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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. March 1, 2025 : 22 missing after avalanche hits Army highway project site near China border**

Twenty-two workers are missing while 33 have survived after a massive avalanche struck an Army construction site, trapping 55 individuals under a thick blanket of snow, near Mana village on the India-China border at more than 10,000 feet above sea level in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district around 5am on Friday. The avalanche buried 55 workers under about six feet of snow. The chief minister's office said 57 workers were assigned to the site, but two had taken the day off, leaving 55 at the project site.

The search for the missing continues amid heavy snowfall, with temperatures falling to minus 6°C in treacherous terrain. Chamoli DM Sandeep Tiwari confirmed the figures. "By noon, 10 workers were rescued and taken to Mana Hospital. By evening,

the number rose to 33," he said. Indian Army said 22 workers managed to escape on their own and reached Badrinath safely.

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The first responders were Army personnel from an Assam Regiment battalion, part of the 9th Garhwal Brigade, along with personnel from the Border Roads Organisation and Indo-Tibetan Border Police. Continuous snowfall prevented other agencies from reaching the site immediately.

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# 22 missing after avalanche hits Army highway project site near China border

**33 Rescued As Teams Battle Snowfall, Temp & Tricky Terrain**  
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**MISSING IN MANA**  
Massive avalanche hit an Army project site near Mana village near India-China border in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, burying 55 BRO workers on Friday

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**10k ft** above sea level, avalanche site is 6km from Badrinath

**Race against time: Army, ITBP battle cold, chaos**  
In a desperate battle against time and nature, the Indian Army, ITBP SDRF and NDRF are leading a high-risk rescue mission near Mana in Chamoli, as 22 BRO workers remain missing after a massive avalanche buried 55 persons under six-seven feet of snow. Amid relentless snowfall and worsening conditions, rescuers are racing against time, not letting darkness that came with dusk come in the way of the operation. A search and rescue team from Army's Ibez Brigade is spearheading the ground operation alongside ITBP and BRO. P3

**Mana villagers' winter migration saves lives**  
Mana, a 2,000-strong village in the upper reaches of Garhwal Himalayas, had already emptied out when disaster struck. By the time an avalanche crashed down the Mana-Ghasoli route on Friday smothering everything in its path, the roads were deserted, the homes abandoned. As a result, not many heard the sound of ice fracturing, snow cascading, and the earth shuddering under its weight. They are now counting their blessings. The villagers' migration, a ritual dictated by centuries of wisdom, is more than tradition—it is survival. P5

**'Avalanche-prone areas': Experts suggest 'mapping'**  
The area near Mana village in Uttarakhand, where an avalanche struck the BRO workers' camp on Friday, burying at least 55 men – of which 22 are still missing – is considered one of the most avalanche-prone zones in the state. Friday's avalanche hit a stretch of the NH linking Mana to Ghasoli, a region classified as a high-risk avalanche zone. In fact, this is not the first time that Army and BRO camps were hit by an avalanche in this region. In April 2021, a glacial burst-triggered avalanche struck Malari-Sumna area, killing at least 10 people. P5

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The IMD has said that the snowfall is likely to ease by Saturday afternoon.  
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## 2. March , 2025 - Four dead in avalanche, four still missing

After the avalanche in Mana near Badrinath in Chamoli district on Friday morning, the rescue operation continued till late Saturday evening. During this, news of the death of four workers came to light. Till the time of writing the news, 46 out of 54 workers were rescued safely. Out of this, 13 workers were rescued on Saturday, while the search for four is still on.

According to the Chamoli district administration, Army, ITBP, BRO and administration teams had taken charge on Saturday morning itself. 26 workers were brought to Jyotirmath (Joshimath) by army helicopters. Four of them are seriously injured. They were admitted to the Army hospital. The remaining 20 workers are safe in ITBP and Army camps in Badrinath. Late in the evening, two workers from Joshimath were sent to AIIMS Rishikesh by heli ambulance.

On behalf of the Army, Lieutenant Colonel Manish Srivastava has confirmed the death of four people by releasing a video. At the same time, Jyotirmath police station in-charge Devendra Pant said that a body has been brought to Jyotirmath from Mana. The body has been identified as 40-year-old Mohinder resident of Himachal Pradesh. Chamoli DM Sandeep Tiwari said that an avalanche occurred near Mana Pass at 5.30 am on Friday.

