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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 June 2023 : 11

1. June 2023 update : Joshimath “sinking”

Locals & experts have expressed apprehension about further geological instability in the town with heavy rains during monsoon. They have raised concerns that rainwater would percolate deep into the fissures, building pressure in them and increasing the chances of geological instability. There are over 4,000 structures in Joshimath town with over 868 having developed cracks.

Atul Sati, convenor of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti (JBSS), a citizens collective said on 2 June, 2023 that with the monsoon arrival nearing, the state government is yet to make public the report of the technical institutions. He added that they had been demanding that the authorities declare Joshimath land subsidence a national disaster, but the same has not been done.

Nain Singh Bhandari, president of Joshimath Vyapar Mandal said that earlier the government had said that 2,000 temporary structures will be built for the affected people but so far only 15 temporary structures have been built and no one has gone to live in those temporary structures. During monsoon when the town would receive heavy rainfall, there is the possibility that the situation could further worsen.

Chamoli District Magistrate Himanshu Khurana said the district administration has held preparatory meetings and all stakeholders have been told to remain alert, keeping in mind the upcoming monsoon season. According to Chamoli district administration, so far 868 structures have developed cracks with 181 being declared unsafe as on June 2, 2023.

Locals fear widening of cracks in Joshimath during monsoon

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DEHRADUN: With house cracks and ground fissures in Joshimath in Chamoli district due to land subsidence, locals and experts have expressed apprehensions about further geological instability in the town with heavy rains during monsoon. They have raised concerns that rainwater would percolate deep into the fissures, building pressure in them and increasing the chances of geological instability.

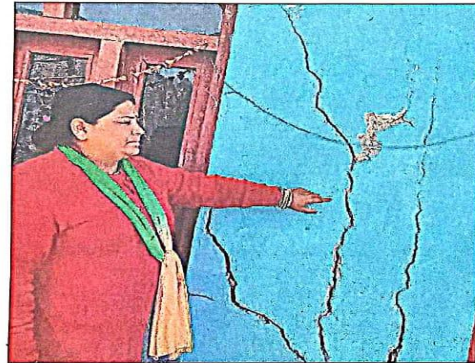
There are over 4,000 structures in Joshimath town, with over 868 having developed cracks

Atul Sati, convenor of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti (JBSS), said with the monsoon arrival nearing (monsoon arrives in the state on average by the end of the third week of June), the state government is yet to make public the report of the technical institutions.

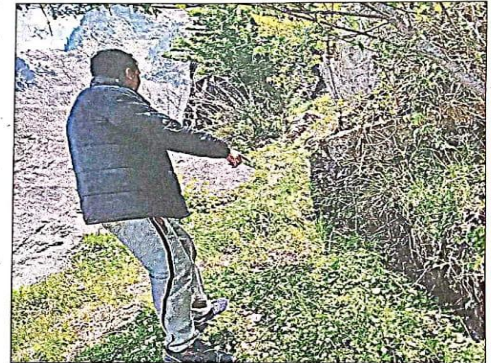
"During monsoons rainwater can percolate down into the ground fissures and cracks, aggravating the geological disturbances beneath the ground in Joshimath. There are over 4,000 structures located on the ancient landslide material in Joshimath and when monsoon rains will seep into the ground on a continuous basis, we don't know how it will affect the fractured terrain of the town. Cracks have already widened in some houses in the Singh Dhar area here," Sati said.

"The government is yet to share the data on what caused the problem here. We have been demanding that the authorities declare Joshimath land subsidence a national disaster but the same has not been done," he said.

Nain Singh Bhandari, president of Joshimath Vyapar Man-



A woman (left) shows cracks in her house in Joshimath; and a local resident shows a fissure on the ground.



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dal, said that earlier the government had said that 2,000 temporary structures will be built for the affected people. "So far only 15 temporary structures have been built and no one has gone to live in those temporary structures. During monsoon, when the town would receive heavy rainfall, there is the possibility that the situation could further worsen."

YP Sundriyal, a geologist from HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, said heavy monsoon rains can seep into ground fissures and cause further instability in the area. "The problem is not occasional rains but continuous rains during monsoons which can increase the pressure in the fissures," Sundriyal said. "The best option at present is to keep people away from such areas. The government can't stop geological instability or heavy rains in Joshimath. They have to focus their attention on

the safety of people and take measures accordingly."

