



Land Subsidence in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

According to the sources, **Uttarakhand** is facing the impact of [monsoon rains](#), with extensive damage to roads and residential buildings.

- The state has been experiencing continuous rainfall since the onset of the monsoon, leading to persistent [weather challenges](#).

Key Points

- Multiple **landslides** have occurred on the **Kund-Ukhimath-Chopta-Gopeshwar highway**, while the **iron bridge over the [Mandakini River](#)** in Kund, which connects Rudraprayag-Gaurikund National Highway to Kedarghati and Kedarnath, is **under threat** due to strong river currents.
 - The [National Highway Construction Division](#) inspected the bridge site and immediately **imposed a ban on the movement of heavy vehicles on the bridge**.
- The Uttarakhand government has sounded a **high alert in the affected areas**, with emergency services on standby to respond to any further emergencies.
 - The situation is being closely monitored, and **residents are advised to exercise extreme caution**.

The Mandakini River

- It is a tributary of the [Alaknanda River](#) in Uttarakhand.
- The river runs for approximately 81 kilometers between the [Rudraprayag](#) and [Sonprayag](#) areas and emerges from the [Chorabari Glacier](#).
- The Mandakini merges with river Songanga at Sonprayag and flows past the [Madhyamaheshwar temple at Ukhimath](#).
- At the end of its course it drains into the Alaknanda, which flows into [the Ganges](#).

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