



Strict Laws Against Using Char Dham Names

Why in News?

Recently, The **Uttarakhand Cabinet** decided to **implement strict laws against** organisations or trusts **using names of [Char Dham temples](#)** of the State.

Key Points

- According to the officials, such trusts and organisations **create confusion among the general public**, and also **hurt local traditions and religious beliefs**.
- The Char Dham temples' priest association also launched a protest against laying the foundation stone for the replica of [Kedarnath temple](#) in Delhi.

Char Dham



- **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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