Chamoli district magistrate Himanshu Khurana said the district administration has held preparatory meetings with officials concerned and all stakeholders have been told to remain alert, keeping in mind the upcoming monsoon season.

"An integrated control room has been set up here which is keeping a tab on the developments and will respond quickly whenever required. State Disaster Response Force and National Disaster Response Force personnel are also deployed in and around Joshimath. We are not only keeping watch on the areas where ground fissures and cracks have been reported, but in other areas of the Joshimath as well. Officials have been deputed ward-wise who are looking into all these aspects"

Khurana said the administra-

tion is also discouraging people from returning to their homes.

Uttarakhand receives an average annual rainfall of 1162.7 mm, but Chamoli reports 1230.8 mm annual rainfall. During last year's monsoon when the state received 1128.0 mm rainfall (June -September), Chamoli was one of the two districts among the state's 13 districts, which received the highest rainfall. Chamoli received 1196.4 mm of rainfall. As a larger part of Chamoli district is situated on the southern slopes of the outer Himalayas, monsoon currents penetrate through trenched valleys, with rainfall reaching its maximum in the monsoon season that spans between June and September.

Chamoli district, where Joshimath falls, has a history of extreme rainfall events. Indian Meteorological Department IMD rainfall data for hundred years (1901-2000) show that

Chamoli received 537.9 mm rainfall in July 2013, which was the second highest recorded rainfall in the district since 1901-2000 and 2008-2013. The maximum rainfall of 860.7 mm in the 100-year period was reported in September 1924. The February 2021 Chamoli tragedy near Raini village, which is just 20 km from Joshimath, shows how vulnerable the area is to disasters. The flash floods had killed 204 people, with only 92 bodies recovered so far. These flash floods in Alaknanda River, flowing at the base of the Joshimath town, had eroded the toe at the base of the town, with locals claiming that it could be one of the causes of instability of Joshimath's landslide

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Construction work resumed on the key Helang-Marwari bypass after a five month gap on 5 June, 2023 according to Border Roads Organization (BRO) officials. The construction on the bypass and a nearby hydroelectric plant run by NTPC was suspended on 5 January, 2023 days after land subsidence hit Joshimath with residents blaming blasting and tunnelling work on these two projects for the cracks.

पांच माह बाद हेलंग बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माण शुरू

मिली अनुमति : जोशीमठ भू-धंसाव के चलते पांच जनवरी को निर्माण पर लगा दी थी रोक

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

जोशीमठ। हेलंग बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य करीब पांच माह बाद फिर से शुरू हो गया है।

जोशीमठ भू-धंसाव के चलते स्थानीय लोगों की मांग पर जिला प्रशासन ने पांच जनवरी को बाईपास मार्ग के निर्माण कार्य पर अग्रिम आदेशों तक रोक लगा दी थी। शासन से हरी झंडी मिलने के बाद बीआरओ (सीमा सड़क संगठन) ने सोमवार से काम शुरू कर दिया है। मजदूर और मशीनों से बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य किया जा रहा है। बदरीनाथ हार्डवे पर हेलंग से



हेलंग बाईपास मार्ग के निर्माण में जुटी मरीना। संवाद

12 करोड़ का बीआरओ को झेलना पड़ा है नुकसान

हेलंग बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माणकार्य रुकने से बीआरओ को करीब 12 करोड़ का नुकसान झेलना पड़ा। बीआरओ को कमान अधिकारी मेजर आईना ने बताया कि निर्माण पर रोक लगने के बाद ठेकेदार की करीब 15 मशीनें खड़ी हो गईं। मजदूरों को भी दूसरी जगह शिफ्ट कर दिया गया। निर्माण कार्य ठप पड़ने से 12 करोड़ से अधिक का नुकसान हुआ है।

के लिए जिम्मेदार बताया। जिस पर प्रशासन ने जोशीमठ क्षेत्र के आसपास सभी निर्माण कार्यों पर रोक लगा दी। तब से बाईपास का निर्माण कार्य लटका हुआ था।

सरकार ने आईआईटी रुड़की की ओर से सकारात्मक रिपोर्ट आने के बाद अब बाईपास मार्ग के निर्माण को स्वीकृति दे दी है। बीआरओ के कमांडर कर्नल अंकुर महाजन ने बताया कि हेलंग बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है। मौके पर मशीनें और पर्याप्त मजदूर भी पहुंच गए हैं। पहले दिन दीवार निर्माण का काम शुरू कर दिया गया है।

