati. The Tilwara bridge in Tehri has been washed away.

The Mandakini River's water level rose above the danger mark after a cloudburst near Lyncholi, between Jungle Chatti and Bhimbali on the Kedarnath trek route. As a precaution, the district administration evacuated the markets of Gaurikund and Sonprayag, as well as the Gauri Mai temple, late last night. Around 30 metres of the Tapt Kund and Kedarnath walking route have been washed away. In response, 200



## **2. August 2, 2024: 12 dead as intense rains wreak havoc**

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Similarly, SDRF officials recovered the bodies of two people who were washed away in a river near Sahastradhara in Dehradun. They have been identified as Indrapal (40) and Bhupendra Singh (43), said SDRF officials.

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Rudraprayag district has suffered significant damages due to the recent spell of heavy rains. Rudraprayag district disaster management officer Nandan Singh Rajwar said following excessive rains in Kedarnath Valley in Rudraprayag, over 425 people have been rescued through helicopter service and 1,500 pilgrims have been rescued by teams of SDRF and NDRF.

Apart from this, 1,100 passengers stranded between Sonprayag and Bhimbali on the

Kedarnath trek route were rescued by SDRF teams.

"Due to the cloudburst and heavy rains, a 25-metre stretch of road was washed out on the Kedarnath trek route near the Bhimbali medical relief post," he said. "Pilgrims stranded on Kedarnath trek route between Sonprayag to Bhimbali were evacuated by SDRF teams by making alternative routes through hilly terrain," he said.

Kedar Sabha member Anand Shukla said, "Two foot bridges over the Mandakini River have also been washed away near Bhimbali and Lincholi due to the boulder fall and landslides,



resulting in the closure of Kedarnath trek. A kilometre road ahead of Sonprayag also washed out making it difficult for the pilgrims to walk.

The Kedarnath trek route also damaged due to landslides at several places near Gaurikund, Jungle Chatti and Bhimbali. "People inside the temple complex at Gaurikund were evacuated to a safe place after rising the water level of the Mandakini river on Wednesday night."

Ukhimath sub-divisional magistrate Anil Kumar Shukla said, "Due to excessive rain, Kedarnath trek route has been blocked at several places. Ke-

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### 3. August 2, 2024: Disaster Strikes: Disaster Claims Eight Lives in Five Days in Tehri

This monsoon season is proving deadly for the residents of Bhilangana block. Just five days after a mother and daughter lost their lives in Toli, another disaster struck Jakhanyali village, claiming three more lives.

Locals reported that around 9 PM on July 31, 2024 Bhanu Prasad (50), his wife Neelam (45), and their son Vipin (30) were preparing to leave for home after finishing work at a hotel. However, due to heavy rain, they decided to wait for it to



stop. During this time, a cloudburst caused the nearby stream to overflow, and the three were swept away along with the hotel in the strong flow of debris.

The debris also entered a nearby house, but its occupants—Jashoda Devi, her mother Mooli Devi, her daughters Sandhya and Vandana, and her grandson Shivansh—managed to escape to safety.

Upon receiving the news, the administration and the SDRF team reached the site and began searching for the missing persons with the help of local villagers. Bhanu Prasad and his wife Neelam were found about 150 meters below the hotel, with Neelam found dead under the rubble. Their son Vipin was discovered about 100 meters further down, severely injured. He was taken to a nearby road, treated at Pilkhi, and later transferred to a higher hospital that same night. Unfortunately, Vipin succumbed to his injuries near Tehri Dam.

**आपदा** **होटल बहने से पति-पत्नी की मलबे में दबकर हो गई थी मौत**

# टिहरी के भिलंगना ब्लॉक में पांच दिनों में आपदा ने ली आठ लोगों की जान

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

घनसाली(टिहरी)। बारिश का यह सीजन भिलंगना ब्लॉक के लोगों की जान पर भारी पड़ रहा है। पांच दिनों पहले ही तोली में हुई मां-बेटी की मौत के बाद जखन्याली गांव में आई आपदा ने तीन और लोगों की जान ले ली।