माणा से श्रमिकों के शवों को लाया जा रहा ज्योतिर्मठ, अब तक 46 बचाए

# हिमस्खलन में चार की मौत, चार अभी लापता

**ज्योतिर्मठ/देहरादून, हिन्दुस्तान टीम।** चमोली जिले में बदरीनाथ के पास माणा में शुक्रवार तड़के हुए हिमस्खलन के बाद शनिवार देर शाम तक रेस्क्यू ऑपरेशन जारी रहा। इस दौरान चार श्रमिकों की मौत की खबर सामने आई। खबर लिखे जाने तक 54 श्रमिकों में से 46 को सफल बचा लिया गया था। इसमें से 13 श्रमिकों को शनिवार को रेस्क्यू किया गया, जबकि चार की खोजबीन अभी जारी है।

चमोली जिला प्रशासन के अनुसार, सेना, आईटीबीपी, बीआरओ और प्रशासन की टीमों ने शनिवार सुबह ही मोर्चा संभाल लिया था। 26 श्रमिकों को सेना के हेलीकॉप्टरों से ज्योतिर्मठ (जोशीमठ) लाया गया। इनमें से चार गंभीर रूप से घायल हैं। उन्हें सेना के अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया। शेष 20 श्रमिक बदरीनाथ में आईटीबीपी और सेना के कैम्प में सुरक्षित हैं। देर शाम जोशीमठ से दो श्रमिकों को हेली एंबुलेंस से एम्स त्र्यंबकेश भेजा गया। सेना की ओर से लॉफ्टनेट कनल सनीष श्रीवास्तव ने वीडियो जारी कर चार लोगों की मौत की पुष्टि की है। वहीं ज्योतिर्मठ थाना इंचार्ज देवेन्द्र पंत ने बताया कि माणा से एक शव ज्योतिर्मठ पहुंचाया गया है। शव की शिनाखा 40 वर्षीय मोहिंदर निवासी हिमाचल प्रदेश के रूप में हुई है। चमोली के डीएम संदीप तिवारी ने बताया कि शुक्रवार सुबह साढ़े पांच बजे माणा पास के निकट हिमस्खलन हुआ। वहां

**वायु सेना भी रेस्क्यू अभियान में जुटी**



हिमस्खलन में फंस लगे लोगों को शनिवार को हेलीकॉप्टर से ज्योतिर्मठ भेजा गया।

**मुख्यमंत्री ने हिमस्खलन प्रभावित क्षेत्र का दौरा किया**



मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने हिमस्खलन प्रभावित क्षेत्र का दौरा कर मौके पर जारी राहत एवं बचाव कार्यों का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने सुरक्षित बाहर निकाले गए श्रमिकों की कुशलक्षेम जानी। साथ ही सैन्य अधिकारियों एवं प्रशासनिक टीमों से जानकारी प्राप्त कर आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देश दिए।

बीआरओ के 57 श्रमिक कंटेनरों में रह रहे थे। इनमें से तीन छूट्टी पर थे। डीएम ने बताया कि वायु सेना का एक एमआई-17 हेलीकॉप्टर, तीन चीता हेलीकॉप्टर, उत्तराखंड सरकार के दो हेलीकॉप्टर, एम्स त्र्यंबकेश से एक एयर पेंडुलैस रहत एवं बचाव कार्यों में लगे हैं। सभी कंटेनर मिले : हिमस्खलन क्षेत्र में जिन आठ कंटेनरों में मजदूर मौजूद थे, उन्हें ढूंढ लिया गया है। आपदा प्रबंधन सचिव विनोद कुमार सुमन ने बताया कि इनमें कोई नहीं मिला। लापता चार मजदूरों की तलाश के लिए दिल्ली से सेना की जीपीआर रडार ग्राउंड पेनोडेशन राडार मंगवाया गया है। सेना के स्निफर ड्रॉन्स भी तैनात किए गए हैं। सेना की तीन टीमों सघन पैट्रोलिंग कर रही हैं।

