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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. July 1, 2024: Avalanche hits Chorabari glacier near Kedarnath shrine

A massive avalanche struck near Chorabari glacier in the upper reaches of Kedarnath, on June 30, 2024 causing panic among pilgrims at the shrine. The avalanche occurred almost five km upstream of the temple at around 5 am and there was no loss of life or property, said officials.

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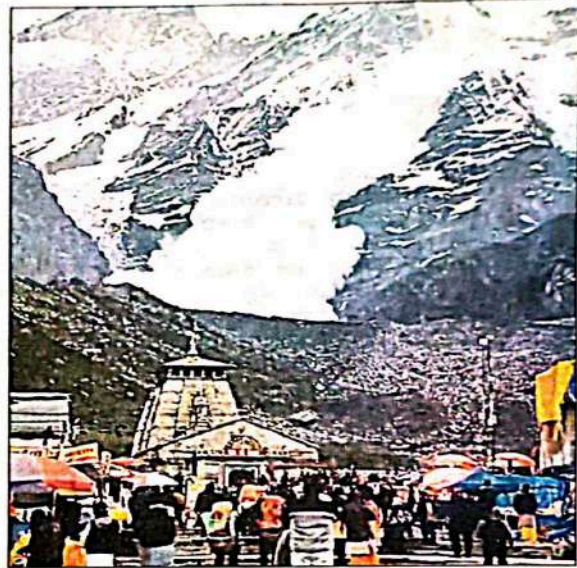
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2. July 5, 2024: Heavy Rain in Uttarakhand: Three Children Drown in Pits, Two Kanwariyas Swept Away in Stream

The heavy rain in Uttarakhand has caused significant disruption across the state. Several roads, including those on the Char Dham Yatra route, have been closed. In various locations, three children drowned in rainwater-filled pits, with two bodies recovered so far. Additionally, two Kanwariyas were swept away by a swollen stream on the Gomukh trek in Uttarkashi.

In Dehradun, on July 4, 2024 a five-year-old boy named Adhir Kumar, son of Jitendra Kumar, a resident of Neer Colony in the Prem Nagar area, went out to play around noon but did not return home for a long time. The family searched for him but found no trace and eventually went to the police. Late at night, the boy's body was found in a pit filled with rainwater at a nearby Dussehra ground, leading to a state of panic among his family. The police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.

Student Drowns in Pit in Sidcul

In Sidcul, a ninth-grade student named Priyanshu (14) from Pauri Garhwal went to play near a dried-up river with his two friends. When one of them slipped into a pit filled with water, the other two jumped in to save him. However, all three began to drown. A passerby managed to save two of the boys, but Priyanshu could not be found. A rescue team searched for him until nightfall.

Two Kanwariyas Swept Away by Swollen Stream in Uttarkashi

In Uttarkashi, on the Gangotri-Gomukh trek near Chirbasa, two Kanwariyas were swept away by a swollen stream after a temporary wooden bridge collapsed due to rising water levels from a melting glacier. The third Kanwariya managed to cross and informed the authorities at the Gangotri National Park barrier. Due to the incident, 35 pilgrims heading to Gomukh were stopped at a rest house near Bhojwasa.

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आपदा : देहरादून, हरिद्वार और खटीमा में हादसा, देर रात दो बच्चों के शव मिले

संवाद मधुसूदन राजेश्वरी

देहरादून। प्रदेश में हो रही लगातार बारिश के कारण उत्तराखण्ड में भी बाढ़ का खतरा बढ़ रहा है। उत्तराखण्ड के देहरादून, हरिद्वार और खटीमा में बाढ़ का खतरा बढ़ रहा है। देहरादून में तीन बच्चों के गड्डों में डूबने की खबर मिली है। देहरादून में तीन बच्चों के गड्डों में डूबने की खबर मिली है। देहरादून में तीन बच्चों के गड्डों में डूबने की खबर मिली है।

