



India to Deploy Soldiers Along Border with China in Uttarakhand | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2024

Why in News?

The Indian government has freed a strong contingent of **10,000 soldiers** to strengthen its disputed border with China.

Key Points

- It is supposed to be deployed to guard the strategically important 532 km (330.57 miles) stretch of the [Indo-China border](#) in the northern states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
- The unprecedented deployment of troops highlights both the **region's strategic importance** and its growing sensitivity in the eyes of India's leaders.
- The area has seen huge infrastructure investment and development in the last decade.
 - In 2021, India repositioned an additional **50,000 soldiers to patrol its border** along with China, after a deadly **border clash in 2020 that left at least 20 Indian soldiers dead at the [Galwan area of Eastern Ladakh](#)**.

Uttarakhand Government to Constitute Committee to Prepare for Char Dham Yatra | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2024

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Recently, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed officials to constitute a committee to prepare for the upcoming [Char Dham Yatra](#).

Key Points

- The CM also instructed officials:
 - **CCTV** should be installed on Char Dham routes and sensitive areas.
 - **Live monitoring of all the Char Dhams** should be done from the government level and the **disaster control room** should be operated properly.
 - To ensure a **plastic-free Char Dham yatra**.
 - **24-hour power supply** should be ensured in all the Dhams. Streetlights should also be installed on routes.
 - Along with the deployment of **medical and requisite staff**, arrangements should be made for life-saving medicines, equipment, portable oxygen cylinders and ambulances/air ambulances in temporary medical centres on the yatra routes.
 - To prevent diseases in horses and mules, **veterinarians should be deployed on the routes**.

- Arrangements should be made for **deployment of security forces**.
- Police officers of the rank of additional superintendent and above should be appointed to manage traffic during the pilgrimage period.

Note:

▪ Yamunotri Dham:

- **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
- **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.
- River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.

▪ Gangotri Dham:

- **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
- **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
- Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.

▪ Kedarnath Dham:

- **Location:** Rudraprayag district.
- **Dedicated to:** Lord Shiva.
- Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
- One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.

▪ Badrinath Dham:

- Location: Chamoli district.
- Home to the sacred Badrinath Temple.
- Dedicated to: Lord Vishnu.
- One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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