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**About UDAS Monthly Reports**

Uttarakhand Disaster & Accident Synopsis (UDAS) is a monthly initiative by Dehradun-based environmental action and advocacy group, Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation. The goal of the UDAS reports is to document disasters and accidents in Uttarakhand, leading to human and ecological casualties. UDAS is based on media reports in respectable publications in English and Hindi newspapers, as well as news portals. UDAS 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 UDAS 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 UDAS 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.

**Summary of Key Uttarakhand Human Casualties in April 2023 : 0**

**1. April 2023 update : Joshimath “sinking”**

Chief Minister Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 3, 2023 that an economic package of Rs 2942.99 Crore is required for relief and rehabilitation works in Joshimath. As per Dhami, the package includes the construction of 150 prefabricated houses, site development work, interim relief, compensation for damage to residential and commercial infrastructure, compensation for lands of affected people and acquisition and development infrastructure, The work of stabilisation and redevelopment of Joshimath has also to be done, Dhami had said.

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# Unwaited; crisis-hit rehabilitation

## Dhami meets PM, seeks ₹2,942 cr for Joshimath

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**DEHRADUN:** Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Monday and apprised him that the state needs an economic package of ₹2,942.99 crore for relief and rehabilitation measures for affected people in Joshimath. He also sought starting the Vande Bharat train from Haridwar to Varanasi for the convenience of pilgrims and tourists.

Dhami apprised the PM about the progress of various Central and state government projects and the initiatives taken under various departments. Dhami invited the PM for Char Dham yatra, Adi Kailash and Mayawati Ashram located in Lohaghat.

In the meeting with the PM which lasted for about an hour, the CM discussed issues related to the development and sought the PM's guidance. Dhami also presented a Munsiyari shawl, a coffee table book of the successful G20 event in Uttarakhand, and a replica of Jageshwar Dham to the Prime Minister.

The CM told Modi that an economic package of ₹2942.99 crore is required for relief and rehabilitation works in Joshimath. "The package includes the construction of 150 prefabricated houses, site development work, interim relief, compensation for damage to residential and commercial infrastructure, compensation for lands of families falling in the unsafe zone, permanent rehabilitation of affected people and acquisition and development of land and repair and restoration of affected departmental infrastructure. The work of stabilisation and redevelopment of Joshimath has also to be done", he said.

The CM apprised the PM that Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Centre has been set up, which will give advice on landslide mitigation and management at the national level. "The centre has started functioning in Joshimath and a road map has been prepared for the disaster-affected area."

The CM expressed gratitude



CM Dhami with Prime Minister Modi in Delhi on Monday.

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to the PM for the Centre's support for various externally aided projects and special assistance schemes, including the approval of the Jamrani Dam project for the development of the state.

Dhami said that recommendation was given in the meeting of the Public Investment Board organized by the finance ministry for the Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project. Dhami urged the PM to get financial approval for Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

The CM apprised the PM that State Millet Mission is being operated by the state from 2023-24 to 2027-28. "Under the Millet Mission, 10,000 metric tonnes of Maduwa (Finger Millet) will be procured from farmers and distributed through Public Distribution System. "Along with this, Jhangore's kheer (coarse grain pudding) will be made available to the students once a week in the mid-day meal. "There is a need to issue minimum support price for Jhangora, Ramdana and Kakuni traditional crops", he said.

Dhami said according to the guidelines of the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission Scheme, a proposal of ₹249.5 crore has been sent to the Centre for the overall development of beekeeping in the state. Dhami urged the PM to approve the proposal, adding the project would benefit about 45,000 beekeepers.

The CM requested the PM to direct the authorities to operate

air services at Naini Saini Airport in Pithoragarh and transfer the airport to the IAF in view of the expansion of the airport.

Dhami also requested the PM to consider granting permission till March 2024 for works under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana I and II to complete all the remaining 473 works. "Under PMGSY, 407 habitations with a population of 150 to 249 are left in the state, in which construction of 3,200 km long roads is proposed, and the estimated cost is ₹2,900 crore", he said.

Dhami told the PM that the state government has launched the "Empowered Uttarakhand mission to strengthen the state's economy, under which the target is to double the GSDP from ₹2.75 lakh crore to ₹5.5 lakh crore in the next five years (2022-2027). "At present, McKinsey global firm is preparing a strategy to achieve this goal by harmonising the development of infrastructure with a focused approach to attract private investment in tourism, agriculture, industry, health and education and service sectors", he said.