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सिडकुल। उत्तराखण्ड के देहरादून में सिडकुल की एक नदी सूखी पड़ी थी। नदी के किनारे बने गड्ढे में तीन बच्चों के डूबने की खबर मिली है। देहरादून में तीन बच्चों के गड्डों में डूबने की खबर मिली है। देहरादून में तीन बच्चों के गड्डों में डूबने की खबर मिली है।

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AMAR UGALA
JULY 5, 2024

3. July 6, 2024: 60% School Buildings in Uttarakhand are in Poor Condition

Nearly 60% government school buildings in Uttarakhand are in poor condition. These schools have been in desperate need of repairs for a long time, with 1,174 schools now categorised as being in a dilapidated state. This information was revealed in a recent report by the Education Department.

During a review meeting conducted by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama, the Education Department presented this report. The Chief Minister has directed that safety measures in schools be given top priority and completed as quickly as possible.

Based on the condition of the schools, the Education Department has categorised all schools from basic to secondary levels into four groups. Schools in category A are considered safe, while the others are classified into categories B, C, and D based on their condition, ranging from moderate to sensitive and highly sensitive.

Out of 16,221 government schools, 11,465 fall into the B to D categories. Among these, 1,174 schools are classified as highly sensitive, meaning they require immediate repairs. This includes 1,060 basic schools and 112 secondary schools. While the conditions in B and C categories can be improved with general repairs, the most concerning situation is in the highly sensitive, or D category, schools.

उत्तराखण्ड के 60 फीसदी स्कूलों में इमारतों की हालत ठीक नहीं

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देहरादून। मानसून की आगमन के बीच एक तर्कीकृत यह भी है कि राज्य के करीब 60 फीसदी सरकारी स्कूलों के भवनों की हालत खिन्कृत ठीक नहीं है। सरकारी स्कूलों में मरम्मत के लिए बजट नहीं है। इनमें 1,174 स्कूल ऐसे हैं जो जर्जरहाल स्थिति में पहुंच चुके हैं। शिक्षा विभाग की कॉन्सल्टिंग रिपोर्ट में यह तथ्य स्पष्ट है।

मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी की ओर से ली गई समीक्षा बैठक में शिक्षा विभाग ने इस रिपोर्ट को पेश किया। मुख्यमंत्री ने स्कूलों में मरम्मत कार्यों की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता के साथ जल्द से जल्द पूरा कराने के निर्देश दिए हैं।

स्कूलों की स्थिति के आधार पर शिक्षा विभाग ने बंकिम से लेकर मा. प्रिमिक स्तर तक के सभी स्कूलों को चार श्रेणियों में बांटा है। इनमें प्र. श्रेणी की सुरक्षा रखा है। जबकि बाकी को उनकी स्थिति के आधार मध्यम, संवेदनशील और अति संवेदनशील



राजकीय प्राथमिक विद्यालय तालुका मोरी का भवन जर्जर हाल बना है। • हिन्दुस्तान

सुधार के लिए चाहिए 797 करोड़

इन स्कूलों की मरम्मत और सभी आवश्यक ससाधन जुटाने के लिए 779 करोड़ रुपये की जरूरत है। शिक्षा विभाग के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के अनुसार बसिक स्कूलों के लिए 662.12 करोड़ और माध्यमिक स्कूलों के लिए 135.76 करोड़ रुपये की जरूरत होगी।

66 स्कूलों की मरम्मत और ससाधन मुहैया कराने की प्राथमिकता से पूरा किया जा रहा है। स्कूलों की आवश्यकता के अनुसार मरम्मत और नया निर्माण कराया जा सके, इसीलिए स्कूलों का वर्गीकरण किया गया है। सबसे पहले डी श्रेणी स्कूलों को लिया गया है। कोशिश की जा रही है। वर्ष 2025-26 तक सभी स्कूलों को बेहतर कर दिया जाए। मानसून के दौरान जर्जर श्रेणी के स्कूलों में पढ़ाई न कराने के निर्देश भी दिए जा चुके हैं।