स्थानीय लोगों ने बताया कि बुधवार रात करीब नौ बजे भानु प्रसाद (50) पुत्र रघुनंदन, नीलम (45) पत्नी भानु प्रसाद और उनका बेटा विपिन (30) पुत्र भानु प्रसाद होटल का काम निपटाने के बाद घर जाने की तैयारी कर रहे थे। लेकिन तेज बारिश हो रही थी, इसलिए वह बारिश रुकने का इंतजार करने लगे। इतने में ही गदरे में बादल फट गया और मलबे के तेज बहाव में होटल के साथ तीनों लोग बह गए। जबकि गदरे से कुछ दूर ही एक मकान में मलबा घुस गया। वहां मौजूद जसोदा देवी पत्नी कमलेश्वर प्रसाद और उनकी मां मूली देवी, बेटी संध्या, वंदना और पोते शिवांश ने भागकर अपनी जान बचाई। सूचना के कुछ देर बाद ही प्रशासन और एसडीआरएफ की टीम मौके पर पहुंची। उन्होंने ग्रामीणों के साथ लापता लोगों की तलाश शुरू की। कुछ देर बाद ही होटल से करीब 150 मीटर नीचे भानु प्रसाद और उनकी पत्नी नीलम मलबे में मृत दबे मिले। जबकि उनसे करीब 100 मीटर नीचे उनका बेटा विपिन घायलावस्था में पड़ा मिला। राहत एवं बचाव टीम ने उन्हें सड़क तक पहुंचाकर पिलखी अस्पताल भेजा। वहां प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद रात को ही उसे हायर सेंटर रेफर किया गया था। लेकिन टिहरी डैम के आसपास उसने भी दम तोड़ दिया। वहीं जसोदा देवी के परिवार को आपदा राहत शिविर महिला मिलन केंद्र जखन्याली में भेजा गया है। एसडीएम अपूर्वा सिंह ने कहा कि आपदा प्रभावित को राहत शिविर में सभी सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं।

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#### 4. August 2, 2024: 16 Missing in Landslide on Kedarnath Route

Sixteen people are reported missing after a landslide triggered by a cloudburst and heavy rain on July 31, 2024 night along the Kedarnath trekking route. Their families have informed the police, stating they have been unable to contact them since the incident. Superintendent of Police Rudraprayag, Dr. Vishakha Bhadane, confirmed the missing persons report and said that search efforts are ongoing. However, Disaster Management Secretary Vinod Kumar Suman stated that no such information had reached his office.

Meanwhile, in other rain-related incidents, 11 people have lost their lives in the state over the past 24 hours, with one person still missing. Many rivers are flowing near the danger mark, and landslides across the mountain routes have increased risks, with debris and stones falling from hillsides. Power and water supply have been disrupted in numerous villages due to damaged infrastructure.

There were two landslides between Lincholi and Bhimbali on the Kedarnath walking route following the cloudburst. The trekking route collapsed in several places, and two bridges in Rambada were washed away by the strong currents of the Mandakini River. Additionally, a warehouse and four dhabas in Gaurikund were swept away.

Locals fear that the missing individuals might be people who had been conducting business along the Jagran Marg, although no official confirmation has been made. The Superintendent of Police noted that searches had been carried out throughout the day based on the information provided by relatives, but no one has been located yet.

The Kedarnath Yatra was suspended on August 1, 2024 due to the collapse of the highway and walking route. More than 4,000 pilgrims stranded at various points were evacuated by the NDRF, SDRF, and police, and transported to safe locations. Of these, 700 pilgrims were rescued by helicopter. The PMO has also sent support in the form of Air Force cargo helicopters, including Chinook and MI-17, which have arrived at the Gauchar helipad. During the operation, 5,000 food packets were distributed to stranded pilgrims.

Due to the rising Mandakini River, hotels and lodges built along the riverbanks in Sonprayag and Gaurikund have been evacuated. Travel registrations for the Char Dham Yatra were also suspended in Rishikesh and Haridwar.



# केदारनाथ मार्ग पर भूस्खलन में 16 लापता

**आसमान से बरसी आफत**

जागरण टीम, देहरादून: केदारनाथ पैदल मार्ग पर बुधवार रात बादल फटने और अतिवृष्टि से हुए भूस्खलन में 16 लोगों के लापता होने की सूचना है। इनके स्वजन ने पुलिस को यह जानकारी दी है। उनका कहना है कि घटना के बाद से इन लोगों से संपर्क नहीं हो पा रहा। पुलिस अधीक्षक रुद्रप्रयाग डा. विशाखा भदाणे ने इसकी पुष्टि करते हुए बताया कि उनकी खोजबीन की जा रही है। हालांकि, सचिव आपदा प्रबंधन विनोद कुमार सुमन ने कहा कि ऐसी कोई जानकारी उनके पास नहीं है। इस बीच वर्षाजनित अन्य हादसों में पिछले 24 घंटे में प्रदेशभर में 11 लोगों की मौत हुई, जबकि एक लापता है। अधिकांश नदियां खतरे के निशान के करीब बह रही हैं। पर्वतीय मार्गों पर जगह-जगह भूस्खलन होने और पहाड़ी से मलबा व पत्थर गिरने से जोखिम बढ़ गया है। कई गांवों में बिजली और पानी की लाइन टूटने से आपूर्ति बाधित है।