Giving information about the redevelopment works of Kedarnath and Badrinath, Dhami said that like Char Dham religious tourism, 48 temples and gurudwaras have been identified in the Kumaon region in the form of circuits under the Manskhanda Mandir Mala Mission. "In the first phase, infrastructure development is proposed by making a circuit of 16 temples," he said.

In the meantime, the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, a citizens collective that has participation from almost all residents of the town hit by land subsidence stated their threat on April 4, 2023 to block traffic on April 27, 2023, the day the Badrinath yatra was scheduled to start, if their demands were not met.

## ✓ Won't allow Badrinath yatra on day 1, warn locals

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**Dehradun:** The Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, a citizens' collective that has participation from almost all residents of the town hit by land subsidence, has threatened to block traffic on April 27, the day the Badrinath yatra is scheduled to start, if their demands were not met.

"The situation in Joshimath is exactly the same as it was two months ago. We demand complete scrapping of NTPC's under-construction Tapovan-Vishnugad hydel project and the Helang bypass road," said Atul Sati, convenor of the group, on Tuesday.

### Doon-Yamunotri highway in bad shape

With less than three weeks left for the Yamunotri shrine to open on April 22, NH-507, the highway leading to the shrine from Dehradun (an alternative route used mostly by pilgrims from the state capital and from Punjab) is in a shambles. P2

The group has been demanding rehabilitation for all 3,000 families of Joshimath, compared to the 300 identified by the government.

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## 'Make Joshimath survey report public'

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They have also demanded that the report submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) after a ground survey by several scientific institutes in Joshimath be made public, as it will decide the compensation package to be given to the displaced residents. Addressing a gathering on Tuesday, Sati said, "We will submit a memorandum to the government with a warning that if the demands were not met, we will be forced to close the Joshimath market and call for chakka jam (stop vehicles from plying) on April 27."

Locals in Joshimath, as well as nearby Karnaprayag, have blamed the relentless construction works for the cracks. The residents and activists have flagged the tunnelling work done for the 520 MW Tapovan Vishnugad hydel project, undertaken by NTPC, as well as hill cutting and blasting of mountains for the under-construction Char Dham road, for the land subsidence.

On January 5, after the

group staged a protest in Joshimath, the government announced that work on the hydel project and the Helang bypass would be halted. Some other constructions within the Joshimath municipal limits were also suspended.

In fact, the Chamoli district administration also asked NTPC and Hindustan Construction Company Limited (HCC) to build 2,000 prefabricated houses each "as a way to make amends".

Pilgrims usually take a night halt at Joshimath, the "gateway to Badrinath" and then take the Badrinath highway to the shrine and to Mana village, a nearby tourist attraction. The highway, which also developed cracks, is now the only route to Badrinath shrine from Joshimath.

Once ready, the Helang bypass, which is part of the ambitious Char Dham project, would be an alternative route.

So far, the Chamoli district administration has distributed over Rs 8 crore to 31 affected families as a one-time settlement under the Joshimath rehabilitation policy passed by the state cabinet.

Chief Minister Dhama visited Joshimath on Saturday April 8, 2023 and also flagged off a marathon event in the town. He said the situation in Joshimath is stable but negative perception was created about the pilgrim town. Dhama said Uttarakhand is hit by disasters every year but an atmosphere of panic earlier this year led to doubts in minds of people across the country that the whole Joshimath is sinking.

# 'Negative perception' created on Joshimath, situation stable: CM

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**DEHRADUN:** Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Saturday said the situation in Joshimath is "stable" but negative perception was created about the pilgrim town.

He said Uttarakhand is hit by disasters every year but an atmosphere of panic earlier this year led to doubts in minds of people across the country that the whole Joshimath is sinking.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti met CM Dhama during his Joshimath visit and handed over him a memorandum alleging "government's apathy" towards the pilgrim town.

The JBSS said they requested the CM to declare the whole of Joshimath as disaster affected and scrap NTPC's Tapovan-Vishnugad project and Helang bypass under the Char Dham all-weather road.

The JBSS in a press release said their delegation had a detailed discussion with the CM on their demands.