बाईपास मार्ग का निर्माण 2022 में शुरू हुआ। चीन से सटे सीमा क्षेत्र तक सेना की आवाजाही को सुगम बनाने के लिए केंद्र सरकार ने हेलंग से मारवाड़ी तक 6.50 किलोमीटर

बाईपास के निर्माण को हरी झंडी दी। इसके लिए बीआरओ को 185 करोड़ रुपये की स्वीकृति भी दी गई। बाईपास मार्ग पर हेलंग की ओर से दो किमी और मारवाड़ी की

तरफ से करीब 500 मीटर सड़क बनाने के लिए पहाड़ों की कटिंग होने से जनवरी में जोशीमठ भू-धंसाव शुरू हो गया। स्थानीय लोगों ने बाईपास मार्ग को भी भू-धंसाव

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The citizens collective of JBSS has been demanding scrapping of the Helang-Marwari bypass road as well as the 520 MW NTPC hydroelectric power project on the Dhauliganga river. While stay on the second project is still in place, halt on the bypass project was ended around mid May based on reports by IIT Roorkee, PWD and the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDCIL)

The residents and traders opposing the restart of the construction of the Helang-Marwari bypass road in Joshimath took out a protest march on 11 June, 2023 under the banner of Prantiy Udyog Vyapar Mandal. One of their biggest fears is that once the bypass road is

inbuilt, the pilgrims will take the same route instead of entering into the town. This will not only impact their businesses but pilgrims will also not be following the age-old traditions of stopping at Narsingh Temple on their way to Badrinath.

On 22 June, 2023; members of JBSS expressed serious concern about the safety of people residing in areas affected by land subsidence during the monsoon season. They have demanded a comprehensive package from the government and the fulfilment of promises made to the residents of Joshimath. They added that the government had agreed on 11 points, but unfortunately they have been ignored. The report on land subsidence has not been made public; and the locals have yet to receive full compensation.

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Protests resurface as work resumes on Helang bypass

Joshimath Residents Accuse State Govt Of 'Insensitivity'

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Dehradun: The main bazaar of subsidence-hit Joshimath town was closed on Friday as residents protested against the resumption of construction work on the Helang-Marwari bypass – a part of the All-Weather Char Dham Road Project being built by the Border Roads Organization (BRO). The protesting traders attempted to enter the construction site at Helang to halt the ongoing work, resulting in a confrontation with cops, who intervened to maintain order. The construction work on the Helang-Marwari bypass near Joshimath recommenced on June 5 after a five-month hiatus. The construction on the bypass and a neighbouring hydroelectric plant operated by NTPC was halted on January 5, following intensified land subsidence in Joshimath, with residents holding these projects responsible for the deepening fissures. "Joshimath's traders have collectively decided to shutter their shops on Friday to protest the resumption of construction on the Helang bypass road. We demand an immediate termination of this project, as Joshimath has always served as the gateway to the Badrinath pilgrimage, and the journey is incomplete without a visit to the Narsing Devta temple," said Ramesh Dimri, spokesperson for the Joshimath traders' association. Significantly, Helang is located 9 km from Joshimath, along the primary Badrinath national highway. The 6.5 km bypass road will connect with Marwari. Once completed, it will entirely bypass Joshimath town. It is worth noting that the BRO resumed work on the Helang bypass project upon receiving official permission from the Chamoli district administration this month. In the meantime, the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti (JBSS), a collective of concerned citizens spearheading the agitation, has criticised the state government for its "lack of empathy" towards the disaster-affected residents of Joshimath. "The government remains clueless regarding the necessary measures to address the plight of Joshimath town and its residents, who have been compelled to return to their compromised houses. With the



In hills, threat of landslides back as rains start

Uttarkashi: With the start of pre-monsoon showers in Uttarakhand, the threat of landslides has resurfaced in the state. Untimely rains this summer (April to June) have already caused over half a dozen landslides in Uttarkashi, mostly along the Gangotri and Yamunotri national highways. The Uttarakashi administration has identified 15 highly-sensitive landslide zones at both highways, including Dhara-su, Bandarkot and Nalupani among others. "The administration has deployed staff and machines in sensitive areas," said district disaster management officer Devendra Patwal. **Abhyudaya Kotnala**

monsoon season fast approaching, the authorities must be held accountable in the event of any untoward incidents," said Atul Sati, convenor of JBSS.

