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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. January 3, 2025 : Tragic Road Accidents in Uttarakhand: 8 Killed in Haridwar and Bageshwar, Several Injured in Dehradun Gorge Crash

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According to Bahadrabad police station house officer Naresh Rathore, the first accident took place near Shani Dev temple in Bahadrabad, 8 km from Haridwar city, when five people from Haryana were on their way to Haridwar. Possibly due to dense fog, the car rammed a cement-laden truck parked on the highway road- side, he added.

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In Bageshwar district, after the car plunged into the gorge on Wednesday evening, three bodies were recovered late in the night by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel. Another body was recovered on Thursday morning, said officials.

"Three bodies were recovered at 11pm on Wednesday, while the driver's body was found around 11.30am on Thursday. His body was stuck inside the car," said Khushwant Singh, station officer, Kapkot police station.

He added that the accident took place when the car was heading towards Bharai from Badiakot in Bageshwar district on Wednesday. "When it reached near Teekh village under Kapkot block, around 64 km from district headquarters, it fell around 500 feet into Pinder river. The car had four people inside. The deceased were identified as Sundar Singh Aitani (32), a resident of Bharari; Munna Shahi (30) from Anso village; Neelam Rawat (33) from Timlabagar village; and Poonam Pandey (30), who belonged to Bageshwar," Singh said.

After police and SDRF launched the rescue operation, the bodies of Shahi, Rawat and Pandey were recovered around 11pm. Rescue operation was then suspended due to unfavourable weather. The operation resumed on Thursday morning, and the body of driver Sundar Singh was recovered. The bodies were sent to Bageshwar for the post-mortem examination.

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SDRF officials said that Chakrata police station informed them that a vehicle fell into a gorge near Chakrata and an SDRF team was required for the rescue operation. Following this, an SDRF team, under the leadership of additional sub-inspector Manish Chauhan immediately left for the spot with necessary rescue equipment.

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Also, 30 people died in a bus accident in Almora on November 4. The bus, carrying people returning to work after the Diwali break, was headed from Dhumakot in Pauri Garhwal district to Ramnagar in Nainital, roughly 72km away, when it plunged into a gorge in Almora district's Sult.

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2. January 7, 2025 : IIT Roorkee Study Identifies Alaknanda River as Highly Vulnerable to Landslide-Induced Dams, Court Takes Action on Illegal Mining in Uttarakhand

Dehradun: Alaknanda river flowing through the Garhwal region has been identified as most vulnerable to landslide induced natural dams, according to a recent study conducted by IIT Roorkee researchers Shivani Joshi and Srikrishnan Siva Subramanian. Titled Landslide Dam Studies in Uttarakhand. India Past, Present, and Future and published by Springer, the study points out that the Alaknanda is wedged by Alandakini, Dhau Tigang and Bhagirathi rivers in terms of susceptibility to creation of such dams. Uttarakhand's unique topography marked by narrow valleys and gorges, makes it highly susceptible to natural dams formed by landslides blocking rivers. These blockages create upstream lakes, which carry catastrophic outbursts risk known as landslide lake outburst floods (LLOPS), the study said.

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The report highlighted serious breaches, such as illegal mining beyond authorised hours, encroachment on Van Panchayat land, drying up of water springs, and unauthorised use of forest resources. Additionally, it noted air, water, and noise pollution caused by unscientific mining methods. The court was informed about the illegal felling of trees, employment of foreign labourers, and the central labour department's failure to enforce regulations. Misuse of district management funds was also flagged.

The court described the situation as "exceedingly grave". While giving the orders for an immediate cessation of mining, the HC judges also directed the divisional forest officer, the state-level environmental protection authority and the district mining officer to file their responses. Two amici curiae were appointed to address villagers' concerns and prepare a detailed report.

