



Rescue of Climbers at Chaukhamba III

Why in News?

Recently, two foreign climbers, **Michelle Theresa Dvorak (USA)** and **Fay Jane Manners (UK)**, were rescued from **6,015 meters** height near the [Chaukhamba III peak](#) in Uttarakhand's [Chamoli district](#).

Key Points

- **Chaukhamba:**
 - It is a mountain massif in the [Gangotri Group of the Garhwal Himalayas](#), Uttarakhand, India, located west of [Badrinath](#). It features four summits along a northeast-southwest ridge:
 - Chaukhamba I: 7,138 m (23,419 ft)
 - Chaukhamba II: 7,070 m (23,196 ft)
 - Chaukhamba III: 6,995 m (22,949 ft)
 - Chaukhamba IV: 6,854 m (22,487 ft)
- The mountain lies at the head of the Gangotri Glacier, forming the eastern anchor of the group, with the highest peak, [Chaukhamba I](#), being the tallest in the [Gangotri range](#).

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Chamoli District

- Chamoli is a district in Uttarakhand, India, with its administrative headquarters located in

Gopeshwar.

- It is bounded by **Tibet in the north** and several Uttarakhand districts, including Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Almora, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag, and Uttarkashi.
- Chamoli is renowned for several **religious and tourist destinations**, such as [Badrinath](#), **Hemkund Sahib**, and the [Valley of Flowers](#).
- Historically, Chamoli holds significance as the birthplace of the [Chipko movement](#), a pioneering environmental campaign.

Gangotri Glacier

- Gangotri Glacier is situated in the **Uttarkashi District of Uttarakhand**.
- The **Gangotri glacier** originates at the northern slope of **Chaukhamba range of peaks** in Garhwal Himalayas. It is about **30 km long and 0.5 to 2.5 km wide**.
- Gangotri is not a single valley glacier, but a combination of several other glaciers. This glacier comprises three main tributaries, namely **Raktavaran (15.90 km)**, **Chaturangi (22.45 km)** and **Kirti (11.05 km) and more than 18 other tributary glaciers**.
- The **Bhagirathi**, one of the main tributaries of the Ganga, originates from the **gangotri glacier**. The Ganges has five headstreams the **Bhagirathi, the Alaknanda, the Mandakini, the Dhauliganga, and the Pindar** all rise in the mountainous region of northern Uttarakhand.

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