

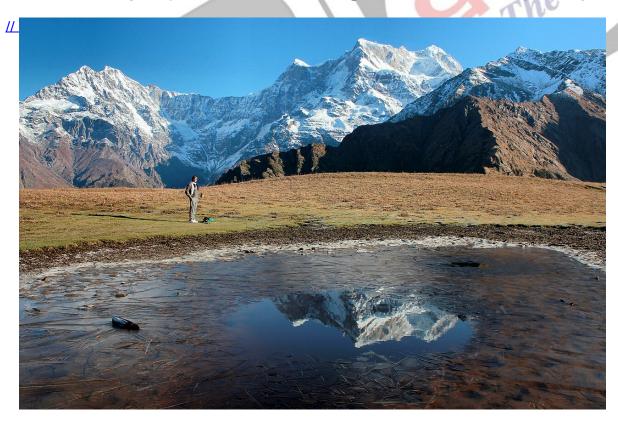
# Rescue of Climbers at Chaukhamba III

### 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 <u>Chaukhamba III peak</u> in Uttarakhand's <u>Chamoli district.</u>

## **Key Points**

- Chaukhamba:
  - It is a mountain massif in the <u>Gangotri Group of the Garhwal Himalayas</u>. Uttarakhand, India, located west of <u>Badrinath</u>. 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, <u>Chaukhamba</u> I, being the tallest in the <u>Gangotri range</u>.



#### **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 <u>Badrinath</u>,
  Hemkund Sahib, and the <u>Valley of Flowers</u>.
- Historically, Chamoli holds significance as the birthplace of the <u>Chipko movement</u>, 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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