

Master Plan to Upgrade Facilities at Badrinath Temple

Why in News?

According to the **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, a **master plan of Rs 424 crore** has been prepared for the **upgradation of facilities at <u>Badrinath temple</u>** in the state.

Key Points

- Badrinath temple is situated in the town of Badrinath in the state and it is one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites.
- There are many religious sites in Uttarakhand and their location in the <u>Himalayan region</u>, which is ecologically sensitive, poses a great challenge for the government to address environmental concerns and the need for better facilities for the pilgrims who arrive from across the country.
- During the meeting, the Chief Minister requested that the Union Minister start the process of expanding <u>Pantnagar Airport in Udham Singh Nagar</u> district soon.
 - Also requested to expedite the process of granting permission for the expansion of <u>Jolly</u>
 <u>Grant Airport in Dehradun</u> and giving the airport the status of an international airport.

Badrinath Temple

- The temple is also one of the **108 Divya Desams dedicated to Vishnu holy shrines** for Vaishnavas who is worshipped as Badrinath.
- It is situated along the **banks of <u>Alaknanda river</u>**, in **Chamoli district** of Uttarakhand.

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