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## Chardham Yatra 2024 | Uttarakhand | 01 May 2024

### Why in News?

**Yamunotri Temple**, opening on **10th May and closing on 31st Oct, 2024** welcomes pilgrims seeking blessings at the source of the [Yamuna River](#).

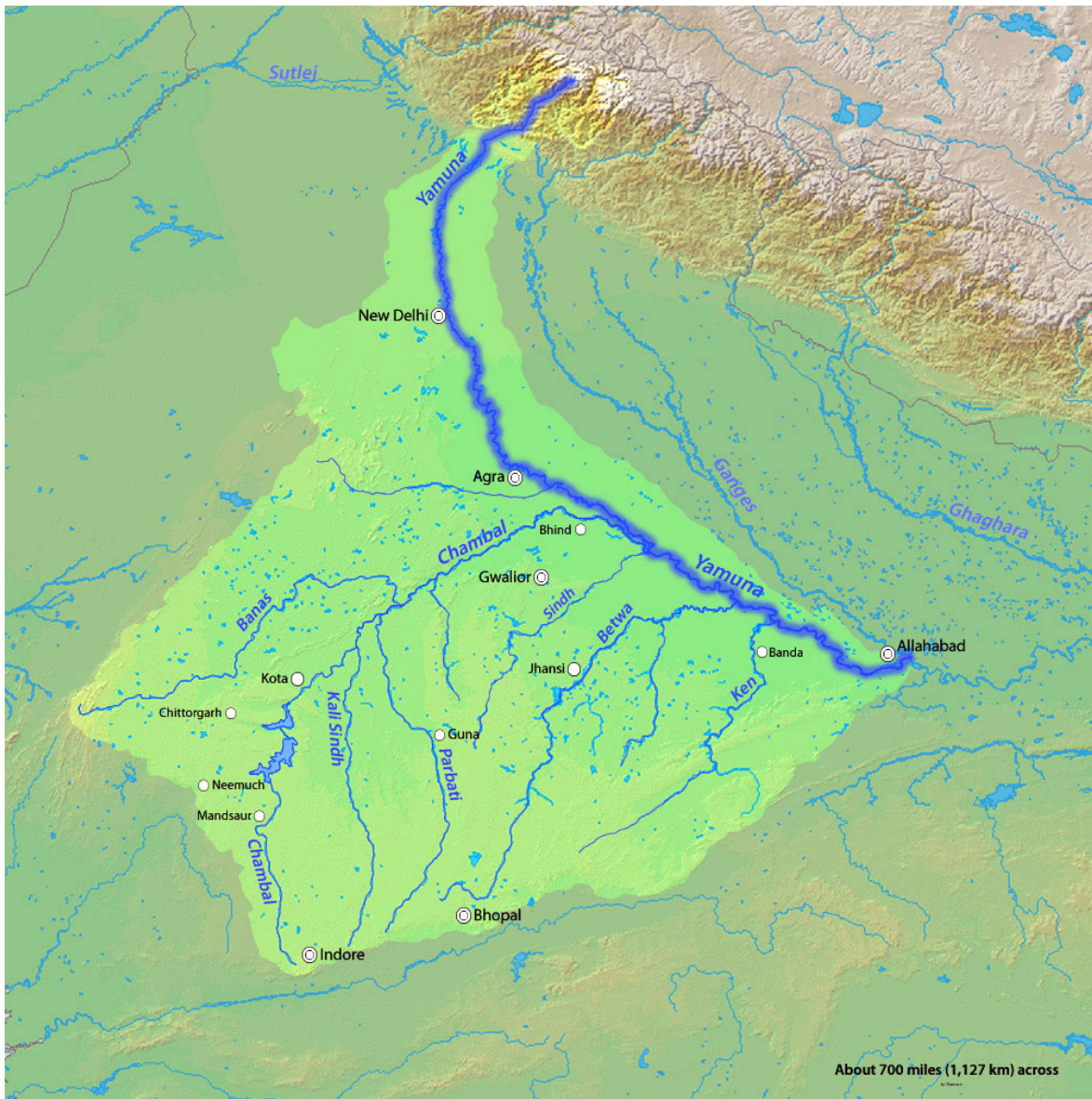
### Key Points

- Yamunotri temple is the first stop of the sacred [Char Dham](#) Yatra. It is situated in the Garhwal Himalayas in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand.
  - Every year, thousands of Hindus go on a **spiritual odyssey** to seek blessings at this shrine.
- In 2024, this auspicious date is chosen based on the **Hindu Panchang**, coinciding with [Akshay Tritiya](#), a day of immense significance.

### Yamuna River

- **About:**
  - The Yamuna River is one of the major tributaries of the Ganges in Northern India.
  - It forms an integral part of the **Yamuna-Ganga Plain**, one of the world's most extensive alluvial plains.
- **Source:** It has its source in the **Yamunotri Glacier at an elevation of 6,387 meters** on the southwestern sides of Banderpooch crests in the lower Himalayan ranges.
- **Basin:** It meets the **Ganges at the Sangam (where Kumbh mela is held)** in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh after flowing through Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi.
- **Important Dam:** Lakhwar-Vyasi Dam (Uttarakhand), Tajewala Barrage Dam (Haryana) etc.
- **Important Tributaries:** Chambal, Sindh, Betwa and Ken.
- **Government Initiatives Related to Yamuna River:**
  - Yamuna Action Plan
  - Delhi Government's Six-Point Action Plan to Clean Yamuna by February 2025

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