Local women in Joshimath take out a protest march against construction works being resumed at the Helang bypass

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2. 12 June, 2023 : Snow avalanche hits Kedarnath valley, 6 km above temple

A snow avalanche occurred in the mountains behind Kedarnath shrine at around 8.56 AM on 12 June, 2023 although it was not as massive as the one that occurred on 8 June, 2023 in the area, said officials.

"A massive snow avalanche had hit the mountains around the Kedarnath Temple in Uttarakhand on Thursday, 8 June, 2023 but the fresh avalanche was not that big compared to the earlier one", said Anand Shukla, temple priest at Kedarnath.

A similar snow avalanche on 4 June, 2023 en route to Hemkund Sahib, the revered Sikh shrine which was opened for devotees on 20 May, 2023 had resulted in the death of one pilgrim while five of them were rescued by a team of State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF).

Earlier this year also, snow avalanches/glacier breakages have been reported in the higher Himalayan valleys.

On 3 May, 2023 Kuber glacier broke off on the 16-km Kedarnath Dham trek route, 3 km ahead of the Kedarnath shrine. SDRF personnel rescued four Nepalese porters who were trapped in the glacier breakage area. On 4 May, 2023 again a glacier broke off at Bhairav Padav, nearly 3 km ahead of the shrine in Rudraprayag district.

On 7 May, 2023 a glacier broke off in Darma Valley of Pithoragarh district blocking the road in the area. On 30 April, 2023 a snow avalanche triggered by overnight rain and a fresh spell of snow was reported near snow-clad Neelkanth peak in Chamoli district.

There are over 1000 glaciers in Uttarakhand. These glaciers, coupled with extreme local weather events and changes in terrain, can lead to lake outbursts, or lake formation due to the rockfall or landslides in the valleys or on slopes. According to experts, only around 10 or so glaciers are being monitored in Uttarakhand. The ones that are being studied include Gangotri glacier, Chorabari glacier, Dunagiri glacier, Dokriyani glacier and Pindari glaciers. One major reason is the location of these glaciers in remote snowy areas and lack of enough funding for their regular monitoring, which requires the setting of observatories, sensors and other equipment in the valleys downstream, apart from regular ground surveys.

चौराबाड़ी ग्लेशियर में पांच दिन में दूसरी बार हुआ हिमस्खलन दो से तीन मिनट तक दिखता रहा बर्फ का गुबार



केदारनाथ के चौराबाड़ी ग्लेशियर में फिर हुआ हिमस्खलन।

रुद्रप्रयाग। केदारनाथ में चौराबाड़ी ग्लेशियर क्षेत्र में फिर हिमस्खलन हुआ है। सुबह लगभग 8.56 बजे हुई घटना के बाद बर्फ का गुबार भी उठा, जिसकी रफ्तार धीमी थी।

केदारनाथ मंदिर परिसर व आसपास खड़े कई यात्रियों ने इस घटना के फोटो-वीडियो बनाए। बीते पांच दिनों में यह दूसरा मौका है, जब चौराबाड़ी ग्लेशियर में हिमस्खलन हुआ है।

सोमवार को सुबह से केदारनाथ में मौसम साफ था। इसी दौरान सुबह 8.56 मिनट पर केदारनाथ मंदिर से लगभग चार किमी पीछे चौराबाड़ी ताल के सबसे ऊपरी तरफ ग्लेशियर के एक हिस्से में हिमस्खलन हुआ। दो-तीन मिनट की इस घटना में

काफी ऊंचाई से बर्फ के गुबार की लंबी लाइन उठती हुई दिखाई दी और धीरे-धीरे नीचे की तरफ पहुंचकर घाटी में समा गया। बीते आठ जून को हुए हिमस्खलन के सापेक्ष यह बहुत कम था।

जिला आपदा प्रबंधन अधिकारी नंदन सिंह रजवार ने बताया कि पिछले एक सप्ताह से केदारनाथ में मौसम साफ होने के साथ ही सूरज की तपन में तेजी है। ऐसे में चौराबाड़ी ग्लेशियर में हिमस्खलन हो रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह एक सामान्य घटना थी। चौराबाड़ी ताल के ऊपर हो रही हिमस्खलन घटनाओं से केदारपुरी व केदारनाथ मंदिर को किसी प्रकार का कोई खतरा नहीं है। संवाद

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3. 22 June, 2023 Ten killed in road accident in Pithoragarh

Ten people were killed in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district on 22 June, 2023 morning after the vehicle they were travelling in fell in a 500-metre-deep gorge, officials said. The victims

were on their way from Bageshwar district to a temple near Hokara in the Pithoragarh district.

