

Char Dham Yatra

Why in News?

According to the Uttarakhand tourism department, the online registration for the 'Char Dham Yatra' has started on the tourism department's portal.

Key Points

 The Char-Dham yatra in Uttarakhand consists of visiting four temples, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

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■ The Char Dham Yatra holds profound spiritual significance in Hinduism. This journey typically occurs from April/May to October/November.



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- 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.
 - $\circ\,$ 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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