- बंशीधर तिवारी, महानिदेशक- शिक्षा

श्रेणी	बसिक	माध्यमिक
बी श्रेणी	4873	887
सी श्रेणी	3994	539
डी श्रेणी	1060	112

बी, सी और डी श्रेणी में रखा है। 16 हजार 221 सरकारी स्कूलों में 11 हजार 465 स्कूल इनमें बी से डी श्रेणी में आए हैं। इनमें अति संवेदनशील यानि जिन्हें तत्काल मरम्मत की जरूरत है, उनकी संख्या 1174 है। इनमें बसिक स्कूल 1060 और माध्यमिक स्कूल 112 हैं। बी और सी श्रेणी में सामान्य मरम्मत के आधार पर स्थिति को सुधारा जा सकता है। लेकिन ज्यादा विताजनक स्थिति अति संवेदनशील यानि डी श्रेणी के स्कूलों की है।

HINDUSTAN
JULY 6, 2024

4. July 13, 2024: Badrinath Highway Reopens After 83 Hours in Joshimath, Devotees Chant Jai Badri Vishal

The Badrinath National Highway, which had been blocked in Joshimath since July 9, 2024 morning, was finally reopened on July 12, 2024 evening after 83 hours. As soon

as the highway reopened, the devotees present there chanted "Jai Badri Vishal" and "Jo Bole So Nihal."

The Border Roads Organization (BRO) worked around the clock for four days to clear the boulder blocking the highway, finally making it passable at around 6:15 PM on July 12, 2024. Initially, pedestrians were allowed to cross, followed by vehicles. The highway had been blocked near Chungi Dhar in Joshimath at 7:00 AM on July 9, 2024 due to debris, leaving around 4,500 travellers stranded.

Polling parties heading to conduct voting in the Badrinath Assembly by-election were also stranded here. They were guided through a five-kilometre walk to continue their journey. On July 11, pedestrian movement was allowed briefly on the highway, allowing 36 polling parties to pass, but falling rocks forced the highway to close again, trapping four polling parties who were later airlifted to Gopeshwar by helicopter.

जोशीमठ में 83 घंटे बाद खुला बदरीनाथे हाईवे, लगे जय बदरी विशाल के जयकारे

मंगलवार सुबह सात बजे चट्टान टूटने से बाधित हो गई थी आवाजाही, हाईवे पर फंस गए थे 4,500 श्रद्धालु | **शुक्रवार शाम छह बजे पहले पैदल उसके बाद वाहनों को किया गया खाना, सभी ने ली राहत की सांस**

संवाद म्यूज एजेंसी

जोशीमठ/गोपेश्वर। जोशीमठ में मंगलवार सुबह से बाधित बदरीनाथ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 83 घंटे बाद शुक्रवार शाम मुफ्त हो गया है। हाईवे खुलने की ख़ास मौजूद श्रद्धालुओं ने जय बदरीविशाल और जो बोलें सोनिहाल के जयकारे लगाए।

सीमा सड़क संयुक्त (बीआरओ) की मशीनों ने चार दिन तक 24 घंटे काम करते हुए हाईवे पर आठ चट्टानों को हटाकर शुक्रवार शाम सात बजे आवाजाही सुरु करवा दी। पहले पैदल श्रद्धालुओं को निकाला गया, इसके बाद वाहनों को खाना दिया गया। जोशीमठ में चुंगीधर के पास मंगलवार सुबह सात बजे हाईवे पर मलबा आ गया था। जिसमें हाईवे बंद हो गया था और करीब 4500 यात्री यहाँ फंस गए थे। यहाँ बीआरओ जेसीवी मशीनों से मलबा हटाने का काम कर रही थी कि: पृथ्वी 11 बजे पहाड़ का बड़ा हिस्सा टूट गया और भारी भूकंप चट्टान सड़क पर अटक गई। हाईवे बंद होने से सभी यात्री इतना डर भरे फंस गए। बदरीनाथ



