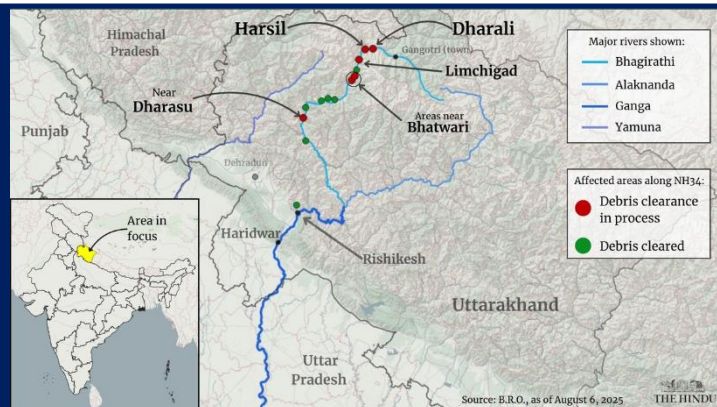


Situation Report 2

Uttarakhand Cloudburst and Flash Flood

Date: 07th August 2025

Time: 09:00 PM



SITUATION UPDATE

- On 5th August 2025, a powerful cloudburst struck Dharali and surrounding areas in Uttarkashi district, triggering severe flash floods and landslides. The disaster caused extensive damage, sweeping away approximately 20–30 homes, shops, hotels, and roads, while severely impacting local infrastructure and daily life.
- The incident significantly affected the villages of Sukhi, Jaspur, Purali, Jhala, Harshil, Bagori, Dharali, and Kukhwa, with widespread damage to homes, roads, and agricultural assets. Connectivity across the region has been critically hampered due to washed-away roads and bridges.
- The confirmed death toll has increased to six, while over 50 civilians and 11 Army personnel remain missing. Some unofficial estimates suggest that the total number of missing individuals could exceed 100.
- Efforts are underway to restore access to cut-off regions. A Bailey bridge is currently being constructed to re-establish road connectivity. In preparation for medical emergencies, AIIMS Rishikesh has earmarked special wards, including its trauma center, to provide necessary care to those injured or rescued.
- Meanwhile, on 6 August 2025, continuous heavy rainfall in Pauri Garhwal district led to a separate series of floods and landslides, adding further pressure to the state's emergency response systems.
- In Bankura village, located in the Thalısain block, five labourers were reportedly swept away by a rapidly swelling stream and are currently missing. Two additional fatalities were confirmed in the district due to the extreme weather conditions.
- The West Nayyar River overflowed due to excessive rainfall, leading to the complete destruction of a vital bridge that connected Thalısain and Pabo blocks. This bridge served as a crucial link to the district headquarters in Pauri, and its collapse has severely hampered movement and relief operations. Simultaneously, the Kalgarhi bridge on National Highway 121 also collapsed, leaving many interior villages further isolated.
- The impact on essential services has been severe. In Kothla village, under Sanji Gram Sabha, the entire drinking water supply system has failed, leaving residents without access to safe water. Furthermore, large parts of the district have been experiencing widespread power outages and mobile network failures since the morning of 6 August, which continues to complicate rescue coordination and communication efforts.

Statistical Overview



Districts Affected:
03



Families Affected:
Approx. 200



Houses Damaged:
20-30



Causalities:
06 + 02



Rescued People:
367 (On 07th August)



Livestock Affected:
18

Emergency Numbers issued by Govt.

- 01374-222 722
- 0135-2710 334,
- 0135-2710 335,
- 73109 13129,
- 75007 37269,
- 82188 67005,
- 90584 41404

- In the villages of Kalun (Pabo) and Kyard (Khatsyun Patti), the threat of landslides has placed several houses at immediate risk. In response, local authorities have evacuated residents of Kyard and relocated them to a nearby primary school, which has been converted into a temporary shelter.
- In a third incident, the Haridwar district reported flooding in Ghandikhata village, located in the Bahadradab block. The rising waters affected the Van Gujjar community, with around 60 families displaced and in urgent need of relief support, including food, shelter, and medical care.

