

## **Char Dham Yatra Halted**

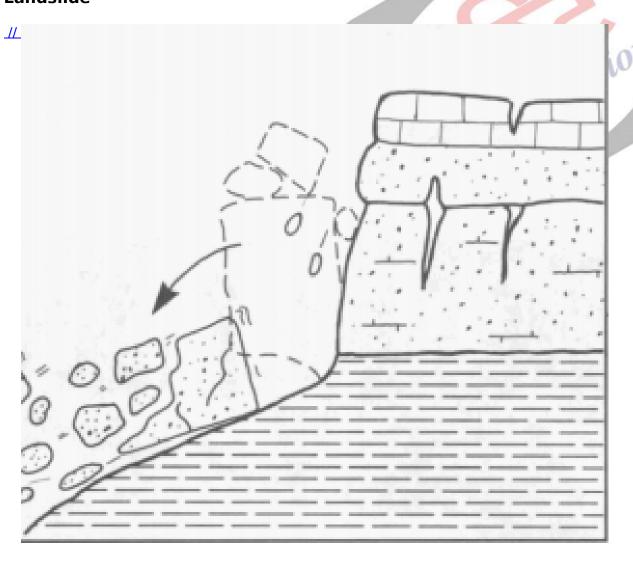
# Why in News?

■ The <u>Char Dham yatra</u> has been temporarily halted for two days due to a heavy rain warning issued by the <u>Regional Meteorological Centre</u>.

### **Key Points**

• Heavy rain has triggered <u>landslides</u>, blocking over 100 roads, including major National Highways.

#### Landslide

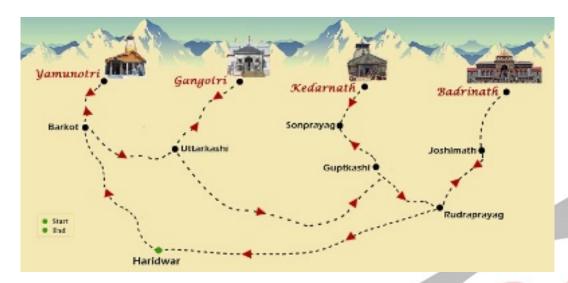


- A landslide is defined as the movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope.
- They are a type of mass wasting, which denotes any downward movement of soil and rock

under the direct influence of gravity.

The term landslide encompasses five modes of slope movement: falls, topples, slides, spreads, and flows.

#### **Char Dham Yatra**



- 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: Rudraprayag 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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