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'Landslide dams' threat looms over U'khand

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BOOM TO BAN FOR BAGESHWAR MINES

May 20, 1972 | Soapstone mining starts in Kanda using traditional methods
1990s | Mining operations expands as locals, firms exploit rich deposits
2010 | 30 mines operational in district. Heavy machinery like excavators, earthmovers deployed for large-scale mining operations
2011-2020 | Structural instability comes to light as cracks appear in buildings, roads, infrastructure
2022 | Centuries-old Kalika temple damaged, Kanda Kanyal village faces land subsidence, gas warehouse endangered by mining
2023 | Affected villagers file complaints with authorities, highlighting dust pollution,

water contamination, vegetation loss.
April 2024 | NGT exposes large-scale deforestation with 4,000 trees at risk
Sept 2024 | TOI highlights deforestation in mining-affected villages. More than 200 houses at risk
Oct 2024 | NGT, HC intervene. Order thorough investigation into mining's impact on environment, safety, infrastructure
Nov 2024 | HC seeks explanations from forest department, pollution board
Dec 2024 | HC-appointed commissioners recommend mining suspension, citing severe damage. State directed to submit detailed impact report to court

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permanent closure of mining activities. "Our land is being destroyed, our homes are no longer safe. We have no choice but to fight for our future," said a resident.

Villagers expressed frustration over the lack of response from local authorities, including the district magistrate and the chief minister. "No one has taken our concerns seriously," a villager said. While some families with financial means have moved to Haldwani, others remain trapped in unsafe conditions, fearing further devastation.

3. January 9, 2025 : Uttarakhand HC Slams Mining Operations in Bageshwar, Warns of Environmental Disaster and Loss of Lives

Dehradun: The Uttarakhand high court's directive two days ago to halt mining operations in Bageshwar has come with stern observations by Chief Justice G Narendar and Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari. The complete order, which was uploaded on Tuesday has described the situation in the Uttarakhand district as "not just alarming but utterly shocking."

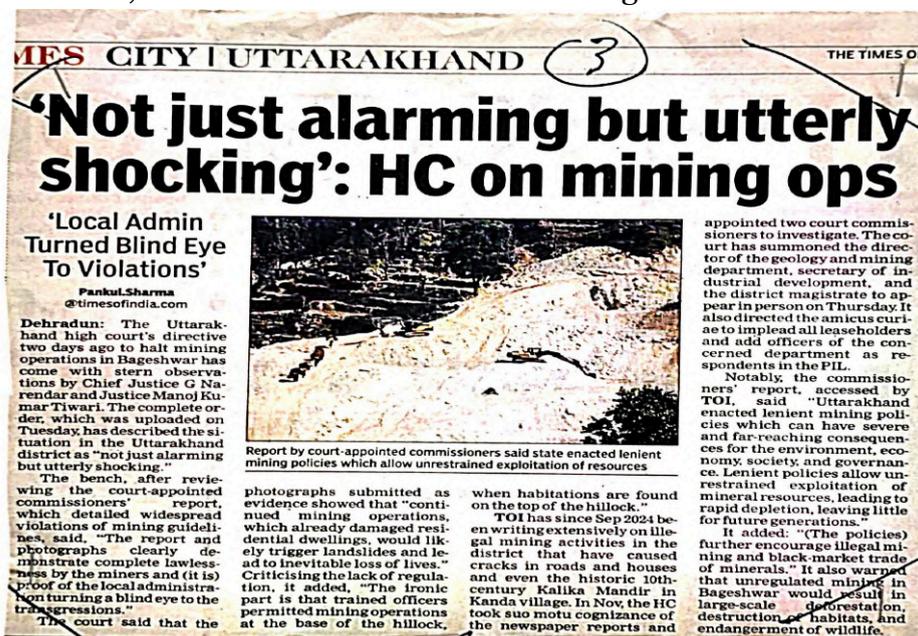
The bench, after reviewing the court-appointed commissioners' report, which detailed widespread violations of mining guidelines, said. "The report and photographs clearly demonstrate complete lawlessness by the miners and (it is) foot of the local administration turning a blind eye to the transgressions.

The court said that the photographs submitted as evidence showed that "continued mining operations, which already damaged residential dwellings, would likely trigger landslides and lead to inevitable loss of lives." Criticising the lack of regulation, it added, "The ironic part is that trained officers permitted mining operations at the base of the hillock, when habitations are found on the top of the hillock.

