

## **Uttarakhand Government to Constitute Committee to Prepare for Char Dham Yatra**

## Why in News?

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 Badrinarayan Temple.
  - Dedicated to: Lord Vishnu.
  - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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