चुंगीधर में बदरीनाथ धाम के लिए पैदल आवाजाही करते तीर्थयात्री। संवाद

विधानसभा उपचुनाव में मतदान कराने के लिए जा रही पोलिंग पार्टियां भी यहाँ फंसीं रहीं, जिन्हें पांच किमी पैदल करने से पार कराया गया।

वापसी में 11 जुलाई को कुछ समय के लिए हाईवे पर पैदल आवाजाही कराई गई, जिसमें 36 पोलिंग पार्टियां तो आ गईं, लेकिन फिर पत्थर गिरने से फिर आवाजाही बंद कर दी गई और चार पोलिंग पार्टियां वहीं फंस गईं, जिन्हें हेलीकॉप्टर से गोपेश्वर भेजा गया।

अफरा-तर्फी से बचने के लिए लगाई रस्सी

हाईवे खुलने पर आगे बढ़ने से अफरा-तर्फी की स्थिति आ सकती थी, इससे बचने के लिए पुलिस, एनडीआरएफ, एमडीआरएफ ने रस्सी लगाकर लाइन में यात्रियों को हाईवे पार कराया। हाईवे खुलने की सूचना पर व्यापारी और स्थानीय लोगों का वहाँ पर हुजूम उमड़ पड़ा। जब यात्रियों को बतया गया कि हाईवे से पूरा मलबा हट गया है और अब वाहन दूसरी तरफ जा सकते हैं तो सभी ने जय बदरीविशाल और जो बोलें सोनिहाल के जयकारे लगाए।

इस तरह निकाले यात्री : बीआरओ के कमान अधिकारी प्रतीक काले ने बताया कि शुक्रवार सुबह हाईवे पर से कासी हद तक मलबा हटा दिया गया। इसके बाद मलबे के ऊपर से ही पैदल और दोपहिय वाहनों को भेजा गया। करीब 1500 बढालु एनडीआरएफ, एमडीआरएफ, बीआरओ और पुलिस टीम की सुरक्षा में सुबह आठ बजे जोशीमठ से गंतव्य की ओर भेजे गए। उसके बाद फिर शाम छह बजे सड़क को वाहनों की आवाजाही करवाई। सवा छह बजे पैदल यात्रियों फिर दोपहिय और चौपहिय वाहनों को भेजा गया।

पौड़ी हाईवे पर 10 घंटे आवाजाही ठप करे टट्टारा। कुम्भमेला के दौरान कोटद्वार में टट्टारा के बीच वाहनों के पास हाईवे पर आगे जाते में मलबा आ गया। इस दौरान हाईवे को बंद और फंसने से बच गया। हाईवे बंद होने से मुफ्त मार्ग के दोनों ओर वाहनों की लम्बी कतारें लगी गईं। एनएच परामर्श ने जेसीवी से मलबे को हटाने का काम सुरु करवा दिया। हाईवे पर आवाजाही प्रभावित होने से पकनेय क्षेत्र में क्यूटी करने जा रहे ऑफिसरी, कर्मचारी और शिक्षक भी डर में मकल पहुंचे। कई कर्मचारियों को अकामना लेना पड़ा। बारिश के दौरान करीब 11:00 बजे पांचवें मील के समीप घंटे पर भारी मलबा से मलबा आ गया। जिसमें सड़क की चढ़ से रक्त गई। इसके अलावा आमने-सु आमने सिडकबनी सीरर के पास भी हाईवे पर मलबा आ गया, जिसमें हाईवे मुफ्त नौ बजे तक बंद रहा। इस दौरान मार्ग पर रसद, सड़की व अन्य स्थान लेकर पकनेय क्षेत्र आवाजाही कर रहे ट्रक फंस गए। सुबह पकनेय क्षेत्र में क्यूटी। जिन जा रहे अधिकारी और कर्मचारी भी रसद बंद होने के कारण घंटों मार्ग खुलने का इंतजार करते रहे। जिससे यह देरी से कार्यालय और स्कूल पहुंचे। संवाद

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5. July 15, 2024 : NGT demands action on Joshimath crisis

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The order further stated that "as per the geo-mapping of the region (if done), the pending projects should be reviewed in view of vulnerability of the given areas."

