

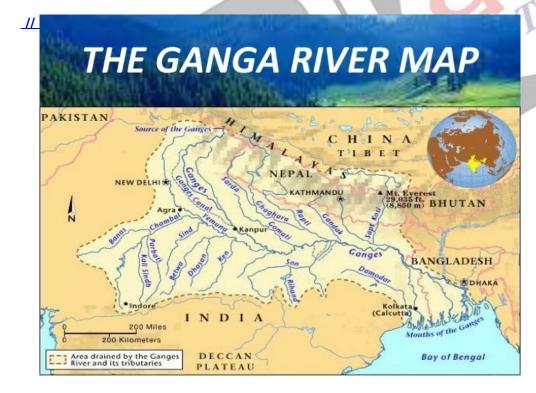
## Women Swept Away in Uttarakhand Rivers | Uttarakhand | 13 Aug 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, Three women were swept away by strong currents in <u>Ganga</u> and <u>Bhagirathi rivers</u> in Uttarakhand.

## **Key Points**

- A State Disaster Response Force (SDRE) team has launched a search operation in the area.
- Bhagirathi River:
  - It is a turbulent <u>Himalayan river</u> of Uttarakhand, and one of the two headstreams of the Ganges.
  - The Bhagirathi rises at the foot of <u>Gangotri Glacier</u>, at <u>Gaumukh</u>, at an elevation of 3892 m and fanning out into the 350 km wide Ganga delta, it finally empties into the <u>Bay of</u> <u>Bengal</u>.
  - The <u>Bhagirathi and Alaknanda</u> join at <u>Devprayag</u> in Garhwal and are thereafter known as <u>the Ganges.</u>



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