

DISASTER

Reports of 70,00 stranded people most rescued, over 500 lives lost, the true picture may be more grim as 14,000 reported missing ...



HELP! is urgently required, only the lucky sleep in tents, rest under plastic sheets, or in the open ...

OVER 50,000 AFFECTED IN PITHORAGARH

Food, Shelter, Clothing URGENTLY REQUIRED: Food items & milk for children, Utensils for cooking , stove , kerosene First aid and medicines, Shelter items: tents, tarpaulins, canvas sheets, Shelter support items- plastic mats, blankets, solar lanterns, water purifiers, torches, candles and matchboxes, hygiene & sanitation

It is never possible to get a true picture of any disaster in the early stages, as media reports were coming mostly from Garhwal, we had little idea of the true situation in Pithoragrh district of the Kumaon region. Lack of connectivity made it difficult to get a clear picture, but we had first hand reports of the disaster in the Dharchula area, from Renu and her team from ARPAN, initially moving accounts on phone, then this by e mail on 23rd June ...

Dharchula Block / Tehsil
1st - Gothi (21 houses gone)
2nd - Baluakot (23 houses washed away)
3rd - only way left to Gothi
Jaulgivi , Baluakot and Gorichal areas - 80% families in the open , their houses have been washed away . As per official record in Pith. 121 villages effected . 137 houses washed away . 45 connecting roads gone and more than 12 bridges broken .

The Jaulgivi jhoola pull has been washed away by the upsurge of Kali river . The Jaulgivi trade fair area is submerged . More than 50 thousand people effected by the disaster in whole of Pith.

Chiplakedar - 20 dead , 19 missing

People need tents and ration in priority . visit to Gorichal area - Madkot , Danibagard , no relief has reached due to loss of road connectivity . 16 houses washed off . In Ghatta bagarh 30 families living in the forest , under tress , no help has reached .

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attached photographs as seen above and on the right from Renu Thakur, latest assessment report follows from ARPAN



Baluakot Market
or what remains of it as shops are swept away...