



Heavy Snowfall in Kedarnath Dham

Why in News?

After a sudden shift in the weather pattern in the high-altitude areas of Uttarakhand, **Kedarnath Dham has been experiencing continuous and heavy snowfall.**

Key Points

- According to the [Indian Meteorological Department](#), the **minimum temperature** in Kedarnath is expected to hover in the **range of -16 to -18 until January 23.**
- Significant snowfall was reported at key locations such as **Badrinath Dham, Hemkund Sahib, Valley of Flowers, Rudranath, Niti Valley, and Mana Valley.**
- **Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)** has invited **seers at the Badrinath Dham to the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on January 22.**
 - The **seven-day Vedic rituals for the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya began on January 16.**
- Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a **special 11-day 'anushtan' (ritual)** ahead of the Pran Pratishtha ceremony at the Ram Temple.
 - PM Modi will preside over the **ceremonial installation of Shri Ram Lalla inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple.**
- **Ram temple will be open for 'darshan'** for the general public **from January 23, 2024.**

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