"When a big crisis hit Joshimath town, I offered prayers before Lord Narsingh to save the town. God put brakes on the deteriorating situation and made the situation stable. Today, a spectacular marathon is being organised here," Dhama said while addressing the gathering at "Auli Marathon 2023 - 1st Himalayan High Altitude Ultra Run".

"A kind of atmosphere was created initially that the whole Joshimath town was sinking. People across the country used to ask....what's happening to Joshimath. Somehow... we put the real situation before everyone. Our state is hit by disasters every year. Sometime Kedarnath, sometime Raini... Sometime Varunavrat in Uttarkashi.... Dehradun, Tehri.... last year Nainital, Champawat, Almora, and before that Dhar-



Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama flags off a marathon event in Joshimath on Saturday.

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chula," he said.

"However, the kind of atmosphere that was created earlier this year led to doubts in minds of people across the country. However, I came forward and made it clear that the situation in Joshimath, and Uttarakhand is not what is being presented. There, various works are going on normally," the chief minister said.

"I said the negative perception should not be created ahead of the Char Dham yatra. And it brought positive results. Around 11 lakh people have registered for the Char Dham yatra this year scheduled to begin on April 22. Our last year's footfall record was around 50 lakh. With God's blessings, this turnout record will be broken this year. We have been constantly making arrangements at the government and administration level. Soon

## SANGHARSH SAMITI HAS URGED CM TO DECLARE THE WHOLE OF JOSHIMATH AS DISASTER HIT

after the last year's yatra concluded, we began preparations for the upcoming yatra. I myself has taken four review meetings in this regard," he said.

The CM said, "The negative news about Joshimath led to downfall in number of tourists here. This marathon and turnout of people here is a message for the tourists who doubt that Auli, Badrinath and Joshimath are not safe. From here, I want to tell tourists across the world that except some part, Joshimath and Auli are completely safe and sta-

ble and ready for Char Dham yatra."

Dhama said the state is making progress in various sectors under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"As stated by PM Modi in 2021, the third decade of the 21st century will belong to Uttarakhand and we are moving forward in that direction. Last year's Char Dham yatra was historic. Kanwar yatra was unprecedented," the CM said, mentioning various development projects being carried out in the region, including Badrinath Master Plan.

Atul Sati, convener of JBSS, said, "We have requested the CM to declare the whole Joshimath as disaster affected and pay adequate compensations to different sections, setting up a permanent office for resettlement and rehabilitation, remove compensation

process hurdles, make public the fact finding report of eight technical institutions that studied the Joshimath town, constitution of a monitoring committee involving our members for treatment and redevelopment of town and complete scrapping of NTPC's Tapovan-Vishnugad hydel project and Helang bypass under Char Dham all-weather road."

Earlier, JBSS had "Chakka Jam" (road blockage) on Char Dham route towards Badrinath Dham if any concrete decision is not taken for resolution of the crisis before the yatra starts. Portals of Badrinath Dham are scheduled to open on April 27.

In a meeting at GMVN guest house in Joshimath, Dhama reviewed the relief and rescue operations in the holy town. He also inspected the pre-fabricated shelters built for affected families.

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On April 12, NTPC claimed that due to stoppage of work in Joshimath for 98 days, a loss of Rs 500 crores has been incurred.

April 13, 2023 marked the completion of 100 days of protest by the affected people at Joshimath tehsil offices under the banner of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti (JBSS) for justice over the land subsidence issue. Environment activists from Himalayan states like Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh also reached the town to express their solidarity.

# Joshimath crisis: 100th day of protests by locals

## Youngsters From Other Himalayan States Also Join In

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**Dehradun:** The ongoing protests by residents of subsidence-hit Joshimath town in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand entered its 100th day on Thursday even as hundreds of families were still living in temporary shelter homes with their future hanging in balance.

The Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti (JBSS), a citizens' collective that has been leading the movement to press for demands of scrapping NTPC's hydel project and Helang bypass project along with permanent rehabilitation and compensation to affected families, said that "it is not easy to stand directly against state machinery." Atul Sati, convener of JBSS, told TOI, "It is always difficult to sustain a movement for 100 days, that too when the state government had been trying every trick in the book to weaken the peaceful agitation."

The JBSS-led protest had started on January 2 after an aquifer bust at Jaypee colony in the Marwari municipal ward of the town. The massive discharge of water, according to observers, led to a sudden rise in subsidence in



An ongoing protest by residents

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**ATUL SATI**  
JBSS convener

the town, leaving nearly 200 houses inhabitable.