केदारनाथ पैदल मार्ग पर लिनचोली और भीमबली के बीच दो स्थानों पर बादल फटने से भूस्खलन हो गया था। इससे पैदल मार्ग कई जगह ध्वस्त हो गया। मंदाकिनी नदी के पूंज बहाव में रामबाड़ा के दो पुल बह गए। एक गोदाम और गौरीकुंड में चार ढाबे भी बहे हैं। पैदल यात्रा

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मार्ग पर स्थानीय लोग इन दिनों कारोबार करते हैं। आशंका जताई जा रही है कि लापता लोग इन्हीं में से हैं। हालांकि, आधिकारिक तौर पर कोई भी इसकी पुष्टि नहीं कर रहा। पुलिस अधीक्षक का कहना है कि लोगों से मिली सूचना के आधार पर दिनभर खोजबीन की गई, मगर अब तक किसी का पता नहीं चला है। इस बीच केदारनाथ हाईवे और पैदल मार्ग ध्वस्त होने से केदारनाथ यात्रा गुरुवार को स्थगित रही। दिनभर में विभिन्न पड़ावों पर फंसे 4,000 से अधिक तीर्थ यात्रियों को एनडीआरएफ, एसडीआरएफ व पुलिस ने निकालकर सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया। इनमें 700 तीर्थयात्री

हेलीकाप्टर से रेस्क्यू किए गए। इसके लिए पीएमओ ने मदद का हाथ बढ़ाते हुए वायुसेना के मालवाहक हेलीकाप्टर चिनुक और एमआइ-17 भेजे हैं, जो गौचर हेलीपैड पर पहुंच गए हैं। इस दौरान तीर्थ यात्रियों 5,000 फूड पैकेट वितरित किए गए। मंदाकिनी नदी के उफान को देखते हुए सोनप्रयाग व गौरीकुंड में नदी किनारे बने होटल-लाज खाली करवा दिए गए हैं। ऋषिकेश और हरिद्वार में यात्रा पंजीकरण बंद रहे। मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने गुरुवार को टिहरी के आपदाग्रस्त जखन्याली और रुद्रप्रयाग के गौरीकुंड पहुंचकर बचाव एवं राहत कार्यों का जायजा लिया। हिमाचल में 48 लोग लापता >> पेज 15

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## 5. August 8, 2024 : Dorothy's seat collapses after landslide hits iconic tourist spot in Nainital dist

Nainital experienced a massive landslide in the Tiffin Top area on the night of August 6, 2024 which led to the collapse of the famous tourist point Dorothy's Seat, one of the main attractions of the hill station. Cracks around this seat had already developed last year and the district administration was planning for its treatment to save the famous tourist point, officials familiar with the matter (said).

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On his initiative, a team of Uttarakhand Landslides Mitigation and Management Centre (ULMMC) Dehradun inspected the landslide prone area of Tiffin Top.

Tiffin Top area is located at the height of 2290-metre. It presents a 360-degree spectacular view of Nainital. One has to trek around 4 km from Nainital Mall Road and to reach there.

According to officials, Dorothy’s seat was named after British Army officer Col. JP Kellet’s wife Dorothy. She was an artist painter who used to visit Tiffin Top frequently and paint paintings there. After her death, Col. Kellet built a platform/site in her memory.



Earlier this year, some cracks were spotted at the Dorothy’s seat. HT FILE

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## 6. August 17, 2024 : 3 more bodies found as Kedar route reopens

The trek route from Sonprayag to Kedarnath, which had been closed for 15 days due to massive rain-triggered landslides on July 31, 2024 has now reopened. The route was severely damaged at around 30 locations from Gaurikund to Kedarnath, forcing pilgrims to rely solely on chopper services to reach the shoreline. With the route now restored, pilgrims have resumed their trek.

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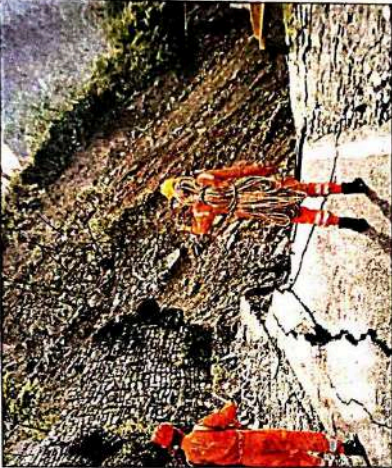
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Rudraprayag DM Saurabh Chaturvedi said that while the majority of the repair work has been completed, a small section at Julechatti still requires strengthening. “Our teams are focusing on this area, but the rest of the route is fully restored,” he added.

