



No Snow on Om Parvat | Uttarakhand | 30 Aug 2024

Why in News?

Recently, For the first time in recorded history, snow has vanished from [Om Parvat in Uttarakhand](#), sparking profound concerns among **environmentalists**.

Key Points

- Experts have attributed this unprecedented event primarily to the deficient rainfall and sporadic snowfall observed in the upper [Himalayan region](#) over the past five years.
- The significant **decline in precipitation has directly contributed to the diminishing snow cover on Om Parvat**. Moreover, the escalation of vehicular pollution and the effects of [global warming](#) have further aggravated the situation.
 - The implications of this event has potential repercussions for the region's [tourism industry](#).
- The disappearance of snow from Om Parvat serves as a stark indicator of the broader ramifications of [climate change](#).
 - The Himalayan region, characterized by its fragile ecosystem, is especially **susceptible to alterations in temperature and precipitation patterns**.
 - The rise in global temperatures has **accelerated glacier melt and diminished snowfall**, impacting the region's natural beauty and the water resources.
- **Efforts to mitigate the impact of climate change** in the region must encompass measures such as **reducing vehicular emissions, managing forest fires, and promoting sustainable tourism practices**.
 - Assessing the carrying capacity of [ecologically sensitive areas](#) and **enforcing stringent regulations on vehicular activity** can aid in preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the Himalayas.



Om Parvat

- It is located in the **Vyas Valley of Pithoragarh district**, Uttarakhand at an altitude of

approximately 14,000 feet.

- It is renowned for its snow-capped peak that **naturally forms a pattern resembling the Hindu symbol “Om.”**
 - This unique feature has made it a **popular destination for tourists and pilgrims alike.**

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