



SITUATION REPORT- 1

Uttarakhand Cloudburst & Flash Floods

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Flash floods and cloudbursts have caused huge damage in several areas of Uttarakhand. As many as 17 people have lost their lives and 25 have been injured due to severe overnight rains on **31st July, Wed**, that caused flooding and a house collapse in Uttarakhand, informed Uttarakhand State Disaster Secretary.
- Moreover, hundreds of people were trapped after the concrete bridge and footbridge on the Kedarnath route were damaged by rains. As a result, the Kedarnath Yatra has been suspended due to hazardous weather conditions. The trekking routes have been obstructed by boulders at Ghoraparav, Lincholi, Badi Lincholi, and Bhimbali. [Watch Video news>>](#)
- The Bal Ganga and Budhakedar areas of the Bhilangana development block in Tehri Garhwal have been particularly affected by heavy rains and landslides.
- For more details, refer to [SEOC, Uttarakhand Daily Report \(05 Aug. 2024\)>>](#)
- The weather office has predicted heavy rainfall in several parts of Uttarakhand till August 8.

Government Responses:

- In response to the situation, the Uttarakhand government announced that the Centre has deployed two Indian Air Force helicopters — a Chinook and an MI 17 — to assist with rescue operations. This action follows a review by the Prime Minister’s Office regarding the severe weather impact.
- Uttarakhand CM conducted a field inspection of the areas affected by heavy rains in Rudraprayag.
- To assist the passengers stranded along the Kedarnath Yatra route, SDRF Uttarakhand personnel carried out rescue missions.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had issued a ‘red alert’ for Uttarakhand warning of extremely heavy rainfall in several districts including Dehradun, Champawat, Haridwar, Nainital, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal, and Udham Singh Nagar. This alert came as the state grapples with ongoing relief and rescue operations in response to recent heavy rains and landslides.
- In light of the situation, Uttarakhand Chief Minister had dispatched Commissioner of Garhwal Division to inspect disaster relief camps and affected areas in Tehri district.
- Chief Minister emphasized that there should be no shortage of funds for disaster relief work. During his visit, Commissioner reviewed arrangements in relief camps, issuing directives for power backup, television access, children’s education, and livelihood support. He also instructed the District Magistrate to make alternative arrangements for sheltering animals and to conduct a geological survey for the rehabilitation of Tingarh village.
- In a significant development, Rs 8 crore has been approved for road safety measures in Budhakedar, with the Irrigation Department directed to initiate the tender process promptly.

Key Statistics:

- Casualties: **17**
- Injured: **25**
- Roads Affected (in last 24 hours): **70**
- Pilgrims Airlifted (in last 4-days): **10,374**
- Pilgrims stranded: **120**



Pilgrims walk on the side of a washed-away trekking route to Kedarnath in Uttarakhand’s Rudraprayag district.



Rescue personnel at the damaged Kedarnath trekking route.



Rescue personnel evacuating Kedarnath pilgrims in Uttarakhand.

Natural Disaster Report
Summary (Date 15-06-2024 to Till date)

S.N.	Affected District	Human Losses			Animal Losses		Houses		
		Dead	Injured	Missing	Big	Small	Partially	Severely	Fully
01	Almora	02	01	-	04	03	134	15	01
02	Bageshwar	-	-	-	03	02	127	23	02
03	Chamoli	05	05	-	04	36	05	02	-
04	Champawat	02	01	-	24	30	134	05	02
05	Dehradun	06	01	-	-	-	06	-	-
06	Haridwar	05	09	-	-	-	-	-	01
07	Nainital	06	-	-	19	13	62	-	03
08	Pauri	02	03	-	06	04	43	02	01
09	Pithoragarh	-	-	-	04	02	198	44	02
10	Rudrprayag	05	05	-	06	01	32	02	-
11	Tehri	05	01	-	06	73	28	59	02
12	U.S.Nagar	09	02	01	02	-	28	-	-
13	Uttarkashi	01	-	-	05	32	52	05	01
Total 15 June 2024 to Till Date		48	28	01	83	196	849	157	15

Source: SEOC Daily Report (15th June to 05th Aug. 2024), published on 05th Aug 2024 (Mon)

- As many as 882 relief personnel were working round the clock to provide food, water and shelter to the stranded pilgrims and aid in rescue efforts to evacuate them safely.
- The Indian Army was building a temporary bridge at Sonprayag, one of the landslide-hit areas, to expedite the evacuation of the remaining pilgrims.
- Chief Minister is closely monitoring the situation, receiving updates from local officials and directing immediate action to identify and relocate residents from sensitive villages to safer locations.
- Two helpline numbers -- **7579257572** and **01364-233387** -- and one emergency number **112** were issued by the district administration to help people get information about their stranded families among the pilgrims.
- Garhwal Commissioner Mr. Vinay Shankar Pandey has been appointed the nodal officer for basic infrastructure restoration work on the Kedarnath trek route.
- Rudraprayag District Magistrate said it might take one week to clear the debris on the Kedarnath trek route and restore it if the weather permits. He also said work on repairing a 150-metre breached stretch of the route will begin soon.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- 90-families are in urgent need of assistance following the recent cloudburst in Ghansali, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. In order to supply necessities including food, clothing, temporary shelters, and water purifiers Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN) & Mount Valley Development Association (MVDA) have raised humanitarian appeal to mobilize necessary resources.
- IAG Uttarakhand and Sphere India are closely monitoring the situation and emerging needs.



Source of Information

Media, Social Media, Sphere India WhatsApp Group



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