# November 2022 Uttarakhand Disasters & Accident Synopsis (UDAS) Monthly Reports

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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 organizations, 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. November 18, 2022: 12 deaths in a road accident in Chamoli district

Twelve people were killed after the vehicle they were traveling in fell into a 500-700 meter deep gorge in Palla Jakhol village on Dumak road in Chamoli district. The Tata Sumo carrying 16 passengers fell into the gorge at Urgam in Joshimath area of the district at around 4.00 PM.

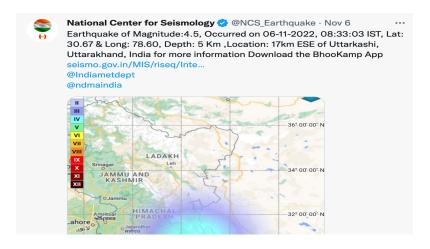
The passengers were on their way to Palla Jakhol village from Joshimath when the accident occurred. The vehicle was said to have been overloaded with some occupants sitting on its roof. The deceased included 2 women and ten men.

Upon receiving an alert, the SDRF team from Joshimath post was rushed to the spot. Another SDRF team from Pandukeshwar was also immediately dispatched to the accident site.



#### 2. November 6, 2022: Earthquake of magnitude 4.5 hits Uttarkashi

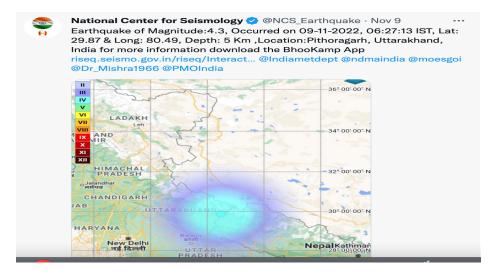
An earthquake of magnitude 4.5 on the Richter scale hit Uttarkashi on the morning of Sunday, November 6. According to the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), the tremors were felt 17 Kilometer east-southeast of Uttarkashi with a depth of 5 km. No casualties were reported in the incident.



#### 3. November 9, 2022: 4.3-magnitude earthquake jolts Uttarakhand

An earthquake of magnitude 4.3 on the Richter scale was recorded in Pithoragarh in the wee hours of Wednesday, 6.27 AM on November 9. The earthquake jolts were felt with an intensity of 5 km depth below the ground in Pithoragarh.

This came after Nepal was struck with an earthquake of 6.3-magnitude at 1.57 AM early on the same day. The tremors were also felt across parts of Delhi-NCR. The Nepal earthquake epicenter was Dipayal in Nepal's Doti district and the depth of the earthquake was 10 Kilometer below the ground, the National Center for Seismology said.

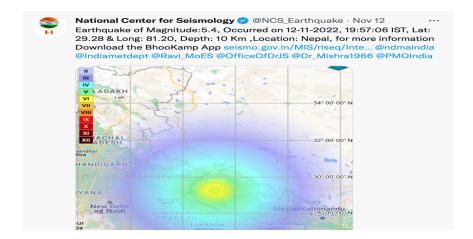


### 4. November 12, 2022 : 5.4-magnitude quake jolts Nepal, third in a week; tremors felt in Uttarakhand

A 5.4-magnitude earthquake jolted Nepal on November 12, three days after a 6.6 magnitude tremor killed six people in the Himalayan nation and sparked panic among citizens. The tremor, the third to hit the quake-prone nation in the week, was felt around 7.57 PM IST. The earthquake was recorded in Bajhang district, 460 km west of Kathmandu. The epicenter of the earthquake was Patadebal of Bajhang, according to the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre.

In April 2015, a devastating earthquake of 7.8-magnitude rocked Nepal, killing nearly 9,000 people and wounding more than 22,000 others. It also damaged over 800,000 houses and school buildings.

The November 12, 2022 earthquake was felt in many districts in Uttarakhand.



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

SDC Foundation is a Dehradun-based environmental action and advocacy group engaged in communication, citizen engagement and capacity building in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. The foundation works in partnership with the institutions of Government of India, Government of Uttarakhand and other stakeholders such as research & academic institutions, community groups, civil society, media partners, NGOs, businesses & trade bodies, schools & colleges in the state.

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

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