Sati added that they are hopeful that their demands will be favourably met, adding, "The attitude of the government has improved somewhat over the past 100 days. In our last meeting with the chief minister on April 8,

he at least gave a patient hearing to our concerns and also gave a verbal approval to our 11-point demands."

Following the meeting with the CM, the samiti has put its plan to block the Badrinath highway on April 27, the day yatra to the Himalayan shrine is to begin, on hold.

Meanwhile, eight members of 'Youth for Himalayas' -- an organisation of youngsters from Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh -- reached Joshimath on Thursday and joined the protests.

"We have come here to support the people of Joshimath who are protesting for over three months. It is inspirational to see them fighting for their rights," said 25-year-old Anmol Ohri, a resident of Jammu and Kashmir.

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Days after Chief Minister Dhama said the situation in Joshimath is "stable", some residents of the pilgrim town claimed that new cracks have appeared in their houses. In their letters to Joshimath Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Kumkum Joshi on April 18, 2023 they requested the local administration to re-survey their houses.

"New cracks have appeared in our house. Earlier, there were only a few hairline cracks, but they have grown bigger and wider too," Basanti Devi and her brother Narendra Lal, residents of Chhawani Bazar, said in their letter. "We have come to the tehsil office to request the administration to re-survey our houses. However, nobody is playing heed to our request" said Basanti Devi.

In the meantime, the state government began the exercise to set up an integrated disaster control room at Joshimath in Chamoli district. The control room would be connected with National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, Border Road

Organisation, Army, Police, Indo Tibetan Border Police and all line departments for effective response to any disaster-like situation during the yatra season, said state disaster management officials.

A central government team which conducted a four-day Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) study in subsidence-hit Joshimath concluded that some areas have become inhabitable and 200-350 families will have to re-locate permanently. It was stated that the affected families might have to permanently move out of their homes and resettle at some other safe places, either identified by the government or of their own choice.

**'200 to 350 families likely to be shifted from Joshimath'**  
Central Govt Team Conducts Study In Subsidence-Hit Town

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**Dehradun:** A central government team which conducted a four-day Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) study in subsidence-hit Joshimath has concluded that some areas have become inhabitable and 200-350 families will have to re-locate permanently. Sources told TOI that the affected families might have to permanently move out of their homes and resettle at some other safe places, either identified by the government or of their own choice. "It is certain that the families whose houses have developed major cracks and are located in the identified danger zones will have to be rehabilitated out of Joshimath," an official privy to the development told TOI. The study team comprised experts even from certain bodies affiliated to the United Nations, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and various other central government agencies. Kamal Raturi of Joshimath Bachao Sangarsh Samiti, who had also met the NDMA team, said, "We are aware that the areas classified as danger zones will have to be completely evacuated. The NDMA team members also subscribe to this view, and they said that areas witnessing subsidence need constant monitoring." According to the Chamoli district administration, a total of 290 families had to be shifted out of their houses to government-run shelters after the tragedy unfolded in January this year. Over 100 families are still living in these shelters while the rest have either shifted to rented accommodation or have gone to stay at their relatives' places. As many as 868 houses in Joshimath have developed cracks, and 181 residential and commercial structures were classified under dangerous category by the district administration. The 15-member study team extensively interacted with locals and is expected to submit its report in a few days to the Union government on issues such as rehabilitation, resettlement and post-disaster recovery.

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**Badrinath shrines open for pilgrims**

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On April 28, 2023 the Central Government informed that a meeting would be held in Delhi on May 3, 2023 to decide the amount of compensation to be given to the disaster affected people in Joshimath.

## 2. Mining stopped after cracks on temple walls in Bageshwar District

Cracks have developed on the walls of the ancient Kalika temple of Kanda Village in Bageshwar District due to which locals are enraged. The residents have alleged that the use of machines for the uncontrolled illegal soapstone mining being done above the temple area is the main reason for the cracks that have surfaced on the walls of the temples.

The district geological scientist said that the geological report has been submitted to the District Magistrate of Bageshwar which has highlighted that 8 to 10 centimetre wide cracks have surfaced 40 metres away from the crown of the mining pit. The fresh land subsidence and the cracks appearing in the temple have instilled fear among the residents of the area in the aftermath of the Joshimath disaster.