"The status of action taken pursuant to demolition notices served to 19 unsafe buildings has not been disclosed. The status of further survey has also not been disclosed. No marking of vulnerable sites having cracks, landslide prone areas and chronic landslide prone areas is indicated. How many such sites have been stabilised by way of filling and slope stability, has not been disclosed," the order, a copy of which is with TOI, said.

NGT has intervened on several occasions by registering a suo motu case on the Joshimath issue which mentioned subsidence of the earth's surface due to displacement of underground materials. Significantly, Joshimath town is considered to be a 'gateway' to the revered Badrinath shrine and hundreds of devotees usually take the route for pilgrimage.

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6. July 22, 2024 : Three pilgrims dead, five injured in Kedarnath route landslide

Three pilgrims died and five were injured in a landslide on the Kedarnath Dham trekking route on July 21, 2024. The incident took place near Chirbasa, around three km from Gaurikund, the starting point of the trek, when the pilgrims were on their way to the temple.

Rudraprayag District Disaster Management Officer (DDMO) Nandan Singh Rajwar said, "Around 7.30 am, the disaster control room received information that some pilgrims were buried under the debris of a landslide on the Kedarnath trek route near Chirbasa. As NDRF, SDRF, and local police teams were engaged in the rescue and relief operation, they recovered three bodies under the debris of the landslide. Five people also sustained injuries in the incident". The official said that it was not raining when the incident took place.

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DEHRADUN: Three pilgrims died and five others were injured in a landslide on the Kedarnath Dham trekking route in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag district on Sunday, officials said.

The incident took place near Chirbasa, around 3 km from Gaurikund, the starting point of the trek, when the pilgrims were on their way to pay obeisance at Kedarnath temple.

The three deceased were identified as Kishor Arun Farate (31), a resident of Nagpur in Maharashtra, Sunil Mahadev Kale (24), a resident of Jalna in Maharashtra, Anurag Singh (22), from Khadi Ghandiyalka in Rudraprayag district. The injured were identified as Chela Bhai, Jagdeesh and Hardana, all three of them hailing from Gujarat, and Abhishek Chauhan and Dhaneshwar from Maharashtra.

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"Five people also sustained injuries in the incident. One of them is undergoing treatment in Gaurikund, while others are being treated at Rudraprayag district hospital," he added.

The official said it wasn't raining on the trek route when the incident took place.

SDRF commandant Manikant Mishra said, "Around 8 am, we received information from the district control room that some pilgrims were trapped under the debris of a landslide on the Kedarnath trek route in Chirbasa."

"Our team led by inspector Anirudh Singh Bhandari rushed to the spot with rescue equipment. Upon reaching the spot, we found three people dead. We have handed over the bodies of the deceased to the police," he added.

Vinod Kumar Suman, disaster management secretary, said, "No decision has been taken with regard to suspension of the Char Dham yatra because the IMD's red alert for July 21 and July 22 was issued for districts in the Kumaon region."

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Additional secretary, disaster management Suvin Bansal had then said, "A multidisciplinary survey, involving dimensions like geology, road safety, and risk assessment, will be carried out with regard to disaster vulnerability on the Char Dham route. We have approached the subject experts and the date for the introductory meeting is yet to be decided."