**13 श्रमिकों को शनिवार को रेस्क्यू किया गया**  
**54 श्रमिक मौजूद थे घटना के वक्त, तीन थे छूट्टी पर**

**प्रधानमंत्री ने लिया बचाव अभियान का अपडेट**

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी, केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह और रक्षामंत्री राजनाथ सिंह भी लगातार माणा में चल रहे रेस्क्यू ऑपरेशन का अपडेट ले रहे हैं। मोदी ने सुबह मुख्यमंत्री से बात की और आश्चर्य व्यक्त किया कि राहत एवं बचाव कार्यों के लिए जो भी जरूरत पड़ेगी, उसे केंद्र सरकार तत्काल उपलब्ध कराएगी। धामी ने कहा कि प्रभावित श्रमिकों की सुरक्षा हमारी सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता है। प्रशासन, सेना और एसडीआरएफ की टीमों लगातार राहत कार्यों में जुटी हुई है।

**सभी पर्वतीय जिलों के लिए जारी किया अलर्ट**

देहरादून। बर्फबारी-हिमस्खलन की आशंका को देखते हुए आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग ने राज्य के सभी पर्वतीय जिलों के लिए अलर्ट जारी कर दिया। आपदा प्रबंधन एवं पुनर्वास सचिव विनोद कुमार सुमन ने बताया कि सभी जिलों के डीएम को अतिरिक्त सतर्कता बरतने के निर्देश दिए हैं।

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### 3. March 3, 2025 : Eight killed in Ukhand avalanche, rescue ends

Rescuers recovered the eighth and final body from the site of an avalanche in a remote area of northern India, the army said Sunday, marking the end of a marathon operation in sub-zero temperatures.

More than 50 workers were submerged under snow and debris after the avalanche hit a construction camp on Friday near Mana village on the border with Tibet in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand.

Authorities had revised down the number of workers on site at the time of the avalanche from 55 to 54 after one worker, previously believed to be buried, was found to have safely made his way home before the avalanche hit.

The army used a drone-based detection system to assist in its search operations. Multiple drones and a rescue dog were also employed.

Construction worker Anil, who only gave his first name, recalled his rescue hours after being buried by the avalanche. "It was if God's angels had come to save us," Anil, who is in his late 20s, told AFP on Sunday by phone from his hospital bed. "The way we were engulfed in snow, we had no hope of surviving." Being alive now felt "like a dream", he said.

Working on a project by the Border Roads Organisation, the workers were living on site in steel containers considered stronger than tents and capable of withstanding harsh weather.



#### **4. March 4, 2025 : Workers will now hesitate to work on Mana road project**

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This isn't the first time the mountains in this region have proved unpredictable and deadly. TOI had earlier reported that the area near Mana village is considered one of Uttarakhand's most avalanche prone zones. In April 2021, a similar disaster struck Chamoli district, near the China border, when a glacier burst triggered an avalanche in Malari-Sumna, claiming 10 lives.

The aftermath of the disaster is already being felt beyond the immediate loss. Another BRO officer, reflecting on the long-term impact of the disaster, said the incident could make it hard to find workers for the project by the contractor. "People will be scared. The moment they hear where they have to work, they'll hesitate. That could slow down progress, which, in turn, could delay troop induction as well. But despite challenges, we still aim to complete the 63 km stretch from Mana to Mana Pass in two years, widening the road from a single lane to a 6m-wide double lane," he said.

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## **5. March 5, 2025 : Mana avalanche, triggered by 600% surge in precipitation, renews climate change concerns**

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The IMD confirmed that major districts had recorded an 80-90% precipitation shortfall before the sudden storm erased much of the seasonal deficit. "Within just 24 hours on Thursday, the state saw a 686% precipitation surplus. Chamoli district alone recorded over 700% more precipitation than normal level," said Bikram Singh, director of the regional meteorological centre.

For scientists, the warning signs had been clear. The prolonged dry spell had left the snowpack weak and unstable, and when the sudden snowfall hit, the ground was ill-prepared to absorb the weight of the snow.

"The Mana avalanche is directly linked to extreme weather. When you go from a precipitation deficit to a massive surge in just a couple of days, the risk of avalanches multiplies. The sudden influx of snow doesn't settle in stable layers, it builds up pressure on existing snowpacks, which then collapse under their own weight," Anjal Prakash, professor at the Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad and an IPCC author, said.

