

Badrinath Temple in Uttarakhand Opens for Devotees

Why in News?

The doors of the **Badrinath temple** in the Garhwal Himalayas in Uttarakhand opened for devotees on 12th May 2024 after remaining closed during the winter season.

Key points

- The <u>Chardham Yatra</u> to Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri, and Gangotri began with the opening of the shrine.
 - Following six months of closure, the doors of the Badrinath temple were unlocked while vedic mantras were chanted, rituals were performed, and drums were played.
 - The doors of the Kedarnath, Yamyunotri and the Gangotri temples opened for devotees on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya.



Badrinath Temple

- The temple is also one of the 108 Divya Desams dedicated to Vishnu holy shrines for Vaishnavas who is worshipped as Badrinath.
- It is situated along the **banks of Alaknanda river**, in **Chamoli district** of Uttarakhand.