Lalita Negi, media in-charge, SDRF said all ten bodies were recovered from the gorge. She said “In the morning, the local SDRF unit was informed by the District Control Room, Pithoragarh that a vehicle had fallen into a gorge near Hokara, nearly 100 km from Pithoragarh town. Immediately, the SDRF rescue teams from Askot and Kapkot left for the accident site. The rescue teams recovered all the ten bodies by 3 PM with the help of local people and handed them to the police,” she said.

Negi said that upon reaching the spot, the team came to know that a Bolero vehicle had fallen into the 500-metre-deep gorge with 10 people in it. “These ten people from the Shama area of Bageshwar district were going to a temple at Hokara to offer their prayers there,” she said. A villager from Hokara village said boulders and debris had fallen on the road in the area due to heavy rains last night, creating traffic bottlenecks.

Last year 1,042 people were killed in 1,674 road accidents in Uttarakhand, with an accident severity of 62.24%. Accident severity means the number of persons killed per 100 accidents.

In 2021, 820 people were killed while 1,091 were injured in 1,405 accidents, with an accident severity of 59.94. In 2020, 674 people were killed, and the injured tally stood at 854 people with an accident severity of 64.75%, while in 2018, with 1,468 accidents and 1,047 dead, the accident severity was 71.30%.

There is no let up in the road accidents despite the improvement in the condition of roads in Uttarakhand. The major cause of the accidents cited by experts is defective roads, over-speeding drunk driving, overloading, poor visibility, the inexperience of drivers, use of cell phones and defects in vehicles. One of the major reasons for road accidents in the state is the increasing traffic pressure on the roads.

Ten killed as vehicle falls into gorge in Pithoragarh

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PITHORAGARH: Ten people were killed after the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a 500-metre-deep gorge in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district on Thursday, an official said.

The accident occurred around 7.30 am when the 10 people were heading to a temple in Hokara town in a Mahindra Bolero car, an official from the Uttarakhand State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said.

All 10 bodies have been recovered, Lalita Negi, SDRF media in-charge, said. "In the morning, the local SDRF unit was informed by District Control Room Pithoragarh that a vehicle has fallen into a gorge near Hokara, around 100 km from Pithoragarh town. Immediately, an SDRF rescue team from Askot and another from Kapkot were rushed to the accident site," Negi said.

The deceased, all of them from Shama village in Bageshwar district, were on their way to Kokila Devi temple in Hokara, the official said.

As the terrain was very steep, the rescue teams had a tough time spotting the bodies and retrieving them, Negi said. "The rescue teams recovered all 10 bodies by 3 pm with the help of local people and handed them to the police," she added.

The deceased included a couple Nisha Singh (24) and Ummed Singh (28). The others



SDRF personnel recovering the bodies from the gorge. HT PHOTO

were identified as Kishan Singh (65), Dharma Singh (69), Kundan Singh (58), Shankar Singh (40), Sundar Singh (37), Khushal Singh (64), Dhan Singh (52) and the driver of the vehicle Mahesh Singh (40).

Sundar Singh, a resident of Hokara village, said heavy rainfall on Wednesday night led to debris falling down and eating into the road space. "The vehicle might have lost control as the width of the road had narrowed due to debris," Singh said.

Meanwhile, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident. "Very sad news has been received about the casualties of many people due to the accident of a vehicle coming from Shama in Bagesh-

war towards Nachni in Pithoragarh," he said in a tweet.

Last year, 1,042 people were killed in a total of 1,674 road accidents in Uttarakhand, with an accident severity of 62.24%. Accident severity denotes the number of people killed every 100 road mishaps. In 2021, 820 people were killed in 1,405 accidents at an accident severity of 59.94%.

Increasing vehicular traffic, especially in hilly areas, has often been cited as one of the reasons for rise in road accidents in the state. When Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh in November 2000, the state had around 400,000 registered four-wheelers. It now has over 3.2 million vehicles, according to the RTO data.