SDRF personnel during rescue operations on the trekking route. HT PHOTO

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7. July 28, 2024: Cloudburst in Tehri: 16 Buildings Buried in Debris, Mother and Daughter Die

In the last 24 hours, heavy rains have caused widespread damage in Tehri district. In the Bhilangana block, the villages of Toli and Tinghar experienced a cloudburst, leading to flooding and landslides that buried 16 residential buildings in debris. In

one of the houses, a mother and daughter lost their lives after being trapped under the rubble, while three other family members managed to escape. Fortunately, the administration had already evacuated around 80 houses in Tinghar village on July 27, 2024 morning, sensing the threat of a landslide. However, 15 houses were later buried in debris during the evening landslide.

In the Jhalla village of Tehri district, a worker's hut was swept away by the overflowing Dharm Ganga River, resulting in a mother and daughter going missing. Two others residing in the hut managed to escape. The continuous rains over the past two days have caused rivers and streams to swell, creating panic among the residents. People living nearby have been advised to move to safer locations.

On the night of July 26, 2024, heavy rain pounded Toli village in Tehri. Hearing the sound of falling boulders, Virendra Shah, along with his wife Sarita Devi (37) and daughter Ankita (15), sat on the veranda outside their house. His daughter-in-law Karishma and one-year-old granddaughter Aditi were sleeping in a room. At around 11:30 PM, Sarita Devi went into the room to fetch a sweater, and Ankita followed her. Suddenly, a wall of the house, laden with heavy debris, collapsed on Sarita Devi and Ankita. By the time Virendra Shah entered the room, both mother and daughter were already buried under the debris. He tried to rescue them but was unsuccessful. He then went to the other room, woke up his daughter-in-law and granddaughter, and led them outside. The administration and SDRF teams reached the village late at night. MLA Shaktilal Shah and DM Mayur Dixit visited Toli village and handed over a cheque of INR 935,000 to the deceased's family.

The residents of the Budhakedar valley remained awake all night, witnessing the furious swelling of the Bal Ganga and Dharm Ganga rivers due to the cloudburst. The administration has declared a three-day holiday in schools in Toli, Tinghar, Bhigun, and Budhakedar villages. The people relocated to GIC Vinaykhal have been provided with food, milk, drinking water, and medical facilities. In Jhalla village, the Dharm Ganga River's rising water level swept away the hut of a family of Nepali origin, leading to the disappearance of Pappu's wife Jaya (32) and daughter Monika (7). Pappu and his brother Ramesh managed to escape. Search efforts are ongoing for the missing individuals. The Bal Ganga and Dharm Ganga rivers have also washed away motor roads along their banks, cutting off about 10 villages from the block headquarters.

टिहरी में बादल फटा, 16 भवन मलबे में दबे, मां-बेटी की मौत

जागरण टीम, नई टिहरी: पिछले चौबीस घंटों के अंतराल में आसमान से बरसी आफत से टिहरी जिले में व्यापक पैमाने पर क्षति हुई है। यहां भिलंगना ब्लाक के बूढ़ाकेदार के तोली और तिनगढ़ गांव में बादल फटने के बाद नदी नालों में आए उफान और भूस्खलन से 16 आवासीय भवन मलबे में दब गए। इनमें एक घर में रह रहे परिवार में मलबे में दबकर मां-बेटी की जान चली गई, घर के तीन सदस्यों ने भागकर जान बचाई। गनीमत रही कि तिनगढ़ गांव पर भूस्खलन का खतरा भांपते हुए प्रशासन ने गांव के लगभग 80 घरों को शनिवार सुबह ही खाली कराकर परिवारों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर भेज दिया था, शाम के समय भूस्खलन से यहां 15 मकान मलबे में दब गए। प्रशासन की टीम राहत और बचाव कार्य में जुटी है। टिहरी जिले के ही झाला गांव में धर्मगंगा नदी के उफान में श्रमिकों की झोपड़ी बह गई। इससे मां-बेटी लापता हो गईं। उसमें रह रहे दो अन्य लोगों ने भागकर जान बचाई। दो दिनों से रही वर्षा के नदी नाले उफान पर हैं, इससे लोगों में दशहल है। इनके आसपास रहने वालों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाने के लिए कहा गया है।

