



## Women Swept Away in Uttarakhand Rivers

### Why in News?

Recently, Three women were swept away by strong currents in [Ganga](#) and [Bhagirathi rivers](#) in Uttarakhand.

### Key Points

- A [State Disaster Response Force \(SDRF\)](#) team has launched a search operation in the area.
- **Bhagirathi River:**
  - It is a **turbulent Himalayan river** of Uttarakhand, and one of the two headstreams of the Ganges.
  - The Bhagirathi **rises at the foot of Gangotri Glacier, at Gaumukh**, at an elevation of 3892 m and fanning out into the 350 km wide Ganga delta, it finally empties into the [Bay of Bengal](#).
  - The [Bhagirathi and Alaknanda](#) join at [Devprayag](#) in **Garhwal** and are thereafter known as [the Ganges](#).