This drastic transition from a winter of drought-like conditions to an avalanche-triggering blizzard illustrates a disturbing trend. Climate change is reshaping precipitation patterns, making them more erratic, stretching dry spells longer, and then compensating with bouts of extreme rain and snowfall.

"We're seeing a clear pattern-winters without snow, followed by short but intense weather events that dump extreme precipitation in a matter of hours or days. These fluctuations destabilise the landscape in ways we're only beginning to understand," Prakash further said.

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## 'Snow, tourism biggest challenge in U'khand'

Unpredictable weather, frequent landslides, and an overwhelming rush of unregulated tourists make Uttarakhand the most challenging place for infrastructure projects, BRO officers said. The recent avalanche in Mana, which killed eight labourers working on a BRO project, has once again highlighted the risks of working in the state's high-altitude regions. **P 5**

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## Survivor recounts fight for life from hosp bed

In a stark white ICU room at AIIMS Rishikesh, Pawan, 22, lies wrapped in layers of bandages, his body broken but his mind trapped elsewhere — back in that freezing Friday morning in Mana. He is among the 46 who survived the avalanche that killed eight, including five of his friends, and though his lower body remains immobile, the weight of loss is heavier than his injuries. **P 5**

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# Experts: Direct link with extreme weather

## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

### MAKING OF THE AVALANCHE

Jan 1-Feb 26: **84%** precipitation deficit in Uttarakhand

Feb 27-28: **600%** surge in precipitation

Feb 27: **686%** precipitation surplus within 24 hours (Feb 27)

**700%** more snowfall in Chamoli than average

**91%** of avalanches occur between Jan and March

**952** avalanche deaths in India from 1972 to 2022

**1,057** avalanche deaths in Afghanistan, highest globally

### VAGARIES OF WEATHER:

► Dry winter followed by sudden heavy snowfall weakened stability

► Rapid temperature rise increased avalanche risk post-snowfall

► **Climate change impact:** More erratic precipitation, shifting weather patterns, Western disturbance

► **Post-2010 shift |** Surge in extreme avalanche events linked to climate change

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## 6. March 1, 2025 : More cracks appear on residences in Almora, SDM asked to submit report

