

Situation Report 1

Uttarakhand Cloudburst and Flash Flood

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view of Dharali market area after the flash floods | Source: Media

SITUATION UPDATE

- On August 5, 2025, at approximately 1:45 PM, a cloudburst over the Kheer Ganga catchment triggered a massive flash flood in Dharali village, located in Uttarkashi district. The deluge resulted in extensive destruction, sweeping away nearly 20-30 houses, shops, local markets, roads, and approximately 20 hotels and homestays. The affected area includes both local residents and tourists staying in the region.
- In a separate but related incident, a second cloudburst occurred later the same day in the Sukhi Top area near Dharali, further aggravating the situation through additional flash flooding and debris flow.
- As per initial media reports, at least 4 fatalities have been confirmed, and approximately 100 individuals are reported missing or potentially trapped under debris. Among the missing are 8 to 10 Indian Army personnel stationed at a camp in the lower Harsil area, highlighting the severity and scale of the impact.
- The road at Bhatwadi on the Uttarkashi-Harsil route has been completely washed away due to the flash floods, severely affecting accessibility to the Harsil region. Road connectivity remains disrupted as of the latest updates.
- In Barkot tehsil's Banala Patti area, flash floods in the Kud Gadhera stream led to the loss of nearly 18 goats, affecting the livelihoods of local shepherds.
- In Haridwar district, continuous heavy rainfall led to severe waterlogging across multiple areas. With the Ganga River's water level rising significantly, local police have advised residents and visitors to avoid the ghats and to remain vigilant.

Statistical Overview



Districts Affected:
01



Families Affected:
Approx. 100



Houses Damaged:
20-30



Causalities:
04



Rescued People:
138



Livestock Affected:
18

Government Response

- In light of continued adverse weather conditions, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an Orange Alert forecasting heavy rainfall in the districts of Nainital, Champawat, Udham Singh Nagar, Bageshwar, Pauri, Tehri, Haridwar, and Dehradun.
- Immediately following the cloudburst in Uttarkashi district, comprehensive rescue and relief operations were launched by the authorities. Teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Indian Army, and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were swiftly mobilized to the affected regions. The Indian Army's Ibex Brigade is actively participating in the operations.
- Media reported that a total of 138 individuals—including residents, tourists, pilgrims, and laborers—have been successfully rescued as of the latest update.
- To facilitate debris removal and restore connectivity, heavy machinery, including JCBs, has been deployed at multiple locations. A dedicated team from the NDRF is stationed at the incident site to support ongoing operations. Three helicopters have been requested to access remote and cut-off areas, while sniffer dogs and drones are being utilized to trace missing persons and assess inaccessible zones.
- Approximately 150 army personnel have been deployed in and around the affected town to support search, rescue, and logistical efforts.
- As a precautionary measure, the government has ordered the closure of all schools and Anganwadi centers in the districts of Pauri, Champawat, and Udham Singh Nagar on August 6, 2025.

Source of Information

Media, Social Media, Sphere India WhatsApp Group

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