



Char Dham Yatra

Why in News?

According to the Uttarakhand tourism department, the online registration for the '[Char Dham Yatra](#)' has started on the tourism department's portal.

Key Points

- The Char-Dham yatra in Uttarakhand consists of visiting four temples, **Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri**.
- The Char Dham Yatra holds profound spiritual significance in Hinduism. This journey typically occurs **from April/May to October/November**.



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- **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:** Rudrapur 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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