



Uttarakhand's Old Lipulekh Pass

Why in News?

The [old Lipulekh Pass](#), located at an altitude of 18,300 feet in the **Vyas Valley of Pithoragarh district** in Uttarakhand, will be accessible to the public from 15th September 2024.

- It would allow devotees to view the [sacred Kailash Peak](#) in Tibet from within the Indian territory.

Key Points

- The [Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra](#) via the Lipulekh pass was **suspended in 2019 following the Covid-19 outbreak** and the route has yet to be opened by the Chinese authorities.
- This sacred trek leads devotees and adventurers to **Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar**, located in the [Tibet Autonomous Region](#) of China.
 - The [pilgrims](#) will be able to drive up to Lipulekh from Dharchula. From there, they will need to traverse approximately 800 meters on foot to reach the vantage point for viewing the Kailash peak.
 - The pilgrims can now also have a view of [Om Parvat](#) from within the Indian territory.

Kailash Mansarovar

- The Kailash range's supreme peak lies in the [Chinese-occupied Tibet](#) at the height of **6,675 meters**.
- The pilgrimage to **Kailash** and to the sacred **Mansarovar** lake that lies 30 km to its south, is run exclusively by a government organization, the [Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam](#) (KMVN).
 - The organization works in collaboration with the Government of India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Government of China.

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