



Uttarakhand Weather: Mercury Dips, Hills Jammed

Why in News?

Parts of **Uttarakhand received a fresh round of snow and rainfall**, offering respite from the prevailing dry spell and bringing down temperatures across the region.

- The overcast conditions led to a surge in **tourist influx to Mussoorie** and its vicinity.

Key Points

- According to [India Meteorological Department's](#) regional meteorological centre in Dehradun, upper reaches of the **Garhwal Himalayas**, such as [Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, Yamunotri and Harsil](#) received substantial snowfall.
- In the foothills, sporadic rainfall has occurred which led to a **notable drop in daytime temperatures**.

India Meteorological Department (IMD)

- IMD was **established in 1875**. It is the **National Meteorological Service** of the country and the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.
 - It works as an agency of the **Ministry of Earth Sciences** of the Government of India.
- It is **headquartered in New Delhi**.
- IMD is also one of the six Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres of the World Meteorological Organization.

Yamunotri

- Location: Uttarkashi district.
- Dedicated to: Goddess Yamuna.
- River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.

Gangotri

- Location: Uttarkashi district.
- Dedicated to: Goddess Ganga.
- Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.

Kedarnath

- Location: Rudraprayag district.
- Dedicated to: Lord Shiva.
- Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
- One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.

Badrinath

- Location: Chamoli district.
- Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
- Dedicated to: Lord Vishnu.
- One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites .

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