# Mining stopped after cracks on temple walls in Bageshwar distt

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**MUSSOORIE:** Cracks have developed on the walls of the ancient Kalika temple of Kanda village in Bageshwar due to which locals are enraged.

The residents have alleged that the use of machines for the uncontrolled illegal soapstone mining being done above the temple area is the main reason for the cracks that have surfaced on the walls of the temples.

Bageshwar district administration authorities have stopped the usage of machines for mining with immediate effect after the primary report submitted by the geologist suggested that the usage of machines can be the cause of the cracks.

Anuradha Pal, district magistrate (DM) Bageshwar, said, "Following the complaints of land subsidence and cracks developing in the Kalika temple premises a two-member team consisting of SDM Kanda and district geological scientist was directed to investigate the matter who after preliminary investigation have prima facie, cited the soapstone mining being done near the temple as the main reason for the cracks developing in the area along with land subsidence incidents."

The officials have been directed to stop the mining activity in the affected area and stop the use of machines for mining

and manually collect the material that has been mined till now while the district geological scientist has been directed to monitor the cracks and land subsidence activities on daily basis for a week and report any furtherance in the situation without any delay, said DM Bageshwar.

A report seeking further guidance on whether the mining should be continued or not has been sent to the mining directorate after which the action will be taken, she added.

Aniket Thapliyal, district geological scientist, said, "The geological report has been submitted to the district magistrate Bageshwar which has highlighted that 8 to 10 cm wide cracks have surfaced 40 meters away from the crown of mining pit on the on the western side of the road due to mining activities while it is still not clear that the land subsidence and development of cracks inside the temple is also due to the mining activities but the investigation is on and the full details will emerge after the scientific assessment is complete within one week."

"We have recommended some safety measures like creating terraced benches etc to stop the spread of land subsidence and development of cracks in other areas", he added.

Virendra Singh, district mining officer Bageshwar said, "The mining activity in the affected pit has been stopped till further



**Miners have been prohibited from using JCB machines and permission has been given to collect the material that was mined earlier manually.**

**VIRENDRA SINGH,**  
district mining officer

notice and the miners have been prohibited from using JCB machines while the permission to collect the material that was mined earlier manually has been given for now."

The affected soap mining pit was approved in 1999 but the mining started only a few years back, said Virendra Singh.

Currently, there are 68 active mines in the area out of 112 mines approved by the government.

Meanwhile, the fresh land subsidence activities and the cracks surfacing in the temple have instilled fear among the residents of the area in the aftermath of the Joshimath crisis.

Mahesh Singh, a resident of Bageshwar said, "The mining was being done indiscriminately

using JCB machines at the mountain above the temple for past several months within the 500-meter area of the Kalika temple in Kanda village of Bageshwar district which is said to have been established by Adi Guru Shankaracharya the renowned seer revered by the Hindu Community".

"One side of the temple has tilted alarmingly to one side similar to the lines of two hotels in Joshimath which also developed cracks after the land subsidence incidents", said Mahesh Singh.

The residents also raised the issue of the statue of the Kalika goddess slipping about two inches away from its original place and DM Bageshwar Anuradha Patel taking cognizance of the matter visited the temple premises and conducted an onsite inspection.

Savitri Devi, another resident of the area was apprehensive of the cracks surfacing in the temple and feared that the situation could aggravate further during the rainy season resulting in risk to the life and property of the people living near the temple.

Chandan Ramdas, transport minister and MLA from Bageshwar said, "Although the temple at Kanda village falls in Kapkot assembly constituency, on enquiring, I was told that the DM Bageshwar has inspected the site and stopped the used machines for the soapstone mining being done here."

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### 3. Cracks appear in homes in Village Sirsolipatti in Pithoragarh District

Local residents allege that cracks appeared in 50 houses due to tunnel blasting on the upcoming 21 MW Khutani Hydro Electric Project in Sirsolpatti-Bankot Village in Pithoragarh district. The hydro project is being made on the Saryu river. Local residents have been complaining about the cracks since the past one year. Authorities have conducted their surveys and sent reports to the District Magistrate of Pithoragarh.