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मुनस्यारी में जीप खाई में गिरी, 10 की मौत

मुनस्यारी/कपकोट, संवाददाता। बागेश्वर से पिथौरागढ़ के मुनस्यारी जा रही एक जीप के खाई में गिरने से दस लोगों की मौत हो गई। मृतकों में एक परिवार के पिता-पुत्र व बहू भी शामिल हैं। पुलिस और स्थानीय लोगों ने रेस्क्यू कर सभी दस शव सड़क पर पहुंचाए। मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने दुर्घटना पर गहरा दुःख व्यक्त किया।

बागेश्वर जिले के भनार और शामा गांव से गुरुवार तड़के करीब तीस लोग सामूहिक पूजा की मुनस्यारी के तेजम होकरा देवी मंदिर जा रहे थे। ये सभी भौग तीन वाहनों में सवार बताए जा रहे हैं। इन वाहनों में से एक गाड़ी (यूके 02टीए.0845) सुबह करीब दस बजे होकरा मंदिर से लगभग डेढ़ किलोमीटर पहले अनियंत्रित होकर 600 मीटर

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होकरा मंदिर से करीब डेढ़ किमी पहले संकरी सड़क पर हुआ हादसा, मुख्यमंत्री ने घटना पर जताया शोक

महरी खाई में जा गिरी। खाई में गिरने से जीप के परखच्चे उड़ गए। बताया जाता है कि दुर्घटना वाली जगह सड़क संकरी थी। ऐसे में वहां से जीप निकालते समय यह हादसा हो गया। इससे जीप चालक समेत वाहन में सवार दस लोगों की मौत हो गई। होकरा के पूर्व प्रधान सुंदर सिंह महता ने दुर्घटना की सूचना जिला

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मीटर महरी खाई में समाई जीप, खाई में बिखरे मिले यात्रियों के शव, मरने वालों में चालक भी शामिल

प्रशासन की दी। इस पर एसडीएम अमिल शुक्ला पुलिस, एसडीआरएफ और आईटीबीपी मिथी के जवानों को लेकर रेस्क्यू के लिए मौके पर पहुंचे। रेस्क्यू टीम को शव खाई से निकालने में खासी मशक्कत करनी पड़ी। खड़ी चढ़ाई होने के कारण टीम के लिए शवों को मुख्य सड़क तक लाना चुनौती बन

मृतकों में नवदंपति भी शामिल

इस हादसे में जान गवाने वालों में से उमेश सिंह कोरगा (29) और निशा (23) की शादी बीती 18 अप्रैल को ही हुई थी। उमेश का परिवार इन दिनों पंतनगर में रहता है। उनका परिवार कुछ दिन पहले ही गांव में शादी की दावत करके वापस लौटा था। इन दिनों उमेश सिंह कोरगा फिर अपने पिता कुंदन सिंह कोरगा (64) और अपनी पत्नी निशा के साथ गांव आए थे और वहीं से पूजा में शामिल होने जा रहे थे। इन तीनों की हादसे में मौत हो गई।

गया। रस्सी बांधकर किसी तरह चार घंटे की मशक्कत के बाद सभी दस शव सड़क तक पहुंचाए गए। स्थानीय लोगों ने रेस्क्यू टीम को बड़ी मदद की। एसडीएम ने बताया कि हादसे में 10 लोगों की मौत हुई है। सभी शव खाई से निकाल पोस्टमार्टम की भेज दिए हैं।

➤ संकरी सड़क पर हादसा

4. 25 June, 2023 : Death of 400 goats due to lightning

In the Kapkot Tehsil of Bageshwar district, 400 goats died after being struck by lightning on 25 June, 2023. District disaster management officer Shikha Suyal said that the goats were

struck by lightning at Jhuni Pankhutop. Personnel of Animal Husbandry and Revenue departments reached the spot and inspected the loss.

2 dead in separate incidents, 400 goats killed in lightning

Abhyudaya Kotnala
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Uttarkashi/Dehradun/Bageshwar: With the onset of southwest monsoon, incessant rain wreaked havoc in parts of Uttarakhand on Sunday, leaving at least two persons dead and three injured.

A man, in his early 20s, identified by his first name, Abhish-ek, was killed and three others injured after being struck by lightning near Kandiyal village of Purola block in Uttarkashi district on Sunday. Two other villagers are critical, officials said. Purola SDM, Devanand Sharma, announced a compensation of Rs 4 lakh for Abhish-ek's family. Lightning strike also left an estimated 400 goats dead in Kapkot area of Bageshwar district. District disaster management officer Shikha Suyal said that the goats were found dead after a thunderstorm in Jhuni Pankhutop area of Kapkot tehsil on Saturday evening.