Meanwhile, public PWD services on the route are working on repairing the 2-km-long Sonprayag-Gaurikund NH, which is essential for resuming taxi shuttle services on the route.

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## 7. August 19, 2024: Search continues for 20 missing pilgrims

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"Ever since the search operation was launched after July 31 destruction on the trek route, six bodies have been recovered so far. Different agencies, including SDRF, DDRF, have been searching for them in different locations along the route. It is suspected that they might have washed away downstream," the officer said.

On Wednesday, the state disaster response force (SDRF) recovered three bodies under the debris near Lincholi.

On Thursday, the Rudraprayag district administration announced they have restored the pedestrian movement on the trek route, which suffered damages at 29 locations, after repair work.

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Located at a height of nearly 3,500 metres above sea level, the Kedarnath temple is located near the Mandakini river in the Rudraprayag district. According to tradition, the shrine was built by Pandavas and revived by Adi Shankaracharya.

The shrine was the worst affected area during the 2013 flash floods, with Kedarnath town suffering extensive damage.



At least six bodies have been recovered since the July 31 destruction on the Kedarnath trek route.

## Kedarnath route for pilgrims opened

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**MUSSOORIE:** Pilgrim movement on the Kedarnath Dham trek route, which was closed for 15 days due to landslides and damage to the 19-kilometre Sonprayag to Kedarnath Dham route triggered by heavy rains on 31 July, finally picked up as the yatra has been opened for the pedestrian pilgrims, officials familiar with the matter said.

Anil Shukla SDM Ukhimath said, "The stretches on the pedestrian trek route that was damaged due to landslides triggered by heavy rains have been repaired at most places and SDRF teams have been deployed for the safety of pilgrims. The pilgrimage has again picked up since Saturday."

According to the Rudraprayag district administration, 120 pilgrims reached Kedarnath shrine of which 62 were male, 44 female and four children while 10 were from other countries on Saturday.

Jyoti Gairola, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and vice-chairman of the 20-point programme implementation committee, expressed his happiness over the efficient handling of natural disasters and commencement of the Kedarnath yatra again in the state.

Nirbhay Singh, executive engineer (national highway) Public Works Department Ukhimath said, "The pedestrian yatra route is open and only the traffic route from Sonprayag to Gaurikund has been damaged where the work of erecting side wall is continuing in full swing and we are hopeful that the vehicular movement from Sonprayag will be started soon once the repair work is completed here."

However, the earnings of the mule and horse operators have not picked up as only pilgrims on foot have been permitted for the yatra to Kedarnath dham.

Arvind Rawat, executive member of Kedar Ghati Khachar Ghoda Mazdoor Sewa Samiti, said, "The yatra for the pilgrims on foot has been started but administration is yet to decide on the restart of mule and horse operations for Kedarnath Yatra which is making life difficult for the operators who depend solely on the Kedarnath yatra as their only livelihood. We have demanded some financial relief from the government to feed our families and the animals and have been assured that something will be done for the mule and horse operators."

Meanwhile, IMD Dehradun Centre issued an orange alert in Uddham Singh Nagar, Bageshwar, Champawat and Nainital districts with a forecast of heavy rains, thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and intense spells of rain in isolated places on Tuesday while a yellow alert has been issued with a forecast of a thunderstorm with a fierce spell of rains in isolated places in remaining district for next four days. The state recorded 16 mm of rain in past 24 hours, till 8.3 am on Sunday with Bageshwar recording 13 mm of rain, while the remaining district recorded less than 4 mm of rain.

According to the PWD, over 126 roads were closed due to landslides and heavy overnight rain and the work was on to reopen the roads using heavy machines in the state.

Seers at the Kedarnath temple after the resumption of pilgrim movement. HT PHOTO.

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## 8. August 22, 2024: Landslides in 13 Villages Due to Cloudburst in Bhilangana Patti, Five Houses Destroyed

Heavy rains on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 night caused devastation in Bhilangana block of Tehri district, an area already grappling with the impacts of previous disasters. A cloudburst in Bhilang Patti triggered landslides across 13 villages. As rivers and streams overflowed, debris and water flooded into homes, leaving the villages buried under boulders and rubble. Two houses were completely destroyed, and three others were partially damaged. Fortunately, villagers managed to escape in time, saving their lives. However, 14 cattle were buried under the debris as five cowsheds collapsed. Many villages have been cut off due to damage to electricity, water, and communication lines.

