

## Morning News Script

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In Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district, a cloudburst in the Harsil region's Dharali village yesterday afternoon caused the Kheer Ganga river to swell suddenly, resulting in widespread destruction. According to the District Emergency Operations Center, heavy debris in the Dharali market area has caused severe damage to buildings, hotels, and shops. The Army, NDRF, SDRF, district administration, and other related teams are actively engaged in relief and rescue operations. District Magistrate Prashant Arya said that based on preliminary information, four people have been reported dead. Several people have been reported missing. Relief and rescue operations are underway with the help of the Army, SDRF, NDRF, district administration, and other concerned teams. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami People are being relocated to safer places on a priority basis, and the situation is being continuously monitored.

President Droupadi Murmu has expressed sympathy to the families affected by the cloudburst in Dharali. The President wished for the success of the relief and rescue operations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami and took stock of the situation. The Prime Minister expressed sympathy to the people affected in the cloudburst incident and also prayed for their well being.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed deep sorrow over the disaster that unfolded in Dharali, Uttarakhand. In a post on X, Mr. Rio conveyed that his thoughts and prayers are with all those affected. The Chief Minister said that the people of Nagaland stand in solidarity with the people of Uttarakhand and the emergency teams working on the ground during this difficult time.

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Tensions between the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) and its employees escalated yesterday as the Dimapur Municipal Council Employees Welfare Union announced the continuation of its protest rally. This decision comes despite assurances from DMC Chief Executive Officer Thungchanbemo Tungoe regarding the union's three key demands. The employees, however, remain

unsatisfied, insisting they will not return to work until their pending salaries are fully credited. Their demands include the immediate clearance of three months' pending salaries, timely monthly payment of EPF, gratuity, and other benefits, as well as proper deployment of DMC employees in various official duties. Meanwhile, CEO Tungoe informed that, as per the decision taken during a councillors' meeting, the three months of pending salaries will be cleared by August 20. He added that the restructuring of staff deployment and work duties will be completed by the end of September. A detailed duty roster will also be created to ensure that all employees fulfill their responsibilities. Mr Tungoe also announced that starting October, all staff benefits, including EPF, gratuity, and Group Life Insurance, will be credited regularly and on time. He also announced to form a core committee comprising the Chairperson, CEO, and 12 councillors to address revenue irregularities and explore sustainable solutions to the ongoing salary crisis. Currently, the DMC employs 435 staff members. Salary delays have been a longstanding issue, Mr Tungoe acknowledged, while reiterating that the newly formed core committee will work to find a permanent resolution. Despite the assurances, the employees expressed dissatisfaction with the verbal commitments and reaffirmed their decision to continue the agitation until the pending salaries are fully credited.

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Fazl Ali College, Mokochung, has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sherubtse College under the Royal University of Bhutan, to promote international academic collaboration. Principal of Fazl Ali College, Dr. I. Wati Imchen, and Vice-Chancellor of the Royal University of Bhutan on behalf of Sherubtse College, Chewang Rinzin, signed the MoU. A report:

***FASL V/C:*** Under the agreement, the colleges will collaborate in a wide range of academic activities including the exchange of academic materials and information, faculty and researcher visits, student exchange programmes, joint seminars and conferences, and collaborative research projects. Fazl Ali College has appointed the Convenor of its Research & Development Cell to oversee the implementation of the MoU, while Sherubtse College will coordinate efforts through the Office of the Dean of Research and Industrial Linkages. The MoU will remain in effect for five years.

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