A crane removes the car crushed by a boulder, killing the driver

In a separate incident, a shuttle taxi driver -- plying between Gaurikund and Sonprayag near Kedarnath -- was killed after a boulder hit his vehicle and crushed it on Sunday. District disaster management officer, NK Rajwar, said that "the driver, Anil Bisht, died on the spot." Landslides triggered by incessant rains brought traffic to a halt in several parts of Garhwal. Rajwar added that the Kedarnath yatra "remained suspended for some time on Sunday."

(with inputs by Pramod Dalakoti)

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5. The temple sinking at Gopinath, Gopeshwar, Chamoli District

Temple sinking reports have emerged from the Gopinath Mandir that is located in Gopeshwar in Chamoli district. Vyapar Sangh members and the head priest of the temple have escalated the matter to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and district authorities. ASI has refuted the tilting but agreed that some stones in the temple have been sinking and these would be replaced. Apart from this, the drainage system will be improved.

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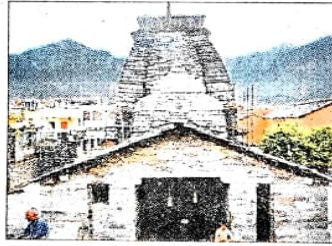
बदले जाएंगे गोपीनाथ मंदिर के धंसे पत्थर, सुधरेगा ड्रेनेज सिस्टम संरक्षक सहायक ने विभाग को भेजी प्राथमिक रिपोर्ट

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

गोपेश्वर। पुरातन विभाग गोपीनाथ मंदिर के झुकने को लेकर इन्कार कर रहा है। हालांकि विभाग का कहना है कि कुछ पत्थरों के धंसने की बात सामने आ रही है। इन पत्थरों को बदला जाएगा। साथ ही मंदिर में पानी टपकने को लेकर यहां के ड्रेनेज सिस्टम को सुधारा जाएगा।

गोपेश्वर के गोपीनाथ मंदिर के हकहककधारियों ने पुरातत्व विभाग और जिला प्रशासन से मंदिर के झुकने को लेकर पत्र भेजा था। पुरातत्व विभाग की ओर से संरक्षक सहायक को गोपेश्वर भेजा गया। उन्होंने मामले को लेकर प्राथमिक रिपोर्ट तैयार कर विभाग के उच्चाधिकारियों को भेज दी है। हालांकि विभाग ने रिपोर्ट का खुलासा तो नहीं किया, लेकिन मंदिर के झुकने की बात से विभाग इन्कार कर रहा है। विभाग इस बात को स्वीकार कर रहा है कि

विभाग मंदिर के झुकने से कर रहा इन्कार, पत्थर धंसने की बात आ रही सामने



कैनोपी निकालने से बनी आशंका

इन दिनों पुरातन विभाग की ओर से मंदिर के आगे के हिस्से में लगी पुरानी लकड़ी की कैनोपी बदली जा रही है। जिसके बाद मंदिर का स्वरूप कुछ बदला नजर आ रहा है। मंदिर के जिस जगह पर पत्थर धंसने की बात सामने आ रही है वह कैनोपी के पीछे का हिस्सा है। कैनोपी निकालने से यह हिस्सा खाली हो गया।

जल्द निरीक्षण के लिए आएंगे अधीक्षण अभियंता

पुरातन विभाग के अधीक्षण अभियंता मनोज सक्सेना का कहना है कि मंदिर अपने पुराने स्वरूप में ही है। इसमें किसी तरह का कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। कुछ पत्थरों के धंसने की बात सामने आ रही है। जल्द मंदिर का निरीक्षण किया जाएगा। जहां भी जरूरत होगी पत्थरों को बदला जाएगा। मंदिर के ड्रेनेज सिस्टम को भी सुधारा जाएगा। उनका कहना है कि कैनोपी निकालने के बाद मंदिर कुछ बदला नजर आ रहा है, इसलिए यह आशंका बनी है। मंदिर का पूरा निरीक्षण किया जाएगा। जो भी जरूरी होगा वह कदम उठाए जाएंगे।

मंदिर के कुछ पत्थर धंसे हुए हैं पानी आने की जांच कर ड्रेनेज जिनको बदला जाएगा। मंदिर में सिस्टम सुधारा जाएगा।

6. The sinking of Mastadi village, Uttarkashi District

After Joshimath, residents of Mastadi village in Uttarkashi district are getting alarmed as fresh cracks have appeared in numerous houses, suspected to be caused by land subsidence following heavy rain.