The region has already been suffering from disaster since the last week of July, when Tingarh, Toli, and Jakhnyali villages in Bhilangana block were hit. The affected villagers have not yet been relocated from those areas, and now, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 night, landslides and debris have created further destruction in several villages of Bhilang Patti. Around 11 PM, water from a nearby stream began to overflow, causing debris and boulders to fall into the villages.

According to Mayur Dixit, DM of Tehri Garhwal, heavy rainfall in the Bhilangana area caused significant damage to the villages of Bhilang Patti. Two families have been relocated to a safer place after their homes were destroyed. Instructions have been given to restore electricity and water supply, and relief work is underway at a rapid pace, he added.

The landslides also disrupted drinking water lines in Thati Bhilang, Sankari, Maletha, Lom, ChakraGaon, Samangaon, Miswali, Bhatgaon, Ankwan Gaon, Raitgaon, Jogiana, and Bhelunta villages. Electricity supply was interrupted in Khal, Gawana Malla, Gawana Talla, Satiyala, Gewal Kuda, Mindu, Sindwal Gaon, Kailwagi, ChakraGaon, Jugadgaon, Chaitwar, Devlang, and Ghuttu villages.

### टिहरी के भिलंगना पट्टी में बादल फटने से 13 गांवों में भूस्खलन, पांच मकान ध्वस्त

**संवाद सूत्र, जागरण, धनसाली:** पहले से ही आपदा की मार झेल रहे टिहरी जिले के भिलंगना ब्लॉक में मंगलवार रात भारी वर्षा आफत बनकर टूटी। भिलंग पट्टी में बादल फटने से 13 गांवों में भूस्खलन से तबाही मच गई। नदी नालों ने गांव का रुख किया तो घरों में मलबा और पानी घुस गया। देखते ही देखते गांव बौलडर और मलबे से ढक गए। दो मकान पूरी तरह और तीन आंशिक रूप से ध्वस्त हो गए। ग्रामीणों ने किसी तरह भागकर जान बचाई। पांच गोशालाओं के ध्वस्त होने से 14 मवेशी भी मलबे में दब गए। बिजली-पानी और संचार लाइनों के क्षतिग्रस्त होने से कई गांवों का संपर्क टूट गया है। राहत और बचाव कार्य के लिए प्रशासन की टीम गांवों में पहुंच गई है। घुसू गांव के दो परिवारों के 10 ग्रामीणों की नवजीवन आश्रम में शिफ्ट किया गया है।

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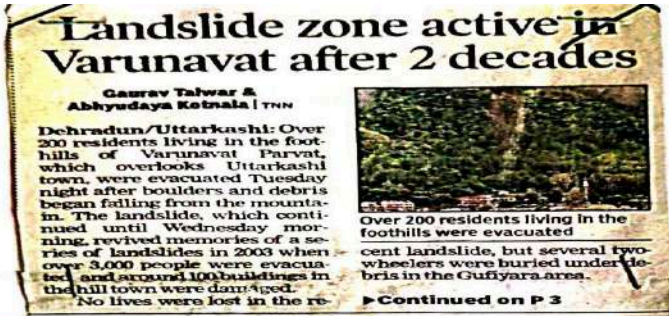
## 9. August 29, 2024: Landslide zone active in Varunavat after 2 decades

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**200 evacuated after heavy rockfall; locals reminded of 2003 landslide**  
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The district disaster management authority (DDMA) said a municipal council team was on the spot with a JCB to clear the debris, and a multi-departmental team, along with the NDRF, had been dispatched for a physical investigation.

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Alexandra Bisht (76), another resident, added, "Although we were among the lucky ones who did not suffer any loss in 2003, the fear still lingers in our minds. The rockfall this time has exposed the green cover, making the mountain more susceptible to landslides."

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**2018**  
In Aug, three people were injured and two buildings collapsed after a landslide occurred

**2015**  
► Cracks started developing on the Tambakhani face of Varunavat  
► Tehri Hydro Development Corporation was asked to prepare a design of the treatment process and PWD carried out the treatment in 2016

**2003**  
► Similar landslide struck late on Sep 23. Large number of commercial and residential buildings got buried in the debris  
► The landslide was classified as a classic example of debris slide and

was attributed to lack of proper channelling of rainwater, causing erosion in the mountain

► Union govt in 2004 announced a ₹252 crore package for treating Varunavat

tration is taking all measures to prevent a major incident." Notably, after the 2003 landslides, the Union govt had announced a ₹2 crore package for treating Varunavat. Consequently, various corrective measures were adopted to increase the mountain's shear strength.



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