



Land Subsidence in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 12 Aug 2024

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](#).

Honorarium for Adopting Destitute Bovine Animals | Uttarakhand | 12 Aug 2024

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- According to the sources, the **Uttarakhand government** is planning to provide a **fixed honorarium to state residents who adopt destitute bovine animals**.

Key Points

- As per officials, Rs 80 to be given to people per animal and the amount may go up to Rs 100 in special cases if the animal is extremely sick and needs extra care.
- According to the data provided by the [Uttarakhand Animal Welfare Board \(UAWB\)](#), there are a **total of 60 registered bovine shelters in the State** in which 14,000 bovines are currently residing.

Note: A **bovine animal** is a domesticated, cloven-hoofed ruminant of the *genus Bos*, such as a **goat, cow, buffalo, bison, deer, or sheep**.

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