Government Response

- The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand visited the Dharali area to meet individuals affected by the cloudburst and ensuing flash floods. During his visit, he inquired about the well-being of the victims and reviewed the ongoing relief operations. He directed officials to ensure that essential relief materials and assistance are provided promptly and equitably to all those affected.
- To expedite the delivery of relief, essential food items and other materials have been airlifted to the Dharali area using two helicopters. Additionally, a Chinook helicopter from the Indian Air Force has been deployed to transport heavy machinery required for road restoration, debris clearance, and other urgent repair works.
- In a separate visit, the Chief Minister inspected the landslide-affected area of Buransi in Pauri district, where he announced ₹2 lakh in financial assistance to the families of the two deceased sisters. He also declared ₹1.3 lakh each for 15 families whose homes were completely destroyed in the landslide that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday.
- Search and rescue operations continue actively in both Thalain and Pabo blocks, despite persistent challenges due to disrupted communication networks. The response effort involves coordinated action from the Indian Army (Ibex Brigade), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Border Roads Organisation (BRO), and local rescue teams.
- The ITBP successfully evacuated 307 pilgrims from Gangotri to Mukhwa. A total of 367 people were rescued on Thursday, including 255 people brought to the Matli helipad and 112 flown to Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun. Furthermore, 274 individuals were safely evacuated to Harshil, including people from isolated areas such as Bhairon Valley, Gangotri, and Nelang.
- In total, there were 448 people stranded in Gangotri, including both locals and tourists. Of these, 279 were safely transported to Harshil, while 147 passengers were rescued to the Matli helipad. 25 individuals who were ill were admitted to the ITBP Medical Camp for treatment.
- Eight small helicopters deployed from Dehradun have completed 52 sorties, rescuing 260 people. Additionally, 154 individuals have been relocated to designated relief centers.
- Hospitals and emergency health units remain on alert, with plans underway to provide psychological support to affected families. Relief camps have been set up to accommodate the displaced population.
- As a gesture of solidarity, the Uttarakhand IAS Association has pledged to donate one day's salary to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- Further, the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, has extended his support to the people of Uttarakhand and expressed willingness to offer assistance following the cloudburst disaster in Dharali.



Blocked roads in Uttarakhand | Source : Media



Rescue operations in Uttarakhand | Source : Media

Humanitarian Response

- The Inter Agency Group (IAG) Uttarakhand and Sphere India jointly facilitated an emergency coordination meeting on 06th August 2025. During the meeting, participants shared updates from field assessments, indicating that approximately 200–300 families have been affected in the Gangotri Valley region. The impacted villages include Sukhi, Jaspur, Purali, Jhala, Harshil, Bagori, Dharali, and Kukhwa, where significant damages to homes, roads, and agricultural assets have been reported.
- A joint team comprising members from the State IAG and Plan India attempted to visit the disaster-affected areas; however, their efforts were hindered due to severe connectivity challenges along the route.

Emerging Needs

These are **immediate needs required by 07th August 2025** (or as soon as possible), to set up community kitchens and support affected families in **Uttarkashi** following the **cloudburst and landslide incident**.

- **For Community Kitchen Setup and Immediate Relief**

- **Kitchen Equipment & Cooking Supplies (*Minimum: 2 units | Maximum: As many as possible*)**

1. Pressure Cookers (Big – for community kitchen)
2. Cooking Pots with Lids (Large size)
3. Skimmer / Ladles (Large size)
4. Gas Cylinders
5. Disposable Plates and Glasses (As many as possible)
6. Tarpaulin Sheets (for temporary kitchen setup/shelter)

- **Food Essentials**

1. Wheat Flour
2. Rice
3. Dal (Pulses)
4. Salt
5. Sugar
6. Tea
7. Cooking Spices
8. Maggie Packets / Instant Noodles
9. Biscuit Packets
10. Water Bottles

- **Personal & Protective Items**

1. Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
2. Thermals / Woollen Clothes
3. Raincoats

- **Coordination and Communication**

1. Megaphones / Walkie-Talkies

Source of Information

Media, Social Media, Sphere India WhatsApp Group

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