



# Refuge in Uttarakhand to Escape Diwali Pollution

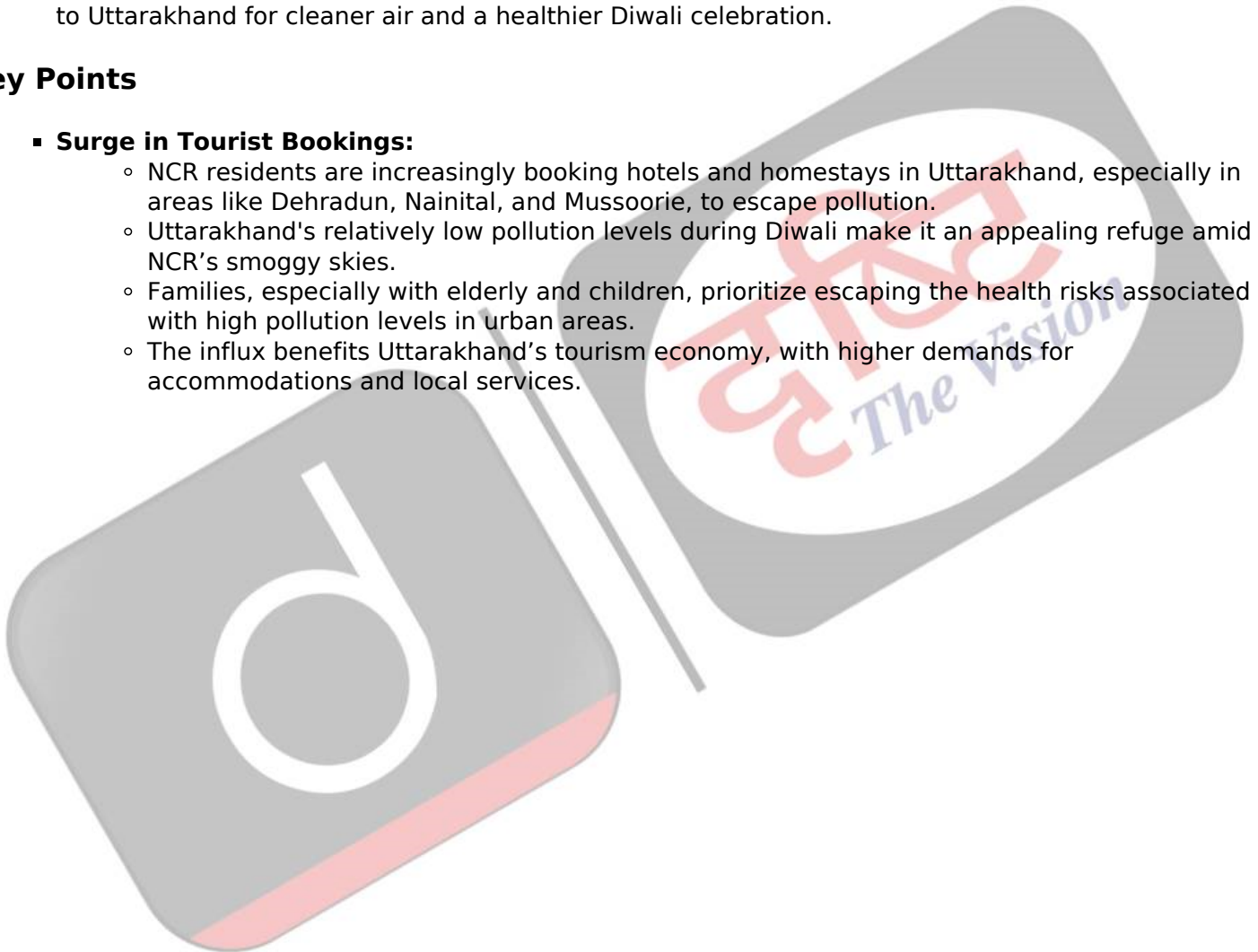
## Why in News?

- Recently, worsening air quality in the **NCR (National Capital Region)** region has driven residents to Uttarakhand for cleaner air and a healthier Diwali celebration.

## Key Points

- **Surge in Tourist Bookings:**
  - NCR residents are increasingly booking hotels and homestays in Uttarakhand, especially in areas like Dehradun, Nainital, and Mussoorie, to escape pollution.
  - Uttarakhand's relatively low pollution levels during Diwali make it an appealing refuge amid NCR's smoggy skies.
  - Families, especially with elderly and children, prioritize escaping the health risks associated with high pollution levels in urban areas.
  - The influx benefits Uttarakhand's tourism economy, with higher demands for accommodations and local services.

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# The NCR, as of now

