



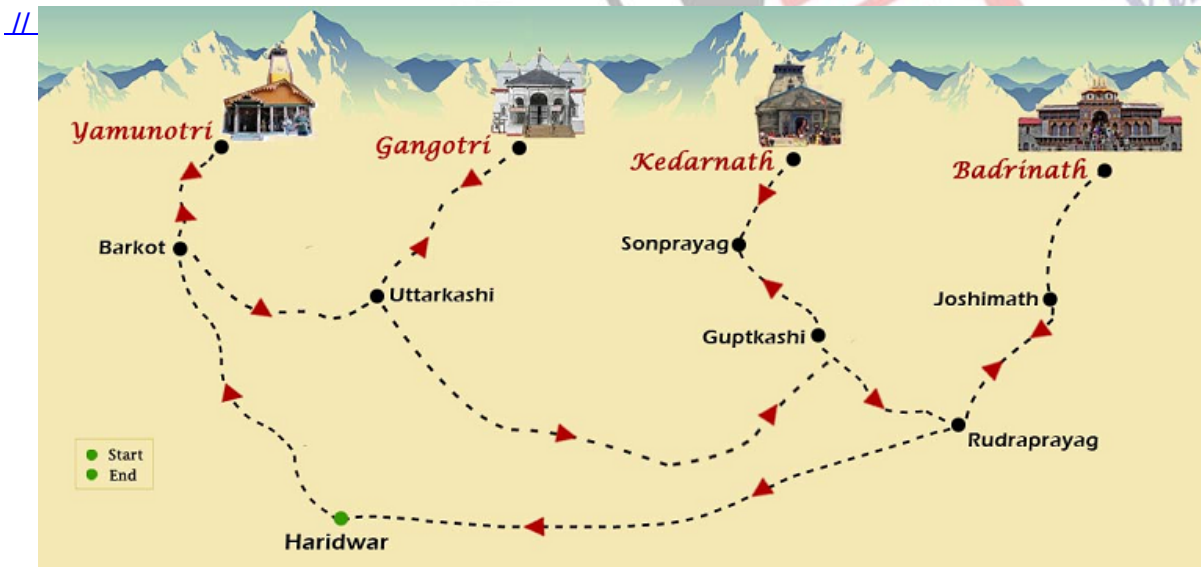
Badrinath Temple

Why in News?

[The Badrinath temple](#) in **Uttarakhand's Chamoli district** will open its sacred portals for devotees on 4th May 2025.

Key Points

- **Decision on Badrinath Temple Opening:**
 - On the occasion of [Basant Panchami](#), priests decided the auspicious time for opening the Badrinath temple after performing special prayers.
- **Annual Closing and Reopening of Char Dhams:**
 - **After Diwali, authorities close the Char Dhams—[Badrinath](#), [Kedarnath](#), [Gangotri](#), and [Yamunotri](#)**—for devotees.
 - The **portals reopen in April-May** the following year.



Char Dham Yatra

- **Yamunotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.
 - [River Yamuna](#) is the second-most sacred river in India after [River Ganga](#).
- **Gangotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
 - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- **Kedarnath Dham:**
 - **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 Dham:**
 - **Location:** Chamoli district.
 - Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
 - **Dedicated to:** Lord Vishnu.
 - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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