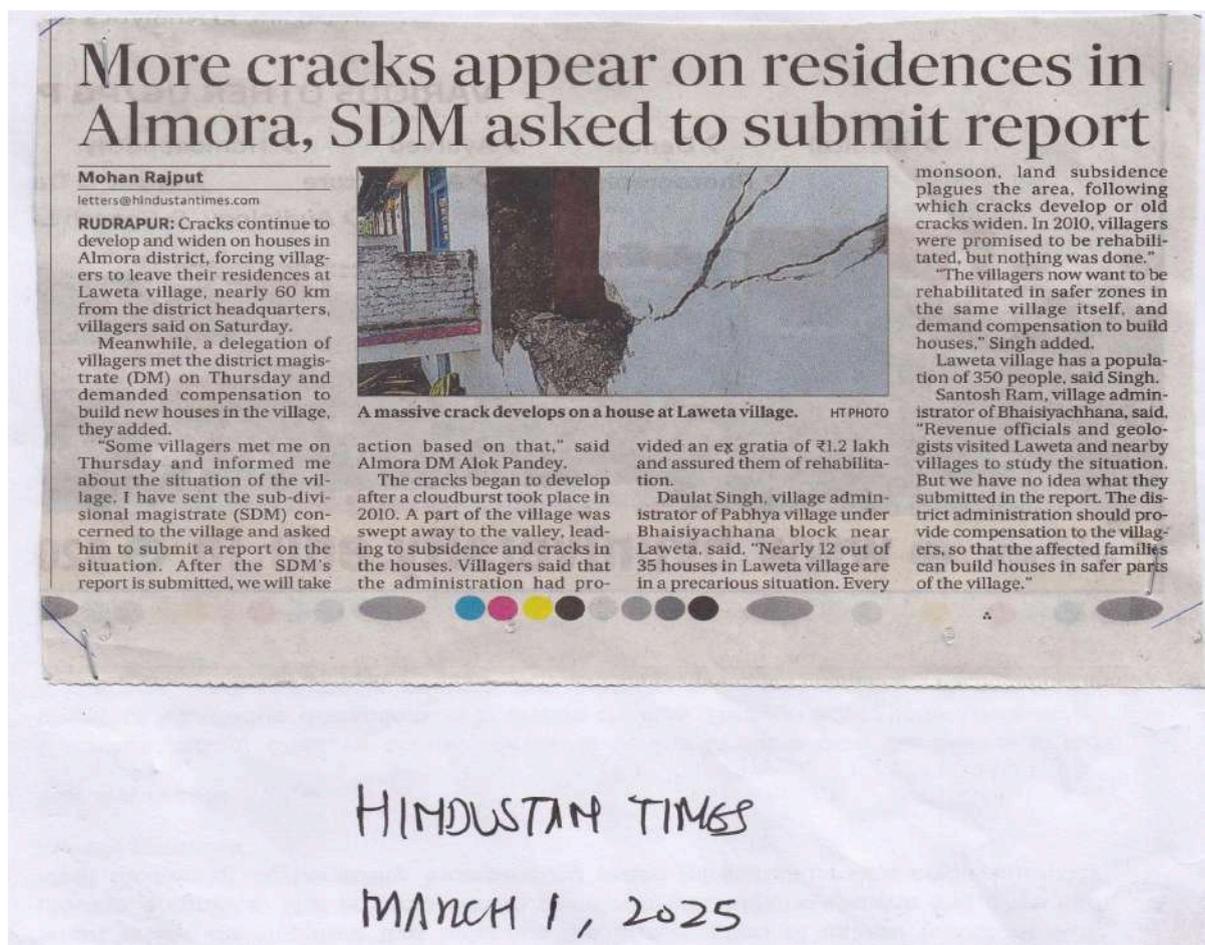
Cracks continue to develop and widen on houses in Almora district, forcing villagers to leave their residences at Laweta village, nearly 60 km from the district headquarters, villagers said on Saturday.

Meanwhile, a delegation of villagers met the district magistrate (DM) on Thursday and demanded compensation to build new houses in the village, they added.

The cracks began to develop after a cloudburst took place in 2010. A part of the village was swept away to the valley, leading to subsidence and cracks in the houses. Villagers said that the administration had provided an ex gratia of 1.2 lakh and assured them of rehabilitation.

Daulat Singh, village administrator of Pabhya village under Bhaisiyachhana block near Laweta, said, "Nearly 12 out of 35 houses in Laweta village are in a precarious situation. Every monsoon, land subsidence plagues the area, following which cracks develop or old cracks widen. In 2010, villagers were promised to be rehabilitated, but nothing was done."

Laweta village has a population of 350 people, said Singh. Santosh Ram, village administrator of Bhaisiyachhana, said, "Revenue officials and geologists visited Laweta and nearby villages to study the situation. But we have no idea what they submitted in the report. The district administration should provide compensation to the villagers, so that the affected families can build houses in safer parts of the village."



## 7. March 13, 2025 : Four workers died after a high speed luxury car ran over them

A high speed luxury car ran over four workers walking on the roadside on Rajpur Road. All four died on the spot. Instead of stopping, the car driver ran away after hitting two scooter riders standing at some distance. Due to which both the youths also got injured. The car is said to have Chandigarh number, it is being searched with the help of CCTV cameras.

The incident took place between Rajpur and Sai Mandir at around 8:15 pm on Wednesday night. SSP Ajay Singh said that the deceased have been identified as Mansha Ram and Ranjit, residents of village Loti Saraiya of Ayodhya, Balkaran of Barabanki and Durgesh of Faizabad. All of them were living in Kath Bangla Basti.

All the laborers killed in the accident worked as laborers and masons under a contractor named Shivam. The accident happened when all four were returning to their homes after finishing their work. The injured include Dhaniram, a resident of Azizpur village in Hardoi and Mohammad Shakib, a resident of Sitamarhi in Bihar. At the time of the accident, both of them were talking while sitting on a scooter. Dhaniram runs a vegetable cart and Shakib is an employee of Uttaranchal Hospital.