According to local residents, land subsidence activity had started in the region after the earthquake of 1991. Satyanarayan Semwal, the Gram Pradhan of Mastadi village, said, "It is distressing to witness fresh cracks appearing in multiple houses. We are worried about what lies ahead."

He added, "The government should take some action. At the very least, families residing in the approximately 30 severely affected houses should be relocated." A team of geologists had surveyed the village way back in 1997 and advised immediate measures to counter the issue of land subsidence. However, "no concrete action has been taken to address the problem to date", local residents said.

Devendra Patwal, Uttarkashi district disaster management officer said that they will send a team of geologists to survey the affected areas. Based on the report provided by the experts, necessary actions will be taken.

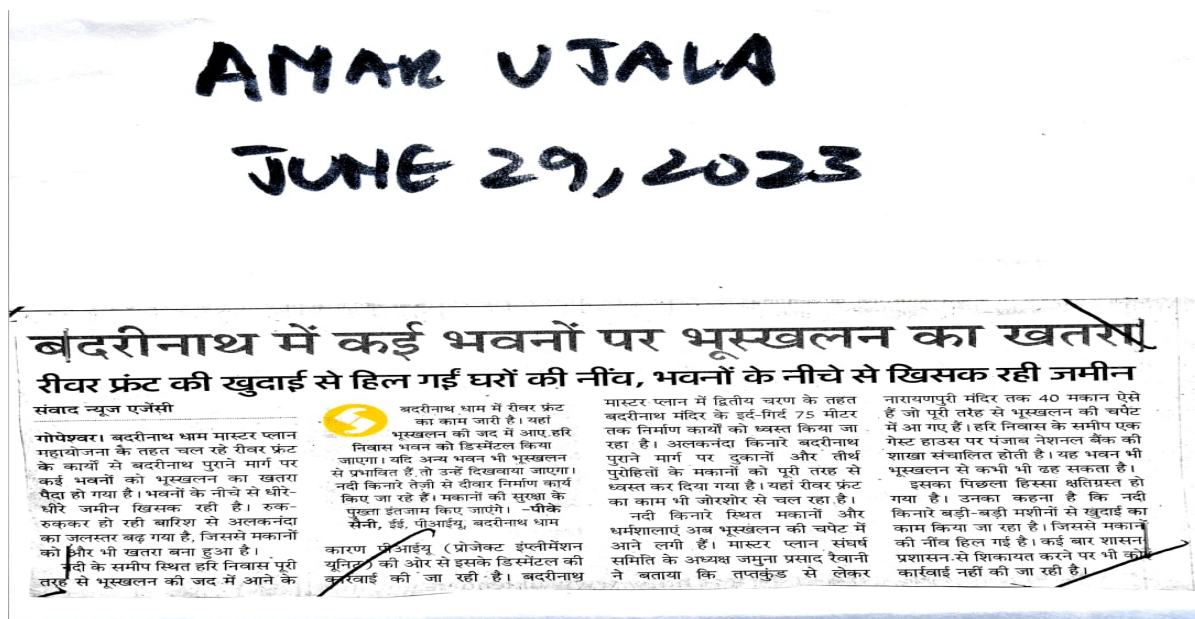


7. Landslide threat on many buildings in Badrinath

With work underway on the riverfront under the Badrinath Master Plan, risks of landslides have appeared for many buildings. Land/ground is sinking below the buildings and the risks have been exacerbated due to the start of the monsoon season. The foundations of the buildings were shaken by the excavation of the riverfront, the ground slipping from under the buildings.

The Project Implementation Unit has stated that since Hari Nivas Puri is completely impacted due to landslides, it will be dismantled. In the second phase of the master plan, construction works up to 75 metres around the Badrinath temple are being demolished. Shops and houses of priests on the Badrinath old road on the Alaknanda river have been completely demolished. Here the work of the riverfront is also going on in full swing.

Houses and dharamshalas located on the banks of the river are now coming under the grip of landslides. Jamuna Prasad Raiwani, President of Master Plan Sangharsh Samiti said that 40 houses from Taptakund to Narayanpur temple have been hit by landslides. He added that excavation work is being done on the banks of the river with big machines due to which the foundations of the houses have been shaken. Though complaints have been shared many times, yet no action is being taken by state or district authorities.



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