टिहरी के तोली गांव में शुक्रवार रात भारी वर्षा हो रही थी। बोल्लर गिरने की आवाज सुनकर गांव के वीरेंद्र शाह अपनी पत्नी सरिता देवी (37) और बेटी अंकिता (15) के साथ घर के बाहर बरामदे में बैठे थे। बहु करिश्मा और एक साल की पोती अदिति कमरे में सो रही थीं। रात लगभग साढ़े 11 बजे सरिता देवी स्वेटर लेने के लिए कमरे में गईं। उसकी बेटी अंकिता भी मां के पीछे-पीछे चली गईं। अचानक मकान की दीवार भारी मलबे के साथ सरिता देवी और अंकिता के ऊपर गिर गई। जब तक वीरेंद्र शाह अंदर जाते मां-बेटी मलबे में दब गए। उन्होंने दोनों को निकालने का प्रयास किया मगर कामयाबी नहीं मिली। इसके बाद दूसरे कमरे में जाकर बहु और पोती को जगाकर बाहर निकाला। प्रशासन

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देहरादून: मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने बालगंगा और बूढ़ा केदार में भारी बारिश व भूस्खलन से हुई क्षति पर गढ़वाल आयुक्त विनय शंकर पांडेय एवं जिलाधिकारी टिहरी मयूर दीक्षित को राहत एवं बचाव कार्य प्रभावी तरीके से चलाने और प्रभावित परिवारों को सहायता पहुंचाने के निर्देश दिए हैं। उन्होंने घटना पर दुख प्रकट करते हुए टिहरी के प्रभारी मंत्री प्रेमचंद अग्रवाल को घटनास्थल का दौरा करने को कहा है।

केदारनाथ यात्रा बाधित

भूस्खलन और वर्षा के चलते राज्य में 51 ग्रामीण मार्ग अवरुद्ध हैं। केदारनाथ पैदल मार्ग पर पहाड़ी से पत्थर गिरने के कारण ढाई हजार यात्रियों को नौ घंटे तक पड़ावों पर रोका गया। बदरीनाथ हाईवे कंचनगंगा के पास 12 घंटे से अधिक समय तक बंद रहा। उत्तरकाशी में गंगोत्री राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग भी चार घंटे अवरुद्ध रहा। पिथौरागढ़ के धारचूला में दोबाट के पास भारी भूस्खलन से चीन सीमा को जोड़ने वाला तवाघाट मार्ग अवरुद्ध है।

और एसडीआरएफ की टीम देर रात ही गांव पहुंच गई। विधायक शक्तिलाल शाह और डीएम मयूर दीक्षित ने तोली गांव पहुंचकर मृतक के स्वजन को नौ लाख 35 हजार रुपये का चेक दिया। बादल फटने से बालगंगा और धर्मगंगा नदियों का रौद्र रूप देख बूढ़ाकेदार घाटी के हजारों ग्रामीण रात भर जागते रहे। प्रशासन ने तोली, तिनगढ़, भिगुन और बूढ़ाकेदार गांवों में अगले तीन दिन स्कूलों में अवकाश घोषित किया है। जीआईसी विनयखाल में शिफ्ट किए गए लोगों के लिए भोजन, दूध, पेयजल,

चिकित्सा सुविधा आदि की व्यवस्था की गई है। झाला गांव में धर्मगंगा नदी का जलस्तर बढ़ने के कारण नेपाली मूल के परिवार की झोपड़ी बह गई। इससे पप्पू की पत्नी जया (32) और बेटी मोनिका (7) लापता हो गईं। पप्पू और उसके भाई रमेश ने किसी तरह भागकर जान बचाई। दोनों की तलाश की जा रही है। -टिहरी में बालगंगा और धर्मगंगा नदियों के किनारे बने मोटर मार्ग बहने से लगभग 10 गांवों का संपर्क ब्लाक मुख्यालय से कट गया है।

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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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