TOI has since Sep 2024 been writing extensively on illegal mining activities in the district that have caused cracks in roads and houses and even the historic 10th-century Kalika Mandir in Kanda village. In Nov the HC took suo motu cognizance of the newspaper reports and appointed two commissioners to investigate. It has summoned the director of the geology and department, secretary of industrial development, and the district magistrate in person on Tuesday. It also directed the amicus curiae to implead all leaseholders and add officers of the concerned department as respondents in the PIL.

Notably, the commissioners' report, accessed by TOI said, Uttarakhand enacted lenient mining policies which can have severe and far-reaching consequences for the environment, economy, society, and governance. Lenient policies allow unrestrained exploitation of mineral resources leading to rapid depletion, leaving little for future generations.

It added (The policies) further encourage illegal mining and black market trade of minerals. It also warned that unregulated mining in Bageshwar would result in large-scale deforestation, destruction of habitats and endangerment of wildlife.



4. January 12, 2025 : High Court Imposes One-Month Ban on Khadiya Mining in Bageshwar, Orders Compensation for Villagers

The High Court has imposed a complete one-month ban on Khadiya mining in Bageshwar district and issued notices to 160 mine operators. The Court clarified that it is the responsibility of the mine operators, not the government, to compensate the villagers for the environmental damage caused by mining. The Court directed that the SP of Bageshwar ensure no mining or transportation of Khadiya takes place. The Court also instructed the government to file a detailed response within a week and scheduled the next hearing for February 12.

On Friday, the division bench of Chief Justice G. Narendra and Senior Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari heard a public interest petition regarding the environmental damage caused by Khadiya mining in the Kanda region of Bageshwar, including cracks in villagers' homes. Industrial Development Secretary Brijesh Kumar Sant, Mining Director Rajpal Legha, Bageshwar District Magistrate Ashish Bhatgai, and SP Chandrashekhar Ghorke were present in the Court.

On behalf of the government, Chief Standing Counsel Chandrashekhar Rawat informed the Court that, following the Court's order, the District Mining Officer of Bageshwar, Jigyasa Bisht, has been suspended. Nazia Hasan from Chamoli has been appointed as the Mining Inspector for Bageshwar, and a new mining inspector has been assigned to Udham Singh Nagar. A geotechnical survey of the mining areas in Bageshwar will be conducted, and a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for mining has been created. The approval of mining leases on the e-Ravanna portal has been suspended until further orders. A warning has been issued that if mining is carried out, the mining lease will be canceled.

Government Takes Action Following High Court's Strict Ban on Khadiya Mining in Bageshwar

With the High Court's strict orders halting Khadiya mining, the government is now in action mode. The government has filed an affidavit in the High Court stating that the mining policy will be reviewed, and a revised policy will be developed based on the geological survey report, which will consider the capacity of the mines. Along with the geological survey of the mines, studies will be conducted to analyze and assess the dangers posed by mining. The government has issued guidelines for further actions based on this analysis. The government has also decided to conduct a drone survey of the mining-affected areas using funds from the district mining trust.

On Friday, Chief Standing Counsel Chandrashekhar Rawat presented a 38-page affidavit in Court, which included an action taken report following the High Court's strict stance on the Khadiya mining case in Bageshwar. In compliance with the Court's orders, the Industrial Development Secretary has requested a report from the Bageshwar District Magistrate on illegal mining, storage, and transportation. The District Magistrate has been directed to form a team to inspect the affected areas within a month and submit a report. The team will include revenue, police, and forest department officers. A recommendation will be made to cancel the mining lease if illegal mining is found on government land outside the designated boundaries.

Geological Survey Report Reveals the Suffering of Villagers

A report by senior geologists Yogendra Singh and Tahir Mustaq from the Indian Geological Survey, submitted in September 2024, revealed the suffering of villagers.

After the initial assessment of the affected villages, it was reported that the rehabilitation cases of 11 villages date back to 2013. Cracks have appeared in the houses and the Kalika temple in Kanda Kanyal village, and Seri village is similarly affected. The Kapkot tehsil is the most severely impacted, with cracks in the homes of 56 families, who have been relocated to safer places.