# पिथौरागढ़ : सिरसोलीपट्टी के 50 घरों में आई दरारें

**सर्वे रिपोर्ट से खुलासा : खुटानी जलविद्युत परियोजना की सुरंग में किए जा रहे विस्फोट बताई जा रही वजह**

पिथौरागढ़। खुटानी जलविद्युत परियोजना की सुरंग में किए जा रहे विस्फोटों से सिरसोलीपट्टी-बनकोट गांव के 50 घरों में दरारें पड़ गई हैं। यह बात भू वैज्ञानिकों के सर्वेक्षण में सामने आई है।

सरयू नदी पर बन रहे 21 मेगावाट के जल विद्युत उत्पादन केंद्र के लिए दो सुरंगें बनाई जा रही हैं। इसके लिए विस्फोट किए जा रहे हैं। इससे सिरसोली पट्टी गांव के घरों में दरारें पड़ने की शिकायत ग्रामीण



एक साल से कर रहे हैं। कई बार धरना-प्रदर्शन भी किया। प्रशासन ने इसका संज्ञान लेते हुए सर्वेक्षण का निर्णय लिया और टीम गठित की। 10 अप्रैल को किए गए



जांच रिपोर्ट अभी मिली नहीं है। जांच रिपोर्ट मिलने के बाद ही इसका अध्ययन कर मामले में आवश्यक कार्यवाही की जाएगी। -रीना जोशी, डीएम पिथौरागढ़

सर्वेक्षण की रिपोर्ट डीएम को भेज दी गई है। दूसरी ओर ग्रामीणों ने प्रभावी कार्रवाई नहीं होने पर परियोजना का काम बंद कराने की चेतावनी दी है। संवाद

## चमोली में हरसारी गांव में भी ऐसे ही हालात

गोपेश्वर। अलकनंदा पर 444 मेगावाट की पीपलकोटी-विष्णुगाड जल विद्युत परियोजना की सुरंग बनाने के दौरान किए जा रहे विस्फोटों से हरसारी गांव के मकानों में भी दरारें पड़ने लगी हैं। यहां 12 परिवार रहते हैं।

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## सुरंग के लिए हो रहे विस्फोट से हरसारी गांव के मकानों में दरारें

**गोपेश्वर।** अलकनंदा पर निर्माणाधीन 444 मेगावाट की पीपलकोटी-विष्णुगाड जल विद्युत परियोजना की सुरंग निर्माण में किए जा रहे विस्फोटों से हरसारी गांव के मकानों में दरारें पड़ने लगी हैं।

प्रभावितों का कहना है कि सरकार पहले हमारी सुरक्षा करे इसके बाद कंपनी को विस्फोट की अनुमति दे। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि क्षेत्र में ऐसे ही विस्फोट होते रहे तो हरसारी का भी जोशीमठ जैसा हाल हो सकता है। परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य वर्ष 2003 में शुरू हुआ था। विरव बैंक की मदद से बन रही चार हजार करोड़ की इस परियोजना पर हेलंग (जोशीमठ से 10 किलोमीटर दूर)

**ग्रामीणों ने सुरक्षा और सर्वे की उठाई मांग**

मकानों में दरारें आ गई हैं। निर्माण में तकनीकी एवं पर्यावरणीय पहलुओं का ध्यान नहीं रखा जा रहा है। हरसारी में मौजूदा समय में 12 परिवार रह रहे हैं। उन्होंने प्रशासन से प्रभावित क्षेत्र का सर्वे करने और सुरक्षा की जांच की मांग की। वहीं टीएचडीसी के प्रबंध निदेशक आरएन सिंह का कहना है कि सुरंग निर्माण में नियंत्रित विस्फोट किए जा रहे हैं। ग्रामीणों को पूर्व में सुआवजा लेकर भूमि को छोड़ने के लिए कहा गया था लेकिन ग्रामीण नहीं माने। संवाद

**इस तरह आ रही मकानों में दरारें।**

से पीपलकोटी तक 13.4 किमी लंबी सुरंग का निर्माण किया जाना है। हरसारी गांव की 76 वर्षीय धुरी देवी, तारेंद्र जोशी और ग्राम प्रधान राजेंद्र हटवाल का कहना है कि टीएचडीसी की ओर से सुरंग निर्माण में विस्फोट किए जा रहे हैं जिससे

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#### 4. Tunnel blasts lead to cracks in home in Village Harsari in Chamoli District

In Harsari village of Chamoli district, there are reports of cracks in several houses. Local residents allege that the tunnel construction on the 444 MW Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project on the river Alaknanda is causing cracks in their houses. The project began in 2003 and is being executed by THDC.

#### About Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation

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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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