



Flight Operations Linking Sacred Lands

Why in News?

Recently, **flight operations began** from **Pithoragarh's Naini-Saini airport** after a gap of more than three years.

Key Points

- Following the resumption of flight operations, which was suspended in early 2020, aviation firm **Flybig** will operate a **19-seater aircraft between Dehradun and Pithoragargh** thrice a week on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
- Resumption of services from the airport, which will **soon be extended to Pantnagar and then to Hindon airport in Ghaziabad**, will be crucial for the strategically important border district.
- According to Uttarakhand Chief Minister, air connectivity between Dehradun and Pithoragarh will give further **boost to religious [tourism](#) in the Manaskhand region**.
- The Prime Minister's visit to **Jolingkong for a darshan of the Adi Kailash peak and Jageshwar Dham** had **awakened the interest of tourists** who have begun to visit the relatively **lesser-known religious destinations** in large numbers.

Adi Kailash Peak



- Adi Kailash, also known as Shiva Kailash, Chota Kailash, Baba Kailash or Jonglingkong Peak, is a mountain **located in the [Himalayan mountain range](#)** in the Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand.

Jageshwar Dham



- It is a Hindu pilgrimage town near Almora in Almora district of Uttarakhand. The site is protected under Indian laws, and managed by the [Archaeological Survey of India](#).

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