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खड़िया खनन एक माह के लिए पूर्ण बंद, हाई कोर्ट बोला- जो नुकसान करेगा, वही भरेगा

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जागरण संवाददाता, नैनीताल: हाई कोर्ट ने बागेश्वर जिले में खड़िया खनन पर एक माह के लिए पूरी तरह से रोक लगाने के साथ ही 160 खदान संचालकों को नोटिस जारी किया है। कोर्ट ने स्पष्ट किया कि अब खदानों के एवज में ग्रामीणों को मुआवजा सरकार नहीं बल्कि खदान संचालक देगा। जो पर्यावरण का नुकसान करेगा, वही भरपाई भी करेगा। कोर्ट ने एसपी बागेश्वर को यह सुनिश्चित करने को कहा है कि खदानों से खनन न हो और खड़िया परिवहन पर पूर्ण रोक लगे। कोर्ट ने सरकार से एक सप्ताह में विस्तृत जवाब दखिल करने के निर्देश देते हुए अगली सुनवाई तिथि 12 फरवरी नियत कर दी।

शुक्रवार को मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति जी नरेंद्र व वरिष्ठ न्यायमूर्ति मनोज कुमार तिवारी की खंडपीठ में बागेश्वर के कांडा क्षेत्र में खड़िया खनन से ग्रामीणों के घरों में आई दरारों सहित अन्य पर्यावरणीय नुकसान को लेकर स्वतः संज्ञान लेती जनहित याचिका पर सुनवाई हुई। इस दौरान औद्योगिक विकास सचिव बृजेश कुमार संत, निदेशक खनन राजपाल लेधा, जिलाधिकारी बागेश्वर आशीष भट्टगढ़ व एसपी चंद्रशेखर चौड़े कोर्ट में पेश हुए। सरकार की ओर से मुख्य स्थायी अधिवक्ता चंद्रशेखर रावत ने बताया कि कोर्ट के आदेश पर बागेश्वर की जिला खान अधिकारी जिज्ञासा बिष्ट को निलंबित किया जा



पूर्व मंत्री भौर्याल ने फर्जी तरीके से ली एनओसी

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चुका है। चमोली की नाजिया हसन को बागेश्वर तथा ऊधमसिंह नगर के खान निरीक्षक को चमोली भेजा गया है। बागेश्वर जिले में खड़िया खनन क्षेत्रों का भूगर्भीय सर्वे किया जाएगा। खनन पट्टों का ई रवना पोर्टल अग्रिम आदेश तक निलंबित कर दिया गया है। चेतावनी जारी की है कि यदि पट्टाधारक ने खनन किया तो पट्टा निरस्त होगा।

भू-वैज्ञानिक सर्वे व खदानों की क्षमता के अनुसार खनन नीति में होगा संशोधन

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नैनीताल: बागेश्वर जिले में खड़िया खनन पर सख्ती से रोक लगाने के आदेश के साथ ही अब सरकार भी एक्शन मोड में है। सरकार ने हाई कोर्ट में शपथपत्र दखिल कर बताया कि खनन नीति का पुनः परीक्षण कर भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर खदानों की क्षमता के अनुसार खनन कार्य के लिए संशोधित नीति तैयार होगी। खदानों का भूगर्भीय सर्वेक्षण करने के साथ ही खनन से होने वाले खतरों का अध्ययन व विश्लेषण कर आगे प्रक्रिया अपनाने के दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। अब जिला खनन न्यास की निधि से प्राप्त बजट से खनन प्रभावित इलाकों का ड्रोन सर्वेक्षण किया जाएगा।

शुक्रवार को मुख्य स्थायी अधिवक्ता चंद्रशेखर रावत की ओर से कोर्ट में 38 पेज का शपथपत्र व

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एक्शन टेकन रिपोर्ट पेश की गई। इसके अनुसार हाई कोर्ट के आदेश के अनुपालन में सचिव औद्योगिक विकास ने बागेश्वर में अवैध खनन, भंडारण व परिवहन पर डीएम से रिपोर्ट मांगी है। डीएम को प्रभावित इलाकों का टीम बनाकर एक माह में निरीक्षण कर आख्या देने को कहा है। टीम में राजस्व, पुलिस, वन विभाग के सक्षम अधिकारी शामिल होंगे। सीमांकित से बाहर सरकारी भूमि पर अवैध खनन मिलने पर पट्टा निरस्त करने की संस्तुति की जाएगी।

