



Char Dham Yatra Halted

Why in News?

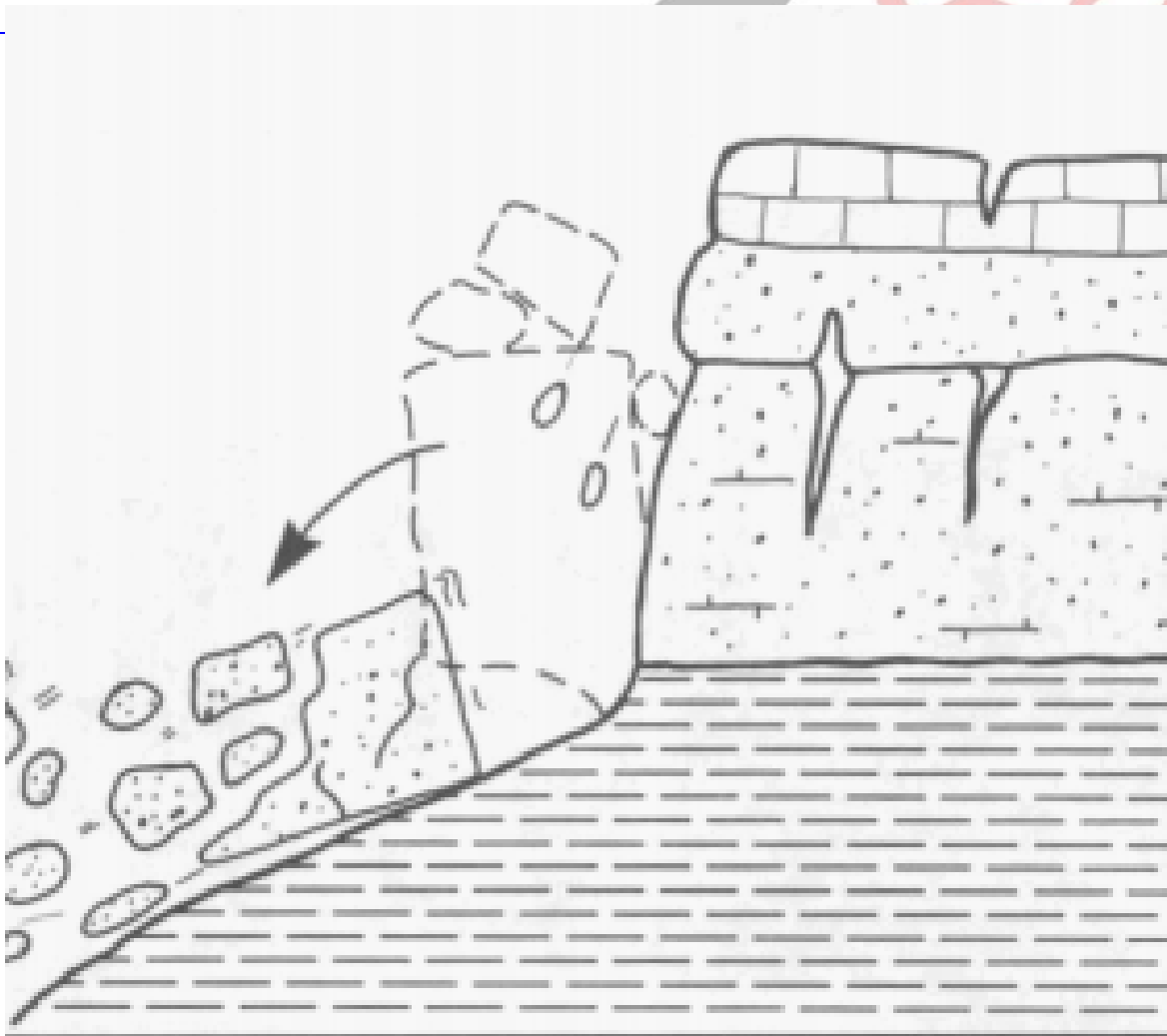
- The [Char Dham yatra](#) has been **temporarily halted for two days** due to a heavy rain warning issued by the [Regional Meteorological Centre](#).

Key Points

- Heavy rain has triggered [landslides](#), blocking over 100 roads, including major National Highways.

Landslide

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- A landslide is defined as the **movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope**.
- They are a **type of mass wasting**, which denotes any downward movement of soil and rock

under the direct influence of gravity.

- The term landslide encompasses **five modes of slope movement: falls, topples, slides, spreads, and flows.**

Char Dham Yatra



- **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.**