



# Kedarnath Cloudburst

## Why in News?

Recently, A [cloudburst in Kedarnath](#) caused significant damage, leading to a **sharp rise in the [Mandakini River's](#) water level in Sonprayag.**

- Emergency services have been placed on high alert as authorities are concerned that between **150 to 200 pilgrims may be stranded in Kedarnath.**

## Key Points

- The cloudburst triggered a **landslide along the Kedarnath walking path**, damaging about 30 meters of the route, leading to its temporary closure for safety reasons.
  - Heavy rainfall in **Haridwar caused widespread flooding**. Areas like Bhupatwala, Haridwar, Naya Haridwar, Kankhal, and Jwalapur have been severely affected.
- The [Regional Meteorological Center](#) has issued a **red alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall across seven districts** in Uttarakhand.

## 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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