भू वैज्ञानिक की रिपोर्ट ने उजागर की ग्रामीणों की पीड़ा

भारतीय भू-वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण के वरिष्ठ भू विज्ञानी योगेंद्र सिंह व ताहिर मुस्ताक की ओर से सितंबर 2024 में रिपोर्ट दी गई थी। जिसमें प्रभावित गांवों के प्रारंभिक आकलन के बाद कहा गया था कि 11 प्रभावित गांवों के पुनर्वास के मामले 2013 के हैं। कांडा

कन्याल गांव के मकानों और कालिका मंदिर में दरारें हैं और सेरी गांव भी इसी तरह प्रभावित है। कपकोट तहसील सर्वाधिक प्रभावित है। यहां 56 परिवारों के घरों में दरारें आई हैं। इन परिवारों को सुरक्षित स्थान पर भेजा गया है।

5. January 13, 2025 : Tragic Accidents in Uttarakhand: 6 Dead in Paudi Bus Crash, 2 Youths Killed in Nanakmatta Car Collision

Paudi-Satyakhal Motor Road Accident: 6 Dead, 21 Injured as Bus Falls into Gorge On the Paudi-Satyakhal motor road, a mini bus carrying passengers lost control and fell into a gorge. The accident resulted in the death of six passengers, while 21 others are being treated for injuries, with one having been discharged.

According to the police, the bus was traveling from Paudi to Dehlchori on Sunday afternoon at 3 PM when it suddenly lost control near Kyark and Chuladhar, and plunged into a 80-meter-deep gorge. After the accident, there were cries and screams from the passengers inside the bus. Upon receiving the information, the police, with the help of local people, rescued the injured and pulled them out. Five people were confirmed dead at the scene. The injured were rushed to a hospital for treatment, where an elderly person later passed away.

Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh (Retd) expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama prayed to God to grant strength to the families to bear this grief and wished for the swift recovery of the injured.

Two Youths Killed in Nanakmatta after Car Collides with Bike

In Nanakmatta, on Sunday evening, a car collided with two youths riding a motorcycle. Both youths were seriously injured and taken to the hospital, where they succumbed to their injuries during treatment.

The victims, Shashank Rana (18), son of Amarjeet Rana, from the village Ghusri in Nainkamatta, and Raj Rana (20), son of Rajendra Rana, from Sisaruna in Sitarganj, were returning on their bike from a ceremony. On the Dyoori road, a car coming from the opposite direction hit them. The two were rushed to Sitarganj's sub-district hospital with the help of an ambulance. Doctors stated that both youths sustained severe injuries to their heads and other parts of the body. After initial treatment, they were referred to a higher center, where Shashank died first, followed by Raj. The police have seized the car involved in the accident.

पौड़ी में बेकाबू होकर खाई में गिरी बस, छह लोगों की मौत

दुखद : 21 अस्पताल में भर्ती, 28 लोग थे बस में सवार

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

पौड़ी। पौड़ी-सत्याखाल मोटर मार्ग पर सवारियों से भरी एक मिनी बस अनियंत्रित होकर खाई में जा गिरी। हादसे छह यात्रियों की मौत हो गई। जबकि 21 यात्रियों का उपचार चल रहा है, एक को छुट्टी दे दी गई है।

पुलिस के मुताबिक रविवार की शाम तीन बजे पौड़ी से देहलचोरी जा रही सवारियों से भरी बस सत्याखाल मोटर मार्ग पर क्यार्क और चूलधार के पास अचानक अनियंत्रित होकर 80 मीटर खाई में गिर गई। हादसे के बाद बस में सवार में यात्रियों में चीख पुकार मच गई। सूचना पर पुलिस ने स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से घायलों को रेस्क्यू कर बाहर निकाला। पांच लोगों की मौत पर ही मौत हो गई थी। घायलों को पौड़ी अस्पताल में उपचार के लिए भर्ती कराया गया। यहां उपचार के दौरान एक बुजुर्ग ने दम तोड़ दिया।