**तेज रफतार लग्जरी कार ने चार मजदूरों को रौंदा, सभी की मौत**

**राजपुर रोड पर भीषण दुर्घटना** **06** लोगों को मारी टक्कर, दो घायल अस्पताल में भर्ती | चंडीगढ़ नंबर की थी कार, राहर के रास्ते भागने की है आशंका

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देहरादून। राजपुर रोड पर एक तेज रफतार लग्जरी कार ने सड़क किनारे चल रहे चार मजदूरों को रौंदा। चारों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। कार चालक रुकने के बजाय वहां कुछ दूरी पर खड़े दो स्कूटर सवारों को टक्कर मारकर भाग गया। जिससे दोनों युवक भी घायल हो गए। कार चंडीगढ़ नंबर की बताई जा रही है, सीसीटीवी कैमरों की मदद से उसकी तलाश की जा रही है।

घटना राजपुर और साईं मंदिर के बीच बुधवार रात करीब सवा आठ बजे हुई। एसएसपी अजय सिंह ने बताया कि मृतकों की पहचान अयोध्या के गांव लोटी सरैया के रहने वाले मंशा राम, रंजीत, बाराबंकी के धलकरण और फैजाबाद के दुर्गेश के रूप में हुई है। ये सभी काठ बंगला बस्ती में रह रहे थे।

हादसे में मारे गए सभी मजदूर शिवम नाम के ठेकेदार के अधीन मजदूरी और राजमिस्त्री का काम करते थे। हादसा उस वक्त हुआ जब चारों काम खत्म करने के बाद अपने घर लौट रहे थे। घायलों में हरदोई के गांव अजीज पुर निवासी धनीराम और बिहार के सीतामढ़ी निवासी मोहम्मद शाकिब शामिल हैं। हादसे के वक्त वे दोनों स्कूटर पर बैठकर बात कर रहे थे। धनीराम सब्जी का ठेला लगाता है और शाकिब उत्तरांचल हॉस्पिटल का कर्मचारी है।

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एसएसपी अजय सिंह ने बताया कि कार की तलाश की जा रही है। राहर के चारों ओर बैरियर पर नाकेबंदी कर दी गई है। सीसीटीवी कैमरों की फुटेज देखने के लिए पुलिस कर्मियों को आईटीडीए में भेजा गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि पुलिस टीम आरोपियों को पकड़ने के प्रयास में लगी है। जल्द ही गिरफ्तार कर लिया जाएगा। हादसे के कारणों की भी जांच की जा रही है।

**जांच शुरू**

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## 8. March 28, 2025 : Despite HC ban, illegal mining activities persist in Bageshwar

Illegal mining activities continue in Bageshwar despite the ban imposed by Uttarakhand high court (HC) on all mining activities in the district in January. On Wednesday, police seized multiple dumper trucks allegedly used to transport illegally mined materials from a stone crusher in Golana village. The crackdown follows an inspection by a HC-appointed team, which uncovered irregularities at the crusher, leading to its closure.

The court-appointed team, formed over a week ago, found that large quantities of mining materials were being transported from the crusher without permits. CCTV footage from the premises captured evidence of illegal sales, while records at the site further confirmed the violations.

Following these revelations, Bageshwar mining officer Nazia Hassan had sealed the stone crusher and a case was filed against the owner under BNS sections for disobedience to orders of a public servant, cheating, and forgery. Police then intensified their investigation, leading to the seizure of the dumpers, which were impounded at a designated site in Bageshwar, where a temporary police outpost was set up.

Bageshwar superintendent of police (SP) Chandrashekhar Ghodke said the seizures are part of an ongoing probe. However, police officials refrained from making detailed statements, citing the sensitivity of the case.

Many drivers of the seized dumper trucks claimed they were unaware of the illegality of their operations. One said they were instructed to transport materials without official permits or receipts but were assured they would not face any obstruction.

Complaints about irregularities in soapstone mining in the district had persisted for a long time. In Sept 2024, HC took suo motu cognisance of the issue and appointed court commissioners to investigate. Based on their report, HC imposed a district-wide mining ban in Jan and ordered the seizure of machinery used in mining operations.



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