

## Chardham Yatra 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.

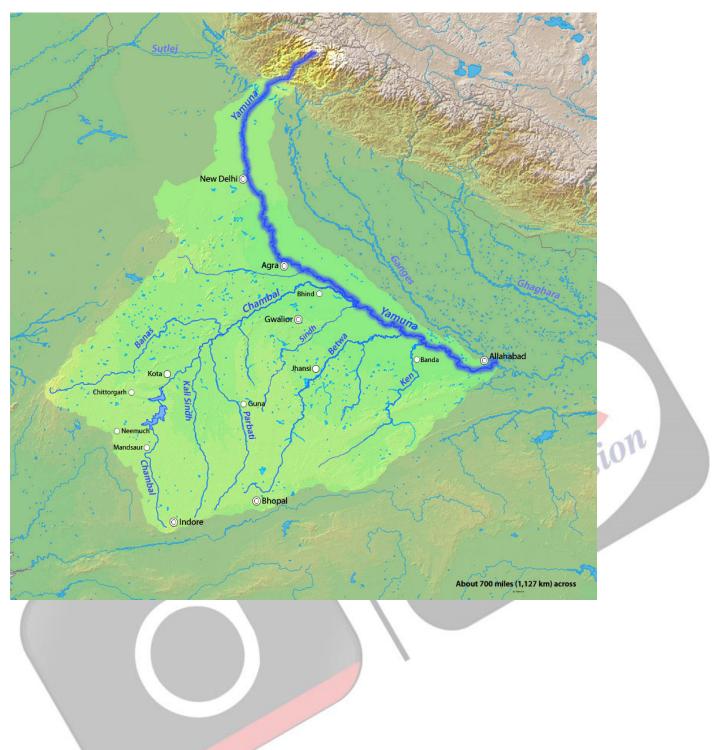
## **Key Points**

- 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 <u>Akshay</u> Tritiya, a day of immense significance. Visior

## 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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