



NGT to Uttarakhand: Disclose Carrying Capacity Responsibility | Uttarakhand | 07 Aug 2024

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The [National Green Tribunal](#) asked the **Uttarakhand's environment department to disclose responsibility** in case of an accident as there is no carrying capacity restricting the number of pilgrims across [Char Dham](#) in Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- According to the tribunal, there is **no carrying capacity fixed even on an ad-hoc basis** for the **pilgrims on the tracks of Shri [Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri](#)**, and there is no restriction in respect of the number of pilgrims on those tracks.
 - According to the **state government's counsel, one year would be required to get a report** about the carrying capacity at the four pilgrimage sites.
 - As per NGT, the unregulated **number of pilgrims could result in a mishap** and someone must take its responsibility.

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.