नानकमत्ता : कार ने बाइक को टक्कर मारी दो युवकों की मौत

नानकमत्ता। नानकमत्ता में रविवार शाम को एक कार ने बाइक सवार दो युवकों को टक्कर मार दी। गंभीर रूप से घायल दोनों युवकों को अस्पताल ले जाया गया। इलाज के दौरान दोनों ने दम तोड़ दिया। नानकमत्ता के गांव पुसरी निवासी शशांक राणा (18) पुत्र अमरजीत राणा और सितारगंज के मिस्त्रीना निवासी राज राणा (20) पुत्र राजेंद्र राणा रविवार को बाइक पर किसी समारोह से सितारगंज लौट रहे थे। पौड़ी मार्ग पर सामने से आई कार ने उन्हें टक्कर मार दी। दोनों को पंबुलेंस की मदद से सितारगंज के उप जिला अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया। डॉक्टरों ने बताया, दोनों युवकों के सिर और शरीर के अन्य हिस्सों में गंभीर चोट लगी थी। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद चिकित्सकों ने दोनों को हायर सेंटर रेफर कर दिया। परिजन उन्हें एक निजी चिकित्सालय ले गए, जहां इलाज के दौरान पहले शशांक और फिर राज ने दम तोड़ दिया। पुलिस ने कार कब्जे में ले ली है। संवाद

हादसे में डककी गई जान

एसडीएम सदर दीपक रामचंद्र सेट ने बताया कि मृतकों की पहचान पुनीत पत्नी नरेंद्र निवासी ग्राम डोभा, प्रमिला व उनका बेटा प्रियांशु, नागेंद्र व उनकी पत्नी सुलोचना निवासी केसुंदर, पौड़ी और प्रेम देहलचोरी, पौड़ी के रूप में हुई है। 21 का उपचार बेस अस्पताल श्रीनगर में चल रहा है। एक को प्राथमिक उपचार देकर घर भेज दिया है।

राज्यपाल व मुख्यमंत्री ने दुःख व्यक्त किया : राज्यपाल लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल गुरुवीर सिंह (सेन) ने शोक संतप्त परिजनों के प्रति गहरी संवेदनशीलता व्यक्त की है। वहीं, सीएम पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने परिवारजनों को इस दुःख को सहन करने की शक्ति प्रदान करने की ईश्वर से कामना की है। उन्होंने घायलों के शीघ्र स्वास्थ्य लाभ की भी कामना की। छतूरी

6. January 25, 2025: Three Earthquakes Hit Uttarkashi in Four Hours, Triggering Landslide but No Casualties or Damage Reported

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The administration repor- ted that neither the earthqua- ke nor the landslide resulted in any damage to property or loss of lives. Uttarakhand falls in Zone IV and V of the seismicity zonation map of India. The districts of Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Chamoli and Rudraprayag, along with parts of Almora, Champa- wat, Tehri, Uttarkashi, and Pauri, are classified under Zone V, while the rest of the areas fall under Zone IV.

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7. January 28, 2025 : Tragic Fire in Uttarkashi's Sawani Village Claims One Life, Four Livestock, and Destroys Nine Homes

In a fire that occurred late Sunday night in the remote village of Sawani, located in the Mori development block of Uttarkashi, an elderly woman and four livestock were burned to death. Additionally, nine houses were completely destroyed in the blaze. The 21 families who lost their homes have taken shelter in government schools and other villagers' houses.

The fire started when a burning lamp fell inside a wooden house, igniting the building. The flames quickly spread to nearby wooden houses. As the fire spread, the villagers managed to escape, but their efforts to extinguish the fire were unsuccessful. Upon receiving the news, teams from the tehsil administration, police, fire brigade, SDRF, and the forest department arrived on-site and worked for about four hours to control the blaze.

During this operation, three buildings were completely demolished, and two were partially destroyed to prevent the fire from spreading further. The rescue teams were informed by the villagers that an elderly woman was missing. Following this, the SDRF launched a search operation and found the charred body of 75-year-old Braha Devi, wife of Negi Singh, under the debris of her burned house.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gopal Singh Chauhan stated that nine buildings were destroyed, housing 21 families. The fire claimed the lives of one woman and four animals. In accordance with disaster management regulations, financial assistance has been provided to the victims, and arrangements for shelter, food, and other needs have been made at the government school. Damage assessments are still ongoing.

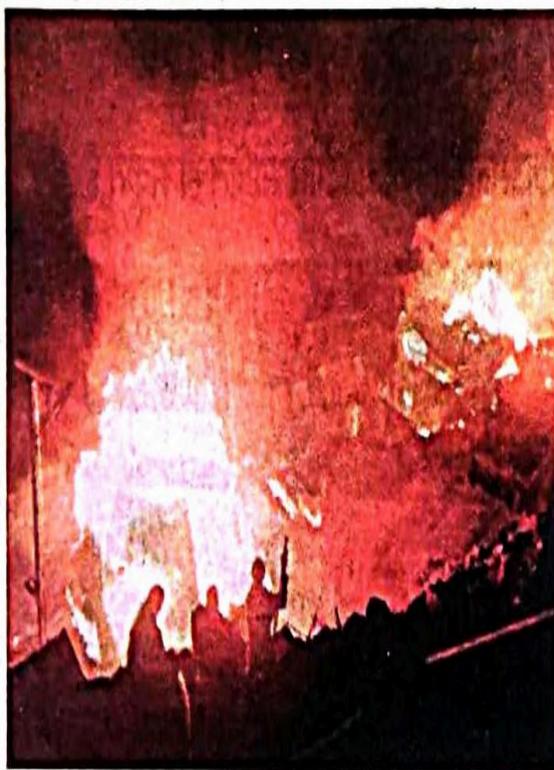
अग्निकांड : बुजुर्ग महिला, चार मवेशियों की मौत

मोरी ब्लॉक के सावणी गांव के मकानों में भड़की आग, 21 परिवार हुए बेघर

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

उत्तरकाशी। मोरी विकासखंड के दूरस्थ गांव सावणी में रविवार देर रात को हुए अग्निकांड में एक बुजुर्ग महिला और चार मवेशियों की आग में जलने से मौत हो गई। वहीं नौ घर जलकर राख हो गए। बेघर हुए 21 परिवारों ने सरकारी विद्यालय और अन्य ग्रामीणों के घरों में शरण ली है।

रविवार देर रात को सावणी गांव के जलता दीपक गिरने से लकड़ी के घर में आग लग गई। देखते ही देखते ही आसपास के लकड़ी के 9 भवनों ने भी आग पकड़ ली। आग फैलते ही लोगों ने घरों से भागकर जान बचाई। ग्रामीणों ने आग बुझाने का बहुत प्रयास किया, लेकिन काबू नहीं कर पाए। सूचना मिलने पर मौके पर पहुंची तहसील



सावणी गांव में मकानों में भड़की आग को बुझाने ग्रामीण। स्रोत : जगलक पाठक

प्रशासन की टीम सहित पुलिस, फायर की टीम ने देर रात में करीब चार घंटे की मशकत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया।

इस दौरान तीन भवनों को पूरी तरह और दो को आंशिक तौर पर तोड़ा गया, जिससे आग अन्य स्थानों पर न फैले। बचाव दल को ग्रामीणों ने बताया कि गांव की एक बुजुर्ग महिला लापता है, जिस पर एसडीआरएफ ने तलाश अभियान चलाया। महिला ब्रहा देवी (75) पत्नी नेगी सिंह का अधजला शव उनके ही जले घर के नीचे मिला। मौके पर पहुंचे एसडीएम गोपाल सिंह चौहान ने बताया कि 9 भवन जले हैं, जिसमें 21 परिवार निवास करते थे। वहीं एक महिला के साथ चार मवेशियों की मौत हुई है। आपदा प्रबंधन नियमों के अनुसार पीड़ितों को आर्थिक सहायता दी गई है। वहीं उन्हें रहने के लिए टेंट सहित भोजन और अन्य व्यवस्थाएं सरकारी विद्यालय में की गई है। नुकसान